## Say, 'I Do,' in the Wildwoods

## Come to the wedding expo Sunday, March 19, to see all there is to offer in this wedding destination

THE WILDWOODS – Pristine white sandy beaches, stunning views and an all-in-one resort destination make the Wildwoods the ultimate setting for your wedding and reception.

Imagine walking down the aisle surrounded by the sparkling white sand of the Wildwoods' beaches and saying your vows as the sounds of the ocean waves crash onto the shore.

Aside from the beautiful beach setting, the Wildwoods offer numerous breathtaking spots for you and yours to say, "I Do."

There are a variety of venues that will cater to your every need, including Urie's Waterfront & Boathouse Restaurant, Bolero Resort, Trio North Wildwood, and Icona Diamond Beach.

Additionally, the Wildwoods Convention Center's Starlight Ballroom features an immaculate wedding space with a classy and luxurious ambiance, second to none, with outstanding catering to fit any wedding budget. There is limited availability, due to the popularity of this venue.

Talk about unique wedding venues: In 2021, two U.S. service members were married on the main stage at the annual Barefoot Country Music Fest (BCMF) on the beach before 40,000 concert goers, just before the evening's main performance.

The couple, Chris Hall, 46, and Mollie Roth, 33, from Dover, Del., are both active military members who met while

serving together. Chris is a U.S. Air Force C-17 Loadmaster, and Mollie a Federal Law Enforcement Officer and U.S. Air Force Reservist. As with many couples, the COVID-19 pandemic put their wedding plans on hold; however, with the help of the organizers of BCMF, Southern Entertainment, the couple got the wedding of their dreams.

With more than 8,000 hotel-motel rooms and over 3.000 vacation rentals from which to choose, your out-of-town guests can find suitable lodging that won't break the budget. Perhaps vou'll want to reserve a room block for guests at one of several of the Wildwoods' unique hotel/motel choices - the midcentury themed hotels/motels that pepper the island. Easily identified by the sight of large plastic palm trees, geometric architectural features, kidneyshaped pools and dazzling neon colors and signs, these buildings reflect their predecessors from the 1950s and '60s in architecture, décor, and color - an architectural style known as 'Doo Wop.'

Once your wedding site and reception venue are selected, it's time to secure vendors that will help bring your wedding dreams to life. The Wildwoods are full of specialty vendors, from photographers and videographers to florists and fine jewelers, to top entertainment with either a band or DJ. Discover the professionals who have made themselves known in the wedding industry as being among the best of the best.

The Wildwoods also offer an abundance of backdrops with unique visual flare for your wedding day photo shoot.

The Hereford Inlet Lighthouse is an landmark historic picturesque English gardens that provides a beautiful wedding background. Capture a spectacular set backdrop at the Wildwood Crest Sunset Lake, or choose the Wildwoods Boardwalk as your setting, with a pure



sensory overload of sights and neon lights to capture a one-of-a-kind wedding shoot.

You can find out more about all that the Wildwoods offers to make wedding dreams come true at the free 13th annual Wildwoods Spring Wedding Expo in the Oceanfront Arena at the Wildwoods Convention Center from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19.

Before you take that walk down the aisle, enjoy perusing the aisles at the largest free bridal event in southern New Jersey. Meet with representatives from area wedding venues, florists, bakeries, caterers, salons, spas, transportation companies, honeymoon destinations, DJs, photographers, videographers, bachelor/bachelorette party services, the latest bridal fashions and formal wear, and much more. Take

away ideas you'll want to incorporate into your wedding, as well as names of vendors who will help make your wedding dreams come true.

Brides-to-be can participate in fun contests to win free door prizes. The highlight of the Expo will be an elegant Bridal Fashion Show presented by David's Bridal featuring this season's latest styles and trends including bridal gowns, mother of the bride and groom dresses, bridal party, and guest attire.

Admission to the Wildwoods Spring Wedding Expo is free. Visit WildwoodsWeddings.com for more information or to pre-register.

For additional information about weddings in the Wildwoods, visit www. WildwoodsCC.com.

