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Wedding
Guide*

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Ask questions, compare costs - avoid disappointment

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When shopping for a caterer for your wedding compare what you are getting for the cost.

Most couples plan their wedding at least one year ahead, saving themselves from many tears by trying to have everything just right.

Everyone should start with their own prepared budget which is suitable to their income.

Estimates can then be received from more than one caterer and comparisons can be made.

Have personal appointments with all caterers and compare what exactly you're getting for your money and talk about all these little extras.

Sometimes it's the misunderstood extras that cause disagreements and frustration and the outcome of a total bill.

Don't be afraid to ask questions —you're paying! Above all don't make any hasty decisions —allow yourselves time to think things over when you are by yourselves. Joint decisions are preparing you for the future.

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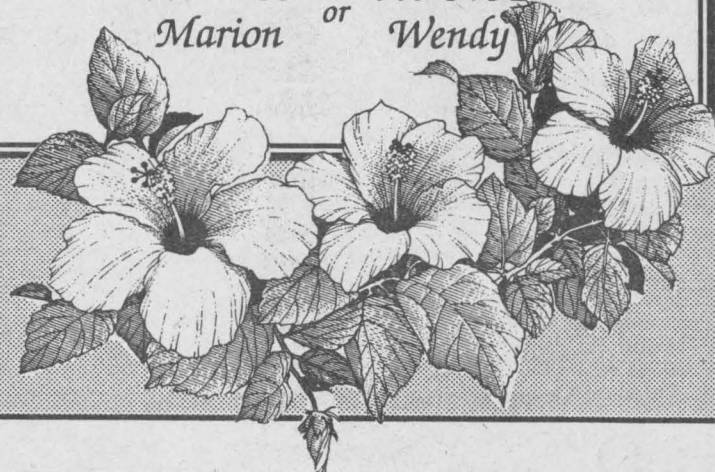
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Flattering style right choice for bridal gown

Joyce Sharkey
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You're engaged and have set the date. Now the most important decision. What are you and your wedding party going to wear?

Joyce Sharkey of Bridals by Al-Mor says girls seem to be choosing wedding gowns with puffy sleeves, long trains falling from the middle of the back and lots of beading and sequins, pure white in color, giving the illusion of crystals.

For those budget conscious people we have bridal gowns starting at \$380 and upwards to \$750 in the store and many more to choose from in our catalogues. The shorter girls are pleased to find we offer several styles of wedding gowns in petite sizing.

Brides are looking for the most flattering styles of wedding gowns, instead of choosing what is the latest trend. Fuller skirt gowns that compliment most figures seem to be the most popular style, over sheaths and mermaid styles.

White is still the most popular color for bridal gowns, but we do offer many styles of wedding gowns in ivory, for those autumn brides, whose beauty is enhanced by the softness of ivory against their skin.

Bridal satin with or without lace overlay seems to be the most popular fabric over the crepes or cottons.

Choosing the colors for your bridal party is an important



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decision as well. You'll notice the different fabrics that appear for the seasons. Velvets — deep in color and warmth for the winter to shiny satins in a tel pinks, blues and mints to the vibrant reds, purples and emerald greens for summer months.

One thing to remember when choosing your colors — the different types of lighting changes the appearance of colors. For outdoor pictures soft pastels may soften in the bright sunlight, where the deeper tones may lighten, but will still have depth. Choice of lighting, dimmed or bright, will strongly effect your color choices.

We now offer satin dyed shoes to match these many

shades of gowns.

Another popular look for the bridal party are the soft floral cottons. Pleasant to look at and practical to buy. Many of these styles are quite suitable

for other occasions.

It is usual that the mother of the bride choose the length and color she plans to wear. The mother of the groom would wear the same length, but a different, complimenting color.

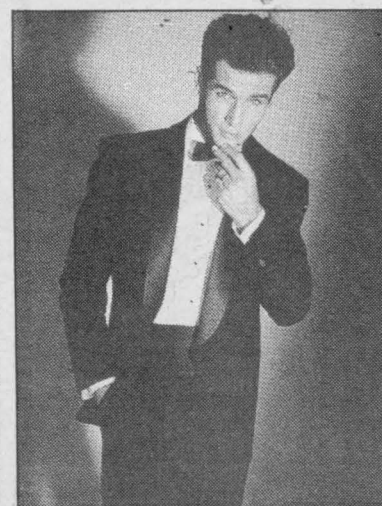
The father will probably wear attire to compliment the groom and his attendants. Our many styles from Tuxedo Town are complimented with a wide variety of accessories to match the dresses. Free of charge we can offer cummerbunds and ties to match the dress if you supply the fabric and rent your tuxedo from us. Our rental fees start at \$89 and with a deposit placed early in the season we are offering to pay both taxes — a 15 per cent saving for the guys.

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6 to 12 Months Prior

BRIDE

Set wedding date
Discuss plans with parents
Decide place of ceremony
Set budget
Consult with clergyman
Reserve church and check as to permission for pictures
Reserve reception hall and arrange for music or band
Book photographer
Invite attendants
Set colour Scheme and style for bridal attendants of colors, style
Decide on menu and beverage for reception
Make guest list
Order invitations

GROOM

Order wedding rings
Start guest list of your family and friends
Invite best man and ushers
Order wedding attire
Make honeymoon reservations and arrange for passports, visas, inoculations, etc.
Discuss rehearsal dinner with parents if there is to be one

3 to 4 Months Prior

BRIDE

Groom's wedding ring or gift
Gifts for bridal attendants
Order flowers such as bridal bouquets and flowers for church and reception hall
Order wedding cake
Arrange any special music, soloist, etc.

GROOM

Bride's wedding gift
Gifts for ushers and best man
Order going away corsage for bride and corsages for mothers
Boutonnieres for fathers, ushers
Check on documents, i.e. religious, legal, medical

1 to 2 Months Prior

BRIDE

Mail invitations 4 to 5 weeks before reply date
Get licence
Check on transportation for bridal party to and from church
Reserve lodgings for bridal attendants and guests
Advise attendants of plans and rehearsal time

Complete trousseau
Announce engagement

GROOM

Pick up wedding rings
Get licence
Check on transportation for male attendants to and from church
Reserve lodgings for male attendants and out-of-town guests
Advise male attendants of rehearsal plans

2 Weeks Prior

BRIDE

Label and display gifts
Have trousseau tea if desired
Write thank you notes
Make hair appointment
Check church for details, such as carpet, canopy, lighting, candles, etc.
Check final details with florist, photographer, caterer, musicians
Arrange for announcements to be mailed after wedding
Attend rehearsal and reception
Present gifts to attendants

GROOM

Remind best man and ushers of rehearsal time and discuss any special seating with head usher
Have fee in individual envelopes for clergyman, soloist, church custodian, and give to best man to give before service or at rehearsal
Attend rehearsal and reception
Present gifts to male attendants
Pack for honeymoon

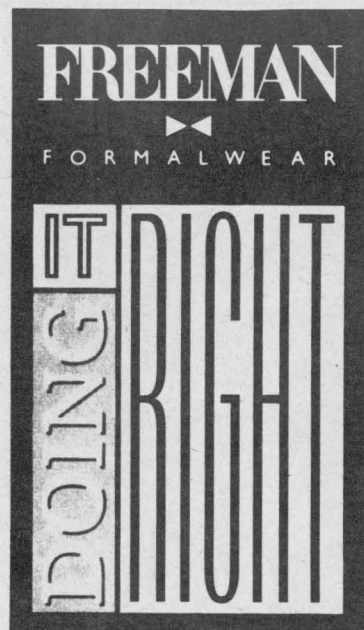
Wedding Day

BRIDE

Have ready going away clothes
Allow time to greet bridal party
Hair appointment - if that day
Groom's ring to matron of honour
Time for private goodbye and thank you to family

GROOM

Have ready going away clothes
Give luggage to best man to place in car
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Honeymoons on St. Maarten are romantic, relaxing and reasonably-priced

The present economy is making everyone hesitant about spending money, and newlywed couples are no exception. With so many things to save for in their future, honeymooners want to avoid any unnecessary costs on this special vacation trip. At the same time, they don't want to give up the fantasy of a romantic, exotic getaway destination. Honeymooners today can enjoy the best of both worlds — economy as well as a memorable post-wedding getaway — on St. Maarten, the smallest principality in the world shared by two governments, Dutch and French.

With its renowned gourmet restaurants, dazzling white sand, beaches and intriguing Dutch/French culture, St. Maarten has long been a favorite spot for honeymooners. Most St. Maarten hotels, inns, villas and guesthouses offer special honeymoon packages whose attractive prices should put spouses-to-be at ease.

Various St. Maarten properties offer honeymooners special rates on suites, and often add champagne, a wedding cake, and other surprises to the total package. Complimentary amenities for the newly-married couple can include T-shirts, sunset cruises, a vacation photo album, beach towels — and even limousine service to and from a selected restaurant. When shopping around for the perfect honeymoon retreat, inquire about honeymoon offerings. St. Maarten is the ideal honeymoon destination for a number of reasons. Its convenient eastern Caribbean location makes it easily accessible, with effortless and plentiful air service from throughout the U.S. Combined with easy-going ambiance, an English speaking culture, and American dollar economy, St. Maarten is a stress-free and unhurried vacation experience. In addition, St. Maarten's status as a duty-free port allows visitors to enjoy the best values in shopping at the lowest prices.

Restaurants on Dutch St. Maarten are plentiful, offering a variety of cuisine in all price ranges. For a true



St. Maarten dining experience, try Indonesian rijstafel, a delicious array of some 30 dishes, including chicken,

pork, shrimp and tropical fruits, that was brought back from the East Indies by Dutch settlers.

French creole dishes, such as lobster or shrimp, are always popular on restaurant menus on St. Maarten. And, for the less adventurous, there is fresh fish, chicken, barbecues, and American hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream.

St. Maarten's beaches have earned five-star rankings, allowing honeymooners to experience some of the best sunning and swimming anywhere. After months of frantic wedding preparations, most couples can "kick back," relax, and enjoy the sun and sand of some of the world's greatest beaches — located in St.

Maarten.

Golfing, tennis and an array of watersports, along with warm temperatures and sunny skies, add to the summer pleasures on this tiny bit of Europe set in the blue Caribbean.

And...when the sun goes down, the nightlife begins. Casino action, discotheques, or midnight strolls along the Caribbean Sea are perfect bills of fare for newlyweds. Year 'round, Dutch hospitality and French joie-de-vivre greet St. Maarten honeymooners, on the island that invites its honeymooners back again and again to celebrate anniversaries and significant milestones.

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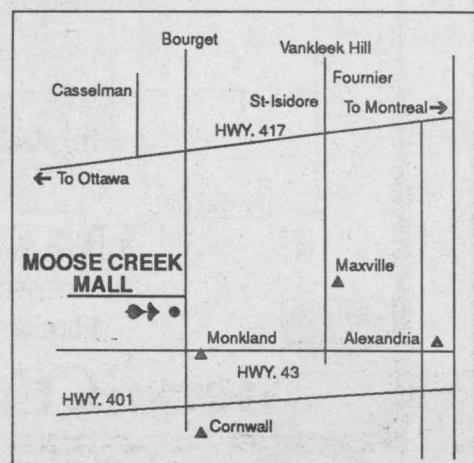
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Bridal footwear - a step in the right direction

Bridal fashions are simple and elegant for spring '93, with footwear designs inspired by romance. The styles range from the traditional sexy satin heel to a lacy Victorian boot complementing this season's bridal trends of linear silhouettes, shorter hems, bustier looks, fitted sleeves, covered shoulders, and bustles. To accent today's fashions, various heel heights are chosen for romantic expressionism. From sensual high heels to 19th-century-inspired curvaceous heels to basic flats, the bride has endless options. Rhinestones, pearls, iridescent beadings and crystal gems are used to create a mood as individual as the bride. And shoes can be dyed a wide range of shades to perfectly match wedding party ensembles.

- Choose a comfortable heel height. There are a variety of fashion styles available in high, medium and low heels.
- The bride's height and dress length should be taken into consideration.
- Try on the shoes at gown fittings.



The height of the heel will affect the skirt length.

- Insert cushioned insoles into wedding shoes for added comfort throughout the day.
- Break in new shoes by wearing them around the house for a few hours at least a week before the ceremony. Scuff the soles a bit to avoid slipping down the aisle.
- When having shoes dyed to match,

bring a swatch of material from the dress — don't guess at the right shade. Allow 72 hours for dyeing.

- Add pizzazz to a plain pump with a rhinestone or pearl ornament.
- Satin dyeable maryjanes with a swivel strap or strapless skimmers are available for children. Flower girls should be measured in-store to

assure a proper fit.

- Wedding day footwear can be dyed black for use on other formal occasions.

No matter what theme the bride chooses — traditional, glamorous or whimsical — the key to a fun-filled and flawless wedding is planning ahead.

Experts offer advice regarding receptions

The experts at Bride's magazine offer the following tips regarding the tricky task of reception seating:

- When selecting a reception site, couples should ask how many tables are available, where they are positioned, and how many guests can fit at each.

- Buffet-style receptions do not require formal seat assignments, but if the reception features a served meal, a seating chart and place cards help things run smoothly. Guests' names should be written on

both sides of place cards so those across the table can see and remember them once they've been introduced!

- The bridal party is often seated with the best man at the bride's right, maid of honor at groom's left, then the rest of the party at their sides, alternating men and women.

- Parents, clergy members and other close relatives usually comprise a family table. A modern-day etiquette note: Divorced parents should be seated separately, each hosting their own table.



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New nuptials for the '90s - daring to be different

A formal wedding followed by a reception with family and friends may be the most traditional, but times change, and many couples are opting for personalized wedding celebrations.

Today, people really are daring to be different: Two professional divers said "I do" while simultaneously performing backflip dives off of a diving platform, and another couple was married in an air balloon. With imagination and inventiveness, your wedding can be more than a ceremony — it can be an event! A wedding in New York City was held in May '92 where the bride and groom, both theatrical people, each sang the song of their choice to one another, and then sang a song together.

If you don't have the talent, desire (or courage) to sing at your wedding, having a local church choir, or a non-religious choir or singing group perform at your wedding would add drama to the atmosphere.

If you're totally against anything traditional, go all out and choose an outrageous color for the groom's tux and the bride's dress — perhaps scarlet?

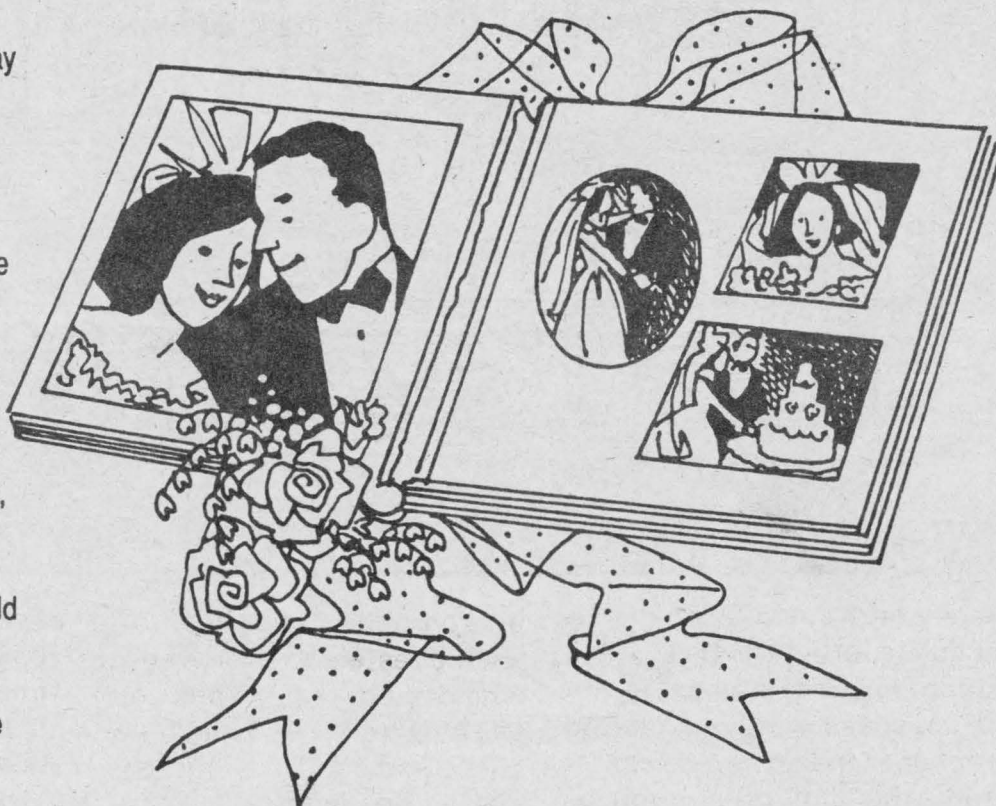
However, if actually wearing a shocking color is too much, an exciting, bold color scheme for the wedding will still get your point across. Colors such as fuchsia,

black, electric or royal blue, deep orange, and violet, are a far cry from the ever-popular pastels.

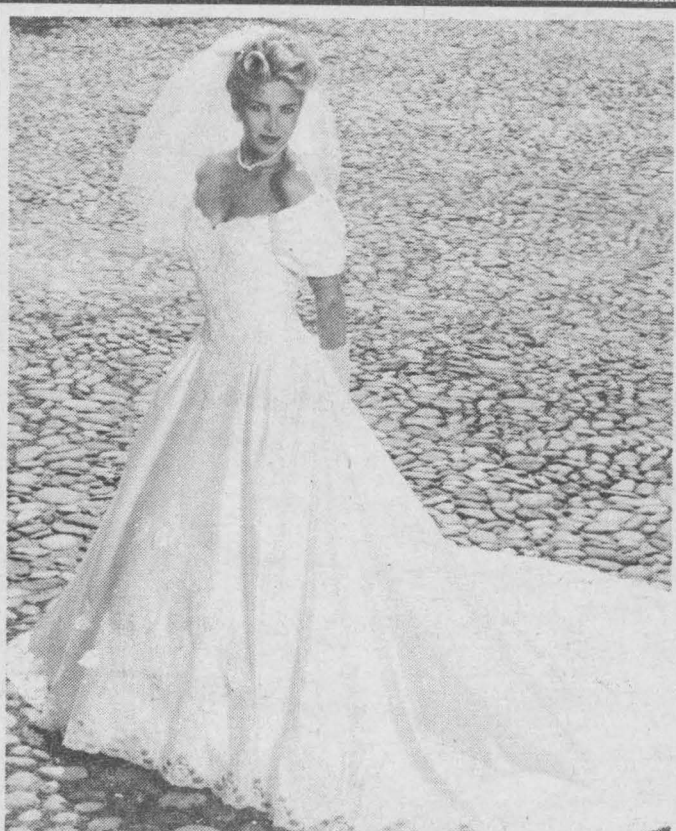
Themed weddings are growing in popularity. Even if you are American-born, with a little research on culture, you can have a ceremony with foreign flair — Native American, African, Asian, Caribbean — or even a romantic Victorian wedding. Some people find traditional weddings too predictable. Loosen up this once-in-a-lifetime event by having a nightclub- or party-style reception with lots of loud music and dancing.

Or, if you want your wedding to be a formal, but not traditional, occasion, your ceremony and reception can be an elegant and sophisticated black-tie affair.

Since most weddings only last a day, it should be a day that your guests will never forget. So go all-out and plan a day that's as close as possible to the wedding you have always dreamed about!



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Planning time for the photog-



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raphy on your wedding day to ensure everything runs smoothly is important.

Plan ahead with your photographer to make sure he captures the photographs you want. Do you want to emphasize formal or traditional portraits? Perhaps you could show your photographer some samples which you would like. The more your photographer knows about what you want, the happier you'll be with your

photographic memories.

Being rested on your wedding day not only means you will look lovely but you'll feel lovely and good photographs will be the result.

Let your natural glow highlight your photographs by avoiding new or harsh hairstyles and makeup.

Choosing a liquid foundation as close as possible to your own skin color, brushed over with translucent powder tones down shiny areas of

your face. Add a little blush and a medium shade of lipstick to add color, making sure you do not look over-madeup. Highlights can be added by using lip gloss.

Without eye makeup eyes can lose impact. Use mascara on upper and lower lashes, being careful not to overuse eyeshadow.

Wedding photographs make wonderful personal gifts for attendants and relatives. Saying thank you with a photo can say more than words by themselves.

To store and display photos avoid direct sunlight or any bright light. Don't store photos where it is hot or humid such as the basement or attic.

After your wedding day is gone your photographs will be your most important keepsake.

From your wedding day on the sensitivity and skill of your photographer will be revealed in your wedding album which should be a treasure to cherish a lifetime.



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Pearls - elegant styling and lasting value

In the months preceeding the wedding, the bridal couple has priorities to set, decisions to make, and details to attend to — and a seemingly endless variety of choices. But lately, there's been a noticeable back-to-basics trend: From determining a site for the ceremony and reception, to choosing the bride's accessories and gifts for the attendants, value and quality are among the most prominent considerations.

The popularity of cultured pearl jewelry for brides is one example of a traditional favorite that is particularly suitable for the modern bride who is conscious of both elegant styling and long-lasting value.

According to a recent Bride's magazine survey, cultured pearl jewelry is the number one jewelry choice among brides. The radiance of cultured pearls offers a special accent to the wedding-day attire, and then continues to enhance the bride's



wardrobe in the years to come. Cultured pearls (which, like the natural pearl, are grown in live oysters) will maintain a long-lasting beauty and value. Imitation pearls, on the other hand, are made almost entirely of synthetic materials, and therefore have no intrinsic value. The bride is assured that the cultured pearl jewelry she wears on her wedding day also will wear well during her lifetime — and it can be passed down to future generations.

The key is to select the highest-quality cultured pearl jewelry that you can afford.

Always look for a bright, clear lustre and a deep inner glow. Try to choose cultured pearls that are relatively free of surface blemishes (cracks, bumps or blisters), which can detract from the overall beauty and may shorten the life of the pearl.

Coordinating the style of the bride's accessories to the design of her

gown, and matching pearl color and skin tone also are important considerations. The following guidelines will help you make appropriate selections:

- Off-the-shoulder and scooped-neck gowns are best accentuated by one-to three-strand princess or choker length cultured pearl necklaces.
- High- or closed-neck gowns are best highlighted by long strands of pearls, to create a smooth, slim silhouette.
- Light hair and fair complexions tend to look best in cultured pearls with a slight rose tint.

- Dark hair and skin tones are complemented by cultured pearls in creamy, off-white shades.

Just as cultured pearls are perfect for adorning the bride on her wedding day — and in the years to come — cultured pearl jewelry is a wonderful keepsake for members of the bridal party. Cultured pearl pendants, bracelets or earrings are sure to delight bridesmaids, while cultured pearl tie tacks, cuff links or shirt studs are appropriate gifts for ushers.



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Taking the guesswork out of wedding gifts

Josie, a newlywed from New York City, was disappointed with her wedding gifts. Although she had carefully registered for the china, crystal, and flatware patterns she wanted, most of her guests neglected to find out where. Instead, Josie received eight vases, five picture frames, three sugar-and-cream sets, and only one-and-a-half place settings. She had hoped to begin entertaining friends at home right away, but all her free time after the wedding was spent returning unwanted gifts and haggling with salespeople.

The bridal registry will take the guesswork out of wedding gifts, but only if it's used correctly by the couple and their guests. Here, from *Bride's* magazine, are twelve golden rules for smooth and successful registering:

1. Register three to six months before the wedding. If you register earlier, some seasonal patterns and promotional items may be out of season by your wedding day.
2. Visit the store during off hours, to

examine patterns and consider choices in a relaxed and tranquil environment.

3. Give yourselves plenty of time. These are important decisions, and you should think them over. Many brides-to-be first come in alone to narrow down their selections, then return with their fiances to make final decisions.
4. Take advantage of registry consultants. These experts are invaluable sources of advice about

everything from wedding etiquette to bone china.

5. Be descriptive. Don't write down just any number on the registry form—it may not be the style number. Include as much description as space allows.
6. Register in a price range. Include high-priced gifts for guests who can afford them, less-expensive gifts for shower guests and guests on limited budgets.
7. Use your imagination. China,

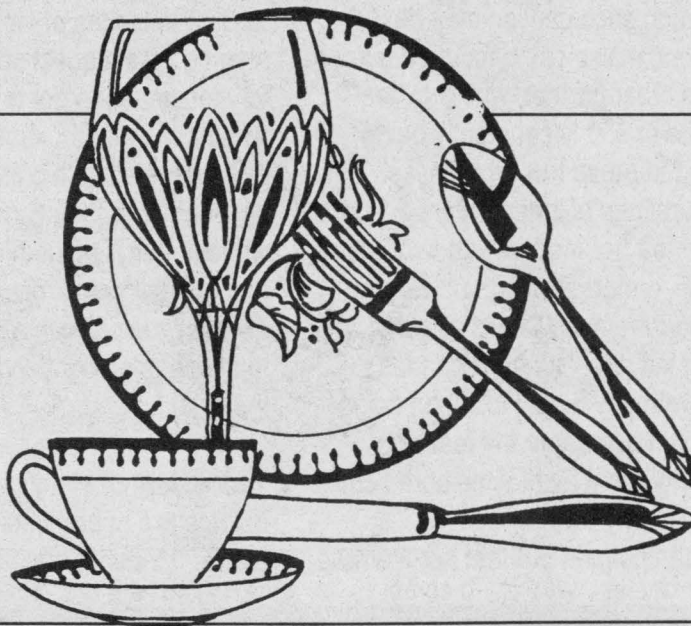
crystal, silver, linen, and housewares are classic wedding gifts—and perennial favorites with brides and grooms—but consider registering for furniture, sports and camping equipment, gardening tools, computers, stereos. Several specialty stores and mail-order catalogues now offer registries as well, for gifts from antiques to CDs.

8. Don't overlap. Register for each item in one store only, otherwise you will go crazy keeping track of gifts that have and haven't been purchased.

9. Never announce your registration in wedding invitations — this implies that gifts are as important to you as guests. Friends and family can make sure word gets out.

10. Save mailing labels from the packages you receive. If you decide to return the gift, the label may be your only proof of purchase.

11. Keep a running gift list. Make a note of each item you receive, who sent it, and any thoughts that come to mind when you unwrap it. This will make writing thank-you notes easier.

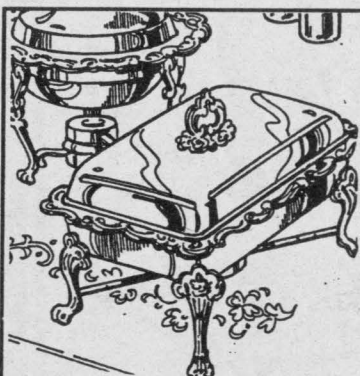


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Divorced parents and your wedding plans

Saying "I do" brings joy, fear and excitement to every bride and groom. But when you are the child of divorced parents, your joys may be confusing, your fears heightened, and your excitement tempered with anxiety.

According to Barbara Tober, Editor-in-Chief of *Bride's* magazine, "A parent's divorce leaves an indelible mark on the children who experience it. Ambivalent feelings about commitment, self-reliance, and intimacy often resurface during their own engagement and first year of marriage."

For an article in a recent issue of *Bride's* magazine, Mrs. Tober and Claire Berman, author of *A Hole in My Heart: Adult Children of Divorce Speak Out*, led six couples in a discussion of what children of divorce fear most. Here, their biggest concerns about weddings and marriage:

One big happy family? Wedding planning can go from demanding to disastrous when mom and dad don't act as a harmonious unit. The desires of the bride and groom may be drowned out by family and step-family conflict.

"Everyone wonders who said what to whom, where loyalties lie," said Berman.

Rather than being dismayed by unrealistic expectations—how a "normal" family should behave and what a joyous celebration is supposed to be like — Tober suggested that couples consider their engagement a rehearsal for real life. "Dealing with difficult wedding-planning issues will help you cope with more serious obstacles down the line."

Doing the right thing. Their parents' divorces had shaken several couples' faith in marriage.

Dana, for example, lacked confidence in her ability to choose the right partner. "Since my parents had obviously made such poor choices, I wondered how I could ever make a commitment to someone," she said.

Celeste's mother was married and divorced several times. "I want to know someone completely before I get married, so I can make the right choice the first time."

Although such caution may be prudent, it also can become a burden to the other partner, who may feel that he or she is constantly being tested to prove trustworthiness. Declarations of independence. Jodi's father left her mother with two kids, a house, a mortgage and no way to support them all. She is afraid of being left, too. "When Rich tries to help with anything, I insist on doing it myself. I overcame my fear of abandonment by making sure I could stand on my own."

Berman pointed out that her fear had

to do with issues of intimacy and sharing. "It's a question of how close you let someone get to you. Women who have seen their mothers get out of a bad relationship are more confident that they can survive without men. On the negative side, though, children of divorce don't always grow up with a model of how to fight a good fight and hang in there."

Fear of failing: Many children of divorce are apprehensive about the future. "I thought my parents were

happy — then my father moved out," says Sarah, an engaged 25-year-old woman. Trust is essential to any marriage, and it can be gained with time and communication, according to Berman.

She reminded the couples that they are neither destined to walk in their parents' shoes, nor to repeat the same mistakes. Dana agreed. "I think we have an edge," she said.

"Children of divorce come into marriage with their eyes open, ready to talk."

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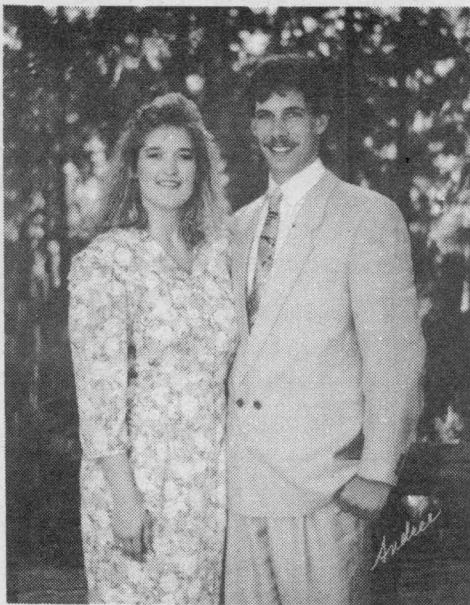


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George and Veronica Woods of Frankford (and the late Mary Jean Roy) would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Lea Anne Margaret to Donald Robert, son of Erskine and Eleanor St. Pierre of Finch. Wedding to take place July 17, 1993 at 3:30pm at the groom's home.



Engagement Announcement

A garden wedding will be the setting for the marriage between Kendra Burd and Barry Sullivan on July 24, 1993 at 3pm. Proud parents are Diana Arnold, Winchester, Ken Burd, Morewood and Betty and the late Arnold Sullivan of Chesterville.

Engagement Announcement

We the parents are happy to announce the upcoming wedding of Kimberly Telford and David Geertsma, on Sat., Aug. 21, 1993 at St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville.



Marriage Announcement

Jack and Susan Geertsma are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Angela to Wayne, son of Jack and Gail Cowley on Sat., Nov. 28, 1992 in Folmouth, Jamaica. The couple now reside in Ottawa.



Engagement Announcement

Charles of St. Albert and Evelyn of Russell would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Connie Armstrong to Dave Lannin, son of Jack and Lois of Chesterville on May 29, 1993 at Trinity United Church at 4pm. Close friends and family are invited to come to the reception to follow at 9pm.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Beehler and Mrs. Mireille Bruyere-Deneault are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Paul and Nathalie. The wedding will take place June 26, 1993 in Embrun and the reception will follow in Chrysler.

Romantic honeymoon locales for the disabled

Romantic honeymoons for travelers with disabilities. Honeymooners have long been considered the VIP's of the travel world: Wherever they wander, corks pop, gift baskets await, and hotel staffs jump to accommodate their every whim.

Until recently, respect for travelers with disabilities often fell at the other end of the spectrum. According to Peter Shaw Lawrence, Executive Director of the Society for Advancement of Travel for the Handicapped, they were treated as second-class citizens, and often viewed as an embarrassment. Fortunately, all that is changing. "Accessible Dreams," an article in a recent issue of Bride's magazine, featured a variety of destinations that are rolling out the proverbial red carpet for honeymooners with disabilities. Whether couples opt for an exhilarating week spent skiing or scuba diving, or prefer a tranquil sojourn on a tropical isle, there are romantic locales that cater to their special requirements, leaving them free to pay attention to what really matters—celebrating the start of their marriage.

Here, from Bride's Travel Editor Sally Kilbridge, is a selection of romantic honeymoons accessible to all:

- Scuba-doing: At Hawk's Cay Resort and Marina, a 60-acre island in the Florida Keys, the mysteries of the deep can be explored by scuba divers with disabilities. A scuba-diving program for those with limited vision or mobility offers certification within five days; a wheelchair tennis clinic, glass-bottom boat tour, and



sunset cruise are among the other options.

On Bonaire, The Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino offers scuba adventures deep in the Caribbean's turquoise waters. The honeymoon package includes a champagne dinner and a veritable shower of gifts.

- The call of the wild: Rugged northwest Montana has always beckoned the wild at heart. Now the

Blue Spruce Lodge in Trout Creek offers rustic pleasures such as fishing, boating and skiing to travelers with disabilities.

Built by Russ Milleson, who uses a wheelchair, the lodge is barrier-free, and promises sybaritic saunas and hot tubs to welcome guests home after every outing.

- Let it snow: Colorado's most breathtaking ski resorts are home to several groups catering to skiers with disabilities.

The Blind Outdoor Leisure Development (BOLD) group teaches visually impaired skiers at Aspen, Snowmass, and Buttermilk. Aspen's handicapped skier's association offers free lessons and adaptive equipment to skiers with any type of mobility problem.

The National Sports Center for the Disabled, in Winter Park, also coaches skiers with disabilities.

- Hula-whoop-de-doo: Hawaii's Hyatt Regency Maui is responsible for bringing at least one newlywed couple's fantasies to life. According to the Bride's article, Cindy and Allen Newendyke indulged in snorkeling lessons, breakfast in bed, evening strolls along the crashing Pacific, a helicopter tour, and a luau. "We were babied like crazy," recalls the appreciative groom. The hotel also offers a specially-equipped rental car for guests who use wheelchairs. "While the options are growing by leaps and bounds, newlyweds with disabilities report that thorough research is still a must in planning a honeymoon," concludes Kilbridge.



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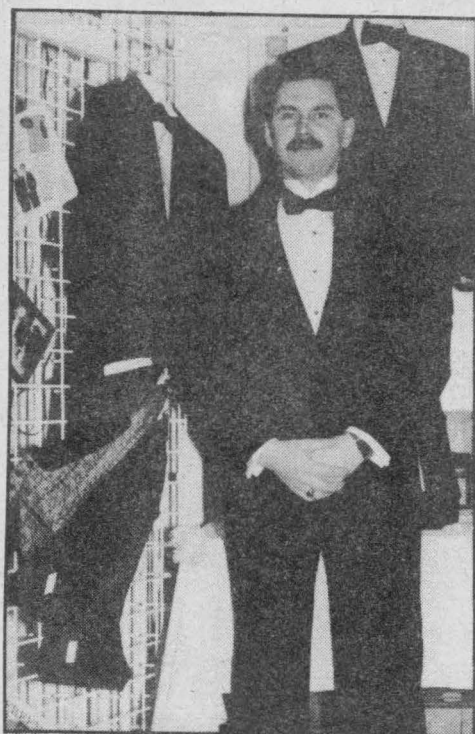
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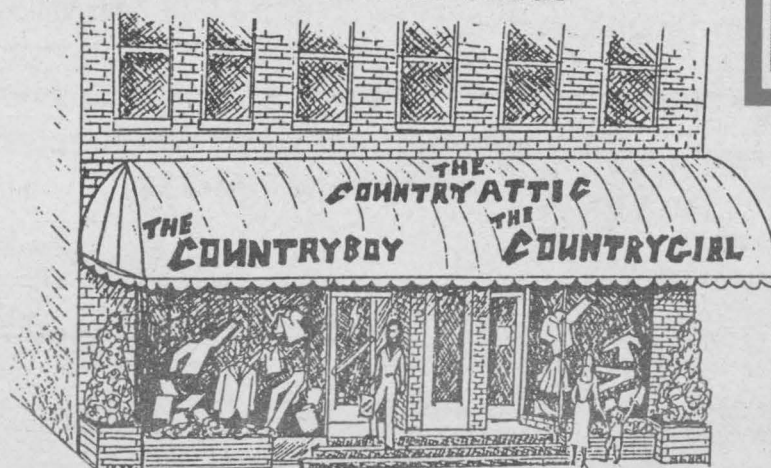
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