
SPRING
BRIDAL
THE CHIEFTAIN
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14TH., 1996



Bridal preview

Seventeen local residents modelled bridal fashions at the first-ever Bridal Preview fashion show on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Operating Engineers Institute outside of Morrisburg. Over 200 visitors attended the bridal show that featured 30 local exhibitors. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

Balloon artistry a creative way to decorate

Cathy Gilmer of Iroquois' Seaway Treasures gift store is working towards becoming a certified balloon artist.

Starting into her second year specializing in balloon art, Gilmer has already decorated many reception halls for dozens of weddings.

Balloon decorating is growing in popularity, according to Gilmer, because it often doesn't cost as much as floral decorating.

The average cost for decorating a wedding reception is about $200. However, Gilmer says she can work within any budget.

"You pick the price and I can fit it," she says, adding she has done weddings for as low as $50.

Gilmer decorates for both indoor and outdoor weddings, and uses a growing variety of balloon formations to make each wedding beautiful and unique.

One of the most unique weddings she has decorated for, followed a western theme. She made two large green-balloon-cactus plants located at either end of the head table.

She says she can do almost anything people want, as long as she has some type of pattern to follow.

There are a number of basic balloon ideas that customers are interested in when they look through Gilmer's portfolio. However, the most popular balloon idea for wedding receptions is called the "exploding balloon." It's a three foot balloon that is filled with 100 smaller balloons. The larger balloon is usually popped by the flower girl during the first dance at the wedding.

"It sets the mood for the whole dance," Gilmer says.

Gilmer also decorates with balloon garlands, archways, beehive clusters of balloons and much more.

As a soon-to-be-certified balloon artist, Gilmer does consultations at the location of the reception or party. This way, she can ensure the customer will have the style of design and balloons that not only suit the wedding, but the hall as well.

A growing number of people are finding out about the service Gilmer provides through Seaway Treasures, as she becomes involved in trade shows from Brockville to Cornwall.

When she started her business two years ago, she never imagined she would be pursuing a balloon artist's certificate.

"I never dreamed there was this much in balloons."

Best Wishes On Your Special Day



"Just for You" Bridal Studio

30-70% off New Gowns

Also Nearly New, Custom-designed & Alterations, Crinoline Rentals, Shoes, Headpieces

3518 3rd Concession, RR2, Prescott 925-5702

Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 12-5; Closed Wed., Sat. 10-4

Starting a New Home?

Appliances & Unique Gifts

MADMACS Furniture & Appliances

Full line of Home Fine Furnishings
Floorcovering: Vinyl, Tile & Carpet
Major Appliances from HOT-POINT - McCLARY & WOODS

A Unique & Beautiful Gift Shop...
Collectables, Reproductions, Folk Art & Second Hand Shop on Premises.

2069 DUNDAS ST.,P.O. BOX 700
CARDINAL, ONT. K0E 1E0 Tel.(613) 657-3037

Classique Bridals

COMPLETE BRIDAL Fashions

Silk. Satins. Shantungs. Alfred Angelo . Alfred Sung

JEWELLERY BY
Cathy's Concepts & Jeree Montier

Accessories . Alterations
Consignments

Winchester, Ontario K0C 2K0

Kim Link

By Appointment
(613) 774-5543
1-800-5BRIDE5



Making the choice to buy or rent the wedding dress

The decision to buy or rent a wedding dress depends on two factors: the wish to keep a souvenir and the available budget.

Romantic women who fear that in the future they might regret terribly a decision not to keep their wedding dresses usually purchase them. It may always be possible to sell them later if there is a change of heart.

The cost of a purchase will vary according to styles and models. The style will often depend on the formality of the wedding ceremony. A formal and large wedding will mean a more elaborate wedding dress. A simpler or more intimate wedding ceremony suggests a less elaborate dress.

When budget doesn't permit the purchase of a wedding dress, the rental option can perhaps allow the bride to wear a dress that is more attractive than one she might have purchased. When renting a wedding dress it is helpful to remember that current models are the most expensive. Models from last year are a little less expensive and can be just as attractive.

Before renting it is recommended one read the rental agreement, especially the part concerning responsibility should the dress be damaged. The dress should be returned the first working day after the wedding ceremony. Generally, the bride is not responsible for cleaning the dress.



Marriage Announcement

Joyfully, in the presence of God, family and friends, *Karen (nee Crozier) and Martti Koivumaki* were united in marriage on August 19, 1995 in Johnstown United Church. Guests enjoyed Canadian and Finn traditions during the reception in Iroquois. The bridal couple honeymooned in Finland to meet the groom's family and friends.

A perfect cake will help you celebrate a very special day

For an extra special wedding, every detail counts. Everything from your dress right down to the cake should be expressly for you.

So, make each decision a thoughtful decision. Find the right person or bakery to make your cake by comparing samples of their work and by tasting, too! Ask questions. Can a strawberry filling be added? Will a whipped cream frosting holdup? And, how will the finished cake be delivered?

Once you select a baker/decorator, don't settle for a carbon copy of a cake made for a previous wedding. Instead, provide ideas so that your cake is designed especially for you and your groom. Start with an ornament you love and pair it with fresh flowers keyed to your color scheme. Or, personalize your cake with a special frosting flavor.

Another beautiful way to individualize a cake is by coordinating your own cake ornaments and accessories. Giftware designed by Ellen Williams combines expert detailing with fine porcelain, laces and trims in an exquisite selection of wedding cake ornaments. Each ornament can be mixed and matched with fresh flowers, greenery or any other accessories in her designer series.

Wedding cake ornaments are available to fit any style. Choose from graceful swans floating on lace, gentle doves amidst tulle and soft roses, wedding bands with shimmering pearls, and many more. For the classic cake topper, the wedding couple, you might select a flowery base, a pearl-trimmed arch or a lattice gazebo.

In addition to the cake itself, give some extra attention to the cake service. The tablecloth should enhance the beauty of the cake, not detract. An attractive arrangement of plates, napkins and forks also will help make your cake the focal point. And, a small spray of flowers, ribbon or lace tied to a carefully-chosen cake knife and server is an elegant touch.

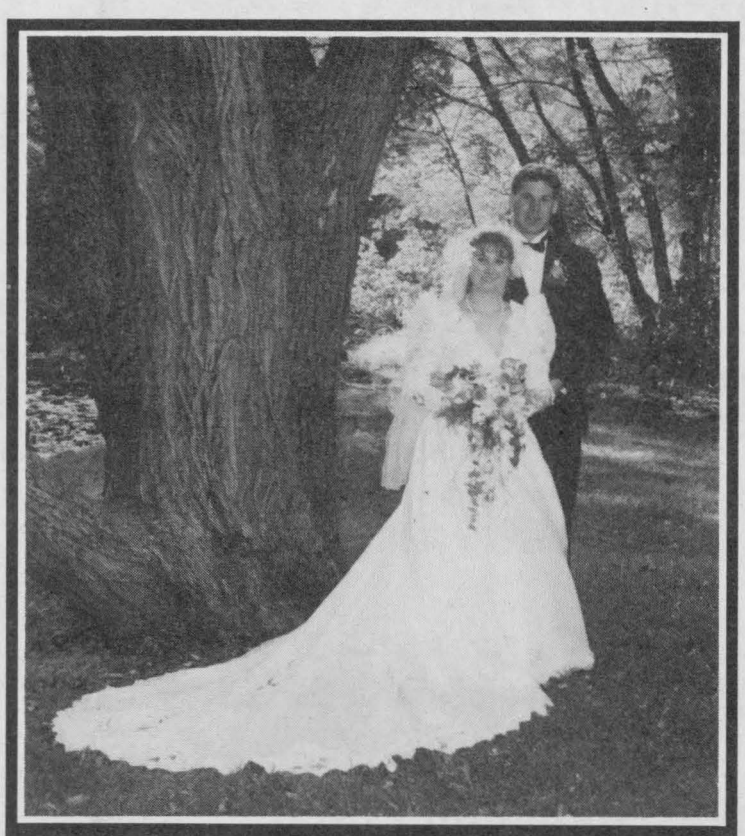


Shannon's Creations

Fresh Flowers for All Occasions

- Weddings
- Balloons
- Funeral Arrangements
- Silk & Dried Flowers

15 Dickinson Dr., Ingleside
537-8276
after hours call 543-3521



Let Us Create Memories For You!
* *Anniversaries* * *Weddings* * *Passport Photos*
* *Old Pictures Reproduced*

Sandra & Roger Johnston
Iroquois, Ont. (613)652-2235

Brides to Be.....

HOWARD JOHNSON Hotel

HWY. 2, MORRISBURG 613-543-3788

Would like to invite You to a....

Bridal Show

MARCH 6th. 6:30-9:30



Free Admission & Door Prizes

For $7.95 enjoy a Hot & Cold Buffet before the Bridal Show
Please call for Reservations
613-543-3788

Fashion Show By:
Classique Bridals
Freeman Formal Wear By: Country Boy
Background Sound Compliments By: J & S Disco

Flower Decorations By: Muriel's Flowers
Balloon Decor By: Seaway Treasures
Photography: Piet de Zeeuw: Master Photographer
Forever Yours Wedding Invitations: Chieftain Stationery

Cake Decorations & Supplies: The Cook's Corner
Beautiful Shower & Bridal Gifts: Seaway Gallery
Honeymoon Travel Information: Thom Travel
Receptions & Bridal Packages: Howard Johnson Hotel
Flowers & Gifts: The Village Green

Rentals By: Clara's Dressmaking & Tailoring
Demonstration By: Fantastic Colours: Darlene Tibben
Brinston Country Flowers By: Marlene Lewis
These are just a few names of the Professional Exhibitors to be at the Bridal Show...

Second Annual Seaway Bridal Showcase set for March

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Flourish with delight as the second annual Seaway Bridal Show provides the picture perfect evening to make your special day an anniversary to never forget.

Chieftain organizer Sharon Bolte and Seaway Valley Treasures Cathy Gilmer, have spent countless hours putting the March 6th show together and it will be better than ever!

"We had to turn about 25 people away last year," said Ms. Bolte, explaining that the lounge where the show was held could only accommodate 150 people.

Due to the fact that last year's show far exceeded organizers' expectations, this year the show will encompass the entire main floor of the Morrisburg Howard Johnson.

"We'll be using the Celtic Lounge, HoJo's Pub and the Diningroom," said Ms. Bolte.

Kim Link from Classic Bridal's and Joel Steele from the Country Boy will be taking care of the runway show and all of the flowers for the event will be provided by Muriel's Flowers of Morrisburg.

With the success of last year's show, 19 businesses have already signed on to exhibit their wares, and Bolte is expecting to have another four signed before the week is out.

"We started this last year as a way of getting all the businesses who do this type of work together under one roof," said Bolte. "It gives them a chance to show off their wares and it gives their potential clients a chance to do all of their wedding shopping in one location."

The doors will open at 6:30 on Wednesday March 6th and guests will be invited to browse through the many different exhibits before the runway show begins.

"A hot and cold buffet will also be available for those who wish to eat," added Ms. Bolte.

The music for the show will be supplied by Steven Barkley - J&S Disco, Winchester.

For more information on this year's show, or to reserve an exhibitor's booth, you can call Ms. Bolte at 652-4395 or Cathy Gilmer at 652-1825.

Anniversary gift suggestions

Before you know it, you and your spouse, along with family and friends, will begin celebrating anniversaries. Here are some ideas that will add to the sentimentality of your special day for years to come.

Year	Traditional	Contemporary
First	Paper	Clocks
Second	Cottom	China
Third	Leather	Crystal/Glass
Fourth	Fruit	Flowers/Appliances
Fifth	Wood	Silverware
Sixth	Candy/Iron	Wood
Seventh	Wool/Copper	Desk Sets
Eighth	Bronze/Pottery	Linens/Laces
Ninth	Pottery/Willow	Leather
Tenth	Tin/Aluminum	Diamond Jewellery
Twelfth	Silk/Linen	Pearls
Thirteenth	Lace	Textiles/Furs
Fourteenth	Ivory	Gold Jewellery
Fifteenth	Crystal	Watches
Twentieth	China	Platinum
Twenty-fifth	Silver	Silver
Thirtieth	Pearl	Diamond
Thirty-fifth	Coral	Jade
Fortieth	Ruby	Ruby
Forty-fifth	Sapphire	Sapphire
Fiftieth	Gold	Gold
Fifty-fifth	Emerald	Emerald
Sixtieth	Diamond	Diamond

Visit Our Display!
Stuffed Interiors
By: Chapman & D. Orr
Hwy. #43, R.R. #1, Oxford Mills, Ont. KOG 1SO (613) 258-0058
See You All At The Bridal Show!!

THE COOK'S CORNER
YOUR BULK FOOD STORE
COME SEE US FOR ALL YOUR BAKING NEEDS!
Planning a Wedding?
"CAKE TOP SPECIAL"
Orders need to be placed early. Bring in this Ad and recieve...
10% OFF your Order or Purchase on one of in-stock models.
*WEDDING CAKE TOPS & ACCESSORIES FOR WEDDING CAKES
*WEDDING & ANNIVERSARY NAPKINS *TABLECLOTHS
*18" BALLOONS *INVITATIONS *POMPONS *BELLS
and more!
EAST END PROMENADE, MORRISBURG, ONT. 543-3857

CASS BRIDGE CHEESE HOUSE

for all Your Special Occassions...
. Wide selection of Balderson Cheddars & Specialty Cheeses
. Imported Cheeses
.PARTY CHEESE TRAYS
.Assorted Crackers
.GIFT BASKETS
.Food Specialty Items
.UNIQUE GIFTS
Located On HWY #31, 10KM South of Winchester
Barbara Barkley, Proprietor
R.R. #4, WINCHESTER, ONT.
(613) 774-3353

BUTTONS & BOWS ARCH
SPIRAL ARCH
FANTASY CLOUDS
PICKET FENCES
BEEHIVES
EXPLODING BALLOONS
PEARL ARCH
BALLOON DROPS
Make Your Wedding Day Special With The Magic of Balloons
CALL US
AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
FOR A "FREE" on-site Consultation
Seaway Treasures
Iroquois Shopping Plaza
652-1825

Checklist for brides to be

WEDDING CHECKLIST

Depending where you live you may have to start thinking about your wedding more than a year in advance in order to coordinate the reception and service. If you are getting married in a large city like Toronto or Ottawa where the demand for facilities is high make sure you book well in advance to get what you want. But if you are not having a traditional Saturday wedding or you are having a very small, intimate wedding, you won't need to worry about plans until a few months before your date.

Delegate responsibilities to friends and family - they will only be too happy to help - and make sure the groom is participating in all aspects of the planning.

A YEAR IN ADVANCE

❑ Decide on the type of wedding you want: formal, semi-formal, garden, home, lakeside, afternoon, evening, morning ...
❑ Decide who pays what and sit down together to draw up a budget.
❑ Meet with clergy or justice of the peace.
❑ Book reception facility.
❑ Book caterer if needed.
❑ Start organizing a guest list.

FOUR TO SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE

❑ If you are having your dress made talk to dressmaker (this may have to be done sooner depending on demand in your area).
❑ Order wedding dress (it may take six to eight weeks for delivery and alterations).
❑ Outfit bridesmaids.
❑ Order men's tuxedos if they are renting or start coordinating suit purchases.
❑ Finalize guest list.
❑ Order invitations and thank you cards.
❑ Book D.J. or band.
❑ Book photographer.
❑ Arrange for music during ceremony.
❑ Order flowers and other decorations.
❑ Order cake.
❑ Set menu with caterer or at banquet facility.
❑ Arrange transportation to church and reception for wedding party.
❑ Arrange for liquor licence if necessary or decide on type of bar service you will have during reception.
❑ Make arrangements for honeymoon

ONE TO TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE

❑ Send out invitations.
❑ Book facility for rehearsal dinner or arrange for at home dinner.
❑ Meet with clergy to decide on format, personal vows, readings, etc...
❑ Mark off confirmations as replies are returned.
❑ Select bouquets, flowers for decoration, boutonnieres and corsages.
❑ Purchase wedding accessories for women and men.
❑ Coordinate mothers' outfits with bridal party.
❑ If friends are participating in ceremony inform them of readings and responsibilities including your master of ceremonies.
❑ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests.
❑ Confirm honeymoon plans.
❑ Book appointments for hair styling.
❑ Pick up extras like guest book, cake knife, etc...
❑ Buy going-away outfits if you are changing.

ONE WEEK BEFORE

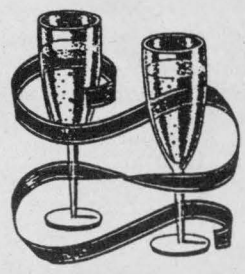
❑ Pick up marriage licence.
❑ Last minute alterations on wedding dress, bridesmaids' dresses, men's suits or tuxedos.
❑ CONFIRM all previous bookings with D.J., caterer, banquet facility, florist, transportation, ceremony site, clergy or justice of the peace, travel agent, hotel accommodations, hair stylist, photographer, etc...
❑ Make last minute changes to guest list and seating arrangements.
❑ Confirm order of events with master of ceremonies.
❑ DELEGATE responsibilities and arrange for flower pick-up, decorating, cake delivery, clean-up of hall.
❑ Arrange for payment and thank you to clergy, organist or anyone else who will be paid the day of the wedding (the best man can deal with these responsibilities).
❑ Rehearsal and party or dinner.
❑ Relax and enjoy the day.



A natural beauty

The white birch frames Wendy Shaver and Brian O'Donahue as their happiness is captured. Pictures add the crowning touch to a perfect day. The memories created last a lifetime for all to enjoy numerous times. *Photo by Johnston*

The Town Vintner
493 Main Street, Winchester 774-0724



Wine Making
Wine & Beer Supplies
Special Packages for Weddings
and Wedding Labels
Hours: Closed Mon.; Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:30;
(Thurs. night by appointment);
Sat. 9:30-2:00

Plan ahead for an enjoyable honeymoon

Best Wishes

To have an enjoyable honeymoon doesn't demand excessive effort, just good planning. It is always a good idea to consult a travel agent who will be able to advise you on questions of destination and lodging.

The travel agent will take into consideration your budget, your tastes and what you hope to find in the way of ambiance, climate and activities. He or she will recommend some alternatives. What's more, the agent can help you obtain any necessary documentation.

Conventional honeymoon destinations are those places in the sun that spring immediately to mind. Cruises are popular. There are exciting big cities to visit in North America. And of course there are many fine resorts across Canada for those who wish some peace and quiet on their honeymoon.

There are many brochures available from your travel agent, and public libraries usually offer a wealth of travel guides.

Finding that gown

A bride chooses her wedding dress with care. Often she will have the assistance of her mother, although the final decision should be the bride's.

Important criteria to consider are budget, the shape of the bride and her personal taste. The wedding dress should be just right for the bride and at the same time its cost should not exceed the budget that has been established.

To find that dress of the bride's dreams the first step should be to peruse various bridal publications to determine what styles the bride thinks are most attractive. She should then visit different retailers to try on some of these models. It is a good idea to shop around to find the right dress at the right price.

If the bride's mother is not available it is advisable for the bride to take along someone else with taste and an objective opinion before making the final decision. A wedding dress should not only please the bride, it should show her to her best advantage.

Some styles suit large women and some flatter small women, and independent advice can be helpful in this regard.

If the wedding gown is being ordered then it is important that it be ordered well in advance of the date of the wedding ceremony.



Seaway GALLERY
OF ART AND GIFTS



Wedding Plans?
Start planning
your special day with
The Bridal Collection Jewellery
by Nina Ricci and D'Orlan
Custom Framing of
Your Wedding Pictures

. Bridal Party Gifts
. Glassware for your wedding party
. The finest wedding invitations
. Social stationery
. Bridal accessories
. Personalized napkins
. Thank you notes
. Personalized giftware
. Envelope seals
. and much, much more...

No Tax Every Day
The Price You See
Is The Price You Pay

East End Promenade
Morrisburg, Ontario 613-543-3930

Giving a wedding shower? Make it a fun time for all!

Planning a wedding shower? There are plenty of ways to make this event easy and fun—for the bride, the guests and for you!

One way is to give the shower a theme. This will guide guests in a nice way toward gifts the bride and groom will really appreciate.

According to *Bride's* magazine, it's perfectly acceptable to mention on the shower invitation stores where the bride is registered.

Bride's also reports many department store bridal registries now list the housewares department so this allows an even wider choice in gift buying.

If the bride is not registered, she'll thank you for listing her favorite bath or decorating colors on the invitation.

For a kitchen gadget shower you might headline your invitation, "Cook's Delight," or for a bath theme, "Decorate the Bath!" Carry the theme through . . . gift bars of soap could be game prizes at a bath shower.

And, for wedding gift ideas, a new line called Rubbermaid II offers pretty bath items in gift boxes.

Consider the couple's taste

You could also plan the shower around the decorating tastes of the bride and groom. The invitation could read . . . "A Country Shower . . . Janet and Dave are lovers of old-fashioned treasures and homespun natural goods, so think 'country' for this shower!" Cards with a calico print or artwork of pottery and baskets would help convey the idea.

Don't forget important details . . . enough seating (arranged for sociable conversation), fresh flowers or other decorations and soft music in the background.

You may need someone to help you welcome guests and introduce people to each other, plus help in serving refreshments and someone to note gifts and giver as packages are opened (have pen and paper on hand).

Prior to the shower, cover the basics with those helping you so minimum direction will be required while guests are present.

Games? More than one person has groaned at the thought, but they can help break the ice for guests just meeting one another.

Amusing anecdotes

Here's a suggestion. Have two sets of matching numbers prepared. Each arriving guest receives a number while the duplicate is attached to their gift.

As the bride opens each gift she calls out the number and the guest with that number must relate some funny incident, perhaps from marriage, a first date or a situation of their choice.

You can tie this idea into a kitchen or bath shower theme by having guests relate their craziest experiences in a kitchen or a bathroom.

Guests can vote on the winning story, and to collect the prize the winner must sing a stanza from a favorite "in-the-shower" tune for a bath shower, or perhaps make up an "ode to a vegetable" for a kitchen shower. (If the winner was voted the funniest story teller, there will probably be little trouble with this assignment!)

Have a good time

Above all, plan the shower to provide a happy event for your guest of honor, and do simplify gift buying for your guests with a little direction.

Finally, allow yourself time to join in the festivities. Planning ahead with a fun shower theme will help assure you and your guests of the best time possible.



Here comes the bride

Martha Link-Horvath wore this beautiful wedding gown at last week's Winchester bridal show. There are many beautiful gowns to choose from, to make your wedding day a dream.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Sleeve choices

The choice of sleeves for wedding dresses is particularly varied.

Traditional sleeve styles are still available, but there are a number of other interesting options to consider when it comes to choosing a wedding dress.

Sleeves can be long or short, full or narrow. They can be covered with a variety of ornaments. Among this year's models of wedding dresses there are as many short sleeves as there are long. Many are ample and full shouldered.

Ample sleeves have a refined look. Wide shoulders and caped sleeves suggest a dynamic flair. Pleated sleeves draw admiring glances.

Certain short-sleeved models can be puffed up in a sumptuous draped fashion.



Destination: Romance



We offer special honeymoon packages and discounts, whether your idea of romance is a remote bed & breakfast or a lavish week in the Caribbean. Come see how we can ease your way, both before and during your honeymoon.

Call our agents today for a consultation about the honeymoon of your dreams.

"Strictly Confidential"

WINCHESTER TOURS AND TRAVEL AGENCY LTD.
774-2424
445-2017

479 Main Street Winchester
ONT. REG. #1572996



"The best thing you can do for our business is leave town."

GEM

Prescott Jewellers



Classic Engagement Rings with matching Wedding Band

"His and Hers" Matching Gold Bands
plain, designed styles or adorned with diamonds



A Member of the Canadian Jewellery Group FREE LAYAWAYS

Large Selection of Gifts for the attendants

Prescott Jewellers
278 King St. W., Prescott 925-5489



Let us create the right look for You!

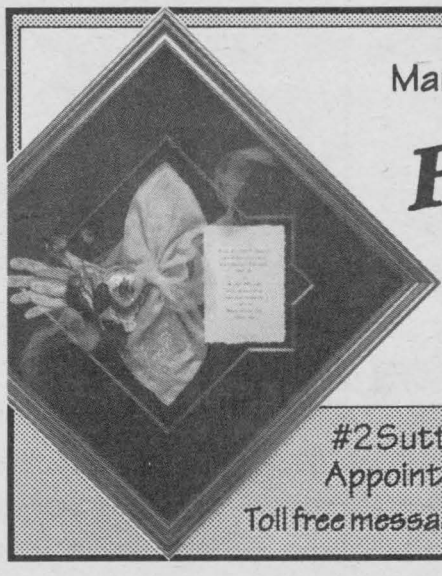
Custom Bridal Arrangements, Decorating & Rentals... Fresh or Artificial.

Call today and plan your Wedding.

Free Consultation

Brinston County Flowers
by: Marlene Lewis

4178 BRINSTON Rd.
Brinston, Ont.
(613) 652-4978



Marc Cardinal's
FRAMETASTIC
Custom Picture Framing

Looking forward to seeing you at the Morrisburg Bridal Show. Let us show you how to Preserve and Display your Wedding Keepsakes.

#2 Sutton Dr., Johnstown, Ontario
Appointment only - (613) 925-1273
Toll free message service - 1-800-527-7892

MEMBER OF PPFA
Serving the art and framing industry

Helpful hints for alleviating pre-wedding stress

As anyone who has been married can tell you, the months leading up to a wedding can be a time of stress as well as happiness. There's just so much to think about and do!

You need to find ceremony and reception sites, to choose just the right clothes, to make sometimes touchy decisions about who will be in your wedding, to furnish a complete home for your life after the wedding - having the inevitable doubts about getting married in the first place.

While wedding jitters are about as common as weddings, there are ways to make sure the anxiety doesn't get out of hand. BRIDE'S MAGAZINE has these commonsense suggestions:

*Don't be afraid to admit you're upset. Tell your partner what's bothering you, whether it's a serious question about your relationship or a relatively trivial worry that you'll go blank when it comes time to say your vows.

If you try to keep the stressful feelings to yourself, you'll only transfer them to something else, such as getting overly irritated at a late train, or a run in your stockings.

Take positive action whenever possible: Sign up for a pre-marital workshop. Practise reciting your vows in front of a willing friend.

*Share the wedding responsibilities. If you're the bride, don't assume you have to do everything yourself. This idea is old-fashioned as well as exhausting.

*Keep a calendar of everything you have to do. This kind of master plan gives you the secure feeling that you're not forgetting something crucial.

Also gather any business cards, fabric swatches or magazine clippings you accumulate all together in one place - either a wedding planner made for this purpose or a simple manila envelope. Organization has the magical effect of reducing anxiety to a manageable level.

*Having a system for each task. Say you're doing your invitations. First, see if the task can be broken down into steps. (You have to address the envelopes, stuff them, seal them, and stamp them.) Then, decide how you'll tackle each step: How long it should take and who will do it.

Next, set a completion date (invitations should be mailed six weeks before the wedding). Finally, take action by setting a time and a place to begin.

*Pace yourself - don't plan to scout for reception sites the same day you have a report due at work. You'll make it through those pre-wedding months if you promise yourself you won't tackle more than one major job a day.

*Guard your health. Don't let a hectic schedule keep you from eating right, or often enough. You'll feel even more jittery from the weakness that results from a drop in blood sugar.



Happiness personified

The happy couple will remember this day throughout their lifetime.

Photo by Piet de Zeeuw

How to create your own unique wedding ceremony

To turn your wedding ceremony into an occasion that says "you," Bride's magazine offers some memorable ideas for personalizing your special day.

As the guests arrive, set the mood with a unique musical prelude of popular songs or classics that you both have chosen.

Greet your groom at the altar with a boutonnière from your own bouquet. (Your florist can wire it in specially.) Slip the boutonnière into your groom's lapel after your father has escorted you to your place.

Also, before the saying of your vows, have the people close to you perform readings.

Brothers, sisters, or attendants might speak on aspects of marriage which they feel are important—friends and family, for instance—or offer Bible passages.

Traditional vows are beautiful. However, words you've written yourselves may hold special meaning.

Get inspiration on what to say to one another from poems or love songs, or see your minister, priest, or rabbi—he or she is often the best source of ideas.

After you have become husband and wife, spend a few minutes alone together, either in a quiet corner of the church or in the car on the way to the reception.

You'll want a peaceful moment to reflect on your new married life before all your guests surround you with their good wishes.

Take your family skiing this winter

Year Round Promotion
15% OFF S.R.P. Wedding Invitations
10% OFF S.R.P. Wedding Accessories & Gifts
10% OFF Postage for Invitations & Thank You's
1996 Invitation Books available for take home viewing
Stop in for details for the Welcome Wagon Bridal Showcase, Brockville Country Club, February 26/96
The Gift Lane
210 King St. W.,Prescott 925-4991

THE RAINBOW COMPANY "A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE"
498 Main Street, Winchester 774-2783
Decorating Supplies
• Many colors • Competitive prices • Special orders (4 weeks' notice)
- Balloons
- Thank You Notes
- 81' Crepe Streamers
- 10" & 12" Dripless Candles
- 5", 9", 12", 15", 26" Bells
- Table Favors
- U-fluff Pompoms
- Guest Books
- Bride's Knife & Server
- Wedding Invitations
- Plume Pens
- Wedding Planner
- Tulle
- Napkins
- Confetti
- Wilton Cake Supplies
- Dinner Mints
- Just Married Chocolates
- Tablecloths
- Doilies
- Curling Ribbon
- 7" Paper Plates
- Floating Candles and Flutes

Rentals: Helium Tanks; Pouffe Machine; Heart Frame; Coffee Pot; Cake Pans; Wine Glasses; Hand-Blown Flutes; Garden Cake Stand

Muriel's Flowers
SINCE 1957
478 Caleb St., Winchester 774-2201
#3 5th St. E., Morrisburg 543-4100
Beautiful fresh flower bouquets
Elegant artificial flower bouquets
Fresh & artificial packages
Archway, candelabra sets, punch fountain plus many more rental options
Consultations By Appointment Only



A gracious country setting for wedding ceremonies, receptions and special events
- Catering from 30 to 210 guests
- Outdoor and indoor ceremony sites
- Scenic country gardens for photographs
- Overnight accommodation
- Licensed by the L.L.B.O.

For info call: 489-2409
Strathmere
Strathmere is located 10 minutes south of Manotick on Hwy. 73 (formerly Old Hwy. 16)
FREE Strathmere's own Mini Bridal Show is 1-4 pm, Sunday, March 3

Chris Slater HOUSE of FLOWERS
Chris and Christine Slater
Corner of Edward and Dibble Prescott, Ont.
>> ..... <<
Evening appointments available
(613) 925-4441



Every Wedding is a Special Occasion...
Brides and bridesmaids bouquets, corsages and reception arrangements in fresh or artifical, all designed to create the perfect compliment on your Special Day.
Call today to plan the Wedding of your Dreams!

Wedding invitations must respect rules of etiquette

Wedding invitations are sent by the parents of the bride, or parent, if one is deceased. Otherwise, it is the closest member of the bride's family who should send out the invitations.

Invitations, announcements and enclosure cards can generally be ordered through jewellers, engravers, bridal consultants, printers, gift shops, department stores or specialty shops.

Engraved invitations should be ordered at least two months before the date of the wedding. Printed invitations may be ordered six to seven weeks before the ceremony, although it is wise to mail wedding invitations no later that six weeks before the date of the wedding.

It is a good idea to order a few more wedding invitations than the number of guests on the guest list as mistakes in addressing can be made. Wedding etiquette dictates that only an engraved invitation or announcement is correct for a formal wedding or for any wedding held in a church.

Conventional invitations are folded with the invitation text on the front page. With so-called contemporary invitations the text goes on the interior with a motif or thought on the front page.

Nearly all invitations are white or creamy white in color and a high quality paper is generally recommended. It is customary to write on an interior envelope in black or dark blue ink the names of the couple invited without their given names or address. Each adult member of the same family should receive his or her own invitation.

The words 'honor of your presence' are used on all church ceremony invitations, while the expression 'pleasure of your company' is used on invitations when the wedding ceremony is taking place somewhere else than a church.

R.S.V.P. means "reply, if you please." An invitation to a church ceremony requires no R.S.V.P., although invitations to a church ceremony with a reception or to a reception alone do add R.S.V.P.

Many wedding customs originated in Victorian era

For the bride and groom, their families and friends. their "big day" is one of celebration and joy. Whether the guest list is large or small, the event is sure to be remembered fondly by all participants and observers.

Whether the bride walks down the aisle in an elaborate, long-trained gown or in more simple garb, it is certain that much deliberation has gone into deciding on the style for this special occasion. Today's couples choose to incorporate whatever elements of tradition they find meaningful.

Many of the customs associated with weddings came to the fore during the Victorian period. The tradition of the honeymoons was established, and it was during this time that wedding attendants were first identified as "maid of honor" and "best man."

At royal and society weddings, six or eight bridesmaids were necessary to help carry the elaborate train of the bride's dress. Even at less flamboyant weddings, the weight of the bride's clothes necessitated at least one attendant to help manoeuvre her gown, and of course she needed assistance with the pre-wedding dressing in order to accomplish the drastic corseting that was in vogue during the Victorian and Edwardian periods.

Then, as now, the maid of honor would help the bride with assembling the trousseau and planning the details of the wedding.

Bridesmaids are no longer needed to aid in the uncomfortable donning of the corset, and in most cases the bride's train trails gracefully behind her as she walks down the aisle.

Rather than serving as ladies in waiting, today's bridal attendants are chosen by the bride as special friends whom she wants to have standing with her on her momentous day.

The enormous floral arrangements which sometimes threatened to dwarf the Victorian bride have given way to smaller, more refined bouquets, with the bride usually carrying an arrangement of her favourite flowers.

While elements of Victorian wedding customs are still present in modern ceremonies, they have changed and been adapted over the course of the years. No longer is the phrase "love, honor and obey" automatically uttered by every bride.

Men are also becoming much more involved in making the wedding plans.

Gone are the days when the bride and her family automatically took charge of all the arrangements and decisions. From helping to choose a china pattern to picking the wedding site, the groom can now be involved in all aspects of the pre-wedding planning.

No matter what the setting chosen by the bride and groom, the freedom to design a wedding day that fulfills their ideas of a dream come true will result in a happy and memorable day.

Colour choices

Today's groom and his best man and ushers can be a little more daring in their choice of colors. Although black remains the most sought after wedding color, there are more and more bolder color styles that are available.

Dark green is one of the better examples of this trend. In appearance it is neutral, refined and innovative. There are a number of green or azure accessories that match a dark green tuxedo and pants.



Limousine service

If you're looking for a way to arrive at your wedding in style, a limousine ride might be the option for you. James Byers and Sylvia Bouchard were at last week's Winchester bridal show, advertising the new limousine service. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*



Come to the Bridal Show
Demonstration..6:30pm
til 8:00pm
Fantastic Colours
by: Darlene Tibben
Certified Makeup & Colour Analysis Consultant
15 Davis Drive
Iroquois, Ont., Res: 613-652-2670



Preserve your memories of that special day on video



Videographer
Leslie Barkley
448-1048

Portraits and Weddings by....
Piet de Zeeuw Photography



11359 Dr. Stevens Drive, Iroquois, Ontario
Call: 613-652-1241
Monday, Tuesday and Evenings

Brockville location:
613-345-LOVE (5683)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 to 6:00

A Piece of Cake
Virginia Leigh Originals
Cakes for All Occasions • Crafts
Chesterville, Ontario K0C 1H0
(613) 448-3591



Special moments

These fashions by Bridals by Al-Mor were modelled at the first-ever Bridal Preview fashion show on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Operating Engineers Institute outside of Morrisburg.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Many women keep their surname

More and more women are opting to keep their names after they get married.

Initially, women who had established themselves in a career decided to keep their surname rather than change it to their husband's in order to avoid confusion in the workplace.

But now it seems more women are keeping their surname simply because it is the name they were given at birth and it is an integral part of their identity.

The decision for a woman to keep her surname is not always an easy one, and it may raise a few eyebrows or even cause some conflict.

Ultimately, the decision is the woman's but she will need full support from her husband-to-be.

When the subject is first brought up men may react negatively to the idea. The tradition is engrained in our culture and has become the norm, so when a woman goes against the tradition the man may take it personally.

When a woman tells her partner that she would like to keep her name he may immediately become defensive and ask, "What's the matter, is my name and family not good enough for you?"

Assure your partner that the decision to keep the name you were born with is not a rejection of him or his family. It simply means that you don't want to give up an integral part of yourself.

If your partner is still having some trouble with the idea, ask him to put himself in your position. How would he feel if he was asked to give up his name and accept yours?

Another barrier you may have to overcome is the opinion of your family and your future in-laws, but once you and your partner are comfortable with the decision it will be much easier to deal with family concerns as a team.

Of course using both names is also an option but many women find the names may not work well together or it simply becomes inconvenient.

Some couples have even taken each other's surnames and both the man and the woman share the same two last names.

It is best to talk about your decision to keep your own name well before the wedding.

Another issue that will have to be discussed is the name your children will take.

Will you hyphenate their names so they have both yours and his? Or will you simply include your surname on their birth certificate but use only your husband's name? You could even follow matriarchal lines instead of the traditional patriarchal family lines, but society may not be quite ready for that one.

Many women who do keep their name will simply use their husband's surname for their children to avoid confusion.

Whatever your final decision, make sure you and your husband-to-be are comfortable with it because it will affect the rest of your life together.

See Us Today For All Your
DECORATING NEEDS!
STREAMERS - BALLOONS - CREPE PAPER - CANDLES
BRISTOL BOARD - NAPKINS - PLATES, and much more..
THE CHIEFTAIN STATIONERY & GIFT SHOP
Iroquois Shopping Plaza 652-4395 or 652-4576

HALL RENTALS &
FULL CATERING AVAILABLE
For all your Special Occasions
IROQUOIS LEGION BRANCH 370
*Ground Floor *Climate Control
*Full Handicapped Facilities
*Kitchen *Bar *Lounge
*Capacity of 220 Persons
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
(613) 652-4516

Plan wedding six months in advance

The wedding that is carefully planned is one that comes off beautifully. Wedding plans should be laid starting at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

The first thing to decide is the type of wedding desired. It can be simple or elaborate. The reception can be held inside or outside. There is always the option of being married on a boat or some other extraordinary site that suits the temperaments of the bride and groom.

The next step is to determine the budget available for the wedding and to allocate resources as equitably as possible. There is also the list of guests, which will have an impact on the budget.

There will be meetings to organize with the church minister or civil official, as well as with various suppliers and professionals.

Think of the florist, musicians, limousine service, caterer, hotel or restaurant, the photographer and video producer.

You will have to choose the bride's wedding dress and the outfit for the groom. There are rings, invitations and members of the wedding party to consider, as well as the attendants' outfits.

If the bride and groom wish, there is a list of potential wedding gifts to be drawn up. Thought should be given to the lodging of out-of-town guests. Arranging honeymoon plans is something that should not be overlooked.

There are gifts for the wedding party and thank you notes to think about. And a visit to the hairdresser and beautician should not be forgotten.


Getting Married Soon?
For that special day -
That special look
TOTAL HAIR CARE
FOR THE ENTIRE
BRIDAL PARTY!
CLASSIC CUTS
Unisex Hairstyling
Hair designers:
Kathy Morrell - Trudy Steward - Nancy Hopkins
Leisa Beckstead - Lisa McNairn
"Let us bring out the best in you"
East End Promenade, Morrisburg
543-2330

FREEMAN
FORMAL WEAR

SUITS - TUXEDOS
and ACCESSORIES
FOR ALL
SPECIAL EVENTS
Complete Rental Service
Now Available
FREEMAN FORMALWEAR DOING IT RIGHT
Biba
CASSELMAN SHOE STORE
MORRISBURG
543-2556
Master Card
VISA

Mothers deserve the best

At the head of the reception line or as a hostess the mother of the bride wants to appear to her best advantage. Although her choice of dress color is hers alone to make, she will want to consider colors used by members of the wedding party.

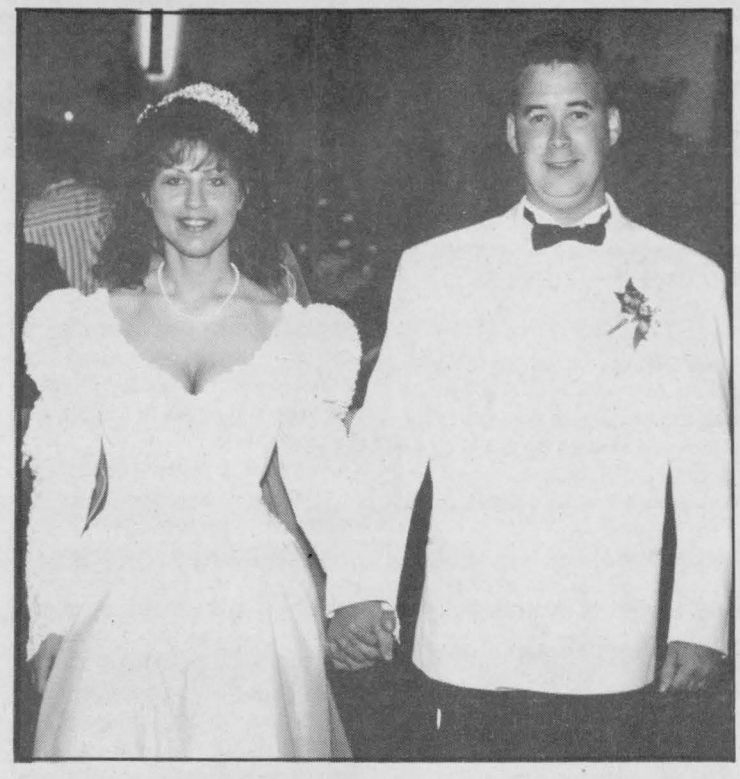
The mother of the groom has a second constraint: she has to choose her dress color second. She should wear a color that is different than the bride's mother.

These days there is a vast range of wedding outfits for mothers to choose from. Accessories are often chosen for qualities that are both practical and fetching. Mothers frequently opt for a dress that comes with a jacket.

It is understood that the mothers of the bride and groom will wear the same type of headwear. It's the bride's mother who decides on the style to be chosen.

Hats, of course, are one type of headwear. Headdresses have the advantage of suiting all sizes and shapes of heads and hair styles. Headwear color generally matches that of the dress or outfit worn by the mother.

Often a bride's mother will go to the hairdresser with her daughter. The groom's mother will also be well advised to choose a hairdo and make-up that will flatter her to her best advantage during the wedding. For both, it's wise to consult a hairdresser and a beautician well enough in advance of the wedding so that there will be no unfortunate surprises.



Beginning together

Hand-in-hand couples begin their lives together as man and wife.

Photo by Piet de Zeeuw

An affair of the heart

A wedding is not only an affair of the heart. There are a great many steps to be taken in arranging a wedding, and they need to be taken in a way that will preclude any last-minute uncertainties.

It is important to request a written confirmation or a contract stipulating arrangements made with any supplier. One should note the type of service being supplied, the specific costs attached and payment terms. Where necessary, the number of employees needed for a certain function should be specified, as well as any terms regarding overtime work. Details such as time of delivery, modification or cancellation of services should be put in writing.

To avoid any possible confusion, reconfirm all details with suppliers and professionals at least 48 hours before the wedding.

Ensure confirmation of arrangements, timing and place of delivery. For example, it is critical that details of timing be worked out in advance with the photographer who has been booked for the wedding. Do not hesitate to leave a name and telephone number with suppliers and professionals so they can make contact if necessary.

If a home reception is being planned, consider using a rental store to supply some of the items necessary to take care of the guests at the reception. A catering service is often a solution for a home reception or a reception taking place in a hall where the serving facilities are inadequate. If a catering service is used make sure that the caterer is engaged before reception invitations are ordered.

Many department stores and specialty shops have bridal consultants to assist couples and their families. In larger communities there are wedding co-ordinators who will make arrangements for every detail of a wedding or reception. They usually charge a percentage of the total cost. Some charge a flat fee and others charge by the hour. A bride living some distance from her family might find this type of service useful.

More colors available

Today's groom and his best man and ushers can be a little more daring in their choice of colors. Although black remains the most sought after wedding color, there are more and more bolder color styles that are available.

Dark green is one of the better examples of this trend. In appearance it is neutral, refined and innovative. There are a number of green and azure accessories that match a dark green tuxedo and pants.

Tartan plaids are being introduced in some accessory combinations. Aqua marine, gray and white are other colors enjoying some popularity.

Chocolate treats for a special wedding

It's little details that make great weddings. Chocolates, always associated with love, are indispensable wedding items.

Presented different ways, chocolates can fill several needs at the wedding reception or can be used as gifts, even at the most sophisticated weddings.

One or two pieces of chocolate can be presented to guests in a decorative box. The box can be white with an engraved heart or it can be silver, in a traditional shape. Very romantic, these boxes can be personalized with the names of the bride and groom and the date of their wedding.

The following chocolate selection has both an exquisite~ taste and a refined look: a white chocolate heart with Cointreau-flavored filling, a heart of dark chocolate with Grand Marnier-flavored filling and a white chocolate bell filled with a hazelnut cream.

You could also choose almond bark made with fresh almonds surrounded by milk chocolate, dark chocolate or a pastel-colored chocolate.

DISCO Power Pak

Music • Sound • Lighting is our business

Book your reception with us!

Call Jeff 535-1044

448-2205



CLARA'S

DRESSMAKING & TAILORING

493 Main Street East

Winchester

774-3252

See You All at the Bridal Show!



RENTALS

Skirting

Tablecloths

Serviettes

Wine Glasses

Wishing Well

Punch Bowl Set

Ring Bearer's Pillow

Clara B. Edwardson

Getting Ready For a Wedding? *We can help you!*

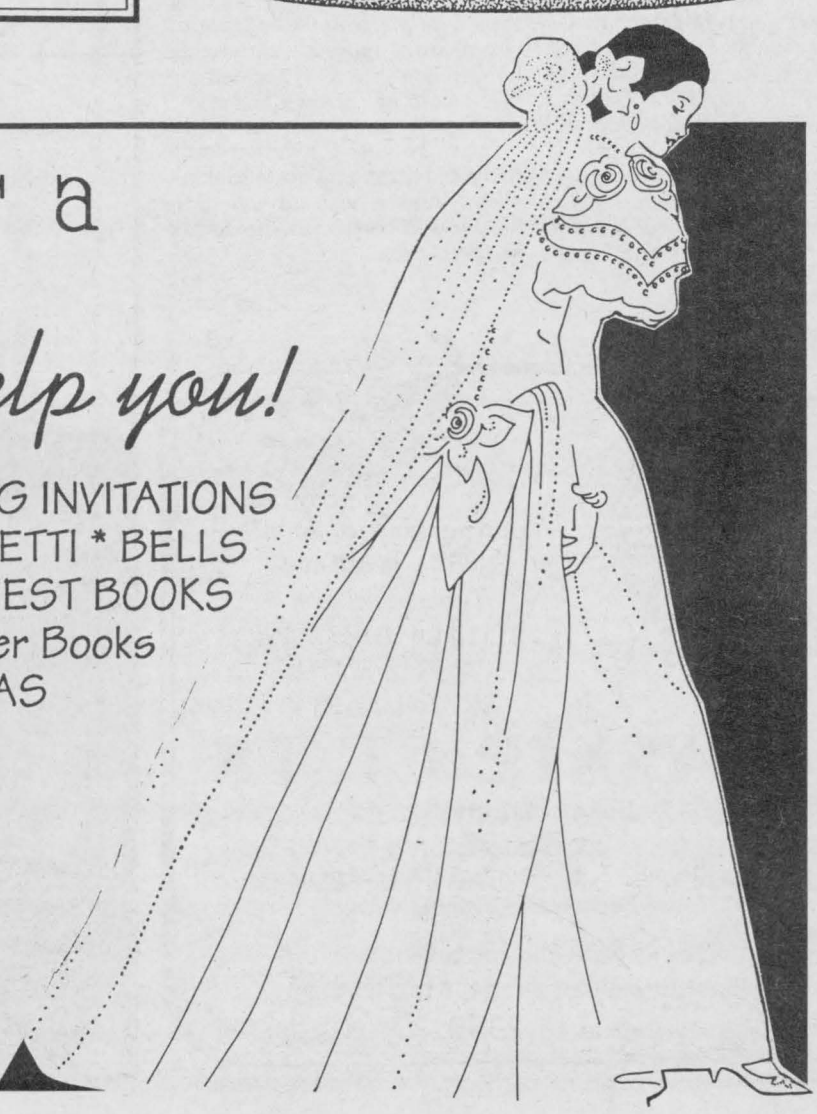
* POLY POMS * STREAMERS * WEDDING INVITATIONS
* NAPKINS * BRIDE & GROOMS * CONFETTI * BELLS
* BRIDAL SHOWER DECORATIONS * GUEST BOOKS
* Forever Yours Wedding Invitations Order Books
* FEATHER PENS * WEDDING GIFT IDEAS
* AND MORE.....

CHIEFTAIN

Stationery & Gift Shop

Just off the Plaza Square

IROQUOIS, ONT. 652-4395



Be sure to get invitations out on time

Once the wedding date has been set, one of the first things to be considered is who to invite to share in this special day. You may want to establish a budget or set a limit to the number of guests invited.

Deciding who to invite should be a combined effort by both the bride and groom's families. A list should be made of all relatives and friends to be included and then added to or pared down as necessary. It may not be possible to have an even division of guests between families if the bride has many relatives and the groom only a few.

Be sure that the guest list includes complete addresses and correct spelling.

Now that you know who to invite and have made arrangements where the wedding celebrations will take place, you are ready to place an order with the printers for the invitation.

There are many styles of wedding stationery, and it should reflect the style of your wedding. If it is to be a formal affair then the invitation should be formal but if you are planning an outdoor wedding the invitation can be more whimsical.

Besides the invitation, you should consider purchasing thank you note paper, wedding announcements, and enclosure cards that you may wish to include, in the same style.

There is a wide selection of phrases to choose from for the wedding invitation but it is important to keep the wording simple and concise. It is also a good idea to request a proof to double check spellings and times before your invitations are printed.

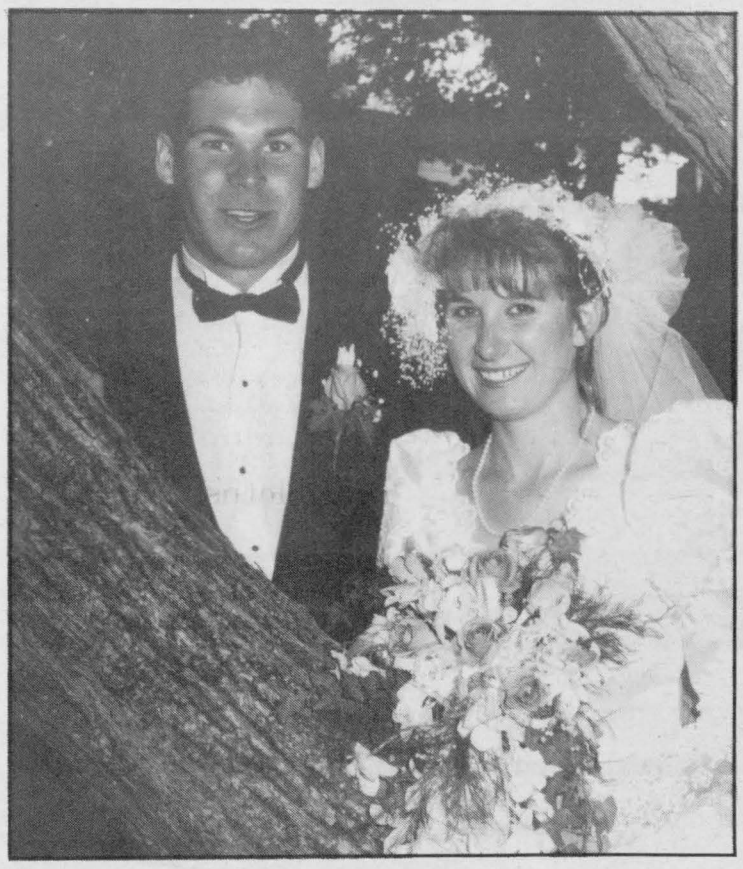
The special enclosure cards can be used to inform guests of your new address; indicate special seating arrangements at the ceremony site; response cards; rain date cards; maps or directions for guests who may be unfamiliar to the area.

It is important to get your invitations out in time. Allow six to eight weeks prior to the wedding date.

Addresses should be handwritten. If the guest list is long, you may ask your attendants to help you.

Keep track of the replies as they come in. It is also a good idea to record beside the guests' names gifts received and date thank you card was sent out.

If you have not received a reply from guests by two weeks before the wedding, a member of the family should call and tactfully enquire if they will be attending. When all guests are accounted for, you can then inform the caterer of the total number.



Picture perfect

Utilizing natural frames like tree trunks can create a picture focused on the bride and groom. Too much clutter in a wedding photo detracts from the importance of the featured couple.

Photo by Johnston

Etiquette for the groom to follow may prove helpful

The groom can choose how he wants to enter the church. The conventional way is for him to walk in with the pastor and best man and take his place at the altar where he waits for his bride. However, he may decide to join the processional, escorted by his parents; or he may escort his bride, or meet her halfway up the aisle. He may also choose to escort the mother of the bride up the aisle prior to the processional music.

When the groom chooses his best man, he should keep in mind that the best man must shoulder a lot of responsibility and choose someone that he can depend on.

During the ceremony, the groom stands on the bride's right but for the receiving line and head table, he is on her left.

After the MC has proposed a toast to the bride and groom, the groom thanks the MC and then toasts his bride.

When it is time to cut the cake, the groom holds the knife and his bride places her hand on top of his.



If a dance follows the reception, the groom should dance with his bride first, then his mother-in-law, followed by his own mother. After that he should dance with the maid-of honour. His best man should dance with the bride and his ushers with the bridesmaids.

Grooms of the 90's no longer remove the bride's garter with their teeth. The bride should hand him her garter or drop the rite altogether.

PIER 31 GIFTS

Pier 31 Gifts

"Unique Gift Ideas"

START YOUR WEDDING off right with our
BRIDE NOTE BOOK
(Step by step organizer)
For Planning Your Wedding

*****Also Balloon Arrangements!*****



AUTHORIZED FULL SERVICE POSTAL OUTLET

Just some of our Unique Gift Ideas

MORRISBURG PLAZA
Morrisburg, Ont. Bus./Fax: 613-543-4389

Let us help make your Special Day memorable for everyone!



HOWARD JOHNSON **Hotel**

HWY. 2, MORRISBURG 543-3788

- *Receptions for up to 100 people.*
- *Buffet or Sit down service.*
- *Special group rate for guest rooms*
- *Bridal packages.....* *from* **$165.00**

- Jacuzzi Suite
- Complimentary Bottle of *.....Sparkling Wine.....*
- Complimentary Breakfast*

Looking forward to seeing you ALL at the BRIDAL SHOW MARCH 6TH!

We'll be happy to assist you in organizing Your Special Day.

J & S DISCO

Best of Top 40, 50's & 60's and Country

Ask about our Stag & Reception Package - PLUS Anniversaries, Birthdays, ALL OCCASIONS!

John or Steve
Winchester, Ont.
774-3563

5 Reasons to rent your tuxedo from the Country Boy this year



FREEMAN FORMALWEAR



THE COUNTRY SOLE

Main Street East
Winchester
774-3341

1. Only Permanent **Freeman** Formal Wear Showroom in Eastern Ontario. *(see what you're actually renting)*
2. **Freeman** offers more selection and depth of stock than any other company in Canada.
3. We guarantee your tuxedo ready 2 full days before the wearing date.
   (no wondering where your tuxedo is on Saturday morning)
4. Dan or Joel are always there to ensure your measurements are perfect.
5. ***Open Thursday nights starting April 1st for your Tuxedo fittings!***

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 9 to 5:30
Friday 9 to 9, Saturday 9 to 5
Closed Thursday nights
till April 4th, 1996

Come visit our Freeman Showroom
Let our professional staff and Freeman Formal Wear
assist you in making that Perfect Choice in 1996





All Bridesmaid, Mother of the Bride and Prom Dresses.

THE Country Girl
494 Main St. Winchester **774-3341**

WE PAY THE TAXES!!

1996

The Country Girl Bridesmaid Collection

• ***New Styles and New Colours in the Finest of Fabrics!*** •



WE GUARANTEE

- sophisticated gowns from size 3 - 21
- dependable and outstanding personal service!
- competitive prices
- a seamstress on the premises, free alterations!
- ***Dresses from $122.00***

THE Country Girl
494 Main St. Winchester **774-3341**

We carry the Nu-Mode Dress Company
"Known Canada wide for their style,
quality, value and fit!"

FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS
for the Bride & Groom or Out of Town Guests
The Country Nest
494 Main Street, Winchester
2 Bedroom Suites or Single Room Accommodation
Cable Remote Control Television • Queen Size Bed
Mini Refrigerator • Free Coffee
Nightly Rates - Large Room ($65) 2 Bedroom Suite ($90)
Reservations 774-3341 or 774-3007



**** View the Newest of Fashions at the Morrisburg Bridal Show ****