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Best Tablescapes Design

A Fall Mountain Soiree



Overview

This design was created for an intimate fall soiree of founders from a local company to celebrate the companies booming success.

The design was created around the season as well as its backdrop; the mountains of the midwest. Using the colors of the changing leaves, the mixedwood of a log cabin, and wild flowers as inspiration this event featured a unique custom design.



Concept & Design

The concept of this design was inspired by the surrounding mountains and woods. A key element in the design was to bring nature inside, mixed wild flowers in the colors of the fall leaves brought this concept to life.

Warm and eco-chic pieces were custom created to meld into the tablescapes to showcase a beautiful fall setting. Our design featured a neutral palette of caramel, golden tumeric, smoke, harvest shades, sunset tones, with accents of burgundy. Organic elements such as naked roots, skeleton leaves, cymbidium orchids, copper china mums, french antique hydrangea, and a collection of decorative greenery were showcased in a custom industrial centerpiece.

Hidden motifs of the outdoors are captured in the menu cards, floral containers, tables, and chairs.

Mixed textures were achieved with floral containers, linens, and passing trays, while contemporary elements and reclaimed wood played a large role. With the blending of various textures, modern, and rustic elements, we brought the outdoors, indoors in an astounding style.



Event & Guest List

The guest list consisted of 27 founders of the company that was being celebrated. The event was designed to recognize 25 years of unprecedented growth for the company.

Guests arrived and were promptly shuttled to the residence via ATV and horseback. Upon arrival they were greeted with hot towel service and butler passed hors d'oeuvres. The hors d'oeuvres featured a strictly local menu. Items included a bourbon glazed pork belly in a smoke filled tin, a pickled beet chip with chevre cheese, a brie, fig, and orange canape, and a seasonal butternut squash bruschetta.

Once in the dining hall, attendees were welcomed into a warm and rustic setting. The featured tables varied in texture with seating that varied in style as to promote a curated design aesthetic.

Featured in the middle of each table was a european inspired suspended garland centerpiece. A centerpiece grounded with a wood base with a decorative aluminum wire suspending acrylic tubes was created to showcase a stunning floral arrangement.

Each table setting was draped with a harvest shantung napkin, multiple wine glasses for course pairings, and menu card placed atop a birch sheet and embellished with a skeleton leaf and twine.

Once seated, the guests were treated to a three course meal. Course one began with a colorful citrus, goat cheese, and beet salad with artisan rolls and three compound butters. The second course consisted of a dual protein featuring a local braised beef tenderloin and a bourbon glazed salmon filet. The third course was chocolate three ways, and featured chocolate from a local chocolatier. Dessert was comprised of a traditional dipped strawberry, chocolate sphere with nutella and raspberry compote, and a strawberry chocolate entremet. After dessert guests were given a round of champagne.

How it relates to the event....

Each element of this event was carefully curated to lend to stunning design and aesthetic of the mountain lodge. The flowers used in the arrangements were styled organically to allude to wild flowers growing outside. The flowers were also selected in the fall colors based on the current season. Furthermore the mixed woods were seen throughout the styling with the use of the floral bases, assorted tables, chairs, and menu cards. The organic natural design took a rustic setting and made it cutting edge.





Functionality & Practicality

The design elements for this event were chosen very meticulously. Due to the long travel up the mountains the design had to be beautiful but also practical. We created the wooden floral bases with the wired tubes weeks prior to the event. These have proven to be a great asset since we have been able to re use them for multiple events since this one. Having one low centerpiece per table maintained a great guest experience. Guests were still able to converse with one another and had plenty of room for comfortable dining.



