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Venue, floral, ceremony, and  
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# FROM THE EDITOR



I appreciate your interest in Knot Magazine. As someone who has a love for photography, Journalism, graphic design, and overall loves weddings, and this magazine is something I am very passionate about! I hope you find the same joy while bowzing through my work!  
**Ann Wallace DeRossette**  
**Editor of Knot Magazine**





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# HOW TO PICK YOUR VENUE

By: Stevee Lane

While pretty much every aspect of a wedding is optional, from wearing a suit instead of a dress to ditching the flowers to forgoing the wedding cake, there's one thing you can't skip: a venue. After all, you've got to have somewhere for your friends and family to gather and celebrate. But finding the perfect venue isn't easy. There are so many options to choose from, whether you're looking for a stunning barn, an elegant ballroom, a cozy restaurant, or a quiet stretch of beach. So we asked a few wedding planners to share their top tips for finding your dream venue.

With seemingly endless wedding venue options to choose from, it's hard to narrow down your choices and select a spot that aligns with your budget, location, and style criteria. Lucky for you, we did the research

and legwork, scouring the country to compile a master list of wedding destinations that are our go-to recs, year after year.

From mountain locales with panoramic views and rustic-glam summer camps to chic landmarks in your all-time favorite cities, we've got a wedding venue for you, your partner, and your style. And while we believe almost everything is optional when it comes to a wedding, the one thing you can't forgo is a great location. You want an event space that not only fits your budget and guest count, but also your style! You don't want to fall in love with your dream venue only to find out they're fully booked for the next 12 months, right? Wedding venues tend to get booked up to a year in advance or more. So if you truly want your first pick of venue or

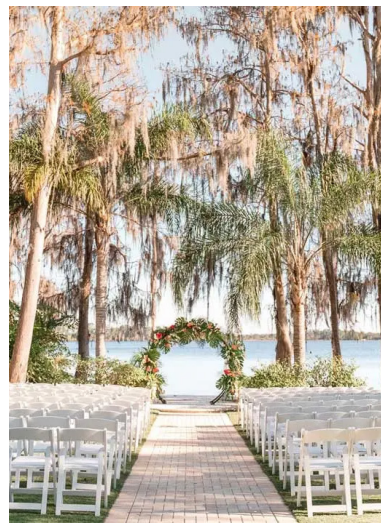
# VENUES

If you're planning in a pinch or have a more flexible date range, your venue's availability will be the deciding factor in setting your wedding date.

Want a building with rich history? Wow your guests with the unexpected by booking an old library in Boston or a restored brewery in Austin, Texas. And foodies, don't think we forgot about you. You'll find your heaven on either coast, whether you're into the stellar wine list at Meadowood Napa Valley in California or farm-fresh fare at Blue Hill at Stone Barns in upstate New York.

So next time you're thinking about where your dream wedding may be, Don't hesitate to reach out to us for help!

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## BREATH TAKING VIEWS:

Finding your venue may be something that might cause stress, but in the end the final picture of it all will be so worth it!

# Ceremony & Reception

By: Reagan Bond

Couples can customize their wedding according to their personal preference. Hence, every wedding is considered unique. Although weddings are open for customization, most celebrations consist of two key events called the wedding ceremony and the wedding reception. Traditionally, the ceremony and reception are both important elements that make up a wedding day. However, these events aren't the same. If you're planning your big day, invited to one, or just simply curious about how a wedding goes, you've come to the right place. In this article, we'll explore the differences between a wedding ceremony vs. reception. Keep on reading!

Backyard Wedding seating by a pool with white balloons in the middle. What Are the Differences Between a Wedding Ceremony and a Wedding Reception? The wedding ceremony and reception are celebrated separately, with the ceremony happening before the reception. Depending on the couple's choice, both events happen in one day with an hour gap or more in between, or the reception can take place on a different day entirely.

Aside from the time difference, here are eight major aspects that differentiate a wedding ceremony and wedding reception: The major differences between the ceremony and reception are their purposes and importance. The wedding ceremony is the legal and religious union between the bride and groom, this is the main difference between that and the

reception. The wedding reception is a social event that celebrates the new marriage. It's an after-party where the guests can have a few drinks and enjoy good food. However, some couples can ditch tradition and skip the reception altogether by having an elopement instead. They can run off to a beautiful beach destination and have an intimate wedding ceremony without a wedding reception. The wedding reception is a social event that celebrates the new marriage.

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If it's an outdoor event there are usually some yard games to keep



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The travel time will depend on the weather condition, traffic, and parking. So, allow at least an hour's time gap between events as a courtesy to the guests. Alternatively, other couples arrange shuttle transportation to different locations for the guests. Some might even hire a transport coordinator on-site to make sure that the guests stay together and arrive at the reception on time. Yet, some couples and wedding planners still find the transportation from one venue to the other time-consuming and a little costly.

Plus, it can take a big chunk of time and disrupt the flow of the wedding day. To decrease travel time and save transportation costs, some couples prefer to have both events at the same site, like a hotel venue. In this case, the wedding ceremony can be held in the hotel gardens.

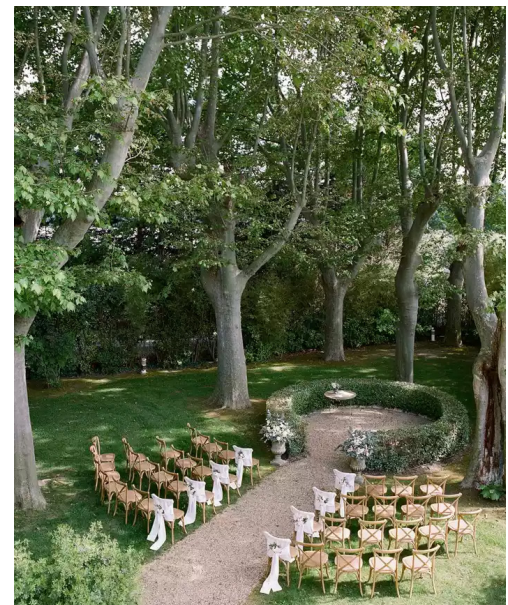


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# THE BEST FLORALS FOR YOU

# FLORALS

By: Caroline King



Wedding florals are an essential aspect of any wedding. They add beauty, elegance, and romance to the occasion and can help to create a memorable and unforgettable experience for everyone involved. When it comes to choosing wedding florals, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, it is important to consider the season and location of the wedding. Different flowers thrive in different climates and conditions, so it is important to choose florals that will be in season and readily available at the time of the wedding. This can also help to keep costs down and ensure that the florals look their best on the big day.

Another important factor to consider when choosing wedding florals is the color scheme of the wedding. Florals can be used to accentuate or complement the wedding's color scheme, and can help to create a cohesive and harmonious look throughout the event. It is important to choose florals that complement the bridal party's attire, the decor, and the overall theme of the wedding.

When it comes to selecting specific types of flowers for wedding florals, there are many options available. Roses, peonies, and hydrangeas are popular choices for romantic and elegant weddings, while sunflowers and wildflowers are ideal for more rustic or outdoor-themed weddings. It is also important to consider the meaning behind each flower and choose ones that have special significance to the couple. By choosing the right wedding florals, couples can create a beautiful and memorable event that will be cherished for years to come.

First start with your budget: Flowers can quickly add up and become a significant expense in your wedding budget. Start by setting a realistic budget for your floral arrangements and work with your florist to stay within your budget while still achieving your desired look.

Second, consider the season and location: Different flowers are available at different times of the year, and some flowers may not be available in certain locations. Consider the season and location of your wedding to ensure that the flowers you choose are in season and readily available.

Third, think about the color scheme: Your wedding color scheme should be a key consideration when selecting flowers. Choose flowers that complement or accentuate your color scheme to create a cohesive and harmonious look.

Fourth, consider your wedding style: The style of your wedding

should also play a role in your flower choices. For example, if you're having a traditional wedding, you may want to consider classic blooms such as roses and lilies, while a bohemian wedding may call for more wild and natural-looking arrangements. Fifth, choose flowers with special meaning: Consider choosing flowers that hold special meaning for you and your partner. For example, you could choose your partner's birth flower or a flower that was in your grandmother's garden. This adds a personal touch to your floral arrangements and makes them more meaningful.

Work with a reputable florist: Choose a florist who has experience creating wedding floral arrangements and who understands your vision for your wedding day. They can provide guidance on flower selection, arrangements, and can ensure that everything is executed flawlessly on your big day.



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# TIPS TO FIND YOUR GOWN

By: Braden Potts

# DRESSES

Wedding dress shopping is an exciting and memorable experience for many brides-to-be. It's a chance to try on beautiful gowns, envision yourself walking down the aisle, and ultimately find the perfect dress for your big day. However, it can also be overwhelming and stressful if you're not prepared. In this article, we'll provide some tips to help make your wedding dress shopping experience a success.

First, research before you go. Before heading to the bridal salon, it's important to do some research. Look through bridal magazines, Pinterest, and bridal websites to get an idea of what styles you like. Create a vision board or a folder on your phone to keep track of your favorite dresses. You can also research different bridal shops and read reviews from previous

customers.

Second, make appointments in advance. Bridal salons can get busy, especially during peak wedding season. It's important to make appointments in advance to ensure that you have a reserved time slot with a consultant. You should also let the salon know your budget and any specific styles you're interested in.

Third, bring the right undergarments. Wearing the right undergarments can make a big difference when trying on wedding dresses. Consider wearing a strapless bra, nude underwear, and shapewear if desired. These items will help you see how the dress will fit on your wedding day.

Fifth, it's important to bring supportive friends or family members with you to your appointments.

Choose people who will give you honest feedback and support your decision. However, try to limit the number of people you bring to avoid overwhelming yourself with too many opinions.

Sixth, while it's important to have an idea of what you want, it's also important to keep an open mind. Your consultant may suggest trying on dresses that you wouldn't normally consider, and you may be surprised by how much you like them. It's also possible that the dress you end up choosing is completely different from what you initially envisioned.

Seventh, don't be afraid to take pictures and notes of the dresses you try on. This will help you remember which styles you liked and which ones you didn't. It can also be helpful to take a video of yourself walking in the dress to see how it moves.

Eighth, the decision of which wedding dress to choose is up to you.

Trust your instincts and choose the dress that makes you feel the most beautiful and confident. It's your day, and you should feel amazing in your dress.

In conclusion, wedding dress shopping can be an enjoyable and stress-free experience if you come prepared. Research, make appointments, bring the right undergarments, bring supportive friends, keep an open mind, take pictures and notes, and trust your instincts. By following these tips, you'll be well on your way to finding the perfect wedding dress for your special day.



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# HOW TO FIND THE BEST CATERER

By: Lauren Keen

Wedding catering is an essential component of any wedding celebration. The quality of the food and service can make or break the entire event. As such, finding the best wedding catering can be a daunting task. In this article, we will provide you with some tips on how to find the best wedding catering for your big day.

First, start off by determining your budget. Before you begin your search for a wedding caterer, it is important to establish a budget. Knowing how much you can afford to spend on catering will help you narrow down your search and avoid overspending. Keep in mind that the cost of catering can vary significantly depending on the number of guests, the type of food and service you choose, and the location of the wedding.

Secondly, research and find your referrals. One of the best ways to find the best wedding catering is through research and referrals. Ask your friends and family members who have recently had a wedding for their recommendations. You can also check online review sites such as Yelp or Google to read reviews from previous clients. Look for caterers that have a strong reputation for delivering excellent food and service.

Third, make sure to review menu options. When selecting a wedding caterer, it is important to review their menu options. Consider what type of food you would like to serve, whether it is a sit-down meal or buffet-style service, and if you have any dietary restrictions among your guests. A good caterer should be able to offer a variety of menu options to suit your needs.



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## CATERING

Fourth, ensure that they offer tasting sessions. Once you have narrowed down your list of potential caterers, schedule a tasting session with them. This will give you the opportunity to sample their food and ensure that it meets your standards. Be sure to ask questions about the ingredients used in the dishes, the cooking methods, and the serving options.

Fifth, ensure that they offer a great service and staff. The quality of service and staff is just as important as the quality of the food. Look for a caterer that has experienced and professional staff who are well-trained in providing exceptional service. Consider the level of service you require, such as bartending, serving, and clean-up, and ensure that the caterer

is able to provide all the necessary staff.

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Sixth, make sure that they offer flexibility and they are willing to make changes due to your needs. Every wedding is unique, and a good caterer should be able to provide a customized menu and service that reflects your vision and preferences. Look for a caterer that is willing to work with you to create a personalized menu that fits your tastes and budget.

In conclusion, finding the best wedding catering can be a challenging task, but it is worth the effort. Take the time to research, sample, and evaluate your options before making a decision.



# HOW TO FIND THE PERFECT CAKE

By: Cameron Jenny

A wedding cake is a centerpiece of the reception and an essential part of any wedding celebration. It is not just a dessert but also a symbol of the couple's love and commitment to each other. Finding the perfect wedding cake can be a daunting task, as there are so many options and factors to consider. In this article, we will explore some tips and guidelines for finding the perfect wedding cake.

The first step in finding the perfect wedding cake is to decide on the style and theme of your wedding. The cake should complement the overall theme and ambiance of your wedding. For example, if you are having a rustic outdoor wedding, a naked cake with fresh flowers and greenery might be the perfect choice. On the other hand, if you are having a formal indoor wedding, a classic tiered cake with intricate designs and fondant icing might be more suitable.

Once you have a general idea of the style and theme of your wed-

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# CAKES

ding cake, you can start looking for inspiration. There are many resources available online and in bridal magazines, where you can find inspiration for your cake. You can also ask your wedding planner or cake designer for suggestions and ideas. It is essential to communicate your vision clearly to your cake designer, so they can create a cake that matches your expectations.

Another important factor to consider when finding the perfect wedding cake is the flavor. Your cake should not only look beautiful but also taste delicious. It is a good idea to schedule a cake tasting session with your cake designer, where you can sample different cake flavors and frosting options. Some popular cake flavors include vanilla, chocolate, red velvet, lemon, and carrot. You can also consider adding different flavors and fillings to each tier of your cake to create a unique and memorable experience for your guests.

The size and shape of your cake are also important factors to consider. The size of your cake should be based on the number of guests attending your wedding. You don't want to end up with a cake that is too small or too large for your wedding. Your cake designer can help you determine the appropriate size based on the number of guests and your budget. The shape of your cake can also vary depending on your preference. Traditional round or square cakes are always popular, but you can also consider more unique shapes, such as hexagonal or oval.

The design and decoration of your cake are where you can get creative and add personal touches. You can choose to have a simple and elegant design or a more elaborate and extravagant one.

Some popular decoration options include fresh flowers, sugar flowers, edible pearls, and metallic accents. You can also personalize your cake with a cake topper that reflects your personality and style.

Finally, it is essential to consider your budget when finding the perfect wedding cake. Wedding cakes can be expensive, but there are ways



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to save money without compromising on quality. You can opt for a smaller cake and supplement it with a dessert bar or cupcakes. You can also consider simpler designs or decorations to save money.

In conclusion, finding the perfect wedding cake is a crucial part of your wedding planning process. It should be a reflection of your style, taste, and personality, as well as complement the overall theme and ambiance of your wedding. If you do so, your wedding will be memorable for you and your guests.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISS SMITH TO MARRY MR. REED



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It is with great joy that we announce the wedding of Chloe and Shane on March 23rd at Hattiesburg First Baptist. The couple is thrilled to share their special day with their loved ones and start their journey as husband and wife.

Chloe is the daughter of Channing and Susan Smith, and Shane is the son of Danny and Denise Reed. The couple met at work, and from the moment they met, they knew they were meant to be together. Their love has grown stronger each day. The wedding ceremony will take place at Hattiesburg First Baptist, where the bride will walk down the aisle in a

breathhtaking ballgown. The groom will be waiting for her at the altar, wearing a dashing black suit.

The couple's closest family and friends will stand by their side as they exchange their vows and rings, with Tyler Ferguson officiating the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the couple and their guests will celebrate at the reception, which will be held at the bottling company. The venue will be adorned with beautiful decorations, and the guests will enjoy a delicious meal and drinks while dancing the night away.

## MISS DAGGER TO MARRY MR. LEE

We are thrilled to announce the wedding of Sally and Bob on May 1st at The Chapel in Purvis. The couple has been eagerly waiting for this day to arrive, and they cannot wait to share their special moment with their family and friends.

Sally is the daughter of Tim and Lucy Dagger, and Bob is the son of John and Peggy Lee. The couple met in college at Southern Miss, and their connection was instant. They have been inseparable ever since, and their love has only grown stronger with time.

The wedding ceremony will be held at The Chapel, followed by a reception at Sally's Childhood home. The bride will be wearing a stunning lace gown, and the groom will be wearing a handsome all white suit.

The wedding party will include 20 of their closest friends, who have been there for Sally and

Bob throughout their journey. The wedding will be officiated by Braden Potts, who will guide the couple through their vows and exchange of rings.

After the ceremony, the couple and their guests will enjoy a delicious meal, drinks, and dancing at the reception. The wedding cake, which is being specially designed for the couple, will be the centerpiece of the evening.

Sally and Bob would like to express their gratitude to their family and friends for their love and support. They are excited to start this new chapter of their lives together and are looking forward to making many happy memories together.

Please join us in congratulating Sally and Bob on their wedding day. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness!



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# HONEYMOON

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Another thing to consider when planning your honeymoon is travel insurance. While no one likes to think about the worst-case scenario, it's important to be prepared for any unexpected events that might occur during your trip. Travel insurance can cover medical expenses, trip cancellation, lost luggage, and other unforeseen circumstances, giving you peace of mind during your honeymoon.

When packing for your honeymoon, make sure to pack for the climate and activities you'll be doing. If you're going to a tropical destination, pack plenty of sunscreens, swimwear, and lightweight clothing. If you're planning on hiking or outdoor activities, bring appropriate footwear and clothing. Don't forget to pack any necessary medications, chargers, and travel documents.

In conclusion, planning a honeymoon requires careful consideration of your budget, interests, and preferences. With so many amazing destinations and activities to choose from, the possibilities are endless.

## HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR HONEYMOON

By: Cade McCormick

Going on a honeymoon is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that newlyweds look forward to after their wedding day. It is a time to relax, unwind, and enjoy each other's company after the busy and sometimes stressful wedding planning process. In this article, we'll explore some of the things to consider when planning your honeymoon.

The first thing to consider when planning your honeymoon is your budget. Honeymoons can be expensive, so it's important to set a budget and stick to it. Decide on a budget that you're comfortable with, and then start looking for destinations that fit within that budget. Consider all the expenses involved, including travel, accommodation, food, activities, and souvenirs.

Once you have a budget in mind, you can start researching destinations that suit your interests and budget. The world is full of amazing honeymoon destinations, from tropical beaches to romantic cities, to adventurous escapes. Some popu-

lar honeymoon destinations include Hawaii, Bali, Paris, Santorini, and Maldives, just to name a few. When choosing a destination, consider your interests, climate preferences, and travel time.

When it comes to accommodation, there are plenty of options to choose from. Some couples prefer luxurious resorts with all-inclusive packages, while others opt for more budget-friendly options like vacation rentals or hostels. Whatever your preference, make sure to book well in advance to secure your desired accommodation.

Once you have your destination and accommodation sorted, it's time to plan your activities. Your honeymoon is a time to make unforgettable memories, so consider what activities you and your partner enjoy doing together. Some popular honeymoon activities include snorkeling, hiking, sightseeing, spa treatments, and romantic dinners.



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