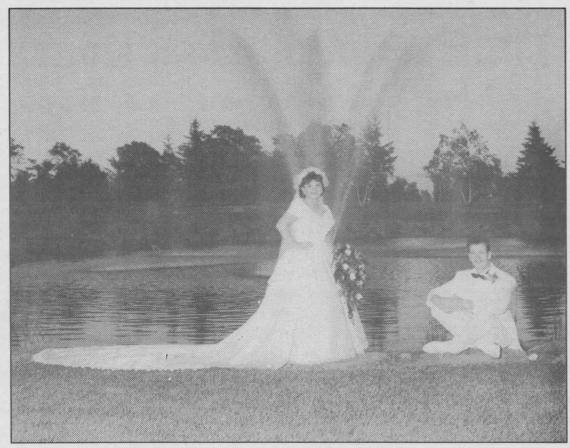


# Spring Midal



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### Picture perfect

It has to be one of the most special days of your life and catching the moment on film can bring back those perfect memories for a lifetime. Wayne LaPrade of LaPrade Photography in Chesterville captured the beauty of this setting at Upper Canada Village. You can reach Mr. La-Photo by W. LaPrade. Prade be calling (613) 448-2852.

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# Down the aisle in personal style

Last year, women spent more than \$1.8 billion on bridal samples of work, for client refergowns. With the ever-rising cost of planning a wedding, many brides find it extremely difficult purchasing a wedding gown.

One way to take control of the situation without having to make any creative sacrifices is to hire a dressmaker.

bride's dream dress using materi- is just as important as the quality als that stay within the bride's of the work. Can he or she en-

necessary sewing skills and ect. bride's fantasy dress, allowing her to concentrate on other aspects of the wedding.

bride's ideas with the perfect will do all of the above, although fabric and silhouette, guaranteeing there may be an additional fee her the fit, colour and fabric that for the shopping service. show desires.

Before hiring a dressmaker, you should determine what style of gown best flatters you shape. To do this, try on several different styles of dresses at a bridal retail store. This also will give you a better idea as to what the different fabrics look like and how they drape on your body.

The Sewing Fashion Council offers the following tips:

- with him or her. Ask to see you.

ences and phone numbers.

- Ask the dressmaker if he or to stay within their budgets, she has experience in sewing especially when it comes to wedding gowns Wedding gowns wedding gowns. Wedding gowns use special fabrics in special
- Ask yourself if this is some-Unlike buying at retail, a one you can communicate with. dressmaker is able to sew the Your rapport with the dressmaker udget.

  A dressmaker also has the lot of time together on this proj-
- Ask if the dressmaker will suggest patterns and fabric. Will Additionally, a skilled seamstr- he or she shop with you for the ess will be able to combine the materials? A good dressmaker
  - \* Choosing a dressmaker strictly by price is a mistake. A fine dressmaker is a skilled professional and price reflects experience, design and sewing skills, a sophisticated fashion sense and an enormous investment of time.
- Make sure that the price estimate is based upon the pattern and fabric you've selected and \* Make sure that the dressmaker is recommended by several reliable sources, such as a fine number of fittings needed and the fabric store, tailor, dry cleaner difficulty of the dress. Remember and best of all, a satisfied even though you are hiring a dressmaker to sew your dream gown, you are still the designer. And your reward for hiring a Before hiring a dressmaker, dressmaker? The dress of your make an appointment to meet dreams created especially for











### Before the wedding

Pictured above, (1-r) Tara Gurnhill, Julie Bylsma and Julie Gurnhill posed for this photograph just before Tara's wedding. The picture was taken by Michael Bailey of Morrisburg.

Photo by M.C. Bailey.



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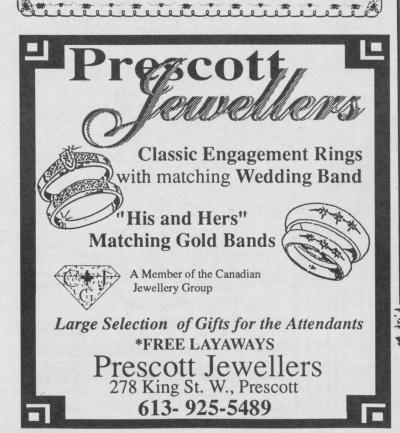
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# Third annual bridal show will be held February 27th

by Michael Bailey Chieftain Staff Reporter

It's a magic day that will live in the memories of everyone who attends for at least a lifetime.

Any wedding is special, but yours should be extra special with all of the right touches to make it the best day of your life.

With all of the running around, the florists, photographers, stationery stores, etc. it can be an extremely trying time as well.

However, with the third annual Seaway Bridal Show at your disposal, you can do all of your planning in one location, in one

Flourish with delight as the Seaway Bridal Show provides the picture perfect evening to make your special day an anniversary

to never forget. Chieftain organizers Sharron Bolte and Wendy Leslie, have spent countless hours putting the February 27th show together and it will be better than ever!

"We had to turn 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 the demand

### lusic is importa

Throughout history and across virtually every cultural frontier, music has been an intregal part of the wedding celebration. Today, music still holds an important place in the wedding ceremony.

As you plan your wedding day, the kind of music that will embellish the ceremony becomes a main concern. By choosing classical or religious works, or even love songs or folk ballads, you can make a certain statement while setting the mood for this joyous occasion.

The musical aspect of the wedding ceremony involves a lot of choices, but they all fall into two main categories, the musicians and the music.

The choosing of musicians can weddings, the organ and a vocalist ensemble, or even a choir. Flute well.

and guitar is a popular combo. Another choice which affords great musical variety at low cost is tapes. It is wise however to have a professional set up and operate the sound system for best

A more personalized touch wili see a friend or relative sing and or play at your wedding. Be certain they are comfortable in front of a number of people before going ahead...don't want to

Seek best results by checking with the people chosen and letting them rehearse together. Making the necessary arrangements well in advance is best.

You choice of music is limited be costly and so it is best to by the selection of voices and decide on this first. For church instruments available to you, what the musicians can already play or are standard choices. There are are willing to learn on your other alternatives, like adding a behalf. They may be able to assist trumpet, a small brass or string in the selections for the service as

was so high the last two years, the show has moved from the Howard Johnson Hotel in Morrisburg, to the Operating Engineers Training Institute, just east of Morrisburg.

Al-Mor Bridal Wear, a onestop wedding centre will be hosting the runway show this year. The show will feature the latest in wedding styles for men and women.

With the success of last year's show, 28 businesses have already signed on to exhibit their wares.

We started this two years ago 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 do all of their wedding shopping in

one location."
The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27th 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 J&S Disco, Winches-

For more information on this year's show, you can call Ms. Bolte or Ms. Leslie at 652-4395 or 652-4576.

The Operating Engineers Institute is located east of Morrisburg on the south side of Highway #2.

And remember, the show is absolutely free and an invitation

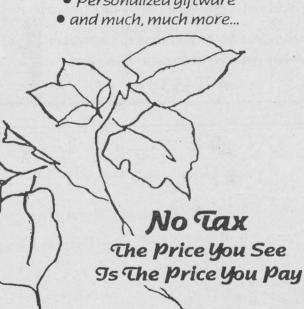
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# Wedding season ushered in

As spring is just around the corner, so too is the season when brides fancies turn to their special day. The wedding season is being ushered in and those who have yet to begin planning will be happy to know there is a lot of professional help available to make things run smoothly with the least amount of

songs are sung with feeling, rice is thrown, wine is sipped, cake is eaten, pictures snapped and men and women are united in marri-

Like all inevitable occurrences in life, birth and death, weddings are ceaseless...someone, somewhere is exchanging rings and making promises for a life together of happiness.

The origin of the wedding is too far in the past to be traced. As a ceremony it has been known and celebrated in all societies for hundreds of years.

A fundamental experience in the life of mankind, formalizing the partnership of male and female and the family as an institution. Weddings have evolved in different forms each detailed with specific rites, symbols, customs and

Many early wedding traditions have survived to our time, although we may have no knowledge of their original purpose and

When wedding preparations are in the air, so many plans must be made: ordering the rings, choosing special foods and cakes for the reception, selecting just the right dress and veil for the bride and most importantly, picking the perfect flowers. The fragrant beauty of real flowers have symback to ancient Greece and Rome.

During Greek nuptial ceremonies, flowers were strewn along the path of the newlyweds as a ding dress. sign of their friends' good wishes.

History dictated that orange blossoms were used as the primary bloom in a "good luck headdress" for the bride. Their association with good fortune is thought to have come from the legend of Jupiter, King of the Gods, who presented Juno with a golden apple on his wedding day.

In Rome, hundreds of roses were Bells ring out, clergy pray over twined with Myrtle into bridal the happy couple, vows are garlands. Roses signify most eleg-exchanged, mothers shed tears, antly, beauty, purity and inno-

> As this ancient Roman tradition was carried on throughout the years, the classic combination of roses and other blooming flowers soon became an established wedding floral trademark.

Ancient wedding customs featuring rose arrangements were revived during the Elizabethan age. Those traditions that continue in Canadian weddings in the 90s are largely those preserved by Elizabethan custom. The Elizabethan family played a big part in the celebration of marriage. Before the bride awoke, the servants and family prepared the house. They were up all night scrubbing, dusting and cooking, a sweet scent was to pervade the entire house and when the bride was awakened, she was greeted with the most sweet of smells. Rosemary and roses were placed in all the rooms and corridors forming a soft carpet of blossoms. Meanwhile, at the groom's home, his men were busy adoring him with rosettes and ribbon streamers in the colours chosen by the bride. They also trimmed his beard and hair. The groom looked almost as splendid as the bride: Elizabethan male finery had yet to be sombered by Puritan plainness.

The significance of flowers in today's wedding plans date back bolized love and romance dating to Elizabethan times. Flowers for the contemporary bride are still a high priority and make as unique a fashion statement as her wed-

Roses, the perennial favourite Please turn to page 9

for wedding flowers are vivid, fragrant and explode with a brilliant splash of colour. Their delicateness adds such beauty to a bride's day.

Matching up the rainbow of rose colours and definitions with a Victorian traditional or modern bridal colour scheme is one of the most delightful aspects of wedding planning.

How to mix and match with themes can be as much fun as you want to make it. Take for example:

Peach Dresses...select white roses, which stand for reverence, humility, innocence and purity...perfect thoughts for the young, first time bride. Yellow roses which signify joy and gladness are another good choice.

Pink Dresses...choose from the many shades of pink roses which symbolize grace and gentility. Also available are blends of white and pink, combined in a single

Lavender Dresses...white or pink roses go equally well with this often difficult to co-ordinate colour. Another very dramatic selection would be red roses, which denote respect, courage and "I Love You," or red and white roses which mean unity.

Green Dresses...for the holiday weddings, choose red roses. Otherwise, coral or orange roses, "Sonia" which suggest enthusiasm and desire, will set off a green dress.

Red Dresses...red gowns are easy to work with. Choose white roses or one of the many shades

When speaking with your florist, however, do not just say, "Red", but instead, bring along a swatch of the dress material and make sure the florist has plenty of time to locate just the right rose shade. By colour co-ordinating properly, you won't end up with orangered dresses and blue-red roses!

Yellow Dresses...Roses also



# One stop bridal experience

by Sean McKibbon Chieftain Staff Reporter

Usually brides-to-be have to traipse from one store to the next to find what they want to include in their wedding, but not if they go to 20 King St. Chesterville.

That's where the brainchild of Joyce Sharkey offers brides-to-be a one stop bridal planning experience.

That's the address of the building that houses Sharkey's Bridals by Al-Mor, her husband Alan's The Brookslyn and Hana Slavik's HanaS FloraL DesignS.

"Here they can organize everything except for the meal and the reception from this building," says lovee

Joyce.

"We've had a lot of girls say that the services are dispersed and they have to do the running and co-ordinating between places. We thought we could correct that by having everything under one roof," says Alan.

And that convenience has attracted a fair number of clients from out of town-- even from Brockville and Ottawa.

"They've said that even though it may be an hour's driving time for them to Chesterville, by the time they consider if they were organizing their wedding-- even within let's say the city of Ottawa-- by the time they co-ordinated all the different things and went from shop to shop to shop, they'd invested far more than hour of their travelling time within the city even," says Alan.

That was what influenced Joyce Sharkey to create a store with bridal attire, jewellery, flowers, dress alterations, wedding gifts and decorations all under one roof. Joyce started business 17 years ago with a clothing store, but four years ago the business expanded.

"It was really a decision on

Joyce's part to extend into the bridal business," says Alan. "With that it sort of followed that we saw flowers as a compliment to it and the lady that does the bouquets part of it she wanted to move her business out of her home at that time and so agreed to display the bouquets here at the store. Hana was doing the alterations and decided she wanted to advance into the decorating side of things."

The result of having all of these services together is that it makes planning for a wedding easier, says Joyce. For instance, once a wedding dress has been picked a client can go and look at jewellery and flowers to accompany it without having to try and remember what the dress looks like, says Joyce.

"I've had girls walk out of here after two-and-a-half hours and say, 'I can't believe we got so much accomplished in just a day," says Joyce.

The way the businesses are grouped also helps to market their services she says.

"When they come to buy an engagement ring Alan will, you know if the opportunity is right, he will say to them we have wedding gowns and things and just kind of walk them through the building. Then hopefully they like what they see and then once the date is set they come back. Usually the first item purchased after the ring is the wedding gown. Then after the gown is decided on the bride will come back with her attendants and purchase the bridesmaids gowns.

"They likely make three visits to do the planning part," says Alan. "Usually a wedding dress is an hour and a half to two hours. We never rush anybody. That's some-

thing that girls have said to us in the city you feel like you're pushed in and pushed out," says

To make the whole experience easier Joyce and Alan have a few

- Make an appointment. Often the busiest days are Saturdays and there can be pile-ups. To avoid long waits, call ahead.

- When buying bridesmaids' dresses keep an open mind. Unlike choosing a wedding dress which is all about personal preference, when choosing gowns for bridesmaids you have to consider that there will be a lot of different sizes and body types, so it's best not to have your heart set on one particular style.

Give yourself at least six months. A great amount of lead time required for ordering dresses. It takes four months for delivery of a wedding gown and three months for bridesmaids dresses. Then there's up to six weeks for alterations. Joyce suggests giving yourself six months at least for the dress to be ready.

- Consider an ivory instead of a white wedding gown. Joyce says that while most women say they want a white wedding dress, the warmer ivory compliments some skin tones better than white.

While a wedding might be a wonderful time for those in the wedding party, Joyce, Alan and Hana all say they enjoy their work very much.

very much.

"We've had girls come and you don't know them from Adam when you start with them and the day they're picking up their wedding dress you get a big hug from them as they're leaving the store, thanking you for everything you've done for them and making it easy and you know they've really appreciated your service."



# Blushing business

Joyce Sharkey and Hana Slavik along with Sharkey's husband Alan (not pictured) make wedding dreams a reality with their businesses Bridals by Al-Mor HanaS FloraL DesignS and the Brookslyn. The Chesterville businesses are all located in one convenient location at 20 King St. Chesterville.

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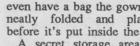
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The wedding lasts only a



Your wedding day is fast approaching. You are, like everyone who will take those steps down the aisle, so to speak dreaming of a perfect, worry-free day. It is however, true of weddings, like everything else that the best-laid plans are doomed to go

Will you be able to cope with a no-show organist, a record heat wave, a flower girl who refuses to walk down the aisle, or a ring bearer who will definitely not walk with that sweet little girl?

Stop and think for a minute: the photographer is nowhere to be found...the wedding cake arrives the night before, but says"Bon Voyage" rather than wishing you the best on your special day...the limo driver must have taken a rong turn... the florist dropped off the boutonnieres and instead of the dozen you need and ordered, you find six in the box...what to do?!

Perhaps the best way to forestall these mishaps is to get everything in writing. A reliable contract should specify delivery date, including hour and include details like dress colours, frosting flavour and amounts of items ordered.

Provide all delivery people, limo rental people, photographers and video persons with a map and specific instructions for reaching your home and or the place where your reception will be held.

On the day of the wedding, ask a friend to arrive at the church early, just to make sure that the photographer and video people will reassure you as well. As a the food list.

The scenario of being "better smelling salts, aspirin and tissues safe than sorry" is true especially on this day. Ask the person you

The rehearsal dinner should be purchase your gown from what the dress is made of and how to repair it in an emergency. Pack a "just-in-case" kit complete with a needle and thread, spot remover, glue, safety pins, and tape. In a pinch, flowers can be moved to hide a tear, a spill or a spot. A are nervous and veils tear, buttons fall off and wrinkles appear...be

Suggest to the best man that he keep the ring in his pocket ( It may well get stuck even on his pinky, and then what?) and that the ring bearer carry fakes, just in case the thread lets go that is holding them or the minister drops it. If your ring becomes temporarily out of commission, borrow one from a parent or someone in the bridal party and carry on. This would certainly be a "Kodak Moment!'

One of your attendants is about to keel over. It could be stage fright, a skipped breakfast, or just the excitement of the day. It is

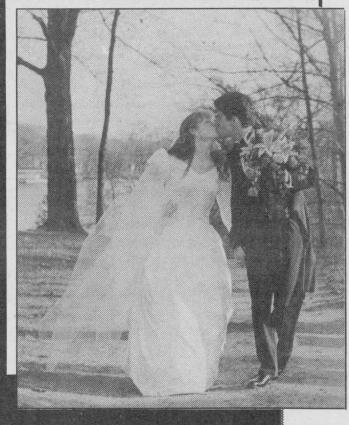
placed appropriately. A check on and intimate affair. Being in the know helps alleviate some of the fear. Include plenty of R and R last resort employ a back-up plan for everyone if possible the week to cover whatever is missing. of the wedding. Sleep and exer-Relatives will fill in and the deli cise will ensure that everyone or bakery can provide items on enjoys the festive event. Ask your maid of honour to carry a small

planned as an early evening affair and not the night before the wedding day.

Outdoor pictures look great when the prints are ready. It is wise to be prepared for the possi-bility of rain or even the fact that the sun may shine so forcefully travel iron is compact and may be that it threatens to wilt your a saver. Zippers will stick, fingers flowers and play havoc with your that it threatens to wilt your attendants, thus an alternate locale for those magical photos may well be in order.

Having people in the wings, ready to step in and avoid real trouble...can make your wedding day one to remember for a long time to come. Being prepared to dress close to the church or even at the church, have signs ready in case of a necessary detour in the route to the church (flooding etc.) and an alternate route is wisest anyway, beach umbrellas can be used to ferry people from their automobiles to the church in a downpour, small air conditioners can keep make-up in place until the ceremony and fans can help at the church if a heat wave drives important to have a rehearsal, through on the day.

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# Reinvent the day

If you are a bride-to-be, the way you plan your wedding may affect
Not every woman looks future traditions for centuries to come. The reason? Weddings are now. While some engaged couples enjoy consulting books of etiquette either for fun or to follow to the letter, many insist on creating a unique wedding that their union.

Vows you can live by

One of the most common innovations is altering or rewriting the wedding vows. Some modern women think the part that goes "love, honor and obey" sounds more like a doggie training school to modern music. oath than a wedding ceremony. Others object to "I now pronounce at receptions are undergoing scru-you man and wife" instead of tiny. Some couples, who have husband." in the twentieth century, made by drunken relatives at other a bride should no more have to choke out something objectionable than she should have to marry

oned vows do have some charm- need. ing attributes. For example, noth- Setting trends ing is more intimate than the outmoded use of the second per- couples wed, including their son singular, as in "with this ring, children in the ceremony is often I thee wed." These days, 'thee' is a positive start in establishing strictly reserved for God and one's good 'step' relationships what betrothed.

Not every woman looks good in white and therefore some choose an off-white or light pink or an being reinvented and redefined even less traditional color for their gowns. After all, the object is to be beautiful. One bride who had lovely legs comes to mind. She wore the traditional white veil and white satin bodice, but the gown' expresses what's special about stopped at her hips and flared out into a tulle tutu. She was stunning. Another reason for taking up the hem is that floor-length gowns were designed for graceful dances such as the waltz. Few people waltz nowadays and those massive skirts look awkward jiggling about

Even the food and drink served "husband and wife" or "wife and observed one too many scenes peoples' weddings, eliminate the possibility by not serving alcohol. And, the thought of guests driving someone not of her choosing. home drunk is an added worry the On the other hand, the old-fashialready nervous couple doesn't

When divorced or widowed roles the children will assume is a



The party

Getting a shot of the wedding party is one of the most important photographs in any wedding album. Pictured above, this photograph taken by Piet de Zeeuw, does justice to the glamorous wedding party and their porch setting. A master photographer you can reach Mr. de Zeeuw at his Iroquois studio by calling (613) 652-1241.

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

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# Take time for the children

children included as part of your wedding procession; a flower girl, a ring bearer or both, make certain that they know what you expect from them. Let them meet the rest of the wedding party and allow them some social time to interact with the others in the party.

If they are very young, let them practise what you want them to do numerous times. Do not expect too much from any child. Allow them time to learn and try what is being asked of them. It is important that both they and you are comfortable and confident with what they can accomplish. Do not ask them to do more than their age allows them to be capable of.

They too will be nervous and excited about their task. The sooner their clothes for the ceremony are ready, the better. They should be able to try moving about without any pressure in their "wedding clothes" so they become accustomed to them. Little girls in

If there are going to be small flowing gowns need time to work on how big those steps can be and allow loads of flexibility in your a young man in a bow tie with a expectations of the young people somewhat restrictive collar need to you involve. They will add that become acquainted before the ceremony.

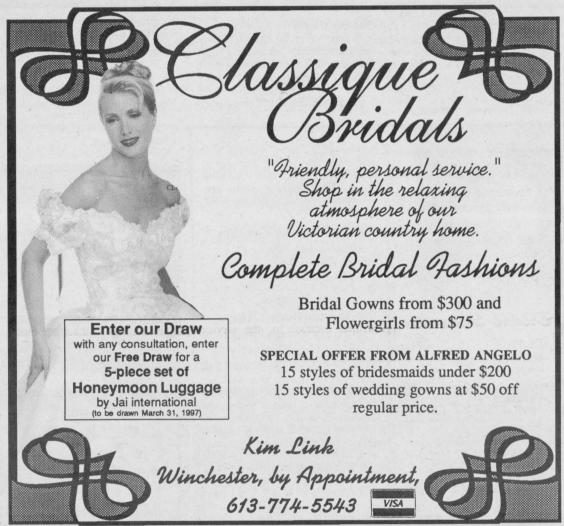
> As well, youngsters are not used to carrying baskets or bouquets and a pillow is not a natural item to cart around, so give them some practise items to become familiar

> Allow them to become a real part of your wedding. Let the flower girl come to the bride's home to get ready. Mom will come along and ensure that every piece of hair is right and that nothing happens from the time all is ready until the church is arrived

> The young man may want to be with the guys, if the groom is comfortable with this, fine; if not, he too can be at the bride's home getting set to play his role in the

certain charm that only children are capable of no matter what they do. The less fuss and hassle they have to endure, the better and let them know that you are confident in their ability. A special treat or present will encourage them to stand that little bit longer, or walk that bit slower down the aisle. Be certain that any photos with them involved are taken first, and then they are allowed to take a break from this wedding stuff!

They will do the best job they can. They want to share in your special day and will steal some of your limelight. The very best they can do will be what you can plan on them giving. This is an important day for them too. Share the smiles and the pleasure with them. They will make an already special day that much more memorable.





# Video taping the day is very special

A videotape of your wedding day provides your family and friends with the opportunity to relive the fun of the ceremony and reception. When the stress and worry is over and everyone can sit back and relax, it is a great time to truly enjoy the special

Videographers can be used in addition to photographers as they compliment one another and provide the very best of both worlds. A video helps the bride and groom remember their fast paced day. Capturing the live moments on tape is a marvellous addition to the still pictures which are usually posed and picture perfect.

The video provides voices and a certain ambience that still photos cannot.

The videographer should be encouraged to visit the reception hall prioir to the big day in order to check room setup and lighting. If indeed extra light is needed, then this should be known in advance. Positioning of equipment is important and needs to be done prior to the event. Planning the expected flow of people, the

·A wedding in your

action and the best angles to grab the action as it happens all require a prior visit.

Due to budget limits, there are many types of videos to consider. A less expensive package is done with one camera and may even include no editing. This is truly give you what actually took place on your day, bloopers and all. This may well be thew type of video you want. Once the wedding is over, the tape is given to the couple. A more expensive package will have the tape edited with some distractions removed, may well have additional still pictures edited into various parts and will be a more professional video. Background music and even talking can be dubbed into the video if that is what the couple wants. An even more expensive package will allow for two or more cameras to be used and the film will be edited for a movie like video. The day belongs to the happy couple and their finances as well as their desires will dictate what they chose.

It is important to discuss before hand such items as extras, like the additional graphics, the music (bride and groom may want to choose this), any voice-over narrations, titles and or flashback scenes can be added. The couple may want to meet with the videographer arrange for some prewedding tape to start things off. His/her advise on what extras will enhance their specific video can be a bonus to the finished product.

When choosing the person who will video the wedding, brides and grooms need to check into service, what the finished product is likely to be as far as quality, the price that fits their budget. Signing a written contract for the service will protect both parties.

The bride and groom will want to ensure that they have input into the content before the wedding day arrives. A list of special moments and people whom the bride and groom wish to have included on their tape will ensure that important scenes are not overlooked.

It is important as well to specify how many copies of the video the couple wish to order. Copies for parents, and other relatives, especially those unable to attend make the day more memorable for

Videotaping is a great way to relive the moments in the years that follow. It keeps alive those precious words spoken in love and allow the family to cherish the memories for years to come.



A special moment

Pictured above, (1-r) Rob Domanko, Tanya (Duncan) Domanko, Mike Domanko, Rob Domanko and Krista Duncan, were captured on film by Wayne LaPrade of Wayne LaPrade Photography in Chesterville. This picture was taken in the Domanko's backyard along the St. Lawrence River.

### Season

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come in a wide variety of yellow and gold shades. For fall weddings, you may want to consider orange and lavender.

What about the bride's dress? These days, anything goes. White roses are the most used and logical choice. Many bridal magazines suggest mixing all the white blossoms. All white bouquets, updated with a sprinkling of pearls, a dollop of lace and streaming ribto mix in a little colour by adding roses that match or complement your attendants' dresses.

roses make elegant and inexpensive boutonnieres, or two or three sweetheart roses, the miniature ding day variety make a picture perfect Today, statement.

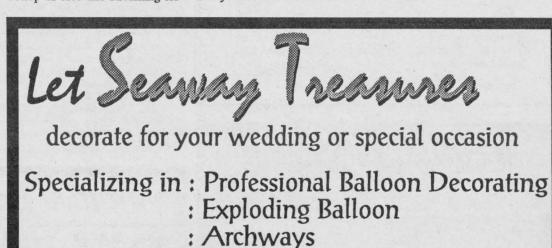
mony and add that certain some- roses?

bons make a statement that never thing unique to the wedding is for goes out of style. You may want the bride and groom to present a single long-stemmed red rose to their mother-in-laws.

The gift of roses is the best way When first developing your list to start off a new marriage on the of floral needs, do not forget the right foot and begins a new tradigroom and the ushers. Single tion of love and respect. For many years, roses have added a special beauty and meaning to the wed-

Today, a bride can start her own traditions...why not start with the A thoughtful way to end a cere- selection of the best, fresh cut





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### Framed in wood

This lovely bride is framed in the trunk of this tree in her back yard previous to her wedding. Including something familiar in a photo will make it special in years to come. This is the day she will glow in the limelight. A touch of colour is added when her bouquet is placed against the harsh bark background of the tree trunk.

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# Something old, something new - traditions important

"Something old, something new...something borrowed, something blue...this traditional rhyme is a blend of old traditions that stretch back in time. To wear "something old" is to show respect and honour to the past. "Something new" represents hope for the future. "Something borrowed" is meant to bring good luck, the reasoning being that tradition holds that you borrow something from another who has been happily married for a long time...and the "Something blue" reflects a belief in many cultures that blue is the colour of loyalty.

A ring, the symbol of eternity, placed on the fourth finger of the left hand has long symbolized marriage and its origin goes back thousands of years. The ancient Egyptians believed the heart to be the residence of intelligence, the will and the emotions...our soul. The most direct line from our world to our soul was through a vein that ran from the fourth finger directly to the heart. The linking finger with the soul symbolized an eternal bond.

A bridal handkerchief is a superstition that has become a tradition. It is said that a bride who sheds tears during her wedding will shed none after-

Honeymoon

To have an enjoyable honey-moon doesn't demand excessive effort, just good planning. It is always a good idea to consuit 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.

Bridal pearls are rooted in protect them from harm. tradition...În ancient Rome, pearls were considered the ultimate symbol of wealth and social standing. The ancient Egyptians prized pearls so much they were buried with them. And during the

wore pearls onto the battlefield as

Bridal Pearls rooted in tradition they believed their magic would

Today, there is one tradition that continues. When a woman wears a pearl necklace on the day of her marriage, her husband is meant to remove it the same evening and Dark Ages, gallant knights often that necklace becomes the symbol

# Rules of etiquette for thank you cards

The rules of etiquette say anyone who wants to give the bride and groom a wedding gift can do so for up to a year after the wedding. Those same rules say the happy couple doesn't have nearly that long to send out thank you cards.

And, women's lib aside, it falls on the bride to make sure the cards are written and mailed. There are a few simple rules that may make it easier:

- 1 Send a thank-you note for every gift you receive.
- 2 Try to write the note when you receive the gift. It should be sent within two weeks of receiving the gift and certainly no later than three months after the wedd-
- 3 If you receive gifts before the wedding, sign your maiden name. Don't use your married name until after the wedding.
- 4 Share the task with your husband, particularly when it comes to thanking his friends and family for their gifts.

- 6 Don't send engraved notes without adding a handwritten personal note.
- 7 Mention the gift specifically in your note. (If you have no idea what the gift actually is, write about it in general terms -"Thank you for the lovely piece

of crystal.") 8 - If the gift is money, men-

tion what you will be spending if

9 - Don't let on if you don't like the gift, if you plan to return it,

or if it arrived broken. 10 - If you want to send a picture thank-you card, have the photographer take the picture a week or two before the wedding so there is no delay in sending







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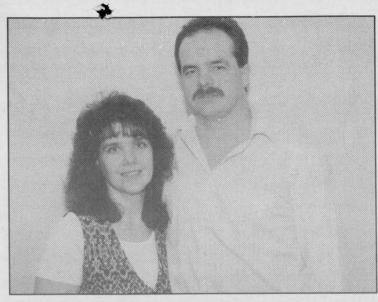
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# Spice up guests memories with different party favours

Many of the guests coming to your wedding have attended various other weddings during their lifetime. So, you probably will want to give them something to make your special day stand out in their memories. There are many different favours you can give your guests, the most common being personalized bud vases, picture frames and silk flowers in vases. It is wonderful for guests to receive wedding favours to help keep the memory of the night alive.

While there is nothing wrong with giving flower vases, some couples want to give out something a little more unusual. One way to help ensure that all favours will be taken and enjoyed by guests is to order unique gifts that your guests may not have seen before.

Giving out creative favours not only improves the chances that every guest will leave with a gift, but that your wedding will be remembered for a long time

Because most couples need to buy between 50 and 100 favours, keeping down the amount spent on them is important. The money you save on favours is money that can be spent on some other aspect of the wedding.

The following favours are fun items that your guests are sure to enjoy, but are not too expensive.

A small box of delicious dark and white chocolates, personalwedding date on the box.

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Small fishbowls half-filled



e, wedding date and a personalized message.

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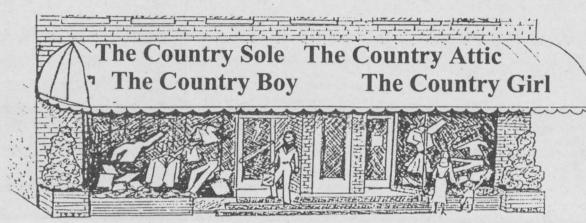
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