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the wedding hot sheet



1 second shooters

Heavily sought-after wedding photographer Mel Barlow just started her own company, Mel & Co. (MelBarlowandCo.com), and added associate shooters who have learned from the best. Another photographer with new, easier-on-the-wallet associate shooters: famed Ira Lippke Studios (IraLippkeStudios.com).

2 ketubahs for everyone!

Stephanie Caplan of The Ketubah & Acme Judaica (TheKetubah.com) is now offering English-only ketubahs for those who have "ketubah envy," in response to the huge uptick in non-Jewish couples wanting to use the traditional Jewish wedding contract to seal the deal on their wedding day!

3 wedding food upgrade

Get ready for some tantalizing catering options. Union Square Events (UnionSquareEvents.com) now features over 80 recipes per season from its restaurants. Another favorite caterer is Creative Edge Parties (CreativeEdgeParties.com)—it's started collaborating with celeb chefs on seasonal wedding menu offerings.

4 prohibition liquor

Prop out your engagement party, rehearsal dinner or wedding night with the newest locally made liquor to hit the New York scene—it's called Prohibition Distillery vodka (ProhibitionVodka.com). The rose-cut-glass bottle is so pretty you'll want to display it on the bar!

5 rental op

There's big news in the rental world: Designing Linens (DesigningLinens.com) is a new source for custom tablecloths, napkins and runners. Also, Miami's Nüage Designs (NuageDesigns.com) opened its first NYC office. And find vintage furniture, birdcages and cake stands at Gabrielle's Cottage (SandraDownie.BigCartel.com), in Connecticut.

Special thanks to: Annie Lee; Soraya Jollon; Sandra Downie

new venues

BROOKLYN WINERY
213 North 8th Street,
Brooklyn; (347) 763-1506;
BkWinery.com

It's brand-new and one of Williamsburg's first wedding-worthy venues. The space has that cozy vibe, is perfectly propped with what looks like finds from your favorite vintage store, and most of the tables and walls are made from reclaimed wood.

THE GREEN BUILDING
452 Union Street,
Brooklyn; (718) 522-3363;
TheGreenBuildingNYC.com

This hidden gem—with exposed-brick walls, tall ceilings, wood floors and elegant chandeliers is in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. And our jaws dropped when the owner showed us the secret back room complete with a vintage bank roller's desk and a speakeasy-style bar.

HISTORIC BARNs OF NIPMOOSE
59 Sherman Lane,
Buskirk; (518) 753-6293;
NipmooseBarns.org

The ideal place to have a rustic, nature-style wedding, this new hillside ceremony and reception spot is set among recently meticulously restored barns over 123 gorgeous rolling acres of property in the northern Hudson Valley.

HIGH ROLLERS FOXWOODS
350 Trolley Line Boulevard,
Mashantucket, CT;
(860) 312-2695;
HighRollersFoxwoods.com

The first bowling alley we'd ever consider hosting a bachelorette at just opened. We're talking posh VIP lanes with avant-garde crystal chandeliers and furniture, an extensive martini bar list and private party lounges to rent.



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the inside scoop

New York Metro's top planners share their juiciest info.



Wedding planner Sandra Downie designed this sweet dessert table.

THE PLANNER

Annie Lee

Daughter of Design, New York City, (646) 595-9009

YEARS IN THE BIZ

10 years

SECRET WEAPON

Annie combines her skills in planning and design to help bring her client's vision to life.

THE PLANNER

Sandra Downie

Sandra Downie Event Designs, Bolton, CT, (860) 474-5022

YEARS IN THE BIZ

4 years

SECRET WEAPON

"Getting a bride and groom to tell me where they shop for clothes and furniture. It really gives me a sense of their style."

THE PLANNER

Soraya Jollon

SORAYA Weddings & Celebrations, Brooklyn, (646) 256-3816

YEARS IN THE BIZ

8 years

SECRET WEAPON

"I'm multilingual."

budget tip

"Reduce your floral budget with venues like 632 on Hudson (632onHudson.com) or The Bowery Hotel (TheBoweryHotel.com), which are so well-decorated that they're turnkey and barely require much additional décor." —Annie

shuttle know-how

"NYC is littered with taxi cabs, but at 12 a.m. on a Saturday night, they can be quite scarce—leaving your guests trying to hail a cab for an hour-plus. Prepare a few cars from Elite Limousine Plus (EliteNY.com) or even Dial 7 (Dial7.com) to shuttle guests." —Annie

well lit

"If your budget allows, include professional lighting for the reception. It's such a shame when couples create beautiful tablescapes with their florist and they're barely visible because the tables are sitting in shadows. Most venues' standard lighting is inadequate for pin-spotting tables and highlighting the dance floor and band or DJ." —Soraya

shining personalities

"It's important to ensure your personalities shine through, and there are plenty of ways to tell your story through your details. Serve his and hers cocktails, name tables after your favorite places/songs/music or incorporate personal items into the ceremony/reception décor." —Sandra

permit police!

"If you're planning to do a photo shoot in Grand Central Terminal (GrandCentralTerminal.com), prepare in advance and obtain a permit. It's required!" —Annie

made up

"Have a professional do your makeup. Even if you're a 'no makeup' type for everyday, having a makeup artist even out your skin tone and highlight your features will result in much better photographs." —Soraya

sweet ending

"I highly recommend having a dessert table at a wedding. Not only does it save money by serving a dual purpose as dessert and as a guest favor, it's also a fun way to get your guests to mingle and interact together. In addition, it's generally the hit of the night and a great way to carry your color/theme into the evening festivities." —Sandra

new and improved

"There are a ton of recently renovated event spaces worth checking out. There's Hempstead House, Bogardus Mansion, Wave Hill and Sole East, just to name a few." —Annie



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