

BRIDE & GROOM™ Magazine

Near-by Nuptials Questionnaire

Near-by Nuptials features weddings of local couples (one person must be a New England resident) that had attention-grabbing elements that would be of interest to our readers. Those elements may include any or all of the following: ceremony/reception location, floral décor, menu (including cake and dessert), favors, wedding party attire, entertainment, proposal story, destination wedding, etc.

Answers to this questionnaire should be sent electronically to editor@chevalierassociates.com (put "Near-by Nuptials" in the subject line). MSWord documents are preferred. A CD of professional images may be sent separately (see page two of this document for more information).

Please answer the following questions with as much detail as possible,

1. Provide the bride's full name (prior to the wedding) and the groom's full name.
2. How did you meet?
3. How did you get engaged? (Who proposed, where, when, was it a surprise, etc.)
4. How long did you plan your wedding?
5. What made you pick the date (or time of year) for your wedding?
6. Who planned the wedding: (bride, bride and groom, groom, bride and mom, etc.)? If the groom was not a primary planner, how involved was he and did he enjoy being a part of the process?
7. Did you enjoy planning your wedding? Why or why not?
8. If the groom did not help with planning, does he wish he had been more involved?
9. Describe some of the details of your wedding. For example:
 - Did you have a theme? (For example: a beach motif, Asian-inspired, BBQ, masquerade ball, color scheme, etc.) If so, please describe why you chose that theme and how in what ways you incorporated it into your wedding.
 - If you didn't have a particular theme, did you do anything special/unique to personalize the reception (such as using names of favorite places on each table instead of table numbers, etc.)?
 - Favors, centerpieces, ceremony-site décor, etc.
 - Printed items (programs, menus, place cards, etc.)
10. What was your favorite part of the day?
11. What did your guests comment on the most?
12. What advice would you give to current brides- and grooms-to-be that you wish you'd be given before your wedding?

The particulars.

Please tell us who your wedding vendors were. Provide the complete and proper business name, location and Web address or phone number for each.

Ceremony site
Reception site
Photographer
Caterer
Cake baker
Florist
Videographer
Music

Transportation
Bridal gown and bridesmaids' dresses
(please provide the designer names and the shop(s) where they were purchased)
Groom and groomsmen attire
(please provide the designer name and the shop where they were rented or purchased)
Any additional vendors used



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Near-by Nuptials Image Submission Info

Style suggestions

Please note that the quality of the images—and what they depict—factor heavily in the decision-making process. Focus should be placed on images that artfully capture the unique details of the day, such as:

- Bride/groom getting ready
- Candid shots of bride/groom with attendants
- Artistic/photojournalistic images of the couple reciting vows, kissing, laughing, interacting with parents or other emotional moments (three – four only, please)
- Bridal bouquets arranged in a group or in a row
- Close-up shots of the wedding invitation, program, menu, place card table or seating chart
- Close-up shots of table settings (prior to food being served) and centerpieces
- The wedding cake
- Food stations and/or plated meals before they are served

Image requirements

When compiling the images, please adhere to the following:

Image specs

- Please submit no more than 20 images per wedding.
- Electronic files (.jpg or .tif) only
- Minimum resolution of 300 dpi
- Minimum image dimension of 4" x 6"
- Files should be labeled with a recognizable version of the bride's name, the photographer's name and the subject matter (such as: sullivan_sagestudio_cake.jpg)
- Please provide a contact sheet with the CD

Other requirements

- All images must be submitted on a CD by regular mail to: BRIDE & GROOM[™] Magazine, Attn: Near-by Nuptials, 334 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545
- Photographers must submit a copy of the release form signed by their clients. Please include this with the CD.
- Photographers must sign and return our release form.