

# Carolina Bride

## Winter Wonder

INSPIRATION FIT FOR A QUEEN

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WINTER TRENDS: GOLD TOUCHES, HINTS OF DRAMA, AND BOLD COLORS

STOCK ISLAND WEATHERED A STORM AND NOW WELCOMES YOU



MELODY WHITE & TRENT TURSI-MORANO

# AN INTIMATE AFFAIR

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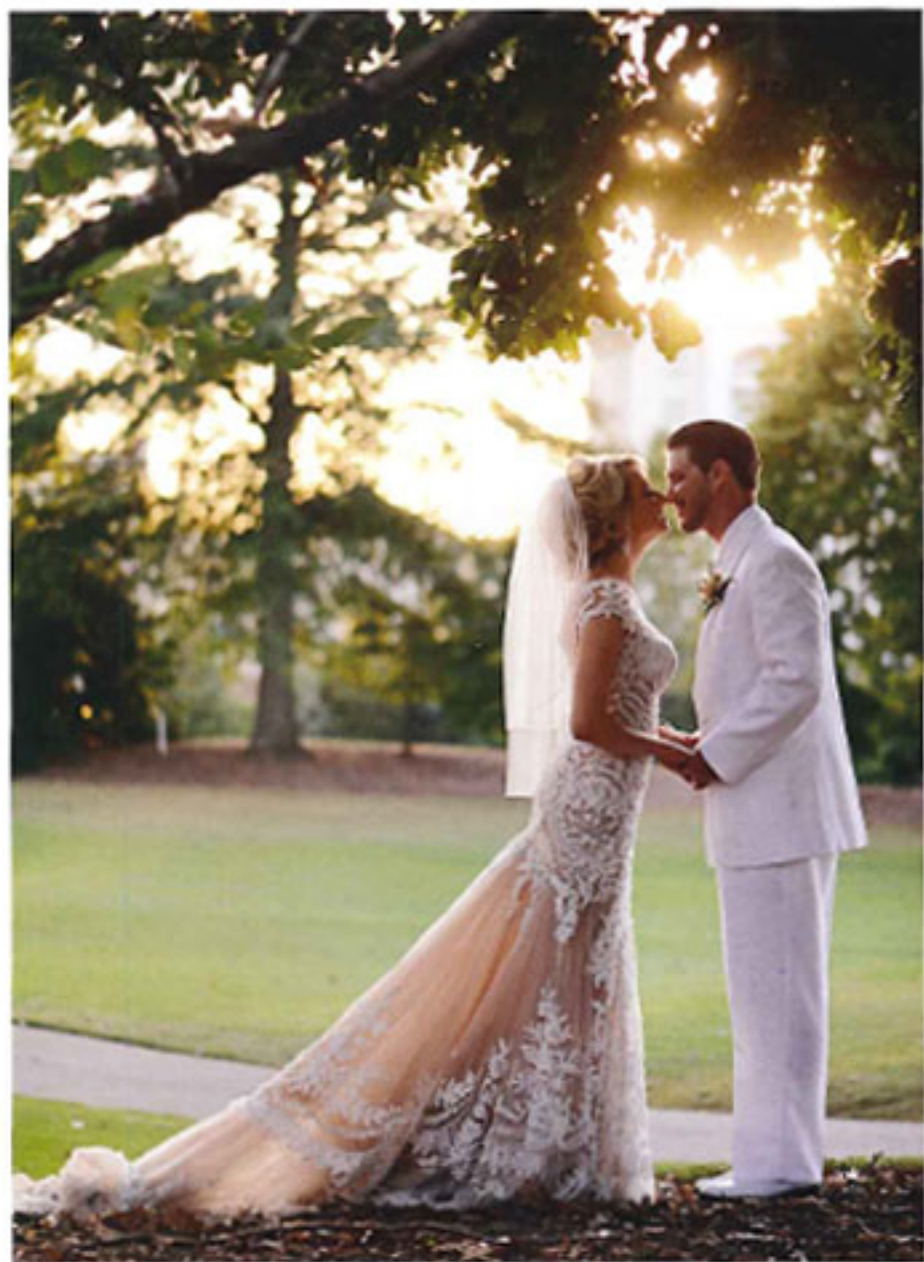




**WEDDING DATE** 9.30.2017 **OCCUPATIONS** She's a Cardiac ICU nurse and pursuing her doctorate to be a family nurse practitioner; he's the vice president of a national low voltage construction company **AGES** She's 31; he's 37. **HOMETOWNS** She's from Old Fort, N.C.; he's from Dix Hills, N.Y. **WHERE THEY LIVE NOW** Tega Cay, S.C. **HOW THEY MET** A blind date. **WHERE THEY GOT ENGAGED** The Greenbrier resort. With the assistance of the event coordinator, Trent planned a romantic engagement, complete with a horse-drawn carriage tour around the resort. At each stop, Melody was handed a rose with a love note attached. When they arrived at the Spring House, Trent proposed, and as they walked back to the resort, the staff and other patrons greeted them with applause. **COLOR PALETTE** Warm neutrals, blush pinks, and gold and silver accents. **FIRST DANCE SONG** "Bless the Broken Road" by Rascal Flatts. **FAVORS** Diamond Dollar Scratch off tickets in a blush pink envelope with "Lucky in Love / Melody and Trent September 30, 2017" stamped on the front. "We also provided a lucky penny to scratch it off in the envelope, and many of our guests actually won some cash," says Melody. **WHERE THE BOYS ARE** The bridal party included two bridesmen. **LIGHTNING CRASHES** Be prepared for anything: "Our first wedding venue got struck by lightning and burned to the ground five months before the wedding," says Melody. Luckily, the Lodge at Ballantyne had an opening. **A SURPRISE FOR DAD** Trent honored his father during the ceremony by announcing that he was legally changing his last name to his father's last name. **HONEYMOON** Italy. **FAVORITE DATE NIGHT** "We both just love having a glass of wine or beer and dancing around our kitchen while cooking dinner," says Melody. **ADVICE FOR BRIDES** "Allow your man to help," says Melody. "I think, as brides, we get to caught up about our perfect day and forget that our man is just as excited about it as we are." **ADVICE FOR GROOMS** "Don't pay your vendors until the services are rendered," says Trent. "Make sure you read your contracts completely and don't be afraid to negotiate."











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### Bridal dresses

Silk  
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**Vendors:** Cake: Public Bakery / Flowers: Blossom Shop / Hair/Style: Marilee Colburn Sobin / Makeup: Bride do her own / Gown: vest Angique Bricol / Gown designer: Steven Yulish / Brides shoes: Dior's / Shoe designer: Bont Modber / Veil: L'Esprit New York Bridal / Invitations: stationery Mink.com / Music, entertainment, booking agency: O DJ who was a friend of the family / Rental provider: C. E. Rents / Porch location: The Ballantyne / Reception dinner, wedding night hotel: The Lodge at Ballantyne