

Help for the Busy Bride



Several years ago, Trisha Cranor embarked on an endeavor to create a one-of-a-kind bridal planning company geared specifically toward working women. Today, Working Brides Wedding Planner thrives in Germantown, Md., helping doctors, lawyers, students, mothers and preoccupied women from all backgrounds plan their dream weddings. Working Brides Wedding Planner offers a variety of planning packages, from the Blushing Bride Package (full-service planning) to the Brilliant Bride Package (day-of coordination) and several in between. The company even offers a Bollywood Package, which caters to South Asian weddings. With more than 40 percent of her clientele working and in graduate school, Cranor says flexibility for her staff is paramount. "Before we tell you no, we'll tell you yes," she says. "We're going to work out the wedding of your dreams for you." For more information, visit www.workingbrides.com.

Sheraton Baltimore North Showcases Renovations

The Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel recently underwent \$2 million in renovations, incorporating what general manager Christopher Alto calls a "bold, fresh look." With dark, hardwood floors, clean lines and contemporary furniture, the hotel's makeover beckons brides to host their elegant affairs. Alto boasts that the hotel's ballroom is the ideal site for wedding receptions. "The décor blends with any bridal colors," he says. Chic, versatile and contemporary, the Sheraton Baltimore North is sure to impress your guests. For more information, visit www.sheratonbaltimorenorth.com.



The Perfect Spa for the Happy Couple

Reflections of You Spa and Salon opened a new location in November of 2007—Roy Spa, located in Fort Belvoir, Va., the only privately owned salon and spa in a town center on a military base. Co-owner Joyce Cayli says what makes her establishment unique is the range of clientele and the services offered. "In most salons and spas, hair is the busy side of the business, but for us, it's spas," she says. "We do facials, nails, massages and the like." And the treatments aren't only for women. Cayli says she has a wide range of male clients. "Men that are stationed here come in often," she says. "We get men who are coming back from Iraq and need some relaxation." A trip to Roy Spa is the perfect opportunity for you and your fiancé to relax and forget your wedding woes before the big day. For more information, visit www.royspa.com.



Loveable Lashes

Open your eyes to no-smudge, long lasting, volume boosting lashes with Xtreme Lashes, now offered at Giuseppe's Hair Studio in Baltimore, Md. Perfect for the bride looking to make an eye-catching appearance, these semi-permanent, synthetic eyelash extensions enhance your natural lashes and replace the need for mascara. The lashes take between an hour and a half to two hours to apply and adhere to your existing eyelashes. With touch ups, they'll last up to two months, eventually falling off as a natural eyelash would. Completely water resistant, Xtreme Lashes withstand both the tears of joy on your big day and outdoor adventures on your honeymoon, and they look amazing in photographs. For more information or to make an appointment, visit www.giuseppeshairstudio.com.

An Elegant Addition to the Standard Seating Chart

Several years ago, Lynne Sandler, owner of Lettering By Lynne in Alexandria, Va., was inspired to create a seating chart that was both functional and aesthetically appealing. The result was a framed work of art, suitable for any bridal décor. Lettering By Lynne will craft a two-panel, custom-made seating chart, with your choice of more than 1,000 fonts to select from, and place it in a lavish gold frame. The chart contains a listing of guests in alphabetical order, along with table names and numbers. For smaller receptions that do not require both panels of the frame, Lettering By Lynne will fill the extra space with a copy of the reception menu. For more information, visit www.letteringbylynne.com.

