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## put the theme of your wedding on paper

*Superman Returns* actor **Sam Huntington**, a native of rural Hancock, N.H., asked graphic designer Karen Bartolomei of Grapevine (grapevineweddings.com) to incorporate woodland details into every element of the invitation suite for his wedding to Rachel Klein. The results? Naturally appealing. (To read more about the couple's celebration, turn to page 342.) —E.J.



Instead of numbers, the couple chose to designate tables with vintage illustrations of tree types (left), printed in chocolate-brown ink on tented sheets of shaved maple. The escort cards (above) directed guests to their tables.



The hand-sewn gatefold invitation, sheathed in paper embedded with pressed flowers, featured travel details and photos of the weekend's locales. A pocket held the RSVP card (based on a vintage postcard) and map.

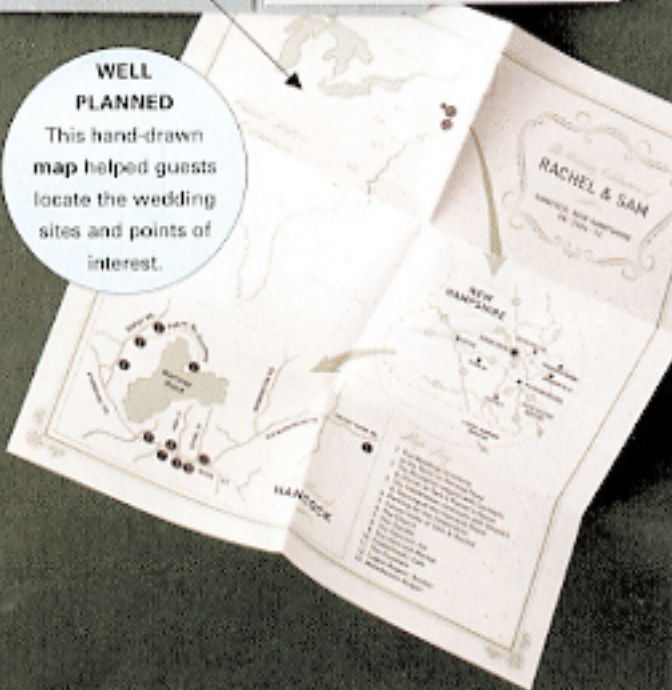


The cork program cover replicated a tree trunk the couple had carved their initials into (and which they revisit each year).



Taking the place of a guest book were custom sign-in sheets, on which attendees wrote personal notes and attached Polaroids of themselves. The Huntingtons keep the mementos in an antique box.

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This hand-drawn map helped guests locate the wedding sites and points of interest.





# Rachel Klein & Sam Huntington

The *Superman Returns* actor returns to his hometown to tie the knot with his producer bride



SAM HUNTINGTON & RACHEL KLEIN, AUGUST 12, 2006

Not every woman is lucky enough to have film footage of the instant she set eyes on her future spouse. But when actress turned producer Rachel Klein, 26, won a role opposite actor Sam Huntington in the independent film *Rolling Kansas*, the moment she met her leading man was captured on camera forever. "We instantly hit it off and had this unbelievable love affair for two weeks before I left," says Huntington, 24, who later landed the role of Jimmy Olsen in last year's blockbuster *Superman Returns*.

Four years later the couple got engaged and enlisted Dover, N.H., wedding planner Kate Parker to help organize the nuptials in Huntington's hometown of Hancock, N.H. The two wed on a bucolic site overlooking pine-ringed Norway Pond; Klein walked down a wooded path while a fiddler and a guitarist played a traditional Scottish folk tune.

And the low-key charm didn't end there: The reception for 90 guests was held at the nearby Hancock train depot, an antique postcard of which had served as inspiration for the whole event. (Over the years Klein had given Huntington a series of cards picturing the town.) The only glitch: The couple forgot to arrange for a car to the ceremony site and had to bum a ride from a friend. "Five of us crammed into this little Jetta," says the bride. Not faster than a speeding bullet, maybe, but it still got them there in time. ■





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## Steal This Idea!

One way to honor your parents—and carry on a family tradition—is to get married in the same place they did. Klein and Huntington exchanged their vows (top) at the exact point on Norway Pond in New Hampshire where Huntington's mother and father wed 29 years earlier (bottom). "I was visiting Sam's family in New Hampshire," Klein says, "and Sam took me outside to the spot right behind his house and said, 'You know this is where my parents got married; this is where I want to get married someday.'" A nice keepsake: photos of both couples within the same frame.





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1 After the nuptials the bride and groom boarded a 1950s boat that was steered into the middle of Norway Pond, where they popped open a bottle of champagne. 2 Dinner was held on the lawn of Huntington's childhood home, just steps away from the ceremony site. Planner Kate Parker created a simple, rustic décor that relied on a palette of pink and green. 3 Klein, with her bridesmaids and maid of honor, sister Samantha Spaman (left). 4 Layers of lemon pound cake, chocolate cake and strawberry shortcake were iced with buttercream frosting and topped with fresh flowers. 5 The favors, custom-made by Hancock Baskets, featured a scrimshawed photo of the Hancock Depot postcard on each lid; guests were invited to fill them with candy. 6 Instead of a traditional guest book, the couple had well-wishers take Polaroid portraits of themselves and attach them to fill-in-the-blank cards. 7 Table cards were posted on a board wrapped in burlap.

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**1** Huntington (center) surrounded by (from left) officiant Jay Paulson and best men Jesse Allen and Adam Kane. **2** The bride wore a peridot-and-diamond ring that once belonged to the groom's great aunt. **3** Huntington donned a pink dahlia boutonniere (his groomsmen wore pink spray roses).

**4** Klein and her friends made directional signs out of scrap wood to lead guests to the ceremony. **5** The bride's father, William Spaman, walked his daughter down a path toward the aisle.



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## Steal This Idea!

Add personal touches in unexpected ways (without stretching your budget). Klein and Huntington asked Karen Bartolomei from Grapevine Paperie of Boston to create labels featuring the antique Hancock Depot postcard design that served as the wedding's theme. These were then pasted onto bare bottles of water (\$225 for 125 labeled 16.9 oz. bottles; [dmowater.com](http://dmowater.com)), which were included in welcome baskets and offered to guests as they hiked to the ceremony at Norway Pond.