

WELCOME GUIDE

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Greetings!!



It won't be long now, and I'm already thinking about photographing your wedding! It's so exciting! This magazine will help answer any questions you might have about photography on your wedding day, as well as provide some incredible tips!

Before we jump right in, be sure you have visited my website, www.stephaniedebolt.com, downloaded my wedding contract on the inquiries and information page and get that on its way to me via email or snail mail right away. Work before play, right?

That signed contract will reserve your date.

I will also ask you send me an actual invitation to your wedding, so I can have the same info your guests do! You can go ahead and RSVP me, I'll BE THERE!

That said, I want to thank you so very much for choosing me to share your day, we're going to have an amazing time!

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet." -Will Ferrell



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Get those engagement photos on the calendar! Love looks great on you!

Is Spring your favorite? Fall? Grab two of your favorite outfits (I recommend one casual and one more dressy) and we'll head out for an hour of "Get to know you" time.

We'll practice many of the poses I'll use on your wedding day so they'll come naturally. If you're a little shy, don't worry, I am NOT!

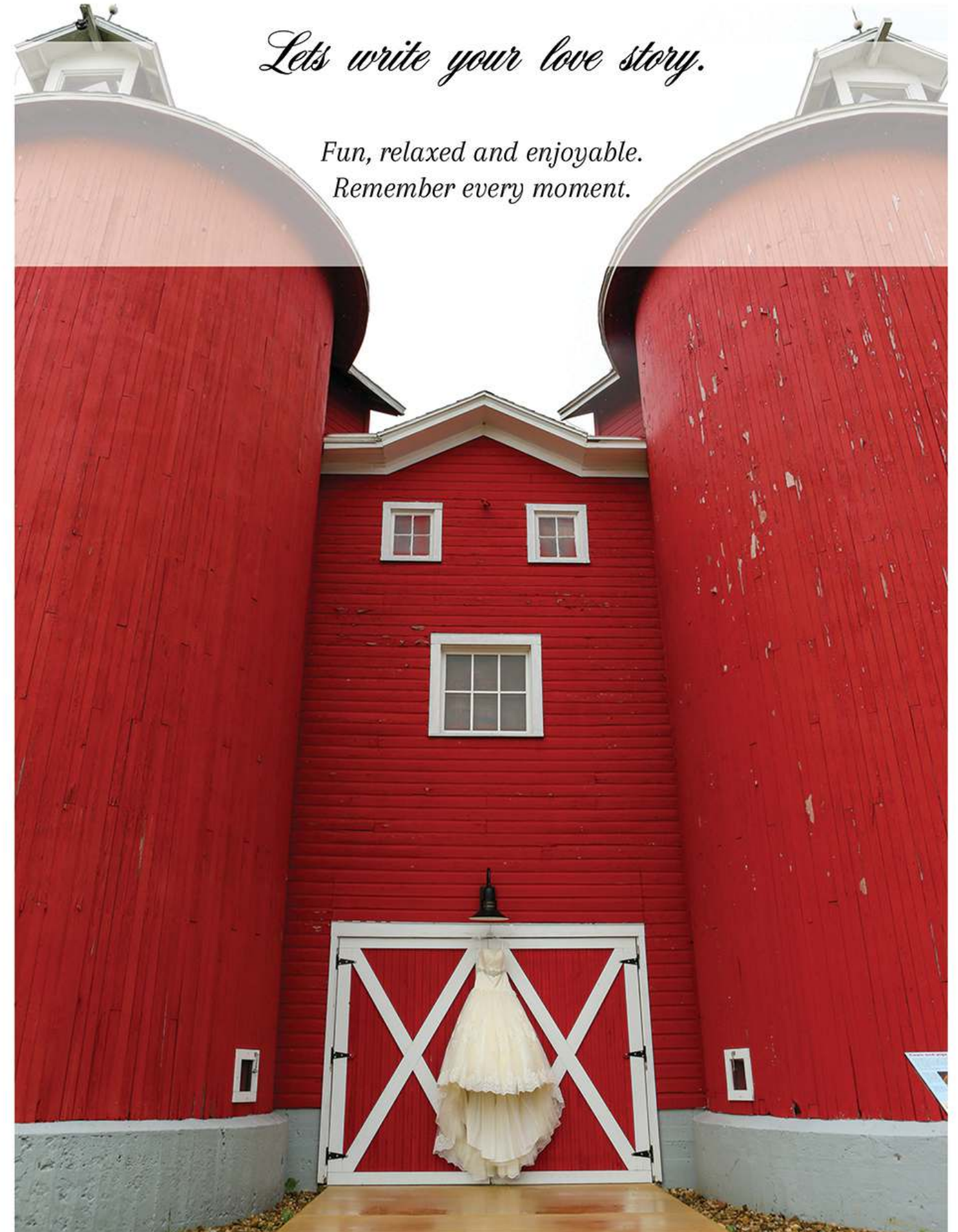
The engagement session is also a great time to talk about your wedding plans and begin to outline how we'll work together on your wedding day!

I will email you your engagement photos via Pixieset. It's an incredible file sharing service you'll love using!



Lets write your love story.

*Fun, relaxed and enjoyable.
Remember every moment.*



CREATING A TIMELINE

Professional wedding portraits don't just happen. We will need time with your family, bridal party and finally ALONE to create images you'll treasure for generations. We will plan your day in photos, loosely based on my wedding day formula. It's flexible on purpose, so let me know if we need to adjust a few things.

**Side note: I will attend your wedding rehearsal if my schedule allows, to meet everyone and check lighting at the venue, but I won't stay for dinner. Please message or text me the reception time before the event.*

Morning of

Hair, makeup, detail shots. I will want to photograph you as you prepare for your day. I always arrive extra early before portrait time to capture these moments. Please have ALL THREE RINGS, dress, shoes and ANY other personal details on hand for me to photograph.

3 hours before

Portraits will start promptly 3.5 hours before the ceremony, beginning with the bride and groom's first look. Bridesmaids and groomsmen will follow 15 minutes later. Family, ring bearer and flower girl need not be ready until 1.5 hours before ceremony.

Reception

I will photograph the reception through the completion of all the official events: Dances, bouquet and garter toss, etc. I will exit your reception once those items are completed and I have many images of your guests and family having a great time!

First Look or Not? You don't HAVE TO have a first look if you're strongly convicted about not seeing each other before the wedding. If you choose NOT to see each other, Please add at LEAST 1.5 hours between the wedding and reception (not including travel time) for family photographs, bridal party photographs, and most importantly, YOUR portraits!



Timeline Example

4:00 p.m. CEREMONY

11 a.m.

- I arrive to take detail shots and photos of the bride and bridesmaids getting ready.

12:30 p.m.

- Groom and groomsmen arrive and get ready.

1:00 p.m.

- First Look with bride and groom

1:30 p.m.

- Bridal Party photos

2:30 p.m.

- Family photos, usher, ring bearer, flower girl photos, as well as guest book and program attendants

3:00 p.m.

- Bride and groom disappear until ceremony to stay hidden from arriving guests.

4:00 p.m. Ceremony

4:30 p.m. End Ceremony

5:00 p.m. Guest dismissal

5:15 p.m. Church Exit

6:00 p.m. Reception Arrival

** all times approximated*

Should you opt NOT to have a first look, you need to build in at least an hour between church exit and reception arrival.



Almost There

Now that I've explained a bit about how I'll work through your wedding day, know that it isn't written in stone. I'd love to know of any changes or adaptations you'd like to make.

Edits will take between 4-8 weeks depending upon the time of year. I will deliver them to you via flash drive. I will post "sneak peeks" to Facebook and Instagram within the first 24 hours of your wedding, and I try to make a few of those "Thank You" worthy in case you'd like them right away for photo cards.

Payment is due before images will be delivered.

A word about Pinterest...

I look forward to watching your love story unfold on your wedding day! You may share your Pinterest board with me if you'd like, I LOVE knowing what you adore! I will view all the photos to get a feel for your style and then bring that into our photographs with your sweetheart.

I'm so excited to share all the wedding day moments with the two of you! Know that you can call, text, email or Facebook me anytime with whatever is on your mind!

Many blessings and much love,

Stephanie