

Pedal Power and Wedding Flowers: a Perfect Match

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Who would think that an exhibit of wacky bicycles—one of them shaped like a number 2 pencil—would make the perfect setting for a wedding? That’s the case for bride-to-be Sam Dutrow. With a fiancé who is an avid cyclist and racer, Sam was planning her wedding theme around bikes, and when she saw the display at The Los Altos History Museum she said, “This could not be more perfect!”

Sam was already sold on the museum as a venue for her celebration when she booked it last year. It was an amazing coincidence that this particular exhibit would provide the backdrop to go along with the centerpieces she was designing from recycled bike parts.

Pedal Power: From Wacky to Workhorse, has been drawing a steady stream of visitors since its opening, April 10. Weddings are a weekly occurrence at the museum: nearly every summer weekend is booked for celebrations. But a marriage of both exhibit and nuptials has never been as perfect as this one.

“I am in total shock and awe that this is the exhibit that will be happening during our wedding,” Sam told Gary Hedden, who spearheaded the display. “Things work out for a reason and we couldn’t be happier!”

Receptions aren’t the only draw to the current show. On June 29, over 200 people gathered in the Hillview parking lot for a Family Cycle Carnival. Cyclecide offered rides operated by pedal power and a rodeo with plenty of skits. On the same day Tom Kabat taught thirty people how to design their own two-wheeler. Electric bike rides were the attraction on July 26, an event attended by almost 300.

Still to come: A talk at the library on “The Making of Pedal Power,” Sept. 9, an eight-mile bike tour of historical Los Altos sites, September 28, and a “Farm to Table” dinner, Oct. 5.

Pedal Power runs through October 5, so there’s still time to see it!

For more information, and to register for upcoming events, please visit losaltoshistory.org.