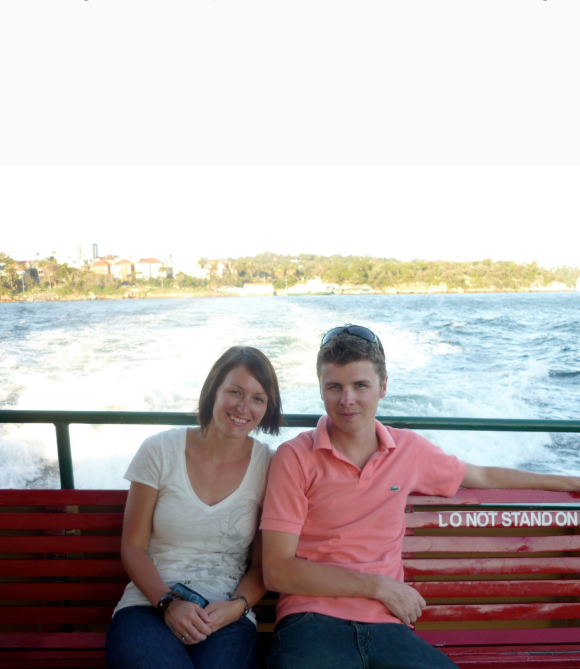




How it all began...

A mutual friend introduced us in 2005. Patricia was attracted to Aaron's love for cooking and Aaron was happy to learn that Patricia didn't mind cleaning up after he made a mess in the kitchen. Aaron's shyness made the first date somewhat awkward, but thankfully the conversation flowed on the second date. After spending 5 years in Winnipeg where Patricia was born and raised, we moved to Aaron's hometown on Vancouver Island to start putting down roots. We were married in Victoria in 2011. We both had experience renovating homes in Winnipeg and after one renovation on the island, we built our dream home on a one-acre lot nestled between the ocean and beautiful farmland.



Patricia is the co-owner of a vintage furniture and décor shop. Patricia's hobbies include refinishing vintage furniture, thrifting, local politics, running, and good coffee.

Aaron is an air traffic controller. In his time off, Aaron loves woodworking, fishing, gardening, and projects around the house.

We are both passionate about the environment and leading a sustainable lifestyle. We have a large garden and grow as much of our own food as possible.

In 2016, we welcomed our daughter Emma into our lives. Emma loves being outside, walking to the park, jumping in puddles, watching the horses walk by, reading and dancing. We also have a 1.5-year-old lab/ridgeback cross named Scout who loves walks and exploring the beach.

Our Family

While Aaron works shift work, we attempt to create consistency and balance in our lives whenever possible. We always have a family meal together, even if it means bringing Dad lunch at work, or having pancakes in the middle of the week. Our days off are spent growing fruits and vegetables, flowers, and walking to the nearby beach. We love spending time as a family and some of our favourite activities include hiking, canoeing, exploring the islands, camping, reading, building things, and stargazing.

Time for friends and family is always important to us and we love nourishing that value and instilling it into our daughter. Aaron's parents as well as his brother, his wife and three children live nearby, and we visit Patricia's family in Winnipeg at least once a year (although they tend to visit us more often, especially in winter).



We have always wanted to add to our family through adoption, and when we struggled to conceive we started researching it more. After having Emma, we were positive we wanted to add to our family through adoption. Emma is eager to become a big sister, to share stories, and make lots of new family memories with.

We recognize that every situation is different but welcome the opportunity to create relationships between us. We see openness in our adoption as a vital part of this and a need for our child. We'd love to have the opportunity to learn more about you, the birth family, and as our child grows, for them to be able to ask questions and have a better understanding of their roots. We also know how important it would be for you to know that your child is loved unconditionally, and to see them grow and flourish. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and consider us as part of your adoption journey.

We value kindness, empathy, generosity, honesty, and fairness. We strive to know more about others, understand their struggles, and connect with others.

Our parenting style is fairly laid back. Our non-negotiables, are being kind, playing safely, eating vegetables, and not too much tv, but otherwise we try to meet Emma where she is at. We try to expose her to various activities, then let her decide what she likes best. We are learning to be more flexible and to adapt.

