THEIR STORY

Kimberly had been living on the Outer Banks for 6 years when Joel arrived in July 2007. He came to visit some family in Kill Devil Hills and decided to stay for the summer, finding a room to rent close to his new job. The day Joel moved in, he found out there was another roommate living there. Little did he know that this roommate would be the woman he would one day want to marry.

When Joel and Kimberly met, it was a simple "nice to meet you." There was one day a week they were both off from work and would sometimes hang out and get to know each other for a little bit before going their separate ways. One day Kimberly needed a ride to Manteo, so Joel offered. This was the first time they would spend an entire day together and they had a blast!!! They enjoyed a beautiful summer day under the sun in each other's company and soon started spending more and more time together. There was an obvious bond between them, but neither communicated it to the other until after Kimberly moved out. They continued to casually see each other and soon revealed to each other their true feelings about one another. After some time, Kimberly asked Joel to move in to her new place and within three months, they were engaged. The couple knew they wanted to get married the following summer on the Outer Banks, where they met. One day while browsing the internet, Kimberly found out about the Outer Banks Wedding Weekend. Even though it was months away, Joel and Kimberly agreed they had to go to the Outer Banks Wedding Association's event to gather information and meet vendors. When they read on the website about the Dream Wedding Giveaway, they actually thought how great it would be if they won. When Kimberly's father, Bob, heard about the Expo and how much they were looking forward to it, he insisted on getting the tickets for them. Little did he know his money would turn into a Dream Wedding.



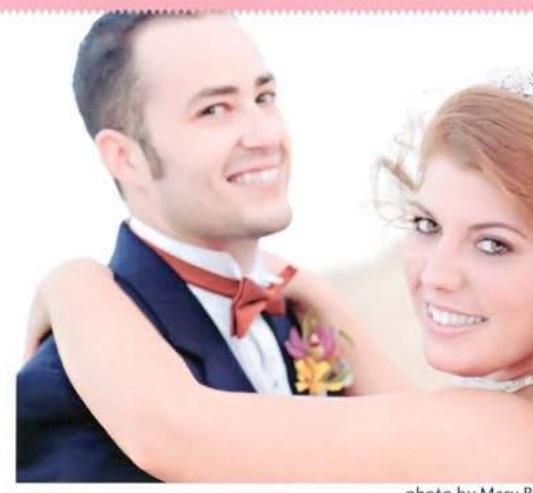


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Kimberly and Joel resided in Kill Devil Hills whe won the Dream Wedding, but moved to Po California shortly thereafter. Their details coordinated from afar to create their destiwedding on the Outer Banks on November 15, 2

On the first day of the Outer Banks Wedding Weekend, and Kimberly made it to as many places as they could all way from Corolla to The Elizabethan Gardens in Man The following day they went to the Expo ready to find anything that would help them with their wedding. Joel Kimberly entered the Dream Wedding contest with no expectation of winning. After a day full of numerous vend they went to the fashion show with so many ideas rune through their head. Joel and Kimberly were discussing dresses when they realized the Emcee was getting ready call the winner of the Dream Wedding. So, they decid "what the heck, let's stay and see the winner."

In the tradition of the Expo, the Emcee had a child from fashion show pull out the name of the Dream Wedo Winner. When she pulled out the winning slip, the Em fumbled with the name on the slip.... "Kimberly Laughlin." announced. Joel heard his fiancee's name and his face lit Kimberly was in shock. Joel leaned over to her to and her they had just won! With tears rolling down her face a huge smile across his, they were congratulated by their wedding coordinators, who were part of the Dream Wedd Package. Joel and Kimberly stepped outside for a breatly fresh air and to take everything in. At that moment t agreed to set back their wedding to November to take par this once in a lifetime opportunity. They couldn't wait to Kimberly's father what had happened and how his ticl had just won them a huge prize. If it wasn't for his genero this would have never been possible. Now with the supp of their family and many friends, they embark on the jour of a lifetime and their very special Outer Banks Dro Wedding.

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The Wedding Ceremony and Reception were held on November 15, 2008 at the Ascension Estate home in Duck, NC. The property, managed originally by Resort Quest, is currently managed by Sun Realty, both Outer Banks Wedding Association members.

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