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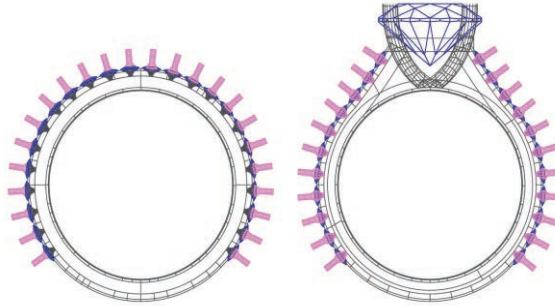
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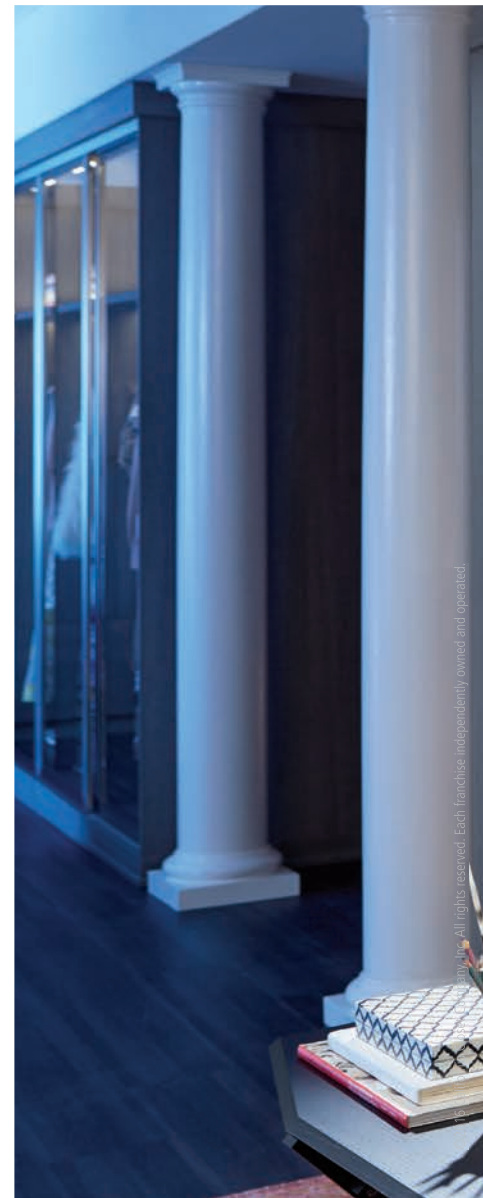
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Without a Hitch

Unlike previous executive editors of *Weddings*, I haven't included a wedding photo of my own in my editor's memo. It's not because I'm not married — I am, and have been, happily, for 21 years. It's not because my wedding wasn't beautiful — it was. My husband, Michael, and I got married in Strawberry Fields in Central Park, something that I'd dreamed of for years, on a gorgeous September day, with passersby gathering, cheering as we said "I do."

The reason I have not included a wedding photo is because... I don't have one. Oh, I have some out-of-focus and otherwise amateurish snapshots, pictures of the back of my head and the side of my husband's face, photo bombs featuring strangers making faces in the distance behind our guests, and a lovely shot unintentionally exposing an elderly relative's knickers (and her rolled-down-to-just-above-the-knee stockings).

But I don't have a *real* photo, a professional wedding portrait taken by a professional photographer. And that's because, at a complicated time in our lives, we wanted to keep our wedding simple, so, when a friend offered to "handle our photography" as a wedding gift, assuring us he was "a pro," we gratefully accepted. We didn't research. Which is why, to paraphrase Rose Dewitt Bukater from *Titanic*, my wedding exists now only in my memory.

Things are different today than they were in 1995, when the Internet was still a relative novelty and a referral from a friend sufficed as research. Now, with virtually endless options and instant access, couples are faced with another daunting challenge: narrowing down choices and keeping on top of current trends.

Since we don't want you to be writing your wedding menu on a chalkboard when

calligraphy on mirrors is the way to go (at least for the moment), we've done the trendspotting for you. Starting on Page 17 ("Beyond Barns and Mason Jars"), you'll find out what's in, what's out, and what's hanging by a thread. Then, we give you a meticulously researched, well-curated collection of on-trend wedding jewelry, attire, cakes, flowers, food, invitations, and more.

For a seamless journey from "I will" to "I do," turn to page 36 for our detailed, 12-month Wedding Planner, which guides you every step of the way and includes tips from makeup artists, photographers, and other pros. Map your progress on the Wedding Checklist (page 50).

Check out our 2017 Lookbook (page 53) for the latest, most coveted wedding dresses from popular designers, featuring hot trends like lace, high-low hemlines, 3-D appliques, and more. You'll want to see and read about how real Westchester and Hudson Valley couples tied the knot, too — what they wore, where they wed, how they celebrated — so be sure to peruse "Real Weddings," starting on page 60.

Honeymoons are different than they used to be, and we don't just mean that couples are opting for Bora Bora over Cancun. More couples are choosing to postpone a destination honeymoon, rather than head to the airport from the reception. Some are nixing honeymoons altogether, choosing a staycation instead. Still, you'll want to spend your wedding night someplace special, like one of the five local hotels and inns we feature, starting on page 88 ("Wedding Night Sleepovers").

I'm very proud of this issue and all the hard work, research, and planning that went into it from our writers, editors, stylists, and our art department. I hope you enjoy it and that you rely on us, with confidence, so that your wedding goes off without a hitch.

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LET THEM EAT CAKE

Naked cakes are kind of last year, with tastes trending toward more appropriately attired tiers, as well as colors like green and even metallics. "Brides are loving the feminine nature of ruffles," says Jay Muse, co-owner of Lulu Cake Boutique in Scarsdale. "The gold bow ties against the mint-green fondant lend this cake a nice, neat, tailored effect."



BEYOND BARNS AND MASON JARS

Wedding Trends 2017: What's In, What's Out, What's Over

Today's hottest trends could be passé next year — or next month! (Remember when leg o'mutton sleeves and sky-high poufs were the height of bridal fashion?) Bridal trends, like consumer tastes, are fickle, and, before you know it, what's corny and dated will be making a comeback. Here's what's sizzling, fizzling, and ready to reheat in 2017.



TRENDING NOW

▲ Metallics Silver, gold, platinum, copper, and bronze are having a moment, trending in everything from bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses to shoes, décor, table linens — even cakes.

Rose Gold Rose gold is popping up in trend lists from jewelry to invitations to hair color. Amanda Serroukas of Main Course Catering in New Paltz says it's popular in decor, too.

Cascading Florals Buh-bye, boring bunches! Glamorous cascading flowers are happening as bouquets, centerpieces, table décor, and more.

▼ Photo Booths Photo booths don't seem to be going anywhere — in fact, they're offering more options than ever. Many let

guests paste photos into a scrapbook for the bride and groom, and post directly to social media.

Donut Walls Donut walls are all the rage, replacing (or used in addition to) gelato bars and candy bars. Be creative with your wall; you can use a (food-safe) painted pegboard. Just make sure the donuts have holes!

cigar rollers onsite — as are bourbon bars, craft-beer bars, and tequila tastings.

Gaggles of Flower Girls Perhaps it's an influence of royal weddings, or maybe it's just another form of "more is better." But as we looked through photos by sought-after wedding photographers, we noticed many elegant weddings with bunches of flower girls.

▲ floral arrangements, green is the new blue.

Farm to Table, Locally Sourced You may think the farm-to-table thing is waning, but these trends are showing up everywhere, with couples choosing heirloom organic produce as well as food and flowers from small, local farms.

Cultural Elements Whether it's a twist on ethnic comfort food, served creatively, or a ceremony that incorporates a bride and groom's religions or nationalities, couples are embracing their heritage.

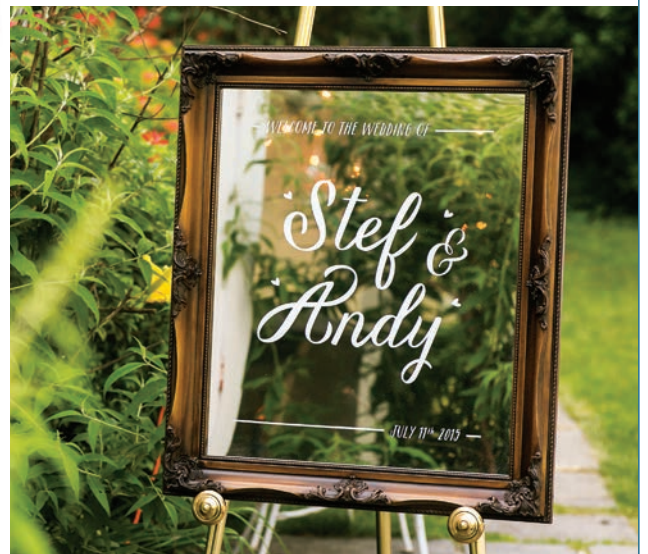
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Mirrored Signs with Calligraphy Forget those frumpy chalkboard signs. Seating charts and menus on glistening mirrors are what's happening now! **▼**



▲ Customization Whether designing your own shoes or your own invitations, customization is hot. Bruce Lubman of Hummingbird Jewelers in Rhinebeck says, "Everyone wants to be a designer these days."

Cigar Bars & Whiskey Bars Cigar bars are all the rage — with some grooms even opting to have



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of networking with brides and grooms, searching for them using geotags and common bridal hashtags, and commenting on their posts.



Boho is still popular, particularly with younger brides. Boho dresses are casual yet feminine and look good on just about everyone. The look is versatile: You can dress it up or dress it down. Plus, it's easy to incorporate boho elements into flowers, décor — just about everything. Still, it's become so common, it appears to be trending downward.

Two Dresses Many brides are still opting for two wedding dresses: one for the ceremony and one (usually more comfortable and less formal) for the reception.

Hashtags Couples come up with clever hashtags as soon as they start planning as a way to collect and share images through social media. Some are using services like Sharypic to live-stream photos as they're posted during a wedding. Vendors are turning to Instagram as a way

Lace Though it fell out of favor in the '80s and '90s, it's been cropping up in young, modern ways, from delicate edging on veils to patterns on wedding cakes. "I'm seeing fine laces used in surprising elements, not just in dresses and veils but garters, gloves, jackets, invitations, and linens," says Alisa Koysman of Alisa Brides in Chappaqua.

Monograms They're on wedding cakes, invitations, centerpieces, table linens. Jill Prince of Hal Prince Music says she's seen white dance floors with monograms in the center.

Personalization Private messages are everywhere, from a monogram or message stitched on the lining of a custom-made suit to an embossed stamp inside a shoe.

PASSÉ 



Naked Cakes We don't know about you, but we love buttercream and fondant. These cakes may still be in vogue, but sooner or later, someone's going to point out that without the frosting, it's just not a cake. One very high-end wedding coordinator we talked to advises her clients to

eschew nakedness in favor of a fully clothed cake. Frosting, she says, keeps the cake from drying out.

Mason Jars Canning peaches or preserves at your wedding? If not, you may want to rethink those Mason jars. In the aughts, they were quaint. Then they became ubiquitous. Now, they're just plain annoying — and very, very tired.



Barn Weddings Seriously, aren't you secretly starting to long for a nice, clean, crisp, air-conditioned ballroom?

OVER 



The Garter Toss Nothing says "awkward" like watching the groom hike up his bride's gown to retrieve her garter to the tune of "The Stripper" and hoots and hollers from the crowd — as her red-faced father grimaces in the corner. Anyway, who would want to toss away these pretty garters from Alisa Brides?

The Cake Smash After decades of popularity, couples are beginning to realize that a \$5,000 gown covered in frosting is just... silly. But Jay Muse of Lulu Cake Boutique begs to differ. "Lighten up!" he says.

Chalkboard Signs These were cute at first — but they got real old, real fast.

"YMCA" Sadly, this Village People anthem seems to be taking its place next to "The Alleycat."

Burlap As potato sacks? Yes. As wedding décor? No.

READY FOR A COMEBACK?

Gloves "No gloves!" says Kleinfeld PR Director Jennette Kruszka. We're not so sure about this one. Check out these lovely lace ones from Alisa Brides (and on our cover).





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Fussiness and ostentation are over, but feminine headpieces never go out of style. Single-tier veils edged with delicate trim are popular. Ultra-sheer is in, and cathedral-length veils are hot. Some brides are opting for delicate hair jewelry, combs, and clips, and the boho/hippie look is still very hot, with halos and flower crowns more popular than ever. For the bride who wants to be princess for a day, tiaras are available in a variety of styles.



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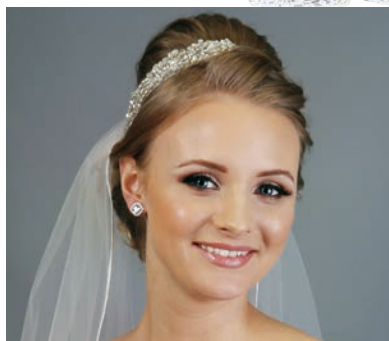
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Alisa of Alisa Brides says that "veils are softer and 'flow' is the keyword. Drop-veil patterns are very popular for their soft shape and subtle cascading. The bohemian vibe is also evident in halos, as it offers a softer look than a very formal tiara and is a great option for looser hair styles. Rose gold is a fun and fresh option for jewelry and headpieces."

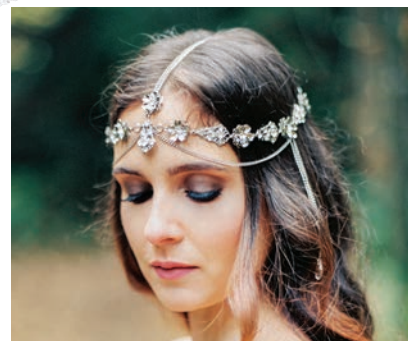
Alisa Brides
Mount Kisco (646) 450-2882
www.alisabrides.com



TIARAS & SINGLE TIERS

Fingertip, single-tier veils are the most popular style at Be Unique Boutique, according to owner Erika Pitt, who says that "elbow-length veils become too bulky, and brides aren't wearing blushers so much any more. Beautiful, finished edges are big, such as lace scallops, and headbands are coming back. Vine-style headpieces that tie with a ribbon, pins in the hair, and combs are very popular here."

Be Unique Boutique
Mount Kisco (914) 241-2410
www.bubmtk.com



CROWN JEWELS

"One-tier veils are most popular," says Jennette Kruszka at Kleinfeld. "Ethereal veils with ribbon trim and horsehair, such as designs by Peter Langner, are very popular." Like many bridal pros, Kruszka says that combs, headbands, and wreaths are more popular than tiaras, and, "We're seeing more rose gold and opal stones as embellishments on headpieces, such as those from Lindsay Marie Designs."

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SHOES

Blinged-out bridal footwear is what's in now: everything from crystal-embellished and gemstone-encrusted pumps to metallic strappy sandals adorned with feathers.

BEJEWELED & BEDAZZLING

Nordstrom women's shoe buyer Victoria Dellinger has noticed "some fun color play, such as royal blue and bright pink" in bridal shoes. "We're also excited about heavy heel embellishment; lots of bling. A third trend we're seeing is an Art Deco/vintage influence."

Nordstrom

White Plains (914) 946-1122
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GLISTENING METALLICS

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Gwyneth Shoes

(646) 330-1440
www.gwynethshoes.com

MAKE MINE MINT

Colored shoes aren't more popular than white or ivory at Kleinfeld. Bestsellers include shoes in blue, or in mint green (called "Liberty") from Sarah Jessica Parker's new bridal line, which debuted at the shop. All shoes in the collection feature a light-blue grosgrain tab along the back seam. Jimmy Choo metallics are popular, too.

Kleinfeld Bridal

New York, NY (646) 633-4300
www.kleinfeldbridal.com



STRUT YOUR FEATHERS

Stuart Weitzman is extending its bridal collection to include its most popular evening silhouettes. The collection contains 10 bridal styles in three fabrics: white satin, argento noir, and platinum gold noir. Brides may adorn the white satin styles with clear, chalk-white, or blue Swarovski crystals. Prices for the crystal designs range from \$2,200 to \$3,500.

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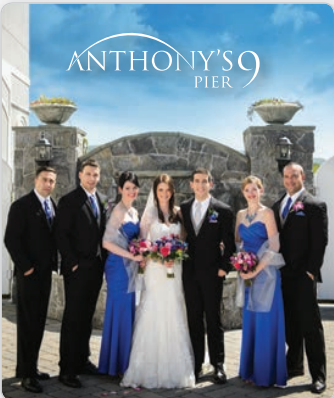
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JEWELRY

Fine or fashion? Diamonds or pearls? Gold or platinum? Here's what local jewelers have to say about the jewels today's brides are choosing.



IT'S PERSONAL

Jewelry inscribed with personal messages is trending, says Mike Wilson of Wilson & Son Jewelers, who adds that it is also a popular way to propose.

Wilson & Son Jewelers
Scarsdale (914) 723-0327
www.wilsonandsonjewelers.com



TIMELESS ELEGANCE

"Pearls are classic and beautiful," says Robert Woodrow of R&M Woodrow Jewelers. "Today's brides aren't really going over the top" but are instead opting for one "focus piece."

R&M Woodrow Jewelers
Rye (914) 967-0464
www.woodrowjewelers.com



THE FINER THINGS

"We encourage brides to select fine jewelry" rather than fashion jewelry, says Sue Matero of Matero Fine Jewelry & Design. Matero is noticing "a turn back to stud earrings with or without a small dangle."

Matero Fine Jewelry & Design
Millwood (914) 944-1495
www.materofinejewelry.com

SINGLE AND STACKED

When it comes to bracelets, a gorgeous bangle is hard to beat, especially when it's dripping with diamonds, as these are. Wear one for simple elegance, or, if you prefer (and can afford it), stack them for a glamorous look.

Blue Nile
White Plains (855) 443-4935
www.bluenile.com



HALOS ARE ULTRA-HOT

Halo settings — a diamond or gemstone encircled by pavé diamonds or gemstones — are still very popular, says Kari Gray-Hoff, director of merchandising at online jeweler Blue Nile, which has a Webroom at The Westchester. Designs vary from intricate "with vintage detailing to clean, simple bezels."

Blue Nile White Plains (855) 443-4935
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Be Unique Boutique
Mount Kisco
(914) 241-2410
www.bubmtk.com

DELICATE SPARKLE

According to Melissa Thompson, store director of Peridot Fine Jewelry, trends include “long, delicate earrings with movement; brides want something that will sparkle but not be overpowering and will mimic the flowing lines of their dresses.” Yellow gold has also been popular.

Peridot Fine Jewelry
Larchmont
(914) 833-7333
www.peridotfinejewelry.com



PRETTY PETALS

This ultra-feminine hair clip by Ti Adoro, adorned with Swarovski crystals, is the epitome of bridal hair jewelry.

Kleinfeld Bridal
New York, NY
(646) 633-4300
www.kleinfeldbridal.com



BOLD & BEJWELED

Lorraine Tyne sums up bridal trends in four categories: “Baroque revival, gilded jewels, raw sophistication, and colored statements.” The boutique carries the exclusive Sinrilus Collection of headpieces, handbags, and jewelry.

Lorraine Tyne
Beacon (845) 418-5587
www.lorrainetyne.com



BRIDESMAIDS

Always a bridesmaid? Now you can be a chic and glamorous one!

Matchy-matchy is over. So are bridesmaid dresses that look like prom dresses from the '80s. Bridesmaids have more options — pretty and sophisticated — than ever, with an endless array of colors, fabrics, and styles to choose from. Two of the biggest trends? Build-your-own look and dress rentals.

BUILD YOUR OWN LOOK



BOHO DECO

At BHLDN, sister brand to Anthropologie, the biggest trend is luxe bohemian — think intricate detailing, embroidery, and heavy beading, with soft, pretty accessories. The company has launched a new “Build Your Own Look” tool for bridesmaids. A scrolling screen on the website lets the user mix and match tops and skirts, see how they'll look together, then choose from a range of colors.

BHLDN (888) 942-4536; www.bhldn.com

SIMPLY CHIC



Being a bridesmaid is expensive. And though bridesmaid dresses have gotten more glamorous (sequins, metallics, sophisticated silhouettes and fabrics), glamour comes at a price. A popular solution? Bridesmaid dress rentals! Vow To Be Chic is an innovative digital platform that makes wearing a gorgeous gown

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The classic black tux is very much in, but many grooms are opting for custom suits.

When it comes to dressing the groom, tradition is strong. Black tuxedos, white shirts, and black ties are still the most popular, especially for evening weddings. But suits are gaining ground, particularly with the availability of affordable made-to-measure suits. Today's grooms are all about adding personal touches, whether it's cool cufflinks, a quirky bowtie, or a colored pocket square.



TIE ONE ON

Shaun Hosdaghian of Sossi Formals says that the groom's tuxedo should be different than the groomsmen's, "whether a different style tux or a subtle detail, such as wearing a bowtie and having the groomsmen in long ties." Pocket squares, he says, "are a must and add a touch of color to the tuxedos." Classic patent-leather shoes are still the look of choice, and bowties are definitely in.

Sossi Formals multiple locations
www.sossiformalwear.com

SUITS ME JUST FINE

Tuxes will always be in style for grooms and groomsmen, but affordable made-to-measure suits, like those offered at Indochino, are very popular. Coordinating suits for the groomsmen are a great option, and, these days, men can choose everything from the style of lapel to the color of the lining to the monogramming inside the jacket. (The wedding date and the couple's names are the most popular option.) Light gray and charcoal are the most popular colors for weddings, but "blues of all shades are right on trend," says the store's New York showroom manager BJ McCahill. Different colored accents — pocket squares, ties, vests — are a popular way to distinguish the groom from the groomsmen.

Indochino
 New York, NY (855) 334-0788; www.indochino.com



SLIM PICKINS

Robert Forchetti, co-owner of San Marko Formals & Fine Men's Wear in Yonkers, says that slim-fitting suits are in, that "the black tuxedo has always been the quintessential look for grooms and groomsmen," but navy blue and gray have been recent customer favorites.

San Marko Formals & Fine Men's Wear
 Yonkers
 (914) 964-8982
www.sanmarko.com

CUFF 'EM

At Thomas Pink, which recently opened a shop at Bloomingdale's in White Plains, "our gents are seeking more fashion-forward and expressive looks for evening wear," says Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations Rachel Branch, such as an edgy tone-on-tone look with a black evening shirt, or colorful accessories. Branch notes that couples are marrying a little later than in past decades and, with age comes more confidence about expressing individuality. So a groom might choose something fashionable yet quirky, such as a whimsical bowtie, guitar cufflinks, or a colorful multi-box pocket square.

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ETHNIC INFLUENCES

At Abigail Kirsch, a popular trend is ethnic comfort food with a contemporary twist, according to chef and partner Alison Awerbuch: "Couples have been opting for menu items that tie into their family cultures and ethnicities in a way that personalizes the menu."

Abigail Kirsch Catering
New York, NY (212) 696-4076
www.abigailkirsch.com



LOCALLY SOURCED

At Main Course Catering, the big trend is "Local, local, local!" says Catering Director Amanda Serroukas. Clients are requesting baby vegetables "left whole and displayed in a way for guests to enjoy the beauty of the vegetable itself. A crowd favorite is our savory spin on a macaroon using golden beets, goat cheese, and fresh herbs." Mini-edible spoons and tasting cups at dessert stations are popular, and pies and pie bars are still trending, she adds.

Main Course Catering
New Paltz (845) 255-2600
www.maincoursecatering.com

MUSIC

SET THE TONE

"One of the most popular wedding songs in the last few years has been 'Thinking out Loud' by Ed Sheeran, but we still get requests for classics like 'At Last' by Etta James or 'The Best Is Yet to Come' by Sinatra," says Jill Prince, president of Hal Prince Music and Entertainment. When it comes to wedding music, Prince advises thinking outside the box: "Consider hiring a string quartet, but request nontraditional music for your wedding ceremony. Many brides and grooms take dance lessons prior to their big day and have their first dance choreographed."

Hal Prince Music and Entertainment
Mount Kisco (914) 241-3300
www.halprince.com

CAKES

TIERS OF JOY

"We see a lot of variations on ruffles," says Jay Muse, chef and partner at Lulu Cake Boutique. "We're starting to see graphic prints and patterns and black and white, as well as cooler color hues and templates — slate blue, pewters — coming away from the whole blush-and-gold experience, which dominated for a while. We're seeing sage green, mint green, moss green — a whole spearmint palette, which works with the trend of succulents going on in the floral industry, so we go hand-in-hand with the farm-to-table movement."

Lulu Cake Boutique
Scarsdale
(914) 722-8300
www.everythinglulu.com



LAYER IT ON

"Trends include watercolor, geodes, and gold, an ongoing trend," says Jessica Minisci at Just Desserts by Jess. "White wedding cakes will always be a classic choice, but more brides are looking to steer away from traditional white, and want to wow their guests with cakes covered in rhinestones, delicate lace, cakes themed after a couple's own interests — you never know what you're going to see next!"

Just Desserts By Jess
Westchester
(914) 424-8611
www.justdessertsbyjess.com



FLOWERS



BOHEMIAN BLOOMS

Lee Vazquez of Lee Vazquez Floral Design & Event Planning says the current big trend in floral arrangements is “loose, bohemian, soft, and a bit wild! Garlands of foliage and cascading greens and big blooms are what brides are asking for.”

Lee Vazquez Floral Design & Event Planning
Piermont (845) 365-0315
www.ladybuglee.com



ORGANIC & INTIMATE

At Joseph Richard Florals, “We’ve seen a trend toward local, in-season, and handcrafted,” says Floral Concierge John Shepard. “More and more couples are looking for organic and intimate — seasonal wildflowers, natural textures like birchwood wrappings for a bouquet. We’ve also noticed a switch from DIY weddings to “DIFY” — Do It For You — weddings.”

Joseph Richard Florals
Armonk (914) 273-3361
www.josephrichardflorals.com

PHOTOGRAPHY

GET THE PICTURE

“The biggest trend I see now is people wanting to be original and not limiting themselves to what they see on Pinterest. Nobody wants their things to be the same as what everyone else has pinned,” says Jade O’Connell of Uplift Photography.

Uplift Photography
Jade & Tim O’Connell
www.upliftphotography.com
Hudson Valley, NY, CT (347) 633-3596

PHOTO BOOTHS



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The Booth Photo & Video
Port Chester (917) 655-2832
www.theboothphotovideo.com



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By Carol Caffin with Rachel Baron, Samantha Garbarini, and Gillian Lubin

Illustrations by Bella Pillar



Set a Budget

That \$10,000 Pnina Tornai ball gown from Kleinfeld may be calling your name, but your bank account is screaming, "David's Bridal!" You may want a sit-down dinner for 200 at The Ritz, but an intimate gathering for 50 at your favorite restaurant is more in line with your bank account. Figure out what you can afford—and remember that your budget includes not only the dress, the venue, and the music, but also the rehearsal dinner, transportation, flowers, photography, lodging for out-of-town guests, tips, wedding-party gifts — and that's just for starters. Also, now is the time to find out who's paying for what.

Set a Date

Be prepared to pay a premium if you want a Saturday night in May or June, and make sure to consider the possibility of a blizzard if you've got your heart set on a winter wedding.

TIP: You can save substantial \$\$ by booking your wedding on an off-day (Friday or Sunday rather than Saturday) or off-month (like March, July, or August).

Choose a Color Scheme

Color is a great way to let your personality shine. Choose colors and fabrics that work with the season and that reflect the tone/style (Formal? Casual? Barn? Ballroom?) of the wedding.

Choose a Photographer

Your photographer is your storyteller, so you need a good one. Do some research so that you can ask the right questions and get answers that can help you make a decision. Learn a little about the importance of lighting, composition, color, etc., so that you're armed with info when you interview photographers.

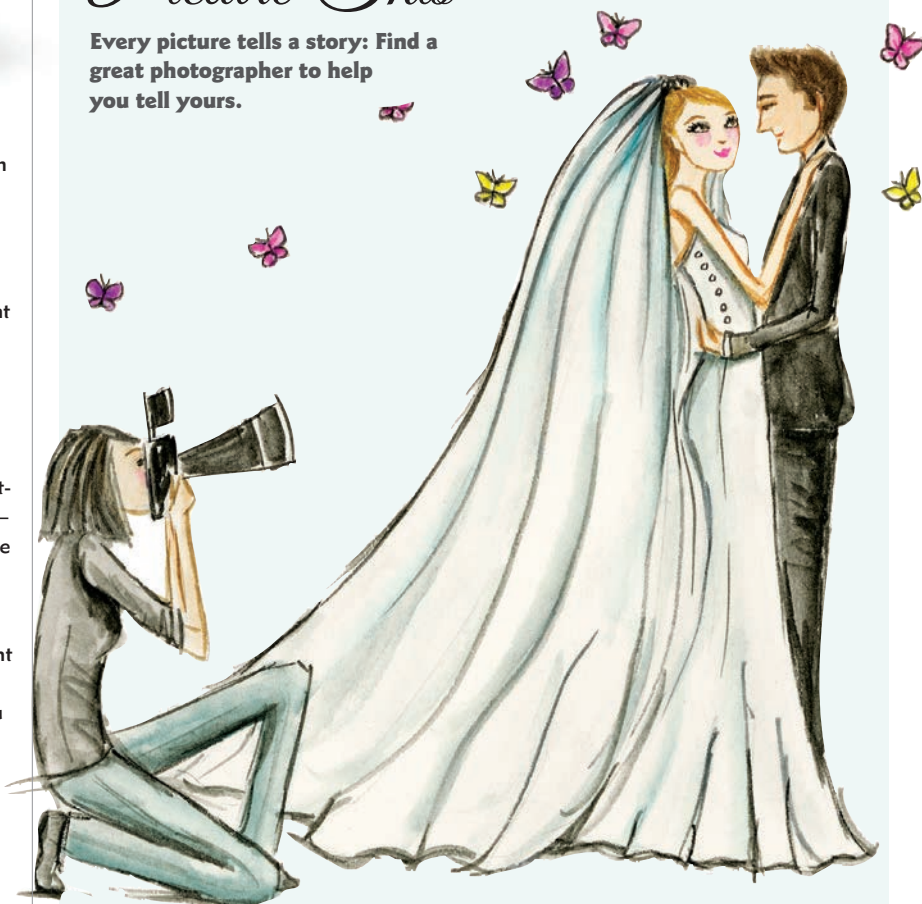
Hire a Wedding Planner

This is usually a worthwhile investment, particularly if your wedding has a lot of "moving parts"—a large bridal party, out-of-town guests, intricacies and customizations, etc.

TIP: You can save \$\$ by hiring a consultant for just certain aspects of the wedding (say, coordinating the music, photography, and flowers) or to take care of all the details on your wedding day.

Picture This

Every picture tells a story: Find a great photographer to help you tell yours.



Listen, anybody can stand there with a fancy camera and push a button. But a reputable photographer will not just hit that button 500 times and charge you for a "package." You want someone who has both technical know-how and a creative eye. So how do you find that someone?

1. Research. Do Internet searches; ask friends for recommendations, etc.; then schedule interviews with three or four photographers you like.

2. Find wedding photos you love in magazines and online, then take them with you to the interviews.

3. Discuss the details of your

wedding with your prospective photographers and tell them a little about you.

4. Ask how the photographer will make your photos memorable and capture the vibe you want. Also ask how many weddings he or she has photographed and what distinguishes him or her from other photographers.

4. Ask to see photographers' portfolios. If you don't like the photos — for whatever reason — move on.

5. Ask about costs and packages: What's included? What's not? What if I hate the photos?



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Booking the Big Day

We asked Alexandra Corbett, senior wedding sales manager for The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, to give us the scoop on prices, trends, deposits, and other things you need to consider when booking your wedding.

How far in advance should you book your wedding? I would recommend 10 to 12 months in advance if you have your heart set on a certain date.

What percentage deposit do you require? The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester, requires a 25-percent deposit.

Is the deposit refundable? Under what conditions? The deposit is non-refundable.

How does the day of week, time of day, and month of year affect pricing? Our typical wedding package for Saturday evenings start at \$185 (pp), and, for Fridays and Sundays, prices start at \$165. Pricing can be flexible from January to March and in July and August.

What percentage of couples use wedding planners to book their weddings? Forty percent of our couples will use a planner.

What are some of the biggest mistakes couples make when booking a wedding? 'Too many cooks spoil the food.' I always like to remind my couples that it is their day; they need to make their wedding uniquely theirs and enjoy the process.

What are some trends you've been seeing recently? Family-style dinners are extremely popular, as are passed desserts on the dance floor, and more relaxed after-parties. Calligraphy is a huge trend in invites, table numbers, and cake toppers.

What are the trends for desserts or sweets tables? Mini desserts, s'mores, desserts in a jar, donuts, and macarons.

What trends have gone out of favor? Stiff formality! And the garter and/or bouquet toss you never see anymore.

Book Your Venue(s)

Make a wish list of venues you can afford. Narrow down your choices to a handful and schedule visits. It's important to book early, especially if it's a popular venue or a coveted date. Find out what is included in the price and what is not, and ask about insurance, deposits, etc.

Choose Your Gown

You may have a favorite designer, silhouette, color, fabric—or all or none of the above. In any case, now is the time to schedule appointments at bridal shops to try on dresses. Keep an open mind: You may think you want a mermaid, but you could end up falling in love with an A-line. (Note: Depending on the dress you choose, you may have to order a year in advance, though, often, eight or nine months is enough time.

TIP: Don't try on anything you can't afford; it's a waste of everyone's time.



Order Veil, Shoes, Lingerie & Accessories...

And, if you haven't already done so, order your gown! It's important to have the undergarments that you are planning to wear on your wedding day when you go for your fittings, as even the slightest variation can alter the fit.

Schedule Cake-Tastings & Order Cake

Though nine months is usually sufficient advance time, ultra-popular bakers may require a year or more.

Have Your Cake

We spoke to Victor Gonzalez at Lulu Cake Boutique in Scarsdale about pricing, trends, and how to save dough on your cake.

How do you price your cakes? We price per serving.

How can you get a beautiful cake without breaking the bank? Order a cake with buttercream instead of fondant. Instead of handmade fondant flowers, have your florist add fresh blooms.

What are some current trends in wedding cakes? The farm-to-table experience. We use local butter, fruit from local farms, even honey from a Bronx rooftop. For our bourbon cakes, we use locally sourced liquor from Hudson Baby Bourbon.



Is there a charge for tasting? Some bakeries do charge, but we don't. We're sure once you taste our cakes you won't want to go anywhere else!

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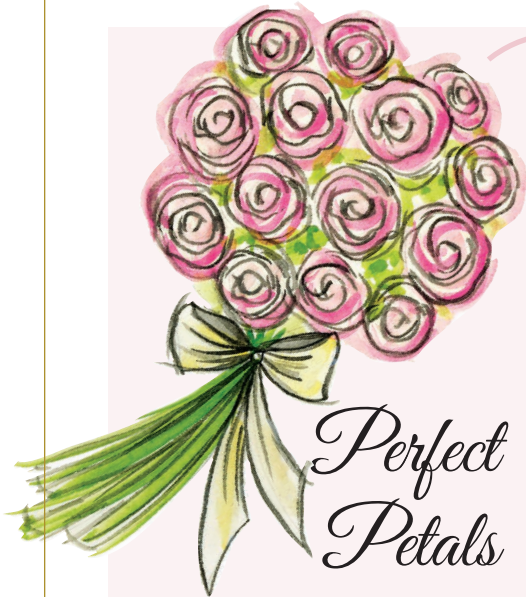


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Perfect Petals

Monica Chimes of Monica Chimes Floral in West Harrison on how to choose your wedding flowers

“Ask yourself, *What inspires me?*” she advises. “It can be the fragrance of a flower, the colors of a painting, or a feeling that a peony evokes.” Some things to consider:

- The scale of your event; this will dictate budget.
- Whether the flowers you want are in season; if not, they will need to be flown in. This adds considerably to the cost.
- Ask your bridal party if there are any allergies to a particular bloom.
- The best bang for your buck? White hydrangeas. Full, fragrant, and frugal.
- Brides are trending toward vintage details: Think succulents in wooden boxes.

Select an Officiant

First, decide whether you want a religious or secular ceremony. Of course, you may choose your parish priest or your temple’s rabbi. If you have an interfaith wedding, you may opt for an interfaith minister or a clergy member from each religion. Or, you may choose a secular officiant — choices are plentiful in the Hudson Valley.

Book a Florist

Check out local florists’ websites, and visit two or three before putting down a deposit. Ask to see samples or photos of the florists’ work, and get references.

Buy Insurance

Nobody wants to think about it, but things can go wrong on your wedding day. Consider insurance to cover the cost of your dress, gifts, photos, jewelry, or deposits. A simple liability policy can cost less than \$200. Also, ask each vendor about their own insurance policies and what they cover.

Book Band and/or DJ

Music sets the tone, literally, for both your wedding ceremony and reception. Decide whether you want a soloist or ensemble for your ceremony or a band or DJ for your reception. Make sure the music reflects you as well as the wedding itself.

Love “Notes”

When it comes to your ceremony, unless you are having an especially lavish affair, subtlety usually works best. Consider an instrumental soloist — a harpist is classic — or an ensemble. The right vocalist can also work, but remember: The music is there for ambience; you are the star of the show. For your reception, the style, formality, budget, and your personal preference, should determine whether you have a band, DJ, or both. Quality is key: Make sure you hear the band and/or DJ in a live setting. Most musicians and music companies offer packages.



Book a Hair Stylist

You want a stylist who is not just technically proficient but also someone who is going to listen to your wants and needs and advise you on what will work best for your hair type, face shape, and headpiece.

Luscious Locks

Be the best-tressed you can be. Melissa Scrofani is an award-winning hairstylist with great tips for your big day.

What are some tips for bridal hair? Choose two styles at your trial run. Make sure you love them equally. This way, you’re not disappointed if you have to choose one over the other.

What are some of the latest hair trends? I tell each of my brides to choose a style based on what makes you look and feel most beautiful, not based on what the current trends are.

How does the bride’s dress influence her hairstyle? Always make sure you look at the neckline and the back of the dress. Choose a style that complements the dress, not competes with it.

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Set Up Your Registry

You can register at more than one store: say, one for china and stemware, and another for everyday items, linens, etc. Already have your nest feathered? Register for a honeymoon instead at www.honeyfund.com.

Plan Rehearsal Dinner

...and determine who's paying. "Get the elephant out of the room," recommends wedding planner Monique Banks. "Talk about money right away."

Order Invitations

Alissa Sampogna of The King's Scribe in Chappaqua says that couples should order their invitations six months before their wedding "and definitely no later than four months." She recommends timeless looks, and says that "letterpress printing creates a beautiful, artisan, and tactile quality."

Book Transportation

The white stretch limo has fallen somewhat out of favor, says Steve Brenna of Red Oak Transportation in Port Chester. Trends include luxury mini-buses for the bride, groom, and wedding party, as well as limos or antique vehicles, which are pricier.

Choose Wedding Bands

Generally, wedding bands are chosen by the bride and groom together. Sal D'Errico of D'Errico Jewelers in Scarsdale says that a band with diamonds usually runs upward of \$1,500. For the groom's band, he says, "think simple and classic."

Book Rentals

Having your wedding outdoors? You're going to need to rent everything from tents to linens to heating/cooling units to lighting, flooring, and flatware.

Book a Makeup Artist

If ever there was an area not to cut corners, this is it. Interview makeup artists and book a "trial run" ASAP. A professional makeup artist will take into account your face shape, skin color and undertones, etc.

Best Face Forward

When it comes to wedding-day makeup, "more" is generally not better. You want to look like a bride, not a Vegas showgirl. To do that, you need a pro. Award-winning makeup artist Meredith Hayman makes you look like you — only better.

What are some things brides should consider when it comes to their makeup? The time of year and your skin tone — not just for your wedding date, but your makeup trial. If you're getting married in July, but have a trial in January, know that your skin will be more pale and dry in winter. No matter the temperature, you're likely to sweat more on your wedding day, but a good makeup artist should have the best primers and setting products.

What should a bride wear for the makeup trial? A white or ivory shirt is best. And you should also style your hair closely to your wedding-day style.

Do you recommend brides steer clear of makeup trends? I tell brides to choose a classic makeup look that will ensure they like their photos 20 years from now. The best trend is to look like the best version of yourself on your wedding day.



Rent Men's Formalwear

According to Shaun Hosdaghian of the Sossi Formals, which has multiple locations in the Hudson Valley, the groom and groomsmen should rent formalwear "as soon as the dress colors have been decided."

Renew Passports

All the info you need can be found here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/information/where-to-apply/agencies/new-york.html>

Buy Wedding-Party Gifts

The gifts don't have to be expensive or fancy, though it is customary for the maid of honor and the best man to receive an extra-special gift. Whether you chose a small piece of jewelry engraved with your wedding date or a simple "thank you" or a monogrammed item, customized gifts are classic.

Ask Friends/Family to Participate in Readings

You can be as creative as you like here: Choose your own readings, have your friends or family choose, or write the readings or choose them together.

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Write Vows

Be creative, but remember: These are your wedding vows, not a Shakespearean soliloquy. Heartfelt and beautiful, yes; verbose, no. If you don't have a way with words, you may want to enlist the help of a professional, like Holly Blum of A Speech to Remember (www.aspeechtoremember.com), who will craft custom vows and even toasts for you. Just tell her what you want to say, and she'll help you say it in an eloquent (but not over-the-top) way.



Apply for Marriage License

It would be a shame if something so simple held up your wedding, but it could — if you're not informed. Before you go to the city or town clerk's office to obtain your license, make sure you know your parents' birth names and place of birth, and be sure to have a photo ID, documentation of

The Logistics of "I Do"

Wedding planning isn't all guest lists and cake-tastings. Here are some important nuts-and-bolts considerations.



The Marriage License

You and your soon-to-be spouse will need to appear in person at the city or town clerk's office to obtain a marriage license. (A \$40 fee covers the cost of your license and marriage certificate.) Make sure you both bring a legal photo ID, original birth certificate, and, if you've been married before, a decree of divorce. In New York, there's a 24-hour waiting period before your license becomes valid, and then it is valid for 60 days.

Parks Permits

If you're planning to get married in a park, you'll likely need a permit. Contact your local parks and recreation department as soon as you have a wedding date.

The Marriage Certificate

Your officiant should file your completed marriage license, and you'll get your certificate in the mail in about 15 business days. If you lose it,

you can obtain a new one from the city or town where it was issued or from the New York State Office of Vital Records.

Who Can Officiate?

Select government officials (mayors, clerks, and other authorized officiants); a village, town, or city justice; and members of the clergy are able to officiate a ceremony. While there has been some controversy in New York State about using a family member or friend ordained by the Universal Life Church, it's generally okay. You'll also need two witnesses to sign the marriage license.

Planning for Your Honeymoon

It might seem romantic to be Mr. and Mrs. on the honeymoon, but resist the urge to change your name before you go. The name on your tickets and passport needs to be consistent with your legal name. No match and you won't be getting on the plane.



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The Eyes Have It

Devra Bader of Devra Bader Skincare & Beauty Spa on how to get luscious lashes and beautiful brows

How far in advance should the bride get her eyebrows done? A consultation two months before can help put a schedule in place leading up to the big day, and the final shaping should be done two to three days before the wedding. Tweezing is always a safe choice.

Do you recommend false eyelashes for a bride? I love to add a few false lashes; they give a great lift and are easily removed. Strip lashes are a bit too artificial-looking.

mentation of your age and identity, money for the license fee, and documentation of any previous marriages. You also need to decide if you will both use the same surname, and be aware that you will need to wait 24 hours before getting married.

Have Final Fittings

If you've lost or gained a few pounds, this is your last chance to deal with it. If something doesn't feel quite right, speak now or forever hold your peace!

Have Your Hair Cut and/or Colored

Don't even think about cutting or coloring your hair any sooner than one to two weeks out, particularly if it's a new cut or color (which you shouldn't be doing this late, anyway).

Finalize Delivery Times With Vendors

Think of your wedding day as a dance: Every minute counts and everything needs to be perfectly choreographed.

Finalize Music Playlist

Your favorite song may have changed in the past few weeks. Make sure your DJ, band, and/

or soloist has the right songs (and the right versions!) in the right order. Make sure everything is written down and keep a copy.

Attend bachelor/ette parties

Don't think of this as your "last hurrah," but do have a great time, whether you're having a guys' night out at a local club or a weekend in Vegas with the girls.

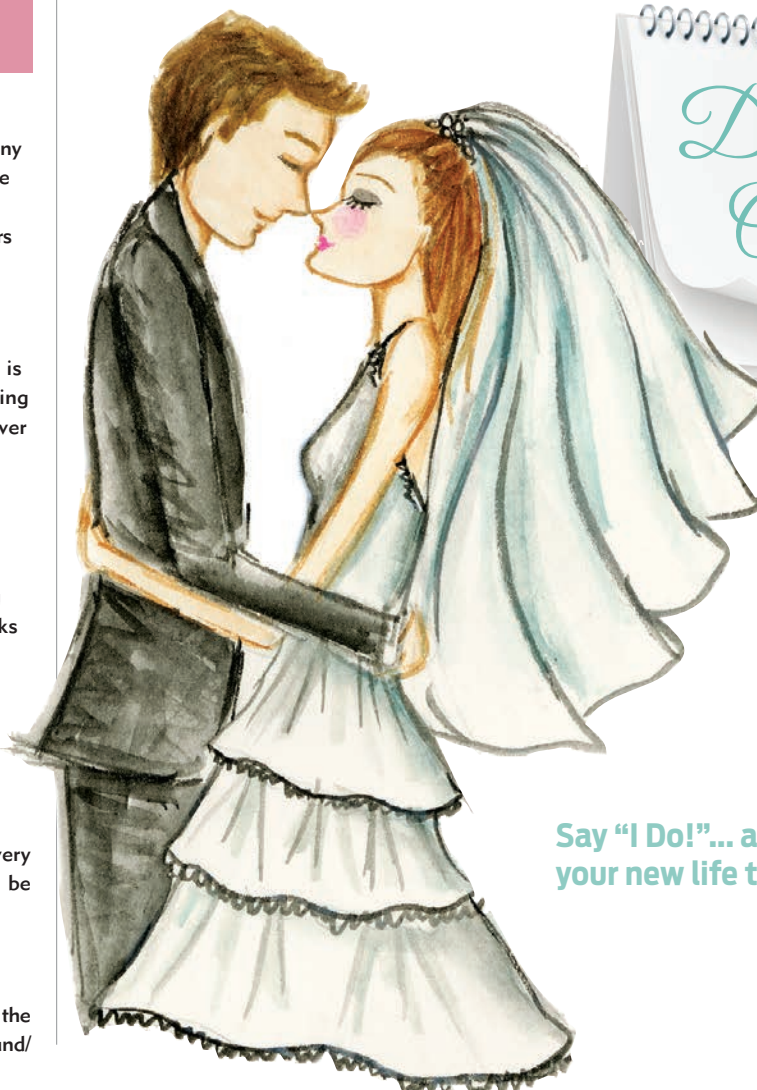
Finalize your reception seating chart

You may want to see "one big happy family" at the same table, but, when arranging your seating, think first of your guests and their comfort. Your parents may have had an amicable divorce, but do you really think your dad wants to sit next to your mom's 30-year-old bodybuilder boyfriend all evening?



Get Some Sleep

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WEDDING PLANNER CHECKLIST



12 MONTHS

- Set a realistic budget
- Set a date
- Start planning your guest list
- Hire a photographer
- Hire a wedding planner
- Book a venue
- Throw an engagement party
- Ask friends and family to be in the wedding
- Shop for and order your gown

9 MONTHS

- Purchase bridal shoes and lingerie (you'll need them for your fittings)
- Set up your wedding website
- Have cake tastings and order your cake
- Choose an officiant
- Research wedding insurance
- Reserve a hotel block for out-of-town guests
- Book your caterer, florist, and band/DJ

6 MONTHS

- Choose hair and makeup stylists; book trial runs
- Register for gifts
- Plan your rehearsal dinner
- Order invitations and send save-the-dates
- Hire wedding-day transportation
- Choose and purchase wedding rings
- Choose bridesmaids' dresses
- Start planning your honeymoon

3 MONTHS

- Rent formalwear for the groom and groomsmen
- Attend your bridal shower
- Order favors
- Purchase gifts for each other, wedding party, and parents
- Finalize menus, flowers, and readings for the ceremony

2 MONTHS

- Mail invitations
- Write your vows

1 MONTH

- Apply for a marriage license
- Have final fittings
- Have your hair cut and colored
- Finalize headcounts, last-minute details, and times with vendors
- Attend your bachelor/ette parties
- Finalize seating chart

2 WEEKS

- Book spa and mani/pedi appointments
- Review shot list with photographer and playlist with DJ/band

1 WEEK

- Pick up bride's dress and groom's tux
- Final haircut/trim for the groom
- Confirm pickup times and locations with transportation
- Give your planner (or point person) a list of vendor contacts and delivery times
- Assemble checks and tips for vendors
- Pack for your honeymoon if you're going right after the wedding

1 DAY

- Give marriage license to the officiant
- Give gifts to wedding party
- Attend your rehearsal dinner
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Romance and femininity are in this season, big-time. From body-accentuating silhouettes to ultra-luxurious fabrics to welcome surprises — sleeves, bows, high-low hemlines, floral embellishments, cathedral trains and veils — 2017's bridal fashions are making a grand statement. Gorgeous lace and sophisticated couture elements inspired by the runways and red carpets are melding in modern, chic ways to create stunning looks for brides of all ages and styles.

By Pamela Watson

Deep V-Neck

Mira Zwillinger "Noelle" stunning V-neck Guipure lace over tulle with mélange blossom-on-ivory floral appliques, \$13,090

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Cape

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**KAIT DALY
& BEN FUND**

August 29, 2015

By Samantha Garbarini

Kait and Ben were getting ready to celebrate the birthday of their golden retriever, Hobie-Wan Kenobi, when Kait had a feeling that Ben might propose. But, when Hobie's birthday came and went without Ben popping the question, she wrote it off as a wrong instinct. The next night, Ben gave Kait a Shutterfly album to remember Hobie's first year of life. "It was full of pictures of him as a puppy," says Kait. "Toward the end, it gets to be a little bit less about Hobie and more about me." Ben then proposed, and afterward, the couple met their friends and family for a party at a nearby restaurant.

In planning their wedding, Kait and Ben knew they didn't want a cookie-cutter venue and looked at places in New York City and the Hamptons before finding Sleepy Hollow Country Club. "I really didn't want to get married in a hotel ballroom with ugly carpet," says Kait. "Everything about Sleepy Hollow was original and vintage. It really evoked this classic feel."

The main house includes 18 meticulously maintained guest rooms where the couple's loved ones could spend the weekend. "I'd say our number-one thing was to have our entire family there and to be able to throw an awesome party," adds Kait. With the venue set, Kait and Ben turned their attention toward the "awesome party." First step: planning the reception around maximizing space for dancing, and hiring Hank Lane to do the music. >>



Above: Ben waits for Kait at the bottom of the main house's grandiose staircase. The building was once the estate of Margaret Vanderbilt Shepard. *Below:* The couple's dog, Hobie-Wan Kenobi, poses for the camera. "He totally knows when he's supposed to be in the picture, and he hams it up big-time," says Ben. A picture of Hobie was featured on custom fans, to help guests beat the August heat.





The Details:

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After hiring the band, finding the right photographer was a major focus for Kait and Ben. "The Markows are absolutely incredible," says Ben. "Since our wedding, they've shot my brother's wedding, my mom's wedding, and they're shooting my sister's wedding."





Love



Top: The elegant tent at Sleepy Hollow Country Club was a major draw for the couple. “All the doors open, so you’re effectively outside,” remembers Ben. *Above:* The lighting at sunset made for perfect photos.



With a wedding all about family, it made sense that someone in the family would perform the ceremony. “I’m Jewish, and Kait grew up Christian,” says Ben. “We had a lot of trouble finding someone who really knew us and understood our lives together.” Ultimately, they turned to Candy, Ben’s mom’s partner, knowing she would make it personal. Another personal touch: “We’re big fantasy movie fans,” says Kait. “Our bridal party walked down the aisle to the Shire theme from *The Hobbit*. And I walked down the aisle to the theme from *Jurassic Park*. It sounds crazy but it’s a beautiful song.”

In the end, it was all about sharing their wedding day with the most important people in their lives. “We were able to spend three full days with all of our closest family and friends,” says Ben. “It was more than just the joining of me and Kait. It was really the creation of a new, giant family.” [www](#)

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September 16, 2015

By Samantha Garbarini



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Shannon met David while she was visiting her family in Long Island. Although she lived in Maryland at the time, the couple started dating, driving back and forth for over a year, before Shannon moved back home. About a year later, David proposed while the couple was staying at a bed and breakfast at Shannon's favorite spot in Virginia wine country.

Back in Long Island the couple pondered ballrooms and event spaces as potential venues before turning to the Hudson Valley for barns. "We looked at two or three different barns," says Shannon. "By the time we were done, I realized that wasn't what I wanted to do." Someone had told her, however, about an estate in Greene County that could be rented for events. The next weekend, she and David visited Basinova-on-Hudson and fell in love with the venue.

To create a vintage feel, Shannon spent a year scouring Craigslist for unique furniture pieces that she could refinish for the lounge, bar, and altar. "I've always been artsy," she says. "It was really fun finding, hunting down, and then refinishing things to make >>



Top: The couple rented out the entire estate for five days so family and friends could stay on-site. Another bonus: Shannon, who did most of the planning, was able to oversee the decor and setup. Above: Shannon's childhood pastor came from Florida to marry the couple in front of a vintage, refinished mantle.



This page: Sequins, lace, and eclectic furniture contributed to the wedding's vintage-chic feel. *Opposite:* The waterfront wedding was "exactly what I wanted," says Shannon. "It was just so gorgeous; it took my breath away. The flowers were insane. Everything was perfect."







Above: The bride and groom hit the dance floor. "Any wedding I've been to where I had the best time, it's always when the music is great and everyone's on the dance floor," says Shannon. *Below:* A pretzel bar was a nod to the groom — "my husband's favorite food in the entire world."





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Venue: Bassinova-on-Hudson, Athens (305) 803-3399; www.hudsonriverwedding.com

Florist: Kelly Cleary Gersec of Beaurust Flowers (917) 922-8064

Day-Of Coordinator: Adina Franconi of Hudson Valley Ceremonies, Rhinebeck (845) 244-1482; www.hudsonvalleyceremonies.com

Caterer: Bridge Creek Catering, New Paltz; www.bridgecreekcatering.com

Rentals: Events Unlimited (845) 246-7370; www.eventsunlimitedpartyrentals.com

Vintage Furniture: Market Vintage; www.marketvintageco.com

Entertainment: La Blanc Entertainment (914) 525-3337; www.lablancbrothersband.com

Cake: Crisan Bakery & Edible Art Gallery, Albany (518) 445-2727; www.crisanbakery.com

Dress: Maggie Sottero; www.maggiesottero.com

Bridal Hair & Makeup: Polina Lounello, Albany (518) 441-1239; www.polinalounello.com



them exactly the way I wanted.” One big find: a mantle that she refurbished, and draped with flowers to serve as an altar (the sellers, who salvaged the mantle from an old estate, were so thrilled it would be used for a wedding that they gave it to the couple for free).

Shannon and David chose to go with food stations instead of a formal sit-down dinner to keep things light and casual, and Shannon and her father built a special stand for pretzels — David’s favorite food — as a surprise. And the music was key: “Any wedding I’ve been to where I had the best time, is always when the music is great and everyone’s on the dance floor,” adds Shannon. As was hiring a day-of event coordinator to make sure things ran smoothly on the big day.

With the venue and the décor set, finding a dress that fit the vintage-chic theme was a real challenge. Shannon wanted long, lace sleeves, but couldn’t find them on a dress she loved. Ultimately, a bridal boutique suggested she add sleeves to a lace Maggie Sottero dress. “They were able to send away and get the same exact lace that the dress was made of and make it exactly like I wanted,” says Shannon. **www**



Outdoorsy “I Do’s”

*The Farm at Pond Lily
Elizaville*

**JAX FERGUSON &
MATTHEW ZUMMO**

October 17, 2015

By Samantha Garbarini

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“We went to the same high school [a few years apart], but we didn’t start dating until much later,” remembers Jax, who came home for Thanksgiving one year to find Matt hanging out with her friends. From there, things moved quickly, and, by May 2010, Jax had sold her home in Indiana and moved to Brooklyn to be with Matt. Two years later, when Jax was accepted to business school in California, Matt moved across the country to be with her. By 2014, they were back in New York City, where Matt was working as a high school teacher in the South Bronx.

While Jax was in DC for work, Matt planned an elaborate Francophile proposal, transforming the apartment into a Parisian bistro with lobster and Champagne. But “I screwed the whole thing up” recalls Jax, who’d caught an earlier flight home before Matt could make dinner. “I didn’t understand. So he took the ring out, proposed, and then explained it to me. We cooked dinner together instead and just had a really nice night at home.”

The couple wanted to incorporate Matt’s love of history and their love of the outdoors into their wedding. “When Matt and I take vacations, it’s to the National Parks of America,” says Jax. “We just wanted something that spoke to that side of our lives.” Their wedding planner connected them with The Farm at Pond Lily in Elizaville, about 30 miles northeast of Poughkeepsie, and the couple booked the venue immediately for an autumn celebration that would introduce their California friends to the Hudson Valley’s vibrant foliage. >>



"Some of the themes of our wedding were history and the national parks," says Jax. To that end, they hired a San Diego-based artist to design custom invitations (above) of The Farm at Pond Lily in the style of WPA parks posters from the 1940s and 1950s.





Below: To include their fathers, who'd passed away before the wedding, two chairs were reserved for them at the ceremony, with framed photos and the boutonnieres they would have worn.





Above: The couple wanted to integrate Matt's love of comic books and passion for history into the wedding. Their nieces and nephews, dressed as Marvel characters, walked down the aisle to the Avengers' theme song. In lieu of photo-booth props, guests received costume "history hats" in their welcome baskets, which they wore to the wedding.




The Details:

Photographer: Sean Kim of Sean Gallery, New York; www.seangallery.com **Venue:** The Farm at Pond Lily, Elizaville (518) 303-2488; www.pondlilyevents.com **Planner & Event Design:** Erin Crosby of Pickles & Pies; www.picklesandpies.com **Invitations:** Brightly Designed, San Diego, CA (609) 915-3728; www.brightlydesigned.com **Band:** Morgan O'Kane, Brooklyn; www.morganokanemusic.com **DJ:** Wait What; www.waitwhatmusic.com **Caterer:** Landhaus, Brooklyn; www.thelandhaus.com **Dress:** Pnina Tornai (www.pninatornai.com) purchased at Kleinfeld Bridal, New York (646) 633-4300; www.kleinfeldbridal.com **Bridal Hair & Makeup:** Kat of One On One Salon, Rhinebeck (845) 544-4136; www.oneononesalon.com



Above: The couple skipped the traditional tiered cake in favor of seasonal cider doughnuts and a warming bonfire with a make-your-own s'mores bar. Below: Despite the rustic barn setting, Jax went for an elegant mix-and-match vibe with china, gold chargers, white tapers, and WPA-style postcards of the national parks.

Jax put her own stamp on the décor ("It's not a picnic; I didn't want Mason jars," she says) and opted for hints of gold, mix-and-match china patterns, and WPA-style postcards of the national parks as table numbers. Matt chose the menu of family-style comfort foods, including fried chicken, Montauk sea bass (to represent their Long Island roots), and sweet-potato tots. As a nod to Matt's passion for history, they filled welcome baskets with costume hats, spanning eras from Ancient Egypt to Colonial America, and encouraged guests to bring them to the wedding for fun photo ops. A bluegrass band they found in the New York subway played during the cocktail hour, and a friend, professional DJ Wait What, offered to do the reception music as a wedding gift.

But the ceremony was the most memorable part of the evening. The couple entered to rock songs (Matt to Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child," Jax to an instrumental version of "Enter Sandman" by Metallica), read famous love letters from history, and recited their own vows. "I thought I would remember the party and the dancing," says Jax. "But the ceremony was great." 



A Timeless Summer Wedding

Crabtree's Kittle House
Chappaqua

**STEFANIE TISO
&
ANDY HORN**
July 11, 2015

By Samantha Garbarini



It was another couple's wedding that brought Stefanie and Andy together. They each were attending a wedding in Georgia — Stefanie a guest of the groom, Andy a friend of the bride — when they met at the reception and hit it off. After five years together, Andy proposed on Christmas Eve. "I had given him a Christmas list of things I wanted, and I put a ring on it," recalls Stefanie. "It was really cool because we were splitting Christmas that year. My family came over for Christmas Eve, and we went down to Georgia on Christmas Day to spend the day with his family."

After their "engagement tour," the couple dove into planning a wedding with a classic, timeless feel. "I wanted it to be very clean and pretty," says Stefanie. "When I look back at my wedding photos in 30 years, I want to still love everything about it." They chose Crabtree's Kittle House for its stately yet inviting feel. "It's just such a warm and welcoming place." >>

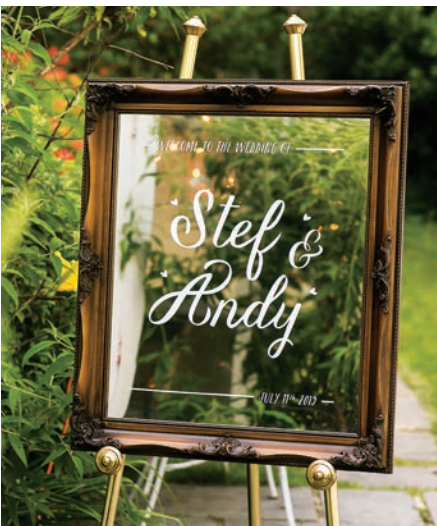




Not wanting to see herself in a dress for the first time during an appointment at Kleinfeld, Stefanie went on a trial run to now-closed Fontana and immediately fell in love with this dress. "I was looking for something that was lace and form-fitted," she recalls. "I didn't want a poofy dress or anything with sequins, which is ironic because my entire dress was sequins."



(Above) Before they could dive into bottles from Kittle House's world-class wine cellar, Stefanie and Andy poured bottles of wine into a decanter as a sign of unity during the ceremony. (Right) Each of the cake's three tiers showcased a different flavor – peanut butter cup, caramel ribbon, and cannoli – and a simple yet chic design by Lulu Cake Boutique in Scarsdale.





(Top) "It was the first venue we looked at, and we knew right away that it was what we wanted," recalls Stefanie. In addition to being the perfect space for the wedding, Kittle House also boasted guest rooms for the couple, their families, and the wedding party. Plus, rooms were pet-friendly for Stefanie and Andy's beloved dog.



The Details:

Photographer: Sarah Tew Photography; www.sarahtewphotography.com **Venue:** Crabtree's Kittle House, Chappaqua (914) 666-8044; www.kittlehouse.com **Flowers:** Forever in Bloom, Mount Kisco (914) 241-1963; www.foreverinbloomonline.com **Music:** Marcus Reid Band via Hank Lane, New York (646) 846-6058; www.hanklane.com **Cake:** Lulu Cake Boutique, Scarsdale (914) 722-8300; www.everythinglulu.com **Bridal Gown:** Stephen Yearick; www.stephenyearick.com **Bridal Hair:** Melissa Scrofani (914) 924-2011; www.westchesterhairstylist.com **Bridal Makeup:** JKFlashy, Mamaroneck (914) 630-7970; www.jkflashy.com

To keep the reception casual and summery, Kittle House set up outdoor tables during cocktail hour, and the bride set up a make-your-own-ice-cream-sundae table and a s'mores bar.



To keep the white wedding from feeling too stiff and formal, the couple chose a fun, summery menu featuring lobster rolls at the cocktail hour and a DIY s'mores bar for dessert. They also hired the Marcus Reid Band to play the reception. "They get so into it. It's kind of like being at a concert," Stefanie says of the band. "They don't just stand there and sing; they get into the crowd and dance." There were light moments earlier that afternoon, too — like when Stefanie adjusted Andy's bow tie right in the middle of the ceremony. "He tried to hold his composure," says Stefanie, "and then he burst out laughing. I started laughing, and the reverend started laughing, and everybody started laughing."

By the end of the night, it was clear the couple had succeeded in creating a day that was both relaxed and effortlessly elegant. "I remember I had gotten kind of warm, so I walked outside," says Stefanie. "There were a lot of people roasting s'mores, eating ice cream, smoking cigars, and just hanging out. Seeing all of these people from different phases of my life, Andy's life, and our life together, was just incredible." **www**

A Colorful Celebration

Untermeyer Gardens and Castle Royale
Yonkers

**ANU MITTER &
SHAWN NAGPAL**

August 26, 2016

By Samantha Garbarini



Anu and Shawn kept running into each other — first, at events (both of their parents ran local restaurants) and college orientation, then again when Shawn transferred to Iona College, where Anu was already enrolled. “From there, we just started becoming friends,” says Anu. Soon after, the two began to date. Eight years later, Shawn popped the question.

It was a carefully planned proposal: A childhood friend escorted Anu to the places where she and Shawn met and had their first date. Finally, the couple reunited at Iona. “It was so nerve-racking,” she recalls. “We walk over to this bridge, and I see Shawn and all of my friends and extended family behind him on this tiny bridge.”

Wedding-planning was another elaborate endeavor. “I come from a huge family,” says Anu, “so one of the things for me was accommodating all these people. And although we’re from the same part of India, we have a lot of different traditions. We wanted to make sure we were sensitive to that.” The couple chose to hold their 500-guest reception at her father’s venue, Castle Royale in Yonkers, but wanted to have the ceremony outdoors at Untermyer Gardens. “It’s such a beautiful park, and it felt like India,” Anu recalls. “The greenery, statues, pathways, and long stairs — it was just so perfect.” >>



Anu and Shawn’s wedding was a multi-day affair incorporating modern and traditional elements, including an exuberant entrance (pictured, right).



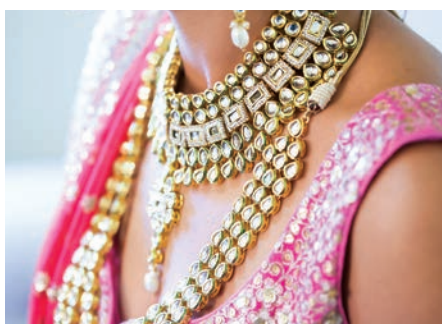


The Details:

Photographer: MaxPhoto NY, Bellerose, NY (516) 358-9888; www.maxphotony.com **Ceremony Venue:** Untermyer Gardens, Yonkers (914) 377-6427; www.yonkersny.gov/departments/parks-recreation-conservation **Reception Venue & Catering:** Castle Royale, Yonkers (914) 965-2559; www.castleroyale.com **Additional Catering:** Royal Palace, White Plains (914) 289-1988; www.royalpalacecuisines.net **Entertainment & Event Design:** Kaotic Soundz DJs & Design (917) 517-5454 **Cake:** Palermo's Customs Cakes & Bakery, multiple NJ locations; www.palermobakery.com **Bridal Gown:** Sabyasachi (www.sabyasachi.com) purchased at Chandan Fashion, Toronto, ON (416) 462-0277; www.chandanfashion.ca **Bridal Hair & Makeup:** Maliha Khan, Iselin, NJ (732) 983-7089; www.malihakhanmakeup.com **Henna:** Henna for All, Plainview, NY (516) 351-4828; www.hennaforall.com



Left: Anu broke with tradition by wearing pink (red is the typical color for Indian brides) but still incorporated important elements, like an elaborate henna design and stacks of bracelets.





"If we'd [gotten married] in India, it would have been at an outdoor venue," says Anu, who loved Untermyer Gardens because of its regal, Indian feel.



Finding the right mix of traditional and modern was also important. Shawn made a grand entrance on a white horse, wearing a red turban (the color associated with weddings in India), and Anu wore tall stacks of bangles on each arm. But she took a little modern liberty with her dress: "Not many brides wear that color pink," she says. "I was the first one in my entire family." They also broke tradition with the food, serving lobster and other seafood. "That's a huge deal because [guests] want traditional food, but we were born and raised in America and love seafood."

Anu's favorite moment? "When I finally got to walk down the aisle to Shawn," she says. "I saw him dressed like this handsome groom, and I just died. When you've been with someone for nine years, you're looking across an altar, [thinking], *Oh my God — our life is about to change.*" **XXX**

Wedding NIGHT Sleepovers

Congratulations — you did it! You said your vows, tied the knot, and maybe even danced (and drank) the night away. Now, it's time for the two of you to retreat to your own private space to relax, unwind, and do what newlyweds do. Whether you're postponing your honeymoon to a later date, staying local for a night en route to your destination, or just taking a much-needed pause before you embark on your new married life together, these five hotels and inns are great choices for a wedding-night sleepover.

**By Nick Brandi, Carol Caffin, Sarah E. Daniels,
John Bruno Turiano, and Kathryn Walsh**





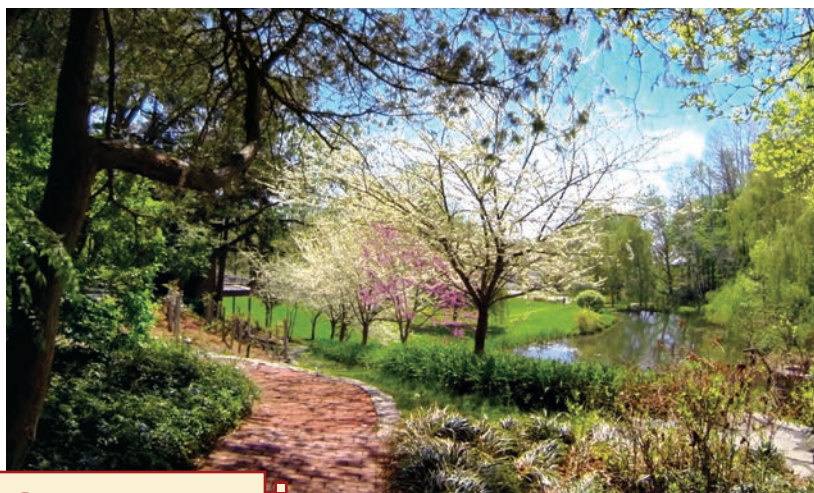


Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa

Milton (Ulster County)

After the hustle and bustle of your big day, your “sleepover” at Buttermilk Falls Inn and Spa will be a breath of fresh air. Set apart from the outside world on an idyllic 75-acre farm estate, Buttermilk Falls offers boutique lodging that integrates Valley scenery, elegant furnishings, and eco-forward intentions. What a great way to take a pause before embarking on your honeymoon getaway — or just on your new life as a married couple.

The property’s Main House was built in 1764 and is decorated accordingly, brought into the modern age by the addition of flat-screen TVs and WiFi throughout. Calming earth tones and natural textures like stone and wood paneling artfully marry these aesthetics and hint at the Inn’s organic philosophy. The bucolic setting takes the serenity outside, where you’ll find fairy-tale-like weeping willows and sweeping views of the Hudson, set adjacent to the Millstone Farm, which supplies eggs, honey, and produce to the on-site farm-to-table restaurant, Henry’s at the Farm.



What’s to Love

There are virtually unlimited ways to unwind. Stroll the grounds to find your peace amongst the groomed greenery, or head to the eco-friendly spa for any number of rejuvenating body therapies. If “taking it easy” doesn’t exactly put you at ease, don’t worry: The site has a small gym facility and you’re close to some of the area’s best hikes.

Book the Romancing the Getaway package and be welcomed by flowers, locally made chocolates, and a bottle of bubbly in any one of 10 charming suites. Then nestle, switch on the automatic fireplace, and slip into a complimentary robe (or not), or roam the grounds via a serenely lit pathway. In the morning, enjoy a delicious country breakfast and buffet.

—SED

Contact: (845) 795-1310; www.buttermilkfallsinn.com

Distance: 1 hour 10 minutes from White Plains; 15 minutes from Poughkeepsie

Rates: from \$595 for a minimum two-night stay

Vibe: Rustic Elegance



Diamond Mills Hotel & Tavern

Saugerties (Ulster County)

Who needs to go to Niagara for falls on your wedding night when Diamond Mills Hotel & Tavern is much closer and a lot classier? This five-year-old hotel has all of the amenities of a world-class luxury boutique hotel, yet still pays homage to its roots with an exterior inspired by the 19th-century paper mill that stood there for 100 years.

For your wedding night, splurge on the two-level Tower Suite, which features French doors that open to a patio overlooking the Esopus Creek falls; two bathrooms with heated floors, oversized showers, and hand-crafted antique vanities; a king bedroom with a plush bed featuring an over-stuffed duvet, Egyptian-cotton linens, and a fireplace; comfy spa robes; and a high-def flat-screen TV. You can order room service from the hotel's Tavern, where CIA-trained Executive Chef Giuseppe Napoli is serving up New American cuisine made with local ingredients. Or you may want to go to the Tavern to check out its dining room — which features a 24-foot ceiling and patio overlooking the falls — and tin-ceiling taproom.

—KW

What's to Love

The private, fully furnished patio overlooking the roaring falls (which light up at night) is what sets this hotel apart from any other in the region. That and the food. Our suggestion: Have a Champagne toast to your future on the patio with one of the chef's decadent desserts, like the Candy Bar, made of caramel cremeux, peanut-butter mousse, flourless chocolate cake, and pretzel crunch.

Contact: (845)247-0700; www.diamondmillshotel.com

Distance: 45 minutes from Poughkeepsie;
1 hour 30 minutes from White Plains

Vibe: A combination of Boho/Hipster (the Village of Saugerties), Elegant (the hotel), and Rustic (the setting)



Tarrytown House Estate on the Hudson

Tarrytown (Westchester County)

With a stately Georgian mansion perched on 26 idyllic acres overlooking the Hudson, Tarrytown House at the Irvington town line has practically everything those with Golden Age fantasies could ever hope for. So much so, in fact, that one half-expects to see gamesmen playing cricket and croquet as Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan stroll arm in arm along one of the venue's many verdant paths.

Tarrytown House is actually two houses – or mansions – connected by a network of adjoining buildings. On your wedding night, you'll reside in the King Mansion, a venue that is at once grand yet intimate, even familiar – as though it were the rich uncle's mansion you'd played in as a kid. A nice bonus feature is that you and your new spouse can either book a room

for just yourselves or take your besties and bridal party along for the ride by reserving the entire 10-room venue.

Rooms in the King Mansion feature period décor, four-poster bed, large bathroom and soaking tub, and some have a patio. The wedding-night amenities package includes an in-room cookies-and-milk midnight snack, morning breakfast on the river-view balcony with Champagne ("Cellar 49 to Go," from the venue's upscale on-site restaurant, Cellar 49), use of the indoor/outdoor pools and fitness facilities, free WiFi, valet parking and luggage service, and 3 p.m. checkout. The facility is under new ownership and management as of press time, and we've been assured that significant upgrades and enhancements are on the way. —NB

Contact: (914) 553-8118; www.tarrytownhouseestate.com

Distance: 12 minutes from White Plains; 1 hour from Poughkeepsie

Rates: King Mansion rooms start at \$269 per night

Vibe: Old World Elegant



Castle Hotel & Spa

Tarrytown (Westchester County)



What's to Love

Of the many special touches offered here, the private balconies of the King Mansion that overlook the Hudson will definitely transport you to a more lofty place in the world.



What's to Love

Explore the property hand in hand like a lord and lady, or traverse the stately Great Hall, with its 40-foot vaulted ceilings and original Gothic windows.

Hidden away off the rear garden terrace, not far beyond the life-size chess set, is a one-mile walking trail set on 11 acres of manicured grounds. Set off from the main trail are a few semi-private sitting areas for impromptu kisses.

Nothing says “grandeur” quite like a castle, and at Castle Hotel & Spa, built in 1910 based on medieval European Norman architecture, grandeur is what you’ll get — in droves. There’s opulence at every turn, starting as you enter the lobby and proceed up a carved staircase, past crystal chandeliers and ornate stained glass, to the seven Tower Luxury Suites (there are 24 other rooms in the Carrollcliffe addition).

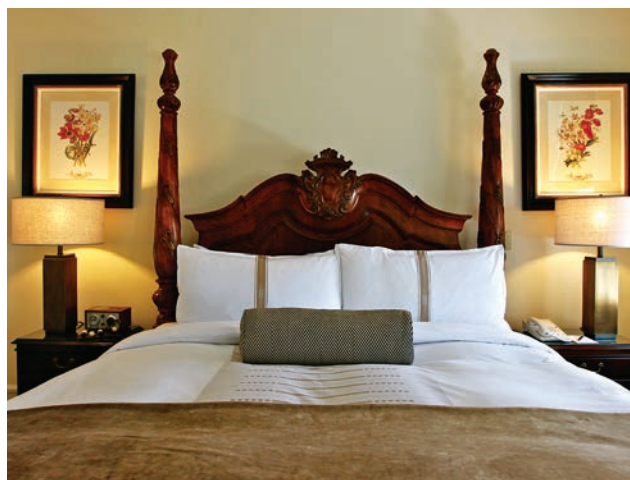
The Luxury Suites feature four-poster beds, down bedspreads, wood-burning fireplaces (most), and serene views of the Palisades, the Hudson, and, on a clear day, the New York City skyline.

Shower in the marble bathroom, slip on your plush robes, and munch on chocolate-covered strawberries, then opt for a 90-minute Thai massage (\$210) at the THANN Sanctuary Spa. Or take a dip in the heated pool/whirlpool (seasonal) before sharing a bottle of Sparkling Tattinger Cuvée (\$90) at the adjacent Grotto Bar.

After all that pampering, you’ll want to eat, so head to the on-site restaurant, Equus, where Chef de Cuisine Sean McAllister sources local ingredients for his seasonally changing menu.

A romantic turndown (\$30) is an excellent way to wind down your first night as newlyweds, with silk rose petals, candles, and bath salts. You might drag your feet checking out the next morning, but there’s always your one-year anniversary for a return visit.

—JBT



Contact: (914) 631-1980; www.castlehotelandspa.com

Distance: 12 minutes from White Plains; 1 hour 12 minutes from Poughkeepsie

Rates: Luxury suites, \$899 to \$1,059; Carrollcliffe, \$350 to \$659

Vibe: Traditional/Classic



The Ritz-Carlton New York, Westchester

White Plains (Westchester County)

“It’s a nice hotel — but it’s not The Ritz.” It’s likely that you’ve heard accommodations described this way, and, once you stay here, you’ll understand why The Ritz-Carlton is the standard-bearer for quality, class, and elegance.

For couples who are more cosmopolitan than country but prefer Westchester to Manhattan — or don’t want to navigate New York City noise, traffic, and crowds — The Ritz-Carlton New York, Westchester, is simply unsurpassed.

From the sophisticated design and décor (rich woods and a mix of fabrics, textures, colors, designs, and silhouettes bathed in warm light) in the lobby and public areas to the well-designed and luxurious rooms and suites with plush king beds, Frette linens, marble baths, and exclusive Asprey amenities, The Ritz is chic and modern yet classic, without the chilly aloofness one so often encounters in upscale contemporary urban hotels.

Located smack-dab in the center of White Plains yet still, somehow, away from the hustle and bustle, The Ritz is all about pampering; the staff couldn’t be more accommodating, and the service is spot-on. Ask anyone — from the valet to an executive who happens to be passing through the lobby — for assistance, and your wish is their command: It’s like having your own personal genie.



What’s to Love:

While The Ritz does not have a dedicated bridal or honeymoon suite, newly married couples generally stay in the 1,000-square-foot One-Bedroom Suite or The Ritz-Carlton Suite. There’s also a Romance Package that starts at \$539 per night, based on availability. The package includes a rose-petal turn-down (with velvety petals strewn on the bed and on the floor), a bottle of Champagne, chocolate-covered strawberries, and daily Hudson Valley breakfast for two in the Lobby Lounge or in your room.

Should you decide to venture out of your room, you’ll find even more relaxation and serenity at the hotel’s spa, the largest in Westchester. Or enjoy cocktails (and maybe — for a while, at least — the sight of other people) in the Lobby Lounge or dinner at BLT Steak, located on the premises. —CC

Contact: (914) 946-5500

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/new-york/westchester

Distance: 1 hour from Poughkeepsie; in White Plains

Rates: \$499 per night for a Premier Deluxe Room to \$5,000 per night for the Presidential Suite

Vibe: Traditional/Classic (with modern touches), Elegant



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RECEPTION SITES IN WESTCHESTER
AND THE HUDSON VALLEY

TYPE OF VENUE	MAXIMUM CAPACITY (COCKTAIL/SEATED)	SITE FEE	IN-HOUSE CATERING REQUIRED	APPROX COST PER PERSON	CEREMONY SITE (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	OUTDOOR RECEPTION AREA	BRIDAL SUITE/CHANGING AREA	OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
CASTLES									
Castle Hotel & Spa 400 Benedict Ave Tarrytown (914) 524-6366 www.castlehotelandspa.com	200/150	Varies	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Restored medieval castle with baronial hall; five-star Diamond Award-winning Equus Restaurant; 31 deluxe guest rooms and suites
Whitby Castle 330 Boston Post Rd, Rye (914) 777-2053 www.whitbycastle.com	250/250	\$1,500 (ceremony only)	Y	\$156	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Restored Gothic Tudor castle with panoramic views of Milton Harbor
MANSIONS AND HISTORIC HOUSES									
Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion 81 Highland Ave, Tarrytown (914) 631-3030 www.abigailkirsch.com	300/260	\$1,200-\$2,200	Y*	Varies	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Glorious views of the Hudson from this landmark manse, located on the former estate of Mark Twain
Alba's Ristorante 400 N Main St, Port Chester (914) 937-2236 www.albasrestaurant.com	150/100	None	Y	\$50-\$120	Y/N	Y	Y	N	Receptions take place in an elegant setting, complete with fireplace and water fountain.
Alder Manor 1097 N Broadway, Yonkers (212) 255-4621 www.theplantmanor.com	300+/240	Varies	N	Varies (by caterer)	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Sold to NYC-based The Plant Manor in 2014, the space is an Italian Renaissance Revival-style 1912 mansion with gardens.
Boscobel House & Gardens 1601 Rte 9D, Garrison (845) 265-3638 www.boscobel.org	500/800	\$7,500 (day-time); \$9,500 (nighttime)	N	Varies (by caterer)	N/Y	Y	Y	N	Set on a bluff overlooking the Hudson; stunning Federal-period mansion with magnificent front lawn surrounded by formal gardens and majestic views; voted "Best Place for a Wedding" by Hudson Valley Magazine readers in 2012
The Briarcliff Manor 25 Studio Hill Rd, Briarcliff Manor (914) 944-1524 www.thebriarcliffmanor.com	180/240	\$1,000-\$3,000	Y	\$95-\$145	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	A 1902 mansion on a hill with seasonal Hudson River views; the mansion was the inspiration for Gone With the Wind's Tara
Bronxville Women's Club 135 Midland Ave, Bronxville (914) 337-3252 www.bronxvillewomensclub.org	170/170	\$3,100 (+\$350 for ceremony)	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Ballroom with acoustic hall, 30-foot ceilings, 20-foot French doors leading to patio

WHERE TO WED

TYPE OF VENUE	MAXIMUM CAPACITY (COCKTAIL/SEATED) SITE FEE	IN-HOUSE CATERING REQUIRED	APPROX COST PER PERSON	CEREMONY SITE (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	OUTDOOR RECEPTION AREA	BRIDAL SUITE/CHANGING AREA	OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW	
MANSIONS AND HISTORIC HOUSES CONT.									
Buttermilk Falls Inn & Spa 220 North Rd, Milton (845) 795-1310 www.buttermilkfallsinn.com	90/90	\$2,500 (barn); \$9,000 (patio)	Y	\$250 (barn); \$400 (patio)	N/Y	Y	Y	Y	18th-century hostelry; 70-acre grounds feature streams and waterfalls; several catering options are available, including Henry's farm-to-table restaurant; antiques-filled guest rooms with fireplaces
Bykenhulle House 21 Bykenhulle Rd Hopewell Junction (845) 453-8191 www.bykenhullehouse.com	100/175	\$3,500-\$8,500	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y (with room booking)	Y	1841 Greek Revival-style house with six guest rooms; ceremonies at gazebo in perennial flower garden with fountain, plus six acres of landscaped lawns
Caramoor Center for Music & the Arts 149 Girdle Ridge Rd, Katonah (914) 232-5035, ext 270 (914) 232-1492; www.caramoor.org	Varies	\$7,500+	Y	\$300+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Features 90 acres of exquisite, super-abundant flowering gardens and Italian Renaissance architecture; offers several options for potential venues
Chateau Hathorn 33 Hathorn Rd, Warwick (845) 986-6099 www.chateauhathorn.com	250/150	\$800-\$900	Y	\$100-\$150	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	A Colonial-era historic mansion that accommodates both wedding and reception inside or out with manicured grounds, stone terraces, and historically accurate dining rooms, plus bridal suite and overnight accommodations
Clermont State Historic Site 1 Clermont Ave, Germantown (518) 537-4240 www.friendsofclermont.org	350/350	\$600-\$2,200 (reception, depending on location)	N	Varies	N/Y	Y	N	N	Clermont State Historic Site features views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains, formal gardens, several outbuildings, and a historic 18th-century mansion.
Colonial Terrace 119 Oregon Rd, Cortlandt Manor (914) 737-0400 www.themansionatcolonialterrace.com	1,100/450	None	Y	\$80+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Ten-acre country estate, grand ballrooms, garden weddings
The CV Rich Mansion 305 Ridgeway, White Plains (914) 948-0958 www.caperberryevents.com	250/220	\$2,500-\$3,300	Y	\$100-\$140	Y/Y	Y (cocktails only)	Y	N	English gardens in the back
Dutchess Manor 263 Rte 9D, Beacon (845) 831-3650 www.dutchessmanor.com	350/275	\$800 (ceremony)	Y	\$98-\$145	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Breathtaking views of the Hudson River from an updated 1860s Victorian-style mansion; outdoor lawn area, decks, and gazebo; custom menus; shuttle service provided to local hotels
FEAST at Round Hill 110 Round Hill Rd Washingtonville (845) 497-7476 www.feastcaterers.com	220/220	None	Y	Varies	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Receptions held at restored Greek Revival manor on 12 private acres; features French doors opening onto garden atrium, decks, porches, gardens, and three fireplaces
Glenmere Mansion 634 Pine Hill Rd, Chester (845) 469-1900 www.glenmeremansion.com	400 (with tent)/140 (internal)	Varies by venue	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Restored turn-of-the-century Tuscan-style villa with original architectural details, panoramic views of surrounding hills and Glenmere Lake; entire 150-acre property can be booked for a wedding weekend
Historic Huguenot Street 88 Huguenot St, New Paltz (845) 255-1660 www.huguenotstreet.org	\$200 (outdoor)/ \$65 (internal)	Varies by venue	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y (12-15 people max.)	N	Venues include historic French Church (up to 80 seated) and Deyo Hall (up to 80 for cocktails/60 seated); each venue has a capacity of 200 outdoors; landscaped grounds have views of stone houses; space for tents or pavilions
Hudson House River Inn 2 Main St, Cold Spring (845) 265-9355 www.hudsonhouseinn.com	70/70	None	Y	\$38+ (dinner); \$28.50+ (lunch- eon)	Y/N	N	Y/N	Y	Historic 1832 inn on the National Register of Historic Places, a mere 100 feet from the Hudson River, with breathtaking views; 11 guest rooms and 2 suites; Zagat-rated restaurant on premises; second-oldest continuously operated inn in New York State

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Le Chateau 410 Old Post Road (Rt. 35) South Salem (914) 206-7244 www.lechateaubanquets.com	Varies	N/A	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N		Historic 25-acre estate with private gardens and views of the Hudson Valley
Locust Grove 2683 South Rd, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-4500 www.lgny.org	150/150	\$3,500-\$6,000	N	Varies	Y/Y	N	Y	N		Romantic 19th-century country estate and designated National Historic Landmark on the Hudson River; features elegant room with cathedral ceilings, skylights, and bluestone terraces, as well as caterer's kitchen and bride's lounge
Lyndhurst 635 S Broadway, Tarrytown (914) 631-4481, ext 6839 www.lyndhurst.org	Varies by property location	\$3,500-\$5,000	Y	\$140+	Y/Y	N	Y	N		1865 renovated brick carriage house; courtyard overlooking Hudson River
Mansion on Broadway 139 N Broadway, White Plains (914) 949-6900 www.mansiononbroadway.com	220	None	Y	\$60+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N		Elegant mansion setting
Marros in Rye 2195 Westchester Ave, Rye (914) 961-2997/(914) 747-8197 www.jean-jacques.com/marros.aspx	450/350	None	Y	\$120+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N		Expansive estate featuring 19th-century stone mansion with elegant, Old World European charm; spacious ballroom with high ceilings, stately windows; romantic Spanish courtyard with sunken garden
Mohonk Mountain House 1000 Mountain Rest Rd New Paltz (845) 256-2053 www.mohonk.com	175/175	\$275-\$850	Y	\$135-\$175	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y		1869 seven-story Victorian castle on spectacular cliffs above beautiful Lake Mohonk; a designated National Historic Landmark; three dining rooms; parlors and verandas with rockers; award-winning spa wing
Monteverde at Oldstone 28 Bear Mountain Bridge Rd Cortlandt Manor (914) 874-9247 www.monteverdeatoldstone.com	450/350	Varies	Y	\$225+ (includes site fee)	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y		Romantic 18th-century estate majestically situated on 27 acres overlooking the Hudson River. Spectacular river views from the Grand Lawn, mansion, and permanent Tented Pavilion.
Mount Gulian Historic Site 145 Sterling St, Beacon (845) 831-8172 www.mountgulian.org	150/150	\$5,500	N	Varies	N/Y	Y	Y	N		Set atop a hill overlooking the Hudson River, features a 1730s Dutch barn, an 18th-century family homestead and beautifully restored gardens
Onteora Mountain House 96 Piney Point Rd, Boiceville (845) 657-6233 www.onteora.com	180/180	\$7,000-\$12,500	Y	\$235	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y		The summer estate of Richard Hellmann, the mayonnaise mogul, sits on a promontory overlooking the Esopus Valley, surrounded by 250 acres of forest preserve; lodging available for members of the bridal party
Pruyn House Cultural Center 207 Old Niskayuna Rd, Latham (518) 783-1435 www.pruynhouse.org	140/115 (Buhmaster Barn)	\$2,700+ (Buhmaster Barn)	N	Varies	N/Y	Y	Y	N		Complex includes 1830s house and historic barn with dance floor, popular for weddings and receptions; availability: Buhmaster barn — Memorial Day through Columbus Day

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The Rhinecliff 4 Grinnell St. Rhinecliff (845) 876-0590 www.therhinecliff.com	250/200	None	Y	\$119+	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Restored historic hotel with majestic backdrop of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains; cocktail hour in carriage house; outdoor patio and gardens for cocktail hour
The Roundhouse at Beacon Falls 2 E Main St. Beacon (845) 440-3327 www.roundhousebeacon.com	240/200	None	Y	\$225 + 20% service charge	Y/Y	Y (cocktails only)	Y	Y	Situated on picturesque Fishkill Creek; one of the few historic industrial buildings remaining in Beacon with views of the falls and Mount Beacon
Serevan 6 Autumn Ln. Ardenia (845) 373-9800; www.serevan.com	85/65	Varies	Y	\$45-\$85	Y/Y	Y	N	N	Set in a 19th-century farmhouse where guests can savor an intimate rehearsal dinner beside a glowing fireplace; gardens surrounding the property are a main wedding attraction
Staatsburgh State Historic Site 75 Mills Mansion Drive, Road #1 Staatsburgh (845) 889-8851 www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/25/details.aspx	Varies by venue	\$300-\$1,500	N	Varies	N/Y	Y	Y	N	Outdoor events at historic former country home of Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills with a lawn that sweeps down to the banks of the Hudson; renovated historic gardener's house available for the bridal party only
Vinum Café 84 Brotherhood Plaza Dr Washingtonville (845) 496-9001 www.vinumcafe.com	240/200	\$7,500 (for over 100 people)	Y	\$100	Y/Y	Y	N	N	Located on the ground floor of the historic circa-1839 original Brotherhood Winery; a classically trained, award-winning and long time Zagat-rated chef oversees all of the dining areas
Wainwright House 260 Stuyvesant Ave. Rye (914) 967-6080 www.wainwright.org	250/250	\$6,000-\$13,000	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y (tent)	Y	Y	Beautiful French château/mansion overlooking five acres of lawns and gardens; views of Milton Harbor on Long Island Sound
Warwick Historical Society 2 Colonial Ave. Warwick (845) 986-3236 www.warwickhistoricalsociety.org	Varies by property location	\$250-\$750	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	N	N	Ceremonies can take place in a historic church; large receptions use a tent in Lewis Park, while smaller weddings have a choice of two intimate indoor venues
Washington Irving Inn 6629 Rt. 23A. Tannersville (518) 589-5560 www.washingtonirving.com	70/70	\$1,000	N	\$50-\$150	Y/Y	N	Y	Y	Historic 1890 Victorian inn; 15 guest rooms with private baths; bridal chamber features balcony with views, canopy bed, period antiques, and whirlpool; afternoon tea served with bridal shower
Winter Clove Inn 557 Winter Clove Rd. Round Top (518) 622-3267 www.winterclove.com	140/140	None	Y	\$60+	Y/Y	N	Y	Y	Hosts ceremonies and receptions at four-season, full-service resort with historic 19th-century mountain inn on 300 acres; exclusive use of inn to wedding party with minimum of 60 overnight guests
RESTAURANTS									
Alvin & Friends 14 Memorial Highway, New Rochelle (914) 654-6549 www.alvinandfriendsrestaurant.com	90/75	\$500	Y (custom menus offered)	\$55-\$125	Y	Y	N	N	Zagat/New York Times rated fine dining in an elegant, sophisticated atmosphere with excellent service

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Angelina's of Tuckahoe 97 Lake Ave, Tuckahoe (914) 779-7944 www.angelinasoftuckahoe.com	60	None	Y	\$50-\$75	Y/N	N	N	N	This Southern Westchester traditional Italian restaurant has a private party room that can accommodate any event up to 60 people.
Benjamin Steakhouse 610 W Hartsdale Ave, White Plains (914) 428-6868 www.benjaminsteakhouse.com	325/270	Varies by room	Y	\$80-\$150	N/N	Y	N	N	Acclaimed chef with more than 20 years of experience at Peter Luger Steak House
Blue Hill at Stone Barns 630 Bedford Rd, Pocantico Hills (914) 366-9606, ext 226 www.bluehillfarm.com	260	Varies	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y (cocktail only)	Y	N	Larger weddings are held in the dramatic, elegantly rustic HayLoft
Cosimo's Restaurants Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Middletown, Woodbury (845) 564-5571 www.cosimosrestaurantgroup.com	150/200	Varies	Y	Varies	N/Y	N	N	N	Cozy, family-run restaurants with variety of locations and cuisines
Crabtree's Kittle House 11 Kittle Rd, Chappaqua (914) 666-8044 www.kittlehouse.com	Varies	Varies	Y	Varies	Y/Y	N	Y	Y	The 1790 country inn features an extensive award-winning wine list.
Harvest on Hudson 1 River St, Hastings-on-Hudson (914) 478-6704 www.harvesthudson.com	225/225	None	Y	\$130+	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Tuscan restaurant with herb gardens; exceptional Hudson River views
Il Cenacolo 228 S Plank Rd, Newburgh (845) 564-4494 www.ilcenacolorestaurant.com	78/78	None	Y	\$58-\$78	Y/N	N	N	N	Private room with a Northern Italian ambience; food rated by Zagat as among the finest Italian cuisine in the Hudson Valley
The Inn at Pound Ridge by Jean-Georges 258 Westchester Ave, Pound Ridge (914) 764-1400 www.theinnatpoundridge.com	Cocktail: 150 Downstairs seating: 100 Upstairs seating: 80	Buyout fees apply	Y	Varies	N/Y	Y (cocktail)	Y	N	Renovated inn with original 1830s charm; Chef Jean-Georges cultivates a truly seasonal, farm-to-table cuisine
La Panetière 530 Milton Rd, Rye (914) 967-8140 www.lapanetiere.com/catering.htm	100/100	None	Y	Starts at \$72	Y/Y According to season	N	N	N	Classic French restaurant with Provence-style décor and top-notch cuisine, including divine desserts
Le Chambord Restaurant & Inn 2737 Rte 52, Hopewell Junction (845) 221-1941 www.lechambord.com	300/240	None	Y	\$84-\$134	Y/Y	Y (cocktail only)	Y	Y	1863 Colonial Manor House; grounds feature two Victorian gazebos; outdoor covered pavilion for ceremonies and cocktail parties; 25 inn rooms for overnight guests with European breakfast included in room rate
Restaurant X and Bully Boy Bar 117 N Rte 303, Congers (845) 268-6555; www.xaviars.com	Varies	None	Y	\$55-\$115+	Y/N	N	N	N	Saturday afternoon receptions have the restaurant to themselves; cathedral ceiling and large picture windows overlooking pond; reception includes cake baked on premises
Shadows on the Hudson 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie (845) 486-9500, ext. 19 www.shadowsonthehudson.com	100/100	None	Y	\$35+	N/N	Y	N	N	Premier waterfront restaurant perched on a cliff 40 feet above the Hudson River; five different settings, each with a unique ambience and character; specializes in pre- and post-wedding parties
Tuthill House 20 Gristmill La, Gardiner (845) 255-4151 www.tuthillhouse.com	160/100	Varies	Y	\$40+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	The 1788 gristmill is on the National Register of Historic Places and located next to the Tuthilltown Spirits distillery.

Caterers marked with * indicated to us that they may be able to accomodate certain dietary restrictions, such as kosher meals.

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COUNTRY CLUBS AND BEACH CLUBS									
Apple Greens Golf Course 161 South St. Highland NY (845) 883-5500 www.applegreens.com	150/150	\$500	Y	\$36	Y/Y	Y	N	N	The golf course is located on an apple orchard with views of Mohonk Mountain House and Catskill Mountains.
Falkirk Estate and Country Club 206 Smith Clove Rd. Central Valley (845) 928-8060 www.falkirkestate.com	325/325	\$1,000	N (if dietary restrictions)	\$95+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	wLovely setting surrounded by Ramapo Mountains, gardens, and Falkirk's golf course; hosts only one wedding at a time
The Garrison 2015 Rte 9, Garrison (845) 424-3604 www.thegarrison.com	215	Varies	Y*	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Spectacular Hudson River views
Greentree Country Club 538 Davenport Ave. New Rochelle (914) 636-8500 www.greentreeclub.com	800	None	N	\$85-\$175	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Stanford White-designed mansion; beachfront gazebo overlooking Long Island Sound
Highlands Country Club 955 Route 9D, Garrison (845) 424-3254 www.highlandscountryclub.net	150/150	Varies	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	A warm, rustic-chic atmosphere with elegant touches
Hollow Brook Golf Club 1060 Oregon Rd. Cortlandt Manor (914) 734-1500, ext. 1151 www.golfhollowbrook.com	200/180	\$1,500 (ceremony only)	Y	\$140+	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Adirondack-style club hosts only one wedding at a time; will customize the menu to each couple
The Lazy Swan Golf & Country Club Village 1754 Old Kings Hwy, Saugerties (845) 247-0075, ext. 114 www.thelazyswan.com	350/350	None	Y	\$115	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Lit by a crystal chandelier, the 12,500-square-foot octagonal ballroom and wraparound veranda offer magnificent views of the country club grounds and the Catskills
The Links at Union Vale 153 N Parlman Rd, LaGrangeville (845) 223-1002 www.thelinksatunionvale.com	175/175	\$450 (ceremony only)	Y	\$89+	Y/Y	Y (cocktail only)	Y	N	Clubhouse available for all wedding events, from bridal shower and rehearsal dinner to ceremony and reception
Mulino's at Lake Isle 660 White Plains Rd, Eastchester (914) 961-7800 www.mulinosgroup.com/lakeisle	600/400	None	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Majestic banquet rooms, willow-lined golf course
New York Country Club 103 Brick Church Rd, New Hempstead (845) 362-5800 www.nycountryclub.com	400/265	None	Y	\$85+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Nestled in the hills of Rockland County, a short drive from Midtown Manhattan and the Tappan Zee Bridge, this club offers a beautiful grand ballroom and outdoor reception space.
Paramount Country Club 60 Zukor Rd, New City (845) 205-0354 www.paramountcountryclub.com	360/330	\$800 (ceremony only)	Y	\$135+	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Originally home of Paramount Pictures founder in setting overlooking Ramapo Mountains; formal gardens and fountain with adjacent ceremony area; cocktails on the patio; custom menus prepared by chef
Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course 870 Shore Rd, Bronx (718) 885-1258, ext 224 www.nycevents.americangolf.com/pelhambay	350/225	\$1,000 (ceremony only)	Y*	\$85-\$135	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	French doors open to patio and golf course and gazebo views; art deco design
Pleasantville Country Club 110 Nannahagen Rd, Pleasantville (914) 769-2809 www.uniqueaffaircatering.com	140/100	None	Y	\$75+	N/Y	Y	N	N	Enchanting terrace; magnificent view of golf course; only does one wedding at a time

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Poughkeepsie Tennis Club 135 S Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie (845) 485-7172 www.poktennis.com	250/220	None	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	The casual, yet sophisticated and historic country club setting features pristine clay tennis courts, colorful flower beds, and manicured lawns.
Salem Golf Club 18 Bloomer Rd, North Salem (914) 669-5485 www.salemgolfclub.org	230/230	\$500	Y*	\$110-\$125	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Stately windowed ballroom and awning room with panoramic views of golf course and surrounding hills
The Surf Club on the Sound 280 Davenport Ave, New Rochelle (914) 633-8221 www.thesurfclubonthesound.com	1,200/550	None	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Under new ownership and management since 2014, the venue features a stunning view of the Long Island Sound and can accommodate beachfront ceremonies.
Trump National Golf Club 100 Shadow Tree Ln Briarcliff Manor (914) 944-0900 www.trumpnationalwestchester.com	500/450	Varies	Y	\$325	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Magnificent golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pools
The V.I.P. Country Club 600 Davenport Ave, New Rochelle (914) 235-1500 www.vipcountryclub.com	800/700	\$800	Y*	\$80+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Sea breezes on outdoor terrace; crescent-shaped ballroom with panoramic water view
Westchester Country Club 99 Biltmore Ave, Rye (914) 967-6000, (914) 798-5210 www.wccclub.org	1,000/600	None	Y	\$195-\$295+	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	A Rye landmark with Old World luxury and elegance offering distinct indoor and outdoor venues
West Hills Country Club 121 Golf Links Rd Middletown (845) 341-1899 www.westhillscountryclub.com	500/500	None	Y*	\$90+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	18-hole golf course embraces the Wallkill River, including a waterfall
BANQUET HALLS									
Abigail Kirsch at The Loading Dock 375 Fairfield Ave, Stamford (203) 357-7400 www.loadingdockevents.com	400/350	Varies	Y*	Varies	Y/N	N	Y	N	Unique and modern industrial space with SoHo-loft-like feel; venue features contemporary furniture and custom-lighting packages
Anthony's Pier 9 2975 US Rte 9W, New Windsor (845) 565-3390 www.piernine.com	300/900	Included in pricing	N	\$75-\$125	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Two dining rooms, personal maître d' service, and private bridal suites; majestic Cinderella carriage; shuttle service provided to offsite hotels; separate glatt kosher kitchen
Beckwith Pointe 700 Davenport Ave, New Rochelle (914) 235-0620 www.beckwithpointe.com	650/350	Varies	Y	\$100-\$180	Y/Y	Y (cocktail only)	Y	N	Dining room surrounded by breathtaking views of the Long Island Sound
Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge 619 NY-17K, Montgomery (845) 564-1830 www.coldenmanoratsprucelodge.com	250/225	\$400 (ceremony only)	Y	\$60-\$90	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	A family tradition in catering of exquisite cuisine and impeccable service for 63 years. The welcoming, gracious, and elegant location accommodates 30 to 225 guests for any event.
The Eagle's Nest 58 Eagle's Nest Rd, Bloomingburg (845) 733-4561 www.theaglesnest.com	180	\$250-\$500 (ceremony only)	Y	\$75-\$100	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Enjoy spectacular views of the Hudson Valley, private banquet rooms, a scenic deck, award-winning cuisine, and presentation coupled with overnight country-cabin accommodations.

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The Fountainhead 55 Quaker Ridge Rd, New Rochelle (914) 235-4400 www.thefountainhead-ny.com	500/500	None	Y*	\$75+	Y/N	N	Y	N	Soaring glass atrium, waterfall gardens, chapel
Glen Island Harbour Club 1 Glen Island Park, New Rochelle (914) 636-6500 www.glenisland-harbourclub.com	600/500	None	N	\$90- \$180	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Cross the drawbridge to the island; surrounded by water views and New York City bridges; storybook chapel
The Grandview 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie (845) 486-4700 www.grandviewevents.com	1,000/500	None	Y	\$90- \$140+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Luxurious venue with panoramic views of the Hudson and the Mid-Hudson Bridge; spectacular outdoor ceremony locations and marina
Juliano's Caterers 700 Main St, New Rochelle (914) 633-3700 www.julianoscaterers.com	250/200	None	Y	\$50-\$75	Y/N	N	Y	N	Company is celebrating its 30th anniversary with newly remodeled facilities
Mulder Chapel at Warwick Conference Center 62 Warwick Center Rd, Warwick (845) 986-1164 www.warwickcenter.com	150/150	\$1,000-\$3,500	N	Varies	Y/N	Y (cocktail only)	Y	N	The elegant and affordable event space features a hilltop chapel with a panoramic view of the 465-acre estate, Shawangunk Mountains, and the Warwick Valley
Mulino's at Lake Isle 660 White Plains Rd, Eastchester (914) 961-7800 www.mulinosgroup.com/lakeisle	750/600	None	Y*	\$80- \$280	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Opened in 2014, the venue, which overlooks manicured greens, offers sophisticated interiors with state-of-the-art A/V effects.
Nyack Seaport 21 Burd St, Nyack (845) 353-3200 www.nyackseaport.com	240/225	None	Y	\$85+	Y/N	N	Y	N	Gorgeous views of the Hudson River; menus feature true restaurant-style cuisine instead of typical banquet-hall catering options
The Riverview 1 Warburton Ave Hastings-on-Hudson (914) 965-7220 www.rv-ny.com	200/200	None	Y	\$70-\$110	Y/Y	Y (cocktail only)	Y	N	At night, you can see the lights of the Tappan Zee and George Washington Bridges.
Sinapi's Ceola Manor 489 E Main St, Jefferson Valley (914) 245-0630 www.ceola.com	225/225	Varies	Y	\$60+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Overlooking Lake Osceola with patio and gazebo
Stone Manor 101 Saw Mill River Rd, Hawthorne (914) 703-4112 www.thestonemanor101.com	400/200	None	N	\$65-\$95	Y/N	Y (cocktail only)	Y	N	Renovated building with natural light; separate entrance for the catering hall than the restaurant; a beautiful bridal suite; elevator for both floors
The Views at Mt. Fuji 296 Old Rte 17, Hillburn (845) 357-5501 www.cateringattheviews.com	300/300	\$600 (ceremony fee up to 100 chairs; additional chairs \$4 each)	Y	\$50- \$125	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Receptions held in authentic replica of a Japanese palace on a privately owned 50-acre mountain; 17-foot-high glass walls with views of Ramapo Valley; American/continental food with Japanese flair; five nearby hotels with shuttles; received WeddingWire's Bride's Choice award for four consecutive years
The View on the Hudson 101 Shad Row, Piermont (845) 365-0009 www.theviewonthehudson.com	240/240	None	Y*	Varies	Y/Y	N	Y	N	Picturesque setting; receptions held in riverside location; octagonal reception room with windows overlooking the Hudson

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Villa Barone Hilltop Manor 466 Rte 6, Mahopac (845) 628-6600 www.villabaronehilltop.com	500/500	None	Y	\$85+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Brand-new 40-foot waterfall, fountains, and Roman-style landscape gardens with statues
Vox 721 Titicus Rd, North Salem (914) 669-5450 www.voxnorthsalem.com	70/60	None	Y	\$60-\$100	N/Y	Y (acoustic music only)	N	N	Quaint, intimate, countryside venue; North Salem hills are the backdrop
The Westchester Manor 140 Saw Mill River Rd Hastings-on-Hudson (914) 478-2331 www.westchestermanor.com	500/400	None	Y*	\$65+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Spectacular garden and ballroom
HOTELS AND RESORTS									
Bear Mountain Inn 3020 Seven Lakes Dr, Bear Mountain (845) 786-2731, ext. 3 www.visitbearmountain.com	225/225	\$550-\$1,500	Y	\$109+	Y/Y	N	N	Y	Located in Bear Mountain State Park; menus by award-winning Chef Michael Matarazzo (American Culinary Federation's 2010 Chef of the Year)
Best Western Plus Kingston 503 Washington Ave, Kingston (845) 338-0400 www.bwpkingston.com	300/225	None	Y	\$69	Y/N	N	Y	Y	In the foothills of the Catskill Mountains; indoor atrium garden courtyard for ceremonies and cocktail hour; special room discounts for friends or family
Crowne Plaza White Plains 66 Hale Ave, White Plains (914) 682-0050 www.cpwestchester.com	400/350	None	Y	Varies	Y/N	N	Y	Y	Elegant ballrooms; cocktails on pool patio; cocktail buffet features fresh flowers; sophisticated gourmet catering; indoor pool and gym
Diamond Mills Hotel & Tavern 25 S Partition St, Saugerties (845) 247-0700, ext. 531 www.diamondmillsotel.com	1,005/450	\$5 per guest, with a \$500 minimum (ceremony only)	Y	\$85-\$150	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Nestled in the historic village of Saugerties and perched above the majestic Esopus Falls; offers world-class cuisine, unparalleled service, and 30 luxuriously appointed guest rooms
Doral Arrowwood 975 Anderson Hill Rd, Rye Brook (844) 214-5500 www.doralarrowwood.com	350/350	None	Y	\$175-\$195	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	A 473,000-square-foot resort located in the heart of Westchester with many amenities, including sports facilities, a golf course, and restaurants
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tarrytown 455 S Broadway, Tarrytown (914) 631-5700 www.tarrytown.doubletree.com	1,000/600	None	Y*	\$80+	Y/Y	Y (cocktail only)	Y	Y	Outdoor garden terrace, ballroom with views of garden
ElmRock Inn Harvest Real Food Catering and Events 4496 Rte 209, Stone Ridge (845) 687-4492 www.elmrockinn.com	50 (inside)/ 250 (with tent)	\$5,700	Y	\$55-\$90	Y/Y	Y (five acres)	Y	Y	Intimate receptions and ceremonies inside a 1770s brick Colonial; five guest suites with private baths and fireplaces; separate pet-friendly carriage house (for up to six); tent weddings outdoors; popular camping area also available
Emerson Resort & Spa 5340 Rte 28, Mount Tremper (845) 688-2828 www.emersonresort.com	150/150	\$1,000	Y	\$115	Y/Y (seasonal)	Y	Y	Y	Mountain setting; Adirondack-style lodge; ceremonies held creekside in outdoor pavilion; duplex bridal suite with fireplaces and mountain views; in-house wedding planner

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Hilton Pearl River 500 Veterans Memorial Dr Pearl River (845) 735-9000 www.hiltonpearlriver.com	550/550	None	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>Reminiscent of a French chateau surrounded by countryside; receptions held in European-style Grand Ballroom; cocktail hour in Le Jardin or Conservatory rooms</i>
Hilton Westchester 699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook (914) 939-6300 www.westchester.hilton.com	1,100/900	\$500-\$800 (ceremony site fee)	Y*	\$145-\$185	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>One of the largest hotel ballrooms in Westchester; renovated lobby, bar/lounge, and restaurant, complete with wood-burning stove using the finest local ingredients</i>
Holiday Inn Middletown 68 Crystal Run Rd, Middletown (845) 343-1474 www.ihg.com	200/160	Varies	Y	Varies	Y/N	N	N	<i>Receptions take place in the elegant Crystal Ballroom</i>
Mount Kisco Events at the Holiday Inn Mt. Kisco 1 Holiday Inn Dr, Mount Kisco (914) 241-2600 www.mountkiscoevents.com	180/180	None	Y	\$79+	Y/N	N	Y	<i>Featuring newly designed and expanded event options</i>
Honor's Haven Resort & Spa 1195 Arrowhead Rd, Ellenville (877) 969-4283 www.honorshaven.com	250/200 (seated with tent)	\$500 (ceremony only)	Y	\$75-\$120	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>Weddings held every day; set on 250 acres with formal gardens, a championship golf course, sparkling lake, and views of the Shawangunk Mountains; redesigned ballroom; 232 well-appointed lodging rooms</i>
Hudson Valley Resort & Spa 400 Granite Rd, Kerhonkson (845) 626-8888 www.hudsonvalleyresort.com	500/500	None	Y	\$89+	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>Receptions held in the Grand Ballroom; gazebo and garden tent available; pools, spa, tennis, and championship golf course with driving range; peaceful, natural setting with Catskill views</i>
The Inn at Silver Maple Farm 1871 State Rte 295, East Chatham (518) 781-3600 www.silvermaplefarm.com	125/125	Varies by season	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>Perfect country location for small, intimate weddings where the Hudson Valley meets the Berkshire foothills</i>
The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Banquet, and Conference Center 40 Civic Center Plz Poughkeepsie (845) 485-5300 www.pokgrand.com	300/300	None	N	Varies by package	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>Two ballrooms; packages available to create a wedding within a realistic budget; wedding cakes included</i>
Radisson Hotel New Rochelle 1 Radisson Plz, New Rochelle (914) 576-3700 www.radisson.com/new-rochelle-hotel-ny-10801/nyrochel	270/250	Varies	N	\$60+	Y/N	N	N	<i>Specializes in weddings of all sizes; beautiful views of Long Island Sound; complimentary sleeping rooms with 125 or more guests</i>
The Red Hook Country Inn 7460 S Broadway, Red Hook (845) 758-8445 www.theredhookinn.com	30/30	\$500	Y	\$99+	Y/Y (on deck)	Y	Y	<i>Receptions, intimate ceremonies, and dining; cocktail reception on the illuminated outdoor deck or inside; 10 guest rooms</i>
Renaissance Westchester Hotel 80 W Red Oak Ln, West Harrison (914) 694-5400 www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hpnsh-renaissance-westchester-hotel	450/400 (with round tables), 300 (with dancefloor)	None	N	\$160-\$175	Y/Y	Y	Y	<i>Resort atmosphere nestled on 30 acres of scenic countryside; newly renovated guest rooms; variety of recreational amenities, including indoor pool, tennis and volleyball courts, bocce ball, and nature trail</i>

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The Ritz-Carlton New York, Westchester 3 Renaissance Sq, White Plains (914) 946-5500 www.ritzcarlton.com/westchester	750/325	Varies by venue	Y*	\$165-\$185	Y/Y	Y (cocktails only)	Y	Ten-thousand-square-foot spa and salon; indoor rooftop pool; gorgeous lobby lounge; located in the heart of downtown White Plains
Royal Regency Hotel 165 Tuckahoe Rd, Yonkers (914) 476-6200 www.royalregencyhotelnyc.com	600+/450	Varies	N	\$75+	Y/Y	Y	Y	Elegant, boutique hotel that recently unveiled a multimillion dollar renovation featuring updated Crystal Ball Room, lobby, guest rooms, and suites
Tarrytown House Estate & Conference Center 49 E Sunnyside Ln, Tarrytown (914) 591-8200 www.tarrytownhouseestate.com	500/350	\$750-\$2,000 (ceremony only)	Y*	\$125-\$250	Y/Y	Y (cocktails only)	Y	Twenty-six-acre estate with two mansions: the Greek Revival King House Mansion and Biddle House
The Thayer Hotel at West Point 674 Thayer Rd, West Point (845) 446-4731 www.thethayerhotel.com	220/220	\$1,500 (ceremony only)	Y	\$100-\$165 (seasonal)	Y/Y	Y	Y	Located on Hudson River with panoramic views
Twin Lakes 198 Heritage Dr, Hurley (845) 338-2400 www.twinlakeslodge.com	170 (inside)/ 260-300 (outside)	Varies	Y*	\$65-\$85 (food only)	Y/Y	Y	Y	Secluded lakeside resort between the Hudson River and the Catskills; wedding packages include cake, table linens, personal maitre d' service, bridal suite with Champagne and hors d'œuvres; outdoor ceremony venues are either lakeside or at garden gazebo
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Windham Mountain Resort 19 Resort Dr, Windham (518) 734-4300 www.windhammountain.com	400/400	\$700-\$3,000	Y	\$86-\$115	Y/Y	Y	Y	Receptions held on third floor of ski lodge, nestled in the vast Northern Catskills and featuring cathedral ceilings and mountain views; lodging at Winwood Inn with 20 guest rooms and 27 condos overlooking the Catskills
BARNs, MUSEUMs, WINERIES AND MORE								
Au Ciel The Space 50 S Buckhout St, Irvington (914) 591-1135 www.au-ciel.com	75/70	\$4,000	Y (choice of four)	\$75-\$250	N/N	N	N	Open, loft-like, Stanford White-designed building with gorgeous entrance, soaring ceilings, and Hudson River views
Benmarl Winery 156 Highland Ave, Marlboro (845) 236-4265 www.benmarl.com	120 (ceremony)/200 (with tent)	\$7,000	N	Varies	N/Y	Y	Y	Lush 37-acre vineyard with natural rustic beauty overlooking the Hudson; weddings held outdoors May to August; award-winning wines available; bed-and-breakfast rooms now available at an additional cost
Brotherhood Winery 100 Brotherhood Plaza Dr Washingtonville (845) 496-3661 www.brotherhood-winery.com	275/224	\$6,500+	Y (choice of eight)	Varies	N/Y	N	N	Early-19th-century historic stone building within America's oldest winery; the Grand Salon features wooden floors, exposed wooden beams, and antique wrought-iron chandeliers
The Capitol Theatre 149 Westchester Ave, Port Chester (914) 934-9362 www.thecapitoltheatre.com	2,000/1,500	Varies	N	Varies	Y/N	N	Y	Built in 1926 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places; newly transformed space for spectacular, on-stage wedding with space for seated dining inside the performance space

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Crown Maple and Madava Farms 47 McCourt Rd, Dover Plains (845) 877-5162 www.crownmaple.com	100+/100 \$5,000+	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	N	N	Venue offers multiple options for indoor and outdoor ceremony and reception sites, many with mountain views
Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden 28 Deveau Rd, North Salem (914) 669-5033 www.hammondmuseum.org	175/150 Varies by venue	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Spectacular Japanese stroll garden; ceremony site on island in a pond
Hudson Loft 2 South Astor, 3rd Flr Irvington (914) 231-9221 www.hudsonloftny.com	450+/250 \$2,500- \$15,000	Y	Varies	Y/N	N	Y	Y	Hudson Loft boasts more than 6,000 square feet of raw/industrial event space with sweeping Hudson River Views just 30 minutes north of NYC.
Hudson River Adventures Blue Point Landing, 120 Front St Newburgh (845) 220-2120 www.prideofthehudson.com	120/75 \$950 per hour weekend, \$900 per hour weekday,	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	N	N	Unique setting with stunning backdrop; options include climate-controlled main salon with huge wraparound windows and spacious, open-air sun decks; two bars and catering available
Hudson River Museum 511 Warburton Ave, Yonkers (914) 963-4550; www.hrm.org	300/250 (without dance floor), 175 (with dance floor) \$3,500	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Six art galleries, the Andrus Planetarium, the 1876 Glenview Mansion, and Hudson River views
Lambs Hill 51 Mount Beacon Monument Rd, Fishkill (Not the mailing or GPS address) (845) 656-8534 www.lambshill.com	50/50 Varies	N	Varies	Y/Y	N	Y	Y	Private mountaintop farm for small weddings; panoramic Hudson River view spanning from Mount Beacon to the Catskill Mountains
Lippincott Manor 69 Lippincott Rd, Wallkill (845) 895-2474 www.lippincottmanor.com	225/225 None	Y	\$58+	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Vintage, rustic, country setting with spectacular mountain and river views. Family-owned-and-operated full-service facility for a one-of-a-kind Hudson Valley wedding
New York Botanical Garden 2900 Southern Blvd, Bronx (718) 817-8700 www.nybg.org	Varies Varies	Y	\$180- \$220	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Venue offers indoor and outdoor options for ceremony and reception sites, all with spectacular views of its 250-acre property
Oak Hill 184 Oak Hill Rd, Hudson (617) 331-1874 www.livingstonwedding.com	300/300 \$5,000	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Only Hudson Valley mansion still owned by the Livingston family; dramatic barn setting in a private woodland park
Pelmo Vineyards 202 Strawridge Rd, Wallkill (845) 583-3053 www.pelmovineyard.com	600/240+ \$7,500- \$13,999	N (choice of 10)	Varies	N/Y	Y	Y	N	Outdoor vineyard wedding with lush views of the vineyard and wildflower fields; site fee includes all rentals (minus catering)
Shadow Lawn 2233 Lucas Turnpike, High Falls (845) 687-2302 www.shadowlawnny.com	150/150 \$11,500 (plus accommodations)	N	Varies	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y (additional fee)	The property includes an 18th-century stone house and 19th-century barn, along with a brook and manicured grounds as a picturesque backdrop.

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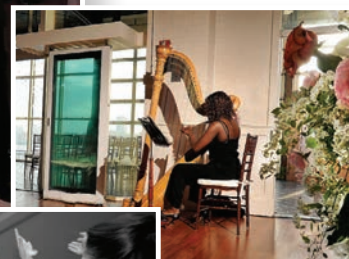
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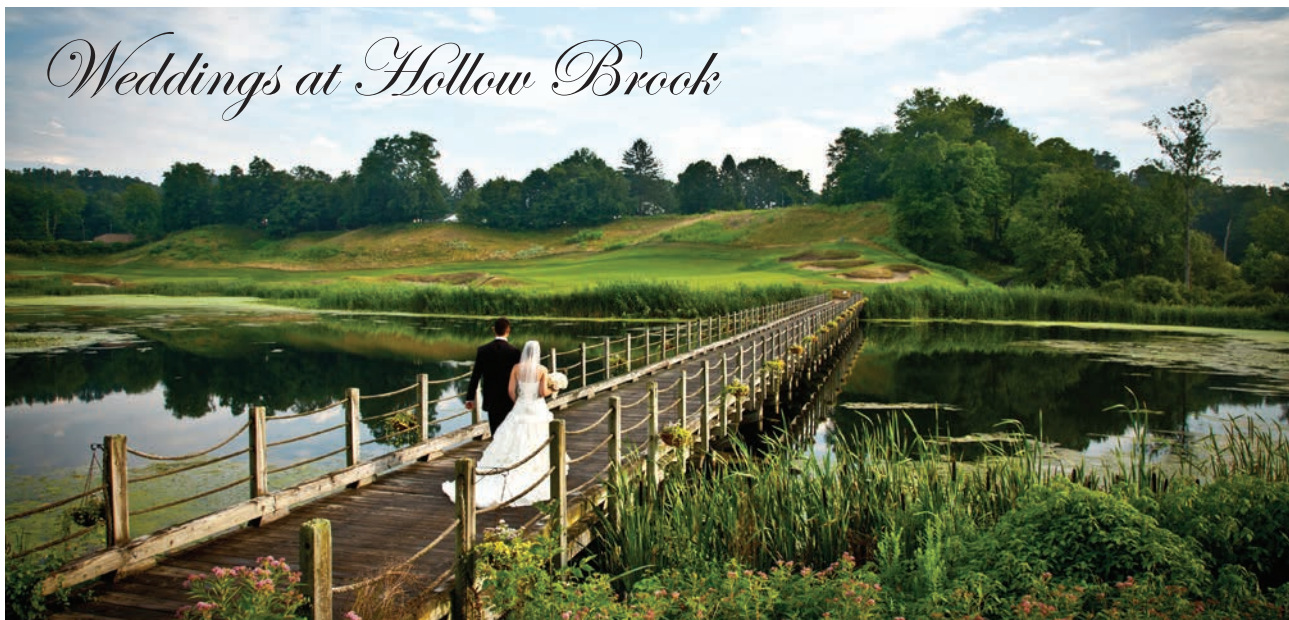
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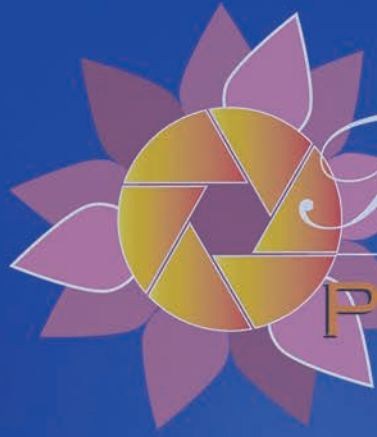
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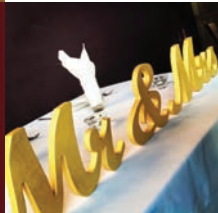


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