

WEDDING BELLS!

Jennifer Wysong and Steven Joslin to be Married in Spring

We are pleased to announce to you the engagement of Mister Steven John Joslin to Miss Jennifer Marie Wysong, who said "yes" on Wednesday the 20th of January, 2016.

Mister Joslin proposed in the Enchanted Forest at the top of the Sunshine Express chair lift in Telluride, Colorado after a day of ski biking with family. Steven's parents, sister and brother-in-law were present when he got down on one knee in the snow and popped the question with a beautiful cross-section of an Aspen branch that he had hand-carved into a heart with the words "Marry Me".

A LOVE STORY

Steven John Joslin was born on the 27th of July 1983 in Visalia, California to Steven Charles and Carol Hershey Joslin. He spent his childhood in Tulare, California where he played the saxophone in his school band and was an active member of his church youth group before graduating from Tulare Western High School. After graduation he moved to Long Beach for a year to study Fashion Design at Brooks College before departing on a road trip to visit all 48 of the contiguous United States in his 1970s Volkswagen bus. Steven then took a job in Panorama City (North of Hollywood) with Metropolis Industries as the assistant shop manager, fabricating, repairing and installing custom rugs.



Jennifer Marie Wysong was born on the 29th of July 1987 to Michael Howard and Patty Kay Wysong in Toms River, New Jersey. She grew up in New Egypt, New Jersey where she learned to play piano and trumpet, and played field hockey, basketball and lacrosse before graduation from New Egypt High School. Jennie was recruited to play field hockey at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia where she earned her Bachelors degree in Exercise Science and minored in Outdoor Education. After graduation she joined the Peace Corps where she served for two years as an Environmental Extension Agent, working and living in the small village of Sambande, Senegal.

Fate brought Jennifer and Steven together in the summer of 2012 when they were both employed as zip line guides for Alaska Excursions in Skagway, Alaska. Although the two established a strong connection that summer, they went their separate ways after sharing an exciting road trip from Skagway to California. Steven had accepted a job as a lift operator at China Peak in California, and Jennifer moved to Telluride, Colorado to work for the ski resort. Despite the distance the two kept in touch every day, and on the 8th of February 2013 Steven made the long drive out to Telluride to surprise Jennifer and ask her to be his girlfriend.

Steven and Jennifer share a love of adventure and the outdoors,

and in their three years as a couple they have been fortunate enough to share a number of unique experiences. The pair have driven over 50,000 miles together, including five cross-country trips and a tour of the interior of Alaska where they were stranded overnight in a blizzard on the Dalton Highway inside the Arctic Circle. As a team they have made two trips on the Chilkoot Trail, a 33 mile hike from Skagway, Alaska into the Yukon wilderness of Canada following the steps of the miners during the 1897 gold rush. Jennifer and Steven have worked together as zip-line guides, lift operators and snowboard instructors. When they're not working they enjoy spending time together while paddle boarding, snowboarding, biking, ice climbing, skiing, hiking, and learning any new outdoor pursuit they can get their hands on. On their most recent adventure the pair spent a year in New Zealand where they cycle-toured over 1,800 miles around both the North and South Islands before settling in Queenstown to work and snowboard. Some of their adventures included skydiving, jet-boating, zorbing, white water rafting, bungee jumping, hiking, kayaking and surfing.

Jennifer and Steven look forward to many more adventures in the years to come, and plan on continuing their active seasonal-work lifestyle while saving money and searching for a 5-20 acre piece of property to call home.

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SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 10, 2017

You are cordially invited to the most sensational event of the year! Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wysong request the pleasure of your company among friends and family at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jennifer Marie Wysong and Mr. Steven John Joslin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Joslin.

The ceremony will be held on the 10th of April 2017 at the historic Joslyn Castle at 3902 Davenport Street in Omaha, Nebraska at 11am. Festivities will be preceded by a tour of the 4 story mansion led by a docent from Friends of the Joslyn Castle at 10am, and seating will begin at 10:45. Following the vows there will be a picnic lunch served at the pavilion in Hanscom Park.

A SHORT HISTORY

The Joslyn Castle is a 35 room, four-story mansion built in the Scottish Baronial style in 1903 by George Joslyn, Steven's second cousin three times removed, and his wife Sarah. The 19,360 square foot home included a reception hall, ballroom, library, gold drawing room, bowling alley, and a



music room built to house an Aeolian pipe organ. Rooms were decorated with beautiful carved wood, stained glass, chiseled stone, mosaic tile and wrought iron. Construction of the castle took just eleven months at a cost of \$250,000 (about \$6 million today). The castle is situated on 5.5 acres of park-like grounds that were once home to over 100 fruit trees, 48 varieties of trees including six considered rare in Nebraska, seven hundred shrubs, two man-made ponds, and a 1,440 square foot conservatory that housed a collection of orchids and other rare tropical plants.

On March 23, 1913 the Joslyn

estate was damaged by a tornado that demolished much of the central and north parts of Omaha. The exterior of the home was slightly damaged and inside some furniture, artwork, etchings and statuary were ruined. On the grounds the ponds were destroyed and the greenhouse was so heavily damaged that the Joslyns decided not to re-build, instead donating the frame to Hanscom Park. Inside the conservatory the majority of the orchids and tropical plants were killed by the cold and snow which followed the tornado. George estimated that it would take 15 years to restore the grounds to their previous state, but the home was repaired in time for

their adopted daughter Violet's wedding in the fall.

George Joslyn passed away in 1916, but Sarah remained on the estate until her death in 1940 at the age of 88. In 1944 the castle became the headquarters of the Omaha Public Schools District and although the first floor remained mostly intact, the lower and upper level floors were extensively altered. The pipe organ was removed and the ponds were filled in for insurance reasons. Much of the original furniture and fixtures were lost or sold, and some of the walls of the original greenhouses were incorporated into an office annex in 1950 by the district.

In 1989 the school district moved to a larger facility and the Castle became the property of the State of Nebraska. The Joslyn Castle Trust was created to maintain and manage the estate and in December 2010 the Trust purchased the castle and grounds from the state. Their ongoing research and restoration has brought much of the castle back to its former glory and today it is available for tours and events, and the grounds are open to the public daily.



CHEERS!

An informal evening drinks reception for guests 21 and older will be held at the Infusion Brewing Company's new tap-room located at 6271 South 118th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, with festivities beginning at 7pm. Ample parking is available on site. The bride and groom will be providing their own specially brewed wedding beer on tap, and there will also be a cash bar.

Infusion Brewery's original location occupies the former home of Olson's Meat Market, a butcher shop that was built in 1917. The first floor of the building has been renovated into the tap room, where hand crafted Infusion beer is served in the same room where Charlie Olson once greeted his customers. All historic finishes in the building have been restored, including the mosaic floor tile, wood floors, decorative wall tiles, plaster walls, ornamental tin ceiling,

concrete floors, and exposed masonry. Optional brewery tours with tasting are available at 6:30pm and 7:30pm for \$5 per person. Please indicate your interest and preferred time on the back of the RSVP card.



GIFTS & REGISTRY

As Jennifer and Steven's current living situation does not provide much storage, financial gifts are being accepted to help the newlyweds establish their home together. The couple plans to purchase property in the next two to three years on which to place a yurt until they can start building their dream home. You can contribute to their future home at <http://honeyfund.com/wedding/GingerStacheWedding>.

In lieu of a financial gift, Steven and Jennifer have wedding registries with Amazon and REI. More details can be found on the wedding page of the couples' website: www.gingerstache.weebly.com

While your contributions or gifts are greatly appreciated, the most important gift of all is your presence to help celebrate this momentous occasion with family and friends. Nothing can replace the many relationships Steven and Jennifer cherish so dearly.

THE BEST HOTEL IN OMAHA!



Guests are invited to take advantage of special rates at the Magnola Hotel Omaha. Located at 1615 Howard Street, Omaha Nebraska. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/gingerstache> by the First of March 2017 to receive the \$129/night rate.

This upscale downtown hotel in a grand 1920s historic building is an 8-minute walk from the Old Market, 2.3 miles from the

Joslyn Castle and 12 miles from the Infusion Brewing Company.

All of the sophisticated rooms offer free wi-fi, flat screen TVs, desks, and courtyard or city views. Breakfast, an evening reception, nightly cookies and shuttle service to the airport are complimentary. Additionally there is an American restaurant, a bar and lounge, a business center, and a fitness room.

ATTRACTIONS

Looking for something exciting to do to pass time before or after the event? Here are a few must-see attractions in the Omaha area:

Joslyn Art Museum

Free admission!
220 Dodge Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
www.joslyn.org

Omaha Zoo & Aquarium

Adults: \$15 Children: \$10
3701 S. 10th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68107
www.omahazoo.com

River City Star Riverboat

Adults: \$14 Children: \$8
151 Freedom Park Road
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
www.rivercitystar.com

Lauritzen Gardens

Adults: \$10 Children \$5
100 Bancroft Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68108
www.lauritzengardens.org

Omaha Brew Bus

Adults only! \$40
Four-hour guided tour to visit, tour and sample area breweries.
www.omahabrewbus.com

Driftwood Paddleboards

Costs vary depending on tour.
Guided paddleboard tours on the rivers and lakes around Omaha.
www.driftwoodpaddleadventures.com

The Old Market

Omaha's most historic neighborhood features a mix of galleries, restaurants, taverns and shopping.
www.oldmarket.com

Ruth Sokolof Theater

Adult: \$9 Student: \$7
1340 Make Fahey Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
www.filmstreams.org



GUEST INFORMATION

Semi-formal attire is requested for the ceremony and reception. Jackets and ties for men, and nice dresses for the women. Guests are encouraged to wear clothing comfortable for weather in the mid 40s to low 60s. Children are welcome to attend the ceremony and reception.

If you have particular dietary needs for lunch, please note them in the telegram section of the response card cutout below.

Limited parking will be available for guests at the Joslyn Castle and next to the pavilion in Hanscom Park. Street parking is available in the area, but guests are encouraged to carpool.

For more information please check the wedding page at www.gingerstache.weebly.com.

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YOUR REPLY IS REQUESTED BY

The First of January, 2017

I will gladly attend

I regretfully decline

I will resentfully attend

I enthusiastically decline

Name: _____

of Children: _____

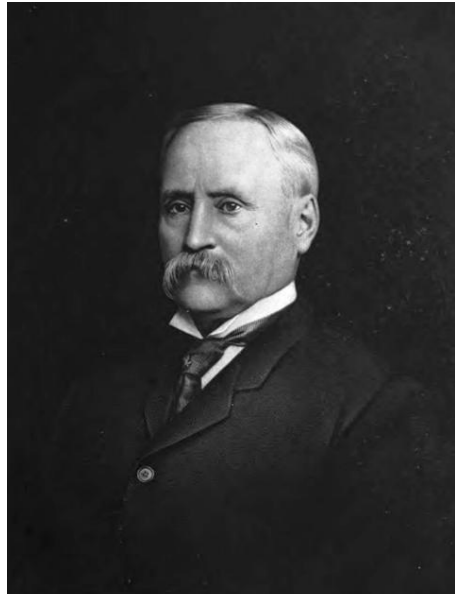
A GRAND LEGACY

The Story of George and Sarah Joslyn

George Alfred Joslyn was born on June 30, 1848 in Lowell, Massachusetts and as a young man he worked on his father's farm and attended the local school. The highest education available to him at the time was a two-year high school, and after completing his education at the age of fifteen, he left the farm to seek his fortune in Montreal. He returned briefly to Vermont to marry Sarah Hannah Seleck, who was born and raised in Waitsfield, before bringing her to Montreal.

In 1879 George accepted a job offer from the Iowa Printing Company in Des Moines, and the couple moved West. Shortly thereafter the company merged with an auxiliary printer in Kansas City and opened an office in Omaha called the Omaha Newspaper Union. George was named manager of the new branch, and he and Sarah relocated to Omaha in the spring of 1880.

By 1890 George became president, general manager and



principal stockholder of the company that provided "ready print," a standard-page-sized newspaper partially pre-printed with advertisements and national and international news, to 1,745 newspapers across the country. After 36 years George had turned the small firm into a massive media conglomerate with 14,273 customers that reached a weekly audience of sixty million people.

In addition to the WNU, George was involved in several other business ventures including founding the Western Chemical Company, which became the largest producer of lithium in the US, owning six major buildings in Omaha including two hotels, and creating the



rather ill-advised Cook Remedy, a small company that marketed a patent medicine called "Our Magic Remedy" that supposedly cured STDs.

As George and Sarah's wealth and influence grew, the couple never forgot the city and people that had been a part of their journey. When associates suggested he move his headquarters East, George remarked that his money had been "made in Omaha, and it would be spent in Omaha." The Joslyns actively supported community projects, toward which they gave over \$7 million. They gave generously to the University of Omaha, and among their many charities were the Humane Society, The

Old People's Home, and the Child Saving Institute. They often opened their home to parties of underprivileged and orphaned children, and raised a foster daughter named Violet after their only son died in infancy.

After George's death in 1916 Sarah spent 3 years and \$3 million creating the Joslyn Art Museum and concert hall as a memorial to her beloved husband. She then continued contributing to many local charities until her death in 1940. In her will Sarah left over \$2.8 million to various charities, and the Joslyns' massive estate was donated to the Society for Liberal Arts to be used for the benefit of the people of Omaha.



Send a
TELEGRAM
to the Bride & Groom

Date: _____

Message: _____

{} I am coming to the beer reception
of people _____

{} I would like to tour the brewery
of people _____ Time: _____

SO THE HARDER A WIFE WORKS, THE CUTER SHE LOOKS!

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Steven John Joslin and George Alfred Joslyn can both trace their lineage back to a common ancestor, Joseph Joslin. Joseph is George's great-grandfather, and Stevens great-great-great-grandfather, making them second cousins, three times removed.

When George was born in 1848, the family spelled their last name Joslin. George and Sarah continued to spell their surname with an "i" until they arrived in Omaha. The change in spelling was reportedly due to a batch of

misspelled business cards in 1882, which had George's last name spelled Joslyn. He is said to have like the new spelling and adopted it. The rest of the family maintained the original spelling, and as the Joslyns had no male heirs to carry their name the "y" spelling was discontinued in the family line upon George's death.

