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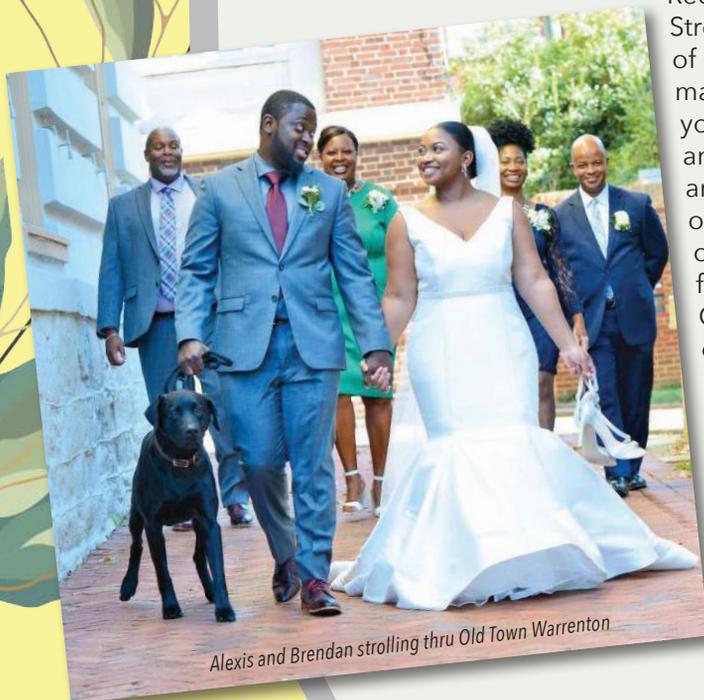
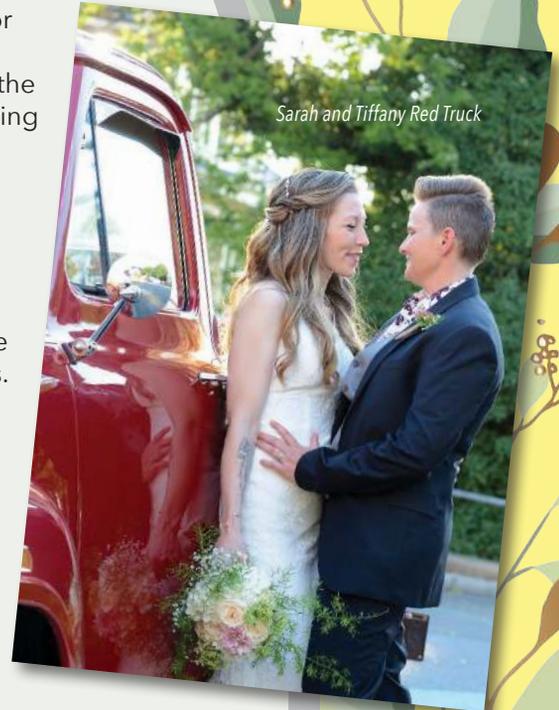
Fauquier County is quickly becoming a premier destination for weddings in the DMV and Northern Virginia. Whether you come for the beautiful rural landscapes of Horse Country or the small-town charm of Old Town Warrenton, our vibrant and growing wedding community showcases the many ways our county has become such a fabulous and accessible romantic haven.

Old Town Warrenton and Fauquier County offer the best of rural and small-town life within easy reach of the DMV and Northern and Central Virginia, a close-in destination that's a world away from the hustle and bustle of the city and a place where couples in love can plan the wedding of their dreams. Beautiful and lovingly operated venues abound for nearly any style, size, or budget, from our lovely intimate in-town facility at Ciao Bella Celebrations to scenic winery venues like Molon Lave or Three Fox Vineyards and spectacular historic locations such as Airlie or Poplar Springs. With very competitive pricing when compared to DC and Northern Virginia, our seasoned wedding professionals are ready to help you find the right place for anything from the smallest of elopements to a grand and lavish celebration.

These and other reasons help explain why our venue has seen a 20% increase in business over the past year, but the thing we enjoy most is the warmth and love couples receive from the community as we're taking newlyweds for photos around Old Town. Sometimes we feel a bit like "traffic magnets," but it's a moment of joy for all every time someone honks and waves or opens a window to shout a friendly "Congratulations!" It's a truly special moment when we escort a couple or family to Denim & Pearls or Black Bear for their intimate reception when Main Street is closed and a live musician is playing. The crowds are always so gracious and enthusiastic, and it's a thrill for the couple to be able to flash a smile or take a moment to dance.

Old Town Warrenton is loaded with unique and beautiful photo backdrops, from the architecture of our courthouse to local landmarks like our famous neighbor's Red Truck, to the color and artistry of Main Street's newest You Are Home mural. Dozens of locally owned businesses are here to make your visit special, offering everything your wedding may need, from dresses and clothing to cakes and catering, florals and décor, jewelers, photographers, and of course, all those amazing venues. You can even hire a one-of-a-kind vintage car for your arrival, photos, and sendoff from Camelot Classic Cars. Romantic rooftop dining is available at several of our fine restaurants, and a spring evening on the patio of Claire's at the Depot is an intimate and special experience not to be missed.

Weddings are even mentioned as part of Warrenton's pre-WWII history, when it served as a mecca for the marriage-minded and couples came to "Warrenton's Lover's Lane" from all over. (Search "Warrenton weddings 1939" for the full story!) And speaking of history, we've been hosting



amazing intimate weddings in the courtyard of the Fauquier History Museum at the Old Jail since 2018. We decided to develop our Little Wedding Chapel and Venue here because we've always found Warrenton and Fauquier County to be a "hidden gem" of the DMV and a place like nowhere else, where love is always worth celebrating.

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