

the inside scoop



Bougainvillea added softness to the rugged mountain backdrop in Lan and Dean's photo.



THE PLANNER
Alison Howard
One & Only Events,
San Diego
OneandOnlyEvents.com

YEARS IN THE BIZ

4.5 years

SECRET WEAPON

"Heart and brains. I truly love what I do and care about each couple I work with."



THE PLANNERS
**Katie Webb
and Meghan
Schinderle**
Intertwined Events,
Orange County and LA

IntertwinedEvents.com

YEARS IN THE BIZ

A combined 18 years

SECRET WEAPON

"Three event professionals for the price of one."



THE PLANNER
Lindsay Longacre
LVL Weddings & Events,
all of Southern California
LVLEvents.com

YEARS IN THE BIZ

4 years

SECRET WEAPON

"We smile, even when things don't go as planned, and handle problems so our clients don't have to."

circle ceremony

"If you want an intimate beach ceremony, consider a standing circle—when guests can literally surround you in a circle as you exchange vows. Not only does it save money (no rental chairs necessary, and no permit required if you have less than 30 guests), but it also makes the whole experience feel more personal." —*Alison*

right lights

"If you're having an outdoor wedding, hiring a good lighting company is crucial. Look for professionals with both design and technical backgrounds, like The Event Company (**EventCompanyOC.com**), for the best results." —*Lindsay*

budget-friendly beaches

"You can still have a beautiful beach ceremony, even if a private beachfront property isn't in your budget. Look into city parks, community centers, lookout points and harbors, which offer waterfront views and a beach atmosphere for a fourth of the cost." —*Katie and Meghan*

hot locale

"San Juan Capistrano in South Orange County is a hidden gem for weddings. Beautiful ranches, adobe-style architecture and nearly perfect weather year-round all contribute to the city's Spanish romance vibe. The recently renovated Franciscan Gardens (**FranciscanGardens.com**) is a stunning venue with brick walls, iron accents and cafe lights for a bit of old-world charm." —*Katie and Meghan*

chill rehearsals

"Stuffy and formal rehearsal dinners are out, making room for a small soiree at your favorite wine bar or restaurant. For some of the best wine and cheese in town and a low-key setting, check out The Twisted Vine Wine Bar & Shop (**TwistedVineWines.com**) in downtown Fullerton." —*Katie and Meghan*

small parties

"When my brides want a party vibe and a small guest list, I always suggest an evening ceremony followed by a simple cocktail reception with passed hors d'oeuvres and wine. Then save the dance-floor scene for an after-party at a local club, like San Diego's **207 (207SD.com)**." —*Alison*

mini movies

"With the mecca of filmmaking right in their backyard, Southern California wedding videographers take a cinema-style approach to creating a feature film of your wedding day, bringing it to a level beyond just a documentary of its events. It's like starring in your own romantic film. We recommend Elysium Productions (**ElysiumProductions.com**)." —*Katie and Meghan*



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