

Ask Us Anything

YOUR WEDDING WORRIES SOLVED.



Q The saying calls for “something blue,” but I’m more interested in something green. When it comes to floral arrangements, how can I incorporate local flowers to be more sustainable?

Wildflowers, peonies, dahlias and zinnias are all in season during a Minnesota summer, making them a sustainable (and gorgeous) choice for your bouquet.

A If you’re interested in sustainability, you aren’t alone. Many Minnesota brides want to be earth-conscious on their wedding day, particularly when it comes to floral arrangements, says Jackie Reisenauer, co-owner of Munster Rose in Minneapolis. But while the Minnesota growing season is shorter than most (frost and snow galore), brides do have eco-friendly options.

“Embracing the seasons is a great way for brides to use locally grown flowers to be sustainable,” says Reisenauer. For winter weddings in Minnesota, that means evergreens, spruce and juniper, all which are available locally. For the summer and fall months, peonies, dahlias and zinnias are in season.

While using locally grown flowers is important, Reisenauer also recommends asking your florist if they compost floral waste and collect rainwater, two other ways you can be as green as possible. munsterrose.com

Q I’ve been a bridesmaid in a few weddings, and keeping track of all the events and details leading up to the big day has been a challenge. As a bride-to-be, how can I make the months leading up to my wedding simple and organized for my bridesmaids?

A In wedding planning, you know organization is the name of the game. So while you’re busy scheduling dress fittings and cake tastings, why not make things a little easier for your bridesmaids, too?

“In my experience, the more the bride takes charge of her wedding, the better she will feel throughout the process,” says Sarah Gordon, a professional organizer in the Twin Cities area. “And although all eyes are on the beautiful bride, the bridesmaids are a big part of the process. Therefore, coordinating dress fittings, spa dates, hair appointments and events can ensure everyone is on the same page and excited for the big day.”

To keep everyone on the same page, Gordon suggests a gift that can help everyone do exactly that: a planner calendar. “Planner calendars are a wonderful way to lessen the stress on the bride and are a great way for the bridesmaids to keep track of all of the information, duties and events they have leading up to the big day,” she says. It also gives the bride the opportunity to pencil in all of the dates, events and to-dos before the big day arrives.

If you’re looking to be less hands-on when it comes to organizing, consider hiring someone to do it for you. A wedding planner or event organizer can help take a few things (or everything) off your to-do list to make sure you can relax and enjoy your big day. sarahfgordon.com

Q My fiancé and I love the idea of a guestbook, but want it to reflect our personality. What are some fun alternatives to the traditional guestbook?

A The days of the traditional wedding guestbook have come and gone, and the unique guestbook trend is definitely in, says Amy Rubins, owner of Fête Perfection

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in Minneapolis. “Creating a unique, memorable guestbook is a great way to capture the personality of the couple and the guests,” she says. “Not to mention it’s a fun way for couples to read and reread sentiments and relive the day with their guests.”

If you’re looking for something playful and fun, a photo booth can be a great option. With a photo booth guestbook, guests can take photos throughout the night. With each click of the camera, one copy goes to the guests and the other in the guestbook, where guests can sign their names and write well-wishes next to their photographs. At the end of the night, your guests will walk away with pockets full of photos—and you’ll have a guestbook full of all the copies.

For a subtler guestbook, consider putting your engagement photographs to good use by creating a photo book for your guests to look through and sign. It’s a great way to let your guests see all of your engagement photos while giving them an opportunity to make their congratulations. feteprecision.com

Q Giving back is important to my fiancé and me, and we’d like to find a way to do so on our wedding day. Any ideas?

A Absolutely! Many couples want to find ways to do good while saying their “I do’s.” According to Rachelle Mazumdar, director of weddings and events at Style-Architects, couples in the Twin Cities area have many options.

“Especially on their wedding day, many brides and grooms want to share their happiness by giving back to their community,” she says. “Whether a couple would like to give back before, after or on their big day, their options to do so are almost endless.”

If you’re in the midst of planning your bachelor and bachelorette parties, consider volunteering at a local organization, such as Second Harvest Heartland, that can accommodate a large group. This can be a great way to bond with your bridesmaids (or grooms-men) while giving back.

On your wedding day, Mazumdar suggests making a monetary donation on behalf of your guests in lieu of wedding favors. Not only will your guests find it generous, it can be one less wedding detail for you to think about.

The giving back can continue even after you’ve said your “I do’s.” Many local nursing homes and hospitals are happy to accept floral arrangements after your wedding. If you’d like to take it one step further, donating your wedding dress can be a great option. Organizations like Wish Upon a Wedding

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