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## Andrea & Ryan

June 6, 2009 | Madison Oaks Inn & Gardens | Madison

An Atlanta couple who met on a blind date host a romantic garden wedding full of pink and green details.

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1 Andrea wore a Marisa Bridals gown from Bridals by Lori ([bridalsbylori.com](http://bridalsbylori.com)) and carried a bouquet of peonies, cabbage roses, and hydrangeas by European Floral Design ([europeanfloral.com](http://europeanfloral.com)), while Ryan donned a Joseph Abboud tuxedo. For their wedding day, they rented a Rolls-Royce from Historic Madison Carriage Co. ([jroyal@gmail.com](http://jroyal@gmail.com)). 2 Andrea's six bridesmaids wore dresses from David's Bridal. 3 The ceremony programs were designed by

the bride and her mother, with help from the Bronze Frog (309-692-4707), a boutique in Illinois. 4 The wedding was coordinated by Mary Ellen Coggins of Consultants Unlimited ([consultants-unlimited.com](http://consultants-unlimited.com)). The ceremony was held on the front terrace of the Madison Oaks Inn & Gardens ([madisonoaksinn.com](http://madisonoaksinn.com)). "We loved the inn's Southern feel," says Andrea. 5 The ceremony was conducted by Ryan's family pastor; Andrea and Ryan wrote their own vows.



6 Flower girls Ava (pictured) and Abry, Ryan's twin nieces, wore wreaths of green button mums in their hair and carried baskets of pink rose petals. 7 The reception was held in a tent on the inn's property, where Andrea and Ryan performed their first dance to Van Morrison's "Into the Mystic." Music by Ambience Event Services (aes-ga.com). 8 Table centerpieces featured vases of roses and hydrangeas surrounded by green apples and rose petals. All flowers by European Floral Design. 9 The couple served "Georgia Spiked Pink Lemonade" in mason jars during the cocktail hour. Dinner, catered by Hallie Jane's Catering (halliejanes.com), included fried green tomatoes and shrimp and grits. 10 The wedding cake, by Cecilia Villaveces Cakes (ceciliacakes.com), featured a different fruit filling—strawberry, lemon, or raspberry—on each tier. Another sweet treat: pecan pralines made on site by Hallie Jane's. "We wanted to give our guests a classic Southern treat," says Andrea. "Plus, the inn is located in a pecan grove." 11 The couple exited the reception as their guests waved sparklers.

