



# Our Year

## According to Dan and Kirren

Merry Christmas to all! We hope you have had a good year. A lot has happened for us in 2024.

Dan had been living in a 1.5 bedroom apartment, and it was clear that with the upcoming wedding that there would be a need for a lot more space to fit both of our belongings. We were able to find a nice 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment with an in-unit laundry and a large pantry. Dan started packing up his apartment in January, and early in March made the move with the help of some friends.



Later in March, Kirren came to visit and see the new apartment. We hosted our first family dinner in the new place on Easter, Kirren got to attend her first RIT Juggle-In juggling festival, and we got to experience our first total solar eclipse together. Unfortunately, it was completely overcast, but we still got to witness how quickly it got dark in the middle of the afternoon.



In May, it was Kirren's turn to move. Unlike Dan moving one town over, Kirren had to travel 2,000 miles. After making the 3 day drive with her dad and uncle, driving a caravan of her car and a truck and trailer load of belongings, she officially arrived to live in New York.

May 25th, the biggest day of the year: our wedding. We had it at Camp Hickory Hill, because it's Dan's favorite place in the world, and it provided lodging for the families coming from out-of-state. The plan had been for an outdoor ceremony, but rain was forecast, so the ceremony was moved into the dining hall, where the reception was also going to be. During the first look photo session before the ceremony, the rain arrived. Despite the rain, everything went well, even when a brick tried to take a ride on Kirren's train as she walked down the aisle.

Two days after the wedding, we left for our honeymoon. Or rather, we tried to leave for our honeymoon. We were going to the mid-coast region of Maine. The plan was to fly into Portland by way of New York City. But, heavy storms were moving through that day, which led to several flight delays and eventual cancellations. We ended up in Washington, D.C. for a quick overnight nap before making it to Maine on Tuesday - after a mad dash through the D.C. airport. Dan had been to that area of Maine many times, while Kirren had never been. We visited museums, climbed up Pemaquid Lighthouse, walked on the beach, and Dan ate his first lobster.



If you want to read a detailed account of the wedding and honeymoon, and see some of the photos, go to [www.DanandKirren.com](http://www.DanandKirren.com)



Just two weeks after the wedding, and a week after the honeymoon, we took a trip to Michigan for Kirren's cousin's wedding and spent the following morning at Kirren's grandparent's cottage on Lake Huron.

As always, July means summer camp season. Dan always goes to camp several times during the summer to help out, and this year Kirren joined him. On Sundays, she helped out with camper registration while Dan took photos and moved luggage. We spent one week living at camp, with Dan doing maintenance work, and Kirren continuing her day job - working remotely as she does at home. Kirren also got to try her hand at archery for the first time.

After the busy camp season, we took several small trips around the area. We went to the New York State Fair in August, and in September drove to Ithaca for a very large book sale. We drove an hour to the middle of nowhere so Dan could buy a new truck, which promptly broke and had to be towed back home. (It is back up and running now.) In November, we took a weekend trip into the mountains of Pennsylvania for a friend's surprise birthday weekend.



We'll be spending the week of Christmas back in Colorado, with Kirren's parents & sister as well as her Aunt & Uncle and cousins from South Dakota.

We hope you all have a wonderful 2025!