



tiffany AND john

TIBURON, CALIFORNIA | SEPTEMBER 10



THE COUPLE: Tiffany Irmas and John Radkowski of San Francisco

THE LOCALE: The Lyford House at the Tiburon Audubon Center

THE THEME: Inspired by the site, an Audubon bird sanctuary, Tiffany chose colors of robin's-egg blue, pale green and brown, and incorporated bird figurines and feathers.

THE FLOWERS: For the bride's bouquet, floral designer Rebecca Davidson of Thistle-down Cottage Gardens in San Francisco combined white garden roses and forget-me-nots, and wrapped the stems with ostrich feathers. Roses, forget-me-nots and hydrangeas in pale blues and greens, along with lots of greenery and berries, appeared in the bridesmaids' bouquets and the centerpieces. Set in baskets and birdcages with tiny birds perched on top, each table's arrangement was unique.

THE BRIDE WORE: Custom dressmaker Ericka Engelman of Designs by Ericka in Carmel, CA, used elements from several gowns Tiffany had seen in magazines to create the perfect dress: an ivory satin strapless gown with pleated trim, and a pale-green double-faced satin train and fabric rosette at the back. Engelman also made her elbow-length veil. Sapphire-and-diamond earrings, a gift from Tiffany's mother, dangled from her ears.

THE GROOM WORE: John wore a tan silk suit from Khaki's of Carmel; the jacket was lined in robin's-egg blue. His blue-and-green tie was a gift from Tiffany.

THE WEDDING PARTY WORE: The four bridesmaids wore blue silk shantung dresses by Lynn Lugo. John's four groomsmen suited up in tan seersucker, with blue silk bowties.

THE EVENT: Tiffany's brother and mother escorted her down the aisle. There, Tiffany placed a flower from her bouquet on the seat beside her mother's, in honor of her late father. A dear friend of John's officiated at the ceremony. In keeping with the wedding's theme, Tiffany's friend read an Emily Dickinson poem "'Hope' Is a Thing With Feathers." At the reception, guests dined on halibut, New York steak and seasonal vegetables. Afterward, they enjoyed a four-tiered cake iced with pale-blue buttercream by Razzle Dazzle Cakes of San Rafael, CA, and took home favors of "wedding tea" in small bags with personalized tags. —Brenna McLoughlin

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