

Gwendolyn Nichols & Raymond Lynch
Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks

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Wedding Consulting by Ava Carroll-Brown, Brownstone Place

Family and tradition have always been very important to Raymond and Gwendolyn. Raymond thought it only appropriate to propose to Gwendolyn on Christmas morning, in front of both families. He had waited until everyone else had opened all of their presents and saved the best present for last. Inside, Gwendolyn found a poem that took her on a scavenger hunt and finally led her to a small jewelry box that contained a fake

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ring. Raymond met Gwendolyn at the end of the hunt and proposed with the real ring. The couple's wedding would be an extravagant celebration of their marriage and the union of two great Irish families.

Invitations The father of the bride designed an invitation cover that consisted of two conjoined Trees of Life (a Celtic symbol) fashioned out of gold embroidery on an Irish floral print. Gold font was printed on vellum, beneath which was printed a painting of the bride and groom. The invitation was sealed with a wax wedding crest created specifically for the wedding.

Floral & Event Design The Celtic wedding ceremony was swathed in tartan fabric from *The Scottish Weaver* and jewel-tone flowers and tiffany-lighted potted trees from *King Dahl Event Design*. Linens by *Resource One* were embroidered with gold and copper Celtic knots by *Gabriel - House of Embroidery*. Irish wheat knots by *Wheat Goddesses* were incorporated into the decorations, while trees, tiffany lights, flowers and porcelain fairies transformed the reception into an enchanted Irish forest.

Catering French onion soup, Caesar salad, chicken or filet mignon and lobster tail, and Viennese pastry table and espresso bar

Cake A multi-tiered chocolate and vanilla cake with raspberry filling by *The Cake Studio* was decorated with a Celtic knot pattern, a fondant Irish brooch and a fondant ribbon draping of the groom's tartan. **Entertainment** *Twilight Lords* performed during the ceremony, *Celtic Spring* and harpist *Julie Mondin* performed at the reception, and *DJ Mark Moore* played the couple's favorite – country and swing.

Videography *Paradise Film & Video* **Transportation** *Executive Limousine Service*

Wedding Gown Ivory silk satin gown with antique gold embroidery by *Reem Acra* at *Saks Fifth Avenue* **Formalwear** *Linda Clifford Scottish Irish Merchant* and *Tuxedo Center* **Honeymoon** Tahiti



