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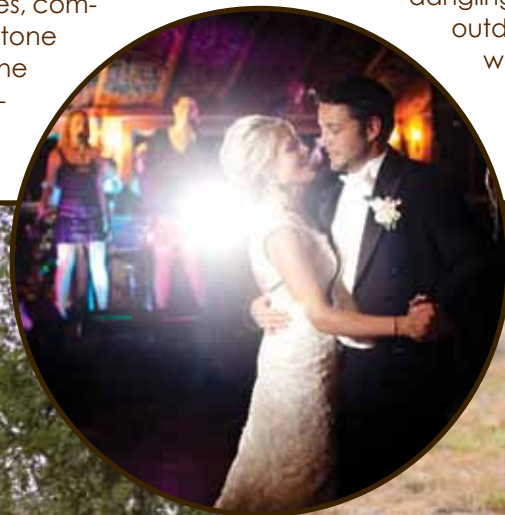
Thirty minutes from the heart of Corpus Christi lies a jewel nestled within the old mossy oaks: The Ranch at San Patricio. For owner Julia Asher, the ranch is not just home, but a dream come true as with true Texas charm she embraces the chance to welcome couples to make their own memories come to life on the sprawling 88 acres of oak-covered grounds. Don't let the "ranch" fool you, as this venue is full of grace and elegance, coupled with the peaceful pace of country life.

Driving through the stone and iron gateway, past the steady grazing herd of longhorns, the first site you will encounter is the jaw dropping scene of the guest house, looming like a hill-country mansion right out of a magazine. If there was ever a way to bring luxury to country living, Julia has mastered the art. The guest house features a stone façade that encases its enormous 12-bedroom interior. On the inside it's a warm family-centric space full of luxuries ranging from modern to those of times gone by. Light pours into the living space & falls on the massive dining room. The windows overlook a beautiful covered back porch that gives way to a truly amazing landscaped pool nestled under the trees, completed by its own stone waterfall. Overall, the house itself is an ideal location to get

away while feeling right at home. Brides take full advantage of this feature and enjoy the three-day weekend surrounded by their closest family basking in the luxuries of the guest house. Julia makes it a point to reserve no more than one wedding per weekend, allowing families the chance to take in the moments and memories from rehearsal to wedding and a blessed recuperating day after!

Just a short walk from the guest house are the places where the magic happens: the wedding chapel & reception hall. However, for any Bride who chooses to, she can board a horse drawn carriage to carry her that final short journey to the aisle, or she can be led atop a Clydesdale! The wedding chapel was custom built on the property to complete Julia's dream of hosting pristine country weddings. It's everything that a Bride would want from the white walls & picket fence, to the tall steeple, dangling chandelier and rows of open air vintage wooden pews for guests. The wedding procession is beautiful along the winding cement walkway leading to the chapel altar.

That same walkway will carry the happy couple and guests as they leave the ceremony and begin the reception celebration! Guests can enjoy an elegant cocktail hour near the chandeliers dangling under the large outdoor patio while the wedding party gallivants across the property to take advantage of





the numerous picturesque portrait locations - an old bridge, antique truck and barn doors to name a few. The ranch staff will bend over backwards to make sure everything you could ever want is possible - like bringing out the horses for a photo op and golf cart limo service for guests en-route from parking lot to chapel.

Reception magic begins in the grand hall which has been transformed from old steel barn to elegant wedding venue with a rustic stone façade and lofty pier-beam interiors dripping with luxurious chandeliers. The hall itself can host up to 300 people, and even larger groups when coupled with its attached cocktail patio or the addition of outdoor tents. The beauty of the venue as a whole is that the décor is so tasteful that it needs little more, but yet still a blank canvas that can transform to suit any style - from the ultra-modern to a full embrace of the rustic setting. Speaking of décor, Brides often fancy incorporating some of the uber-trendy vintage tables, buffets and furniture available to rent on site into their own décor for a touch of grace and charm!

No creative stone is left unturned, and as owner and hostess of beautiful weddings, Julia makes sure that each Bride gets every opportunity to make her own statement in creating the wedding of her

dreams. Ceremonies have taken place in other locations on the property, including gorgeous waterside weddings at the guest house pool, complete with house and porch reception, which is perfect for an intimate country affair!

As far as guests are concerned, couples need not worry about their out of town travelers, for the Ranch has established a relationship with local hotels to offer discounted rates in addition to the availability of a guest shuttle to and from, so guests can enjoy the reception without the worry of commuting after.

Ultimately, as a wedding venue so far removed from the hustle and bustle of city life, therein lies a unique quality that when families arrive to celebrate such a momentous life event, they can forget about the worries of the world and completely focus on building new memories in the moment. And with Julia and her devoted ranch staff, Brides and Grooms can relax and enjoy the luxury of the airy & pristine nostalgic setting while celebrating their most important day!

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