

# Master of Disguise

Costume designer Candy Keane weaves her seamstress skills into entrepreneurial gold

"I'm sorry, I'm really exhausted," explains Candy Keane (her real name) as she rubs her hands across her forehead. Tall and athletic, Keane is sitting in one of the leopard-print chairs inside her costume and lingerie shop, Three Muses Inspired Clothing.

"I was out until 3 a.m. handing out cards at Eclipse," she continues, referring to the Riverside nightclub where she went last night, dressed in Steampunk garb (think Victorian-era fashion mixed with sci-fi elements like ray guns and goggles) to hand out business cards.

Some nine hours later, Keane is struggling to find words to describe her transformation from journalism student to promo model to costume designer to small business owner. Located in the Mandarin Square shopping center, her emporium boasts a collection of brightly colored wigs, hosiery, shoes, lingerie, corsets and a slew of costume accessories. If you're looking for rainbow thigh-highs, a pair of ruffle-butt underwear, neon pink fishnet gloves, a psychedelic paisley dress or a pair of butterfly wings, Keane's the gal to see.

"My vision for the store is that people can create their own original outfit using bits and pieces," she explains. "It's basically a dress-up shop." Keane gets slammed on Halloween and Valentine's Day and her typical clients are women who are looking to spice up their love life, stage a boudoir photo shoot, attend a theme party or who are just hardcore role players who, like Keane, attend comic book and sci-fi conventions.

Keane's love of theatrics and costuming led to a kind of modeling called cosplay (short for "costume play"). She's been to nearly every major convention, including DragonCon in Atlanta, Orlando's Star Wars Celebration, Comic-Con in San Diego, FetishCon in Tampa and Jacksonville's own Ancient City Con. Over the past few years, she's become somewhat of a celebrity in the costuming subculture. Thumbing through a rack of colorful wigs that appear to be made out of Slinkys, she explains, "We wear them in this group of Sith cheerleaders I dress up with."

Born in Huntsville, Ala., and raised in Sarasota, the 35-year-old Keane has been making costumes for as long as she can remember. "My mom and my grandma are my inspiration," she says. "I spent summers

in Alabama and my grandma would teach me crocheting, sewing, macramé, plaster casting, painting, knitting — you name it — and I weaved those skills into costume designing."

At the same time, Keane's mom made a big to-do of Halloween — custom designing and constructing her outfit months ahead of time. "We would wait all year for Halloween," Keane laughs of dressing up as a court jester, Raggedy Ann or a belly dancer. "It was the most

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important holiday in my family."

Keane has played a lot of different professional roles as well. After graduating from the University of Florida with a BA in magazine journalism, she moved to San Francisco with her now-husband for his job in advertising. There, she worked as a freelance website writer until the dot-com bubble burst. Not sure what to do next, she started working at a chain bath-and-lotion shop in Union Square.

"I saw people doing promo work out in the square. They were handing out candy, having fun and making like \$5 more than me per hour," Keane remembers. So she quit her job hawking hand soap and started doing promotions. That, in turn, snowballed into modeling, but Keane didn't want to dress in off-the-rack items, or as she describes it, "clothes that everyone had." So she started making her own costumes.

Keane enjoyed the work. She fondly remembers the Playboy mansion parties she attended while living in California. Her shop features a framed invitation to the 2007 Midsummer Night's Dream Party — an annual

event at the mansion, and one that aired on E! Channel's reality show, "The Girls Next Door." "I made my own butterfly-lingerie costume [for the party]," she says. "I watched that episode over and over and kept trying to find myself."

When asked why she never hooked up with Hugh Hefner or posed for Playboy, Keane simply answers, "I was someone more interested in dressing up and putting on the clothes than taking them off. And I love my husband."

Fittingly, Keane met her husband of eight years, Sean Keane, at a Halloween party in college. She was dressed as a genie, he as William Wallace from "Braveheart." "He loves to dress up, too," Keane says as she flips through a photo album. "He gets into it and goes to events and conventions with me." Sean, a reservist Sergeant Major in the Army Special Forces, is currently stationed in Afghanistan. In the early 2000s, Sean started getting deployed overseas while Keane stayed behind in San Diego and continued her promo work, commercial swimwear modeling and costume designing. But it got lonely. In 2004, the couple decided to settle back in the Southeast where they both had family. The U-Haul they rented wouldn't fit everything, so Keane decided to sell online some of the costumes she'd made. They sold well and she realized it was a niche market she could fill.

So in 2005, she started an online version of Three Muses Inspired



Clothing (named for her grandma, her mom and her) and started offering her original designs. Some of her best-selling costumes, which cost between \$300 and \$700, include Wonder Woman, Leeloo from "The Fifth Element," Princess Leia's slave-girl outfit from "Star Wars," Ultraviolet, Aeon Flux, and Madonna from her Material Girl days. The site became so popular that Keane opened a storefront on San Jose Boulevard in 2009.

As a new small business owner, Keane wasn't able to dress up and model as much as she wanted, so a friend suggested that she go to DragonCon in Atlanta. It was love at first sight. She was introduced to the world of cosplay or dressing up and "being" a character. She considers herself more of a cosplay model and less of a "cosplayer" because she doesn't act out skits, but rather poses for photos with fans and revelers.

"I'm always happy to take a photo with people because more photos equals more exposure for my business," she says. "My favorite part is the kids. When they ask if you're really Wonder Woman, then you know you got the costume right." Keane goes on to explain that when people take photos of her at conventions, it's so commonplace it almost seems like a normal, everyday activity.

Keane's outfits (especially when she's wearing them) have gained a lot of attention over the years — primarily her Princess Leia slave-girl ensemble. She's been featured wearing it on E! Channel's "25 Most Memorable Swimsuit Moments," and on the cover of the DVD of the documentary "Jedi Junkies" — and actress Kristen Bell rocks it in the movie "Fanboys."

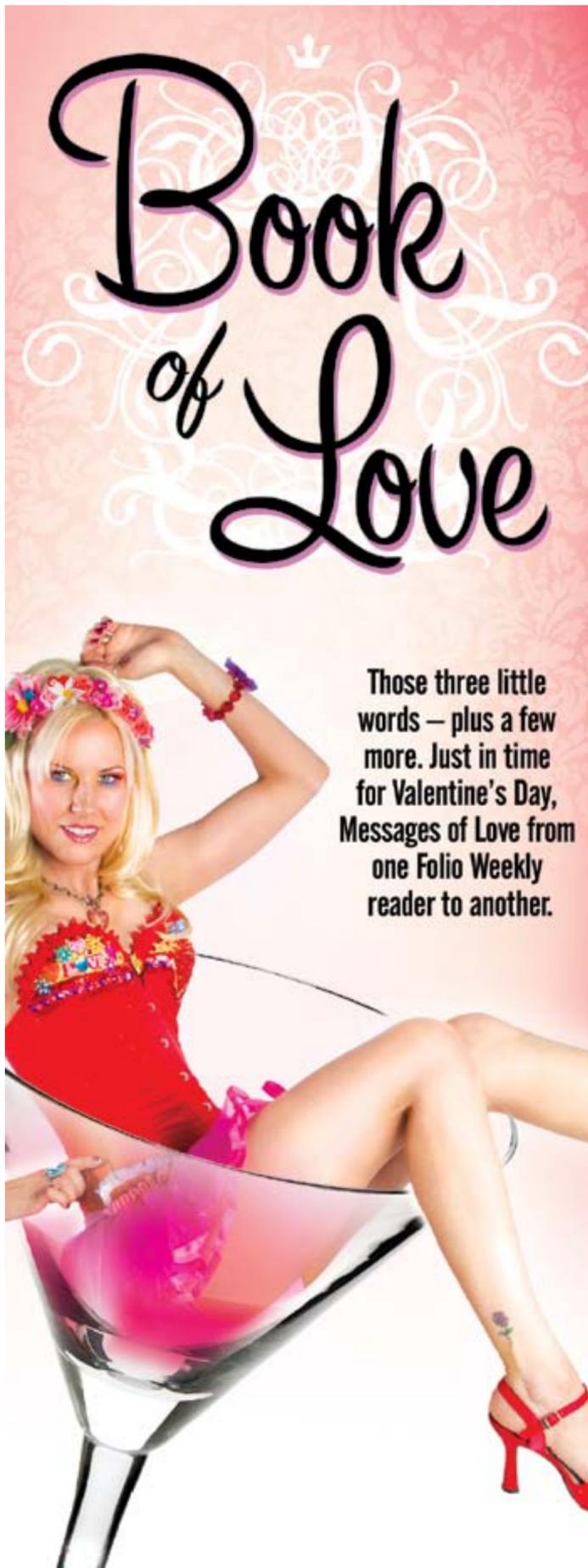
One year, a few days before Halloween, "Being Erica," a Canadian TV show, rush-ordered three '80s Madonna outfits from Keane for one of the episodes. "I stayed up all night making them," she remembers. And staff at popular talk show "The View" asked to borrow a costume (thought they never used it). Keane's also been highlighted in print publications like Empire (a British movie magazine), Teeze Magazine and The Pyrates Way.

But Keane's daily work now is less about celebrity and more about attention to detail. A small glass case by the register features mini top hats handmade by a local artist, and an adjacent case contains a collection of silver and stone jewelry created by Keane's 98-year-old great-grandfather. She also offers custom masquerade masks made by her mother and a rack full of miniskirts sewn by her grandmother in Alabama.

The rest of Three Muses is chock-full of the "Costumes & Corsets" promised on the large plastic banner outside. There are piles of plastic jelly bracelets, full knee-length petticoats, even a pair of silver glitter, platform stack boots. Whether she's shipping off a Halloween costume custom-designed for "America's Next Top Model" McKey Sullivan, or being interviewed at Comic-Con for Joss Whedon and Morgan Spurlock's new documentary, "Episode 4: A Fan's Hope," Keane gets to flex every facet of her personality. Superhero, sci-fi vixen, wife, business owner, seamstress: So far, she hasn't found one role that doesn't fit. □

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# Book of Love

Those three little words — plus a few more. Just in time for Valentine's Day, Messages of Love from one Folio Weekly reader to another.

#### TO MY LOVELY LU

Every day I spend with you, I love you more than the last. You keep me sane and think things through when I fail to. Thank you for everything you do and are. As a wise person once said, "Lu is cool."

#### MY ONE AND ONLY

The moment I saw you, I knew. We have been through so much this past year, but through it all we have never given up on one another. We stay strong and true. I love you Eric and look forward to spending the rest of my life with you.

#### I LOVE YOU MORE

Abel Greene, I love you more. I love you with all of my heart and I thank you for being there for me all the time.  
Love, Brenda

#### FEATHERS IN OUR CAPS

It's said that birds of a feather flock together and we are two lucky rara avis to have found each other. You are an amazing Holistic Detective. I look forward to being your partner and travel companion.

#### I AM MY OWN VALENTINE!!

Happy Valentine's to me, Shela. I take back my heart this Valentine's Day and will cherish the true gem that I am. Though I'm never appreciated in relationships and they tend to fail, I dedicate my love to me, newly single, and will make this Valentine's Day special FOR me.

#### I WANNA LOVE YA EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT

Mark, you know I love you with at least 1/4 of my heart ... OK, all of my heart and I would be completely and utterly lost without you. I am so lucky to have you in my life, to be able to experience somebody outside of my family to love me each and every day unconditionally.

#### A LOVE LIKE NO OTHER

I can't believe that this year I send my message of love as your wife. Because of you, I have a family, with children who love me dearly and a house so full of love and happiness ... oh yes, and a Jacuzzi tub full of date-night fun with thick bubbles and champagne bottles poppin'.

#### LOVE OF MY LIFE

Dear Layla, you are my beautiful angel. You bring joy and happiness to my life. I never knew I could love the way I love you. You make every day special. I look forward to waking up and seeing your beautiful face. You are mommy's life and I love you more than anything.

#### TO MY ROCK, JASON BARBER

In a year where my family turned on me, where finances were strained, where everything that could go wrong did, you were always there to pick me up, support me and love me. You have been my rock and my love and no matter what, I will always love you.

#### JF + DCF

Danielle, you are one of the most amazing people I have ever met. I care about you so much and look forward to continuing our relationship for years to come.  
Love, Joe

#### 25-8-367 AND COUNTING

For never complaining about strapping my helmet and always doing it with a smile. So glad you are part of my plan and part of my life.

#### ABIGAIL,

Well, it's just you living here now so Will and Rob won't see this message. Kinda sad, just tryin' to make the best of Hometown Blues. But I love you so much, Pickypop, and I'm very proud of the young woman you've become.  
Love, Muvver

#### TO MY BABY

Terrance, you are a great loving person and I want to thank you for bringing happiness back into my life. I love u!

#### LOVE OF MY LIFE

I met my soul mate, Terrance Hutchinson, the day before Easter last year. When we saw each other, we felt an instant connection. Ever since then, the rest was history. We are now looking forward to our 1 year anniversary together. I love you with every ounce of my being, Mr. Cheesecake!

#### TO MY POOKIE

I can't imagine life before you and would not want to live without you. You are the first thing I see in the morning and the last I see at night. Never leave me because without you, life would not be worth living.  
Yours, Smooches

#### SO MANY OF OUR SMILES BEGIN WITH YOU TWO!

Madalyn and Avery. Life is filled with lots of things that make it all worthwhile, but none is better than the love found in your little smiles. Happy Valentine's Day! We heart you two!  
Love, Mommy & Daddy

#### THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL

Elijah, you are the absolute love of my life. A love like no other I have ever felt. The love you feel for your children is the greatest, but a love a Grandmother has for her grandchild is in a league of its own. You are my greatest treasure, Elijah.

#### I KISSED A GIRL AND FELL IN LOVE!

Lillie, it's been almost 2 years since I stole you away from my ex. ;) You are the most wonderful woman I've ever known. I love you more deeply every day. Thank you for bringing out the ME in me. Our future awaits. Mooches!  
Nina

#### LOVE HIM

Mike Ludwig, you have changed my life and shown me what being loved feels like. You are the best thing that has ever happened to me and my girls and so here's to you, my Valentine. I will spend the rest of my life loving you.  
Love Always, Mary (aka Your Heart)

#### BABY GIRL

You are my dear and closest to my heart. I send this message of love so you and the world would know, you are my baby girl and I love you so. For Arianna J. Williams.  
From MOM

#### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

To the man that stole my heart. Time can never erase what I feel for you. You will always be a part of me.

#### MY MATCH-LESS LOVE

Thank you for persevering when I blew you off on Match.com! 3/22/09 — You were looking cool, calm and collected sitting at Caps. When you saw me, you smiled the biggest smile and my heart was yours.  
Always, Cyndi

#### MY CHEF

My fiancé, Byron Williams, is the greatest dad, best friend, and wonderful man that I could have ever asked for in my life! I can't wait until May 3rd... the day we get married! I love you, Byron!

#### NOV. 10, 1972

We have been together 38 years and have created 4 more wonderful lives. We could not have foreseen our life today back then on Elm tree, during the summer of '72.  
Hub

#### MRS. RIGHT OR MS. RIGHT NOW?

I've known you for years and have been dating you for months. You were a sweet girl that has turned into an amazing woman. I am very optimistic about our future and turning our now into forever. Hayley, you're more than Mrs. Right, you're the one! XOXO

#### HOT DADDY!

Then, now and always! I love you so much for the life we share together. To the many more to come. I love you, Beautiful. XOXO

#### MY LITTLE LOVES OF MOMMY'S LIFE

Jakob and Hannah, you both take my breath away each and every day I see your adorable vibrant faces smile at me. It warms my soul with each little hug and kiss. I am the luckiest mommy ever! Happy Valentine's Day, Mommy's little loves.  
Love, Mommy

#### A HAPPY MOTHER AND WIFE

I just wanted my husband to know that I'm proud of him for stepping up and working hard for the family. Me and the Kids love you very much. Happy Valentine's Day!

#### GARY MY LOVE

Love couples dream of, but very few find. You came into my life, I now have that friendship, companionship, and love that I so long for. I look at your beautiful smile, the glow of your face, the kindness of your heart, the soft touch of your arms around me.

#### ERIN, YOU ARE MY ANGEL!

My Love, my life, my everything. I'll always walk side by side with you under only one condition: You never hide your wings so that everyone may know you are my angel.

#### CUPID'S REPORT

Just by a glance I took a chance to meet the man of my dreams! You said... "Lookin for a girl that could hang" and I said "Bring it!" Looks like I'm hangin and you brought it, Baby!!! Today, tomorrow and forever! Happy Valentine's Day XOXO

#### MY HUSBAND, BY BEST FRIEND

You are my best friend and my husband and I love you with all my heart. I want to thank you for the last 10 years that we have been together. They have been the best 10 years of my life. I can't wait to see what the next 10+ years bring.

#### IT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOU

M is for making our relationship a priority. A is for all the nights we spent apart when my daughter was hospitalized with cystic fibrosis. R is for recognizing that time together is important. K is for keeping our love alive for 26 years. I have always loved only YOU.

#### HEY, DUMB DUMB POOPIE HEAD

Christmas is your holiday, February 14th is mine, OK? I've something to say, it won't be held at bay. Another year of ups and downs. Don't be sad. Take off that frown. You are my valentine. No poker face, no bullshit line. Out singing again until nine. Will you be mine?

#### JESSIE BRITTEN

Simply put, I Love You.

**CHRISTOFER, OLIVE JUICE**

Too many ways to explain here. Tumbling from that jeep to you was best thing done. Our son is amazingly awesome. Don't care if we ever get married, as long as I can spend all my days with both y'all. No Axe needed. Love you more.

**CAUGHT**

Who knew it would have all started with just a little fishin'?! A year and a half later ... guess we're hooked! Thanks for being my person :)

**MISS YOU**

Dear Sleepy Bear, I MISS U BABY CAKES.  
Love, Papa Bear

**TO MY HUNNY BUNNY**

Wendell, I can't express in words how grateful I am that you're my husband. We've been together for over 10 fun-loving years, and I know it'll only get better. I love you with everything I am. You're the best honeydew melon, pot pie, cupcake, darling, love of my life!  
Cristy

**YOU MY SISTER POD**

You are my sister pod bean! You are the best seed pod I could have as a sister! I love you muchly oh wonderful sister pod! Many trilobites of sisterly love to you from your very own beany sisteroo.  
Love, Sisteroo bean

**MY DEAREST JESSE**

To my past, present and future. Everything I am is nothing without you. Here's to the promises we made so long ago and now fulfilled today and every day until the end of time.  
Love, Cathee

**TO ASPEN'S DADDY**

As we venture onto our next great adventure, parenthood, I just want you to remember that I love you. Thank you for being you. Hope you are ready for the feisty kick boxer!  
Love, Aspen's Mommy

**FAIRYTALE**

To the man that is going to make my fairytale come true. I love you, Ryan, more now than I ever knew. You are caring, thoughtful, and I love having fun with you. We have an amazing life in front of us and I can't wait to say I do.  
Yours always and forever, Rissa

**THE MOMENT**

Your image is complete in my eyes. Your voice is a harmony in heaven to my ears. You are my paradise. Seduce my loneliness. Sing to my heart. Your offering will be treasured. Intimacy from heart to heart. My love will be a devotion.

**WRITING WITH MADNESS**

Your eyes peer into mine with psychedelic fascination, pupil to pupil with starburst irises. When we attempt to fathom what lies within, a hypnotic detonation taunts us. Flames erupt but beckon, a sonic boom stills our hearts. A galaxy of stars emerge ... How helpless, graceful — yet powerful our love is.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

Arty, you are my Special Valentine, husband, lover and best friend. After 27 years of marriage, we still get asked if we are newlyweds, so we must be doing something right. My heart is forever yours. I love you!  
Cristi

**LOVE LIKE JOHNNY AND JUNE <3**

Thomas, you are my one true love and my wonderful Valentine. We have surpassed my expectations and now I love you more than I ever thought possible. You are a true meaning to my Prince Charming! I love you now and forever more. Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love, Raquel

**MY HUSBAND**

I just want to let you know you are the most wonderful husband, father, and best friend a woman could have. You are the kind of man girls dream of having and I am the one who was blessed with you in my life. Thank you for being that man! I love you with all my heart and more than words could ever say! Happy Valentine's Day, Baby!  
Your wife, Lorie

**PORTER**

Everyone else calls you that. You are handsome, smart, witty, sexy, funny, thoughtful. When we first started seeing each other, my stomach did somersaults whenever you were near me. Now my heart does somersaults when I think of you. Everyone else calls you Porter, but you are my Darling.

**IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING ...**

Doug, since we were teenagers, there has always been a strong connection between us ... an unexplained passion but one that has lingered for the past 15 years. You're everything I ever wanted in a man ... thanks for not giving up on me, I promise, you won't regret it!  
Love, Alicia

**MY LOVE**

When I met you at that locked door, I was not looking for love. I was looking for a way in the building. Because of that door I met an awesome and amazing man. I love you and the way you love me. All my love forever.

**OLIVE JUICE**

John, I love you with all my heart. You're adorable, sweet, caring and wonderful. I miss you and even though we couldn't be together for Valentine's Day this year, I'm looking forward to spending all the others with you.  
Elephant shoes, Lisa

**SO THE STORY GOES**

The first time I met you; two words: South Carolina and Gilmore Girls. As I've gotten to know you, you've become a great friend and a guy that I can trust and know that you'll always be there for me. You're like my Prince Charming from a "story."

**THE 2 LOVES OF MY LIFE**

To my husband, Rick Adams, and our son, Cory Carlisle. God bless, Happy Valentine's Day.

**CITY GIRL MEETS COUNTRY BOY**

Thank God you mentioned your love of green tea and I began to question my pre-conceived notions of what a country boy was. Now we are married with 2 beautiful kids! I love you with all my heart, even when you say "I forgot." I know this love will last forever, I hope you do too ... not sure about your XBOX, though. :-)

**QUEEN COBRA**

Here I come again, slithering back to you on my belly like z snake I yam. Hiss. Your scales may be pale, but your venom is still lethal. Save it, Missy. I'm your soldier/knight now, and I'll strike, strike, and strike again for you. Sheep's Reel. COBRAH!

**DID I STUTTER, LOVE?**

There's all of it. Carpools and puke cleanups and misbehaving kids and a nipping dog and homework and busted pipes. And then there's you, my beauty. And you make it all worthwhile. Every night is still like a sleepover with you.

**HAV MERCY**

I long for you, For time unspent, For words unspoken, For love unmade I long for you, For fantasies unfulfilled, For dreams uninterrupted, For US, unadulterated. I long for you, For lips untouched, For sounds unheard, For MERCY ... ungiven ILYMIPSC!

**IT'S YOU AND ME AGAINST THE WORLD!**

Brian, I love you more than anything! I love everything about you, about us, about our relationship and about our life together. You make me happier than I've ever been. You are my rock; my strength. I would be so lost without you. You are my love and my life.

**JOHN THURSTON**

I just wanted to let u know u are my world and I love you with all my heart.

**GARY, TYLER & CONNER**

Happy Valentine's Day to my 3 favorite men. We have a very lucky family.  
Love, Maria



# Book of Love



## **THERE YOU ARE!**

Dear SugarBear, 831 means I love you: 8 letters, 3 words and 1 meaning. You mean the world to me! You are truly a wonderful man! I hope that we have many more Valentine's Days together. Happy Valentine's Day. Baby!  
One Love, Sweetness

## **BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY**

Was it luck or was it fate on that amazing day in 2008 when a Beautiful Butterfly flew into my heart and with a gentle kiss filled it with love, sunshine, happiness and everlasting bliss! Thank you for making every day seem like it's Valentine's Day!  
I love you!

## **TO CHRISTOPHER**

I hate that your nickname for me is Wiggles, but I love that you've been calling me that and other names that I hate for 10 years. I love you more than I could say in 50 words or less. Can I have a new nickname now (one I'll like)?

## **CLYDE-CHARLIE CHATTER BOX**

It's been 28 years of endless love/marriage! High-school sweethearts and three kids later and I am still head over hills in love with you! Thanks for being the best lover/husband!  
Love, Bonnie-Nancy

## **RICKY BOBBY**

As I sit here and daydream of the first day we met, I can still see your eyes gleam. You're mine to keep for now and forever. I love you with all my heart, Our love is so deep so I'm yours and you are mine.  
Love, Heather Hoot!

## **SHAMU!!**

We're anti V-day this year but I just wanted to let u know that I love u and I'm very grateful to have u as a friend. Hope this made u smile!  
Buffalo.

## **TE AMO!**

Te amo con todo mi corazon! Contigo todo es possible.  
CHENEY I LOVE YOU!

## **TIL ETERNITY**

We've been together for 40 years. We've shared laughter, love and tears. Our vows stated til death do us part. The illness you have truly breaks my heart. We await a new lung and not sure when it will be. A gift to keep up together from now til eternity. Peanut Loves Jimmy  
XOXOXO

## **MY FOREVER VALENTINE**

Tony, whether we are oceans apart or together, my love for you never changes. And with each passing year, even though I think it cannot be possible, I love you more and more. Happy Valentine's Day!

## **WADE & JACQUE**

Wade, you are the pride and purpose of my life. You married the perfect woman, who has become a cherished daughter to me. There is nothing the two of you can't do together. Happy Valentine's Day!  
My eternal love, MOM (Woobie)

## **TURTLE LUVS ANDO**

xo I love you xo

## **TO MY SUPERMAN: THOMAS JAY SCOTT**

It took us 10 years to be together and the moment you walked off that Greyhound bus 2/14/10, my heart was made whole. And to answer your question ... Yes, I want to grow old with you.

## **ARRON, WE MET IN 1995**

It's been a long time and I still love you. We will have a blast in Daytona 500.  
Love, Anthony

## **TO MY HEART MELINDA**

Since the day we met, your face has brightened my world, your arms warmed my heart, and your love has touched my soul. When I think about my future, I see you by my side. You make me smile, baby, Happy Valentine's Day, I love you.

## **JR & TARA**

Ever since I met you, I knew you were the one for me! I just wanted to let you know that you truly are my heart, and you mean the world to me. I don't know what I would do without you! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY BABY!!  
Love, Your Angel

## **TIMOTEA MY SWEET HEART**

In day of love our passionate romance grows greater and deeper as time passes. Songs of love beat inside the heart.

## **A FELON OF LOVE**

I always wanted to take you away, but like a thief you stole my heart when you stole a kiss. You took me, shook me, and showed me that life is meaningless without love. My life begins. All I ever needed was love and all I ever needed was you.

## **MY UNSPOKEN LOVE**

Love, something we decided not to say, Love, something you cannot keep away, We've slipped, Said how we feel, Now to say it aloud, To make it real, It's true that I love you, This we know. I thought I would tell you in a way for all to know.

## **THE FIRST TIME YOU KISSED ME ...**

Next to the water of winter, she and I raised a red bonfire wearing out our lips from kissing each other's souls, casting all into the fire, burning our lives. I love you, Anna, with all my heart. We'll be together again soon.  
Matthew

## **MEIN TEDDYBAR**

We met on Valentine's Day years ago. I knew I loved you the moment you tore the head off of my teddy bear. You are my high school sweetheart and the best fiancé anyone could ask for. ich liebe dich

## **AF ... TE DUA ZEMER <3**

You are the MOST IMPORTANT person in my life and MOST SPECIAL. I hope we can always be together my love and I had the best of times with you. I'll always love you. Always ...

## **RALPH**

Sometimes in life, you find a special friend who changes your life just by being a part of it, who makes you laugh until you can't stop, who makes you believe you are No. 1. This is forever friendship.  
Love, Janice.

## **ANNE & ALYSSA**

I love you guys more than the world loves the outlaw!

## **8 IS GREAT!!**

Dear Hubby Puppy, marrying you with our toes in the sand was the most beautiful and perfect thing I could've ever asked for. I promise to always be by your side. You are the only Puppy for this Kitty! I love you more than words could ever say!

## **I LOVE YOU, HB TWIZZ!**

Here's to another year together of Cold Lampin' in the Hour of Eros! Love ya babe!

## **CORKY LOVES A GLASS LICKER**

Honey, I know we have had our ups and downs, ins and outs but I want you to know that you are the only glass licker for me!! Yours always!! Love you!!  
Corky

## **DEAR KAY**

22 years ago, we made our vow; I meant it then as I mean it now. Through sickness and health, through poor times and wealth. I remain a man of my word, not some low-life turd. So nail that fear to the wall, it's you and me, for the long haul. I will love you always.  
Neil

# Book of Love

## K & Q

You define LOVE for me!!

## APHRODITE

You are an amazing woman, mother, lover, and friend. Loving you is easy 'cause you're beautiful ... la la la la la ... la la la la la ... do do do do do!

## JOSE

"Men always want to be a woman's first love. Women have a more subtle instinct: What they like is to be a man's LAST romance." Here's to hoping we saved the best for last. Dubs

## MIRANDA,

You are my superhero, forever and always. My very best friend.

## A SEPTEMBER SONNET

As I said to you Sept. 7, 2002, "I don't love you as if you were the salt-rose, topaz or arrow of carnations that propagate fire: I love you as certain dark things are loved, secretly, between the shadow and the soul." Pablo Neruda

## MY GREGARIOUS C.P.A.

Sliders was the start, New Orleans is where you won my heart. You dance with me on Main, make a mean Zing Zang. You chop onions so I don't cry, I think you must be THE guy. From Fernandina to Atlantic Beach, the love of my life I have finally reached.

## WHIPPED ON WHIP

To my wonderful husband Whip, who I love more and more every day. You are truly my best friend and soulmate. Thanks for always being there for me and loving me unconditionally, you're the best, Puffin! I love you!

## THE ANGELS DANCE

I kissed you once, I kissed you two, my world is better since I met you. I kissed you three and one for me, sweet Victoria, I love thee.

## I SAW YOU

You came up for an orange soda refill at my restaurant and asked for my number. I'm so glad I gave it to you ... twice. You're my rock star, my superhero, my Prince Charming; will you also be my Valentine?

## PRINCESS ZACHARY

I wish I could find the perfect words to tell you how much you mean to me, and I think I finally know. I LOVE YOU, ZACHARY. I'm so lucky to have you, baby. Happy first Valentine's Day, and hopefully many more to come!



## FOR YOU, BIG A

You are the love of my life, and I want to spend the rest of it making you feel adored. Let's make this thing work. I miss you. Little A

## LUV'N KEVIN

Meeting you 6 years ago was the best thing that has happened in my life! You mean everything to me and can't wait to see what our future holds! Love you, Booboo! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

## ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

To my amazing husband Eric B., one year down, a million more to go. I love you. Your wife, Ashley B.

## KALI'S MOM

Where did my best friend go? We both made mistakes and said things that we wish we could take back. I miss you going to sleep in my arms and Kali sleepin' on the floor snoring next to us. One day we will reunite. I LOVE YOU!

## THANKFUL FOR YOUR LOVE

I am thankful each and every day for second chances. Thank you for not leaving my side, no matter what. It doesn't matter what others think, we love each other and that is what makes our life together great. Forever. AYAYA

## SHANNON,

I love you and miss you beyond words. Your sis Deanna

## YOU BRIGHTEN MY WORLD

JT, thank you for making this past year so wonderful. Your great sense of humor, caring heart, intelligence, and God-given beauty make you an exceptionally rare person. I feel blessed every time I'm around you, XOXO LL

## LOVEOLGY

What's our secret? Being willingly bedridden. Too much Panera. Hours feeling like minutes. Awkward kisses. Lack of grace. Timeless black. Endless adoration. No dairy. No sweets. No smoke. No words and too many words. The staring. The yearning. The rapture. And the unexpected.

## TO MR. BRANNON WITH LOVE

I love you Mr. Brannon for holding my hand and my heart always and for being a wonderful husband. We love you for being a wonderful father and hope that this message finds you and makes your heart smile. Yours always and forever, Heather, Jacob and Evan

## MISSING MY SURFHOG

Scuba Sean, just remember. "You either surf or you fight." So come home and surf. Valentine's Day is not the same with you 7,000 miles away. Love, Snooty

## HOWLIN' FOR YOU

Yeah baby I'm howlin' for you. Disney next week? Our passes are almost up :). Maybe we will actually get to ride Rock 'n' Roller Coaster this time!

## EGGS AND SADNESS

Gorgeous, their eggs, my sadness, our sorrow will all be gone with the news of tomorrow. A friend was found through the joys of yesterday. Eggs and sadness will forever be with us today. I no longer sit a broken shell, Handsome

## MY FOREVER VALENTINE

Ryan, seven years is a long time to give someone your heart but it's nothing compared to a lifetime. A lifetime is what I hope to share with you. I'll cherish every moment of it for my heart remains yours; my hubby, my forever Valentine. Love, your wife, Bernadyn

## ALWAYS AND FOREVER

Shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand. It's been a long road. I'm along for the ride. I'm ready if you are to put things behind us and not look back; but forward into the sunset. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, B!

## WHIRLWIND ROMANCE

Jim, 13 years ago we met, fell in love and got married. You took on someone else's responsibilities as your own. I couldn't have asked for anyone better. Every day I fall more in love with you. Thank you for Denise everything you have brought to my life. I would marry you all over again.

## TO MY SWEET ENGLISH ROSE

Hello to my sweetheart Jane. I want you to know that my life has blossomed since I met you. From your kisses, to your touches, to your lovely blue eyes, you are a wonderful part of my life. Love and Kisses. Smoooooch! Love, Bill

## 18 YEARS ... WHAT A WAIT!

I've loved you from the minute I saw you. Fate kept us apart until it was ready to bring us together. The wait was worth it! You've melted my cynical heart. I guess true love is real and my soul mate does exist.

## TO MY ONE TRUE LOVE, ANGELA

Falling in love with you, Angela, has changed my life forever. I look forward to spending my life with you and surrounding you with all of my love. I hope to make you just as happy as you have made me. I love you, Baby! Love always, Dustin

## I LOVE YOU, DUSTIN

I knew I saw something in you that made me know you were the man for me. Thinking back to the way we met, we grew so close in just a short time, it makes me smile and know you are the one I want for the rest of my life. Love, Angela

## DUBBIE AND MAYA

The two Loves in my life. Thank you for being there and loving me in return. Jose

## MET YOU IN THE WINTER OF '82

Playing quarters at Detwieller Marina. Who would have thought at that time we'd be married with child? Love you, Ellen. Love, John.

## KATHIE

What a ride. Over 10 yrs, a kid, work, our biz, our lives. Wow! Wouldn't trade for anything. Marrying you was the best decision I ever made. I'm glad you told me to do that. Ken

## BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Hello Handsome, will you be my Valentine? I like you so much that I will even eat Brussels routs when you make them, even though you know I don't like them ... and maybe even carrots. Maybe. Love, Your Girlfriend

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, MY HUSBAND!

Chip, there is a special place within my heart that only you can fill. I love you always. XOXOXO! Cathy

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, BRE

Oma and Opa love you very much! Have a nice day.

## MY LOVING ARMY MAN

Sheamus, it has been 6 months since we started dating, and every day is a new adventure. I hope we are able to have many adventures together for a long time to come. I love you! Love, your Summer sunshine.

## THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

Dear Michael N, you're sweet, generous, compassionate, caring, loving, thoughtful, funny, smart, cute, honest, protective, trustworthy, kind-hearted... You are like sunlight. I just can't get enough of it. I love you, my honey bunny. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Kathy L

## REASONS WHY I LOVE YOU

We've got the most amazing secrets and understandings, my love, my Baby darling. I think of your eyes how they squint when you smile, your Gwen Stefani teeth, when you speak in foreign languages, your fantastic stanky leg dance, and your Converse with dress clothes ... Love, Christy

## LIL GIRL

Thru thick and thin we always find a way to win, my lil girl my whole darn world. Love ya!!

## TO MY POOH BEAR

Happy 6 1/2 year anniversary, Pooh Bear! You are the love of my life! I love you much!

## BIRTHDAY GIRL SENDS HUNNY LOVE!

It's only fitting to send my hunny JRB some love on my birthday! Love you, Alexis & Bryan MEGA!! Love, Your Birthday Girl, Avis

## WHAT A RIDE!

Tony, it has only been four years, but we have been through so much over those years. We have overcome more in our short time than most that have been married for decades. No one can tell me soul mates do not exist for I have found mine in you.

## TO THE BEST KID IN THE WORLD

To our Gen, you bring us all joy every day. Your jokes keep us laughing and you have a kind and gentle soul. Every day

# Book of Love

we watch you getting older and growing into a strong man. Always be a great son and have a wonderful Valentine's Day. From your family. <3

## ANGEL WHITE WINGS

I am so grateful that God brought us together on May 26, 2005. You have brought so much fun, laughter, love and sweetness into my life. I love you more every day, my wonderful husband Mike.  
Love Always, YOUR BABY GIRL Jane!

## MY LOVE

I'm often looking back, always thinking what if. I see myself amid all of the things I once deemed materialistic and unimportant and marvel at that. Then without warning, life happens and I'm forced into reality. We may not have much but have more than most, a smart and beautiful daughter, a loving family, great friends, our health, and most of all, each other. It may not be a fairytale life, but it's ours. I'm so thankful for you to be a part of it. I love you with all my heart.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

To the two loves of my life (E.L.C.N) and (M.C.N).  
Love, Big Fig

## ASHER: ARE YOU READY?

Your soul mate is. I will never forget that full moon night we met. Promise to return to you in the next lifetime just to be with you.  
Love, Brooke.

## WOW! 2010 WAS AN INTERESTING YEAR!

I'm parched, is this edible, those kids are suspicious, thanks for 1 smart cookie. I love you.

## PLAYING GAMES

L.B.: D.B. here, thanks for letting me get a pool table but I vividly remember you saying it would be my birthday present and you would pay for it. Since I ended up forking over the money, you need to step up for my birthday. You better be ALL in or you'll be cutting the yard again.

## MY CHOCOLATE TEDDY BEAR

U r the sweetest man I have ever had privilege of knowing. Look forward to our journey.  
Your vanilla pretzel

## PLANT MAN

Dear JB, it was love at first sight the day we met at the Crabpot, and 20 years later we're still going strong. You will always be my one and only!  
Plantlady

## FIRST VALENTINE'S DAY AS A FAMILY

Justin, I just wanted to tell you I love you and I am so happy we have started our family together. Happy Valentine's Day to you, Taylor Shea, and Miss Taygen Lane!  
Love, Mommy

## GOD BLESSED THE BROKEN ROAD

I didn't think that I would ever find the kind of love that we share. You are the man who taught me to love with my heart. Brad Searcy, you are my best friend, husband and father. Thank you for loving me, flaws included. You will always be my valentine. I love you forever.

## PATTI MY SWEET

P.I., love you so much and want to share everything with you. Come be with me till we are old and gray. For life we lead will never be the same.  
Love, D.

## LOVE BUNNY

Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. My heart still beats a little faster every time I see you. You're my best friend and other half.

## (JESS) JESSICA

Roses are red, violets are blue, Love never crossed my mind until I met you. My life changed for the better the day I met you!  
Love You, Ry Ry (Ryan W)

## OUR VALENTINE BABY

I love you, Corrie Hines-Daniels, and our Valentine bundle of joy, Caleb Daniels!!

## A VALENTINE FOR MY SPECIAL K

I love thy heart that loves so true. I love thine eyes, so bright and blue. Thy precious lips I long to kiss, When I'm alone, 'tis thee I miss. Though Cupid's arrow hath a sting, Today I would change not a thing.'

## CHEVY 454 SS

Dave, you are my soul-mate! You have blessed my life in so many ways. Roses are red, violets are blue, life without you wouldn't be true! Thanks for being there thru thick and thin and for better or worse! I love you more.  
Nancy

## WE LOVE YOU DADDY

Ben, you are such an amazing father and husband. Happy Valentine's Day, Mi Amor!!!  
Love, Mommy, Kaya, Riley and Taylor

## DAVE

You looked at me from across the room, a lightning bolt went into my soul. Love at first sight. Never thought it could happen to me. You are the most caring, sexy, intelligent, funny man I've ever met. Going to spend the rest of my life with you!  
Patti

## MIAMI

I can't even believe it. My dream come true. YOU! So excited to see what our future brings. Happy Valentine's Day! Love you always and forever! XOXOXO

## CRYIN SHAME

I love you sooo much! Early morning breakfasts and walks on the beach, you and I sneaking a quickie on the beach, quickies here, quickies there, we have had quickies every where. I love you forever.

## LEX

COMPLEX LEX- JUICE BOX- I LOVE YOU!

## MY VALENTINE FOREVER

Dear Bernadyn, Happy Valentine's Day and many more to come. I want to tell you I love you and I'm appreciative of all things you do for me and our little boy. We love you very much and are so lucky to have such an amazing woman.  
Love, R&B

## SEAN BISHOP

Sean Bishop we miss you bad. All the junk going on makes me mad. But not seeing your lil face makes me sad. Alijah and Big Butt miss you so much. Ryan and Lex miss you, too. Happy Valentine's Day  
Boockie Butt

## COOKIE

Roses are red, violets are blue, cookies and milk are me and you. We laugh a lot and muddle through, we will make it — that's what we do. Our railroad jobs are not too cool, but thanks to CSX, I met you! Now every day, our love keeps us on the move. Chooo choooo!

## PRODIGY

To my son Alijah, you are handsome and smart and every part of being your mom fills my heart.

## FOREVER STARTS NOW

Crystal, I'm looking forward to spending the rest of my life with you. Let's get married and run away together.  
I love you.  
Lance

## DAVID DOES LAUNDRY

If it wasn't for laundry night, we may have never met. Thanks to your dirty skivvies, I met the man of my dreams.  
I Love You

## MY LOVE BUG CHLOE

You bring so much joy and happiness to my life. I am so proud of you. I love you to the moon and back.  
Mommy

## MY HOLLYWOOD PRINCE

The first time I saw those gorgeous blue eyes, I was in love. Then, a fateful night at PF Changs, you put your hand on mine. Now we are truly a family. Look at us! I love you truly, madly, deeply.  
Baby Squirt

## THIS IS FOR YOU, MOM

Ever since I was a little girl I can remember you surprising me with Valentine gifts from chocolate and jewelry to cards telling me how much you loved me. This Valentine's Day will be hard without you, but I know you're sending your love from Heaven. I MISS and LOVE YOU MOM, the world isn't the same without you in it.  
Love, Pooh Bear (your baby girl always and forever)

## I LOVE YOU, KENDALL ANDERSON

I never thought I could feel this loved until I became your wife.

You made this year and every year the best one of my life. Love to you always, your wife,  
Karen Anderson

## MILES,

Roses are red, violets are blue,  
You're sweeter than ice cream and chocolate fondue.  
Love, Mom

## PEPPER,

There once was a boy from "over deah"  
Who refused to employ underwear  
His mother she pled,  
But he shook his booty instead  
Til undergarments she was forced to forswear

## CRAZY IN LOVE

When I am around you I feel true love and happiness. Many have tried to but no one could make me feel like a special lady the way you do. I'm still crazy for you after three years. I know I'll never find another Sweet Thang like you. I hope this will be one funny Valentine. I Love You, Javan.  
From Jamie ☐

# Wedding Planner

Getting hitched?  
Here's everything you need, want and  
desire for the big day.

## WHAT TO WEAR

### BLACK TIE FORMAL

311 10th Ave. N., Jax Beach, 241-9420

Black Tie Formal has wedding, bridesmaid and mother-of-the-bride dresses in rich fabrics and flattering styles, as well as shoes, jewelry, invitations and gifts. Tuxedo rentals are available, along with same-day service, free groom's tux package and delivery.

### THE BRIDAL SHOP AT THE AVENUES

9365 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, 519-9900

Established in 1968, The Bridal Shop offers quality gowns for the bride, the mother and bridesmaids. Designers include Maggie Sotero, Paloma Blanco, Allure Walters, Casablanca and Impressions.

### CONSIGNMENT COTTAGE

2037 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville, 744-9707

Located a half-mile south of Jacksonville University, Consignment Cottage carries new and gently worn bridal gowns, flower girls' dresses, mothers' dresses and other formals. Plus sizes are available, along with an extensive selection of veils, shoes, lingerie, handbags and jewelry.

### DAVID'S BRIDAL

9400 Atlantic Blvd., Regency Park, Jacksonville, 724-0909

9990 Southside Blvd., Shoppes at The Avenues, Jacksonville, 519-8933

With a large selection of gowns in a range of sizes, David's Bridal offers formal wear for the entire wedding party.

### JESSICA McCLINTOCK

10300 Southside Blvd., Ste. 1550, Jacksonville, 519-6830

This bridal shop carries current styles of bridal gowns, bridesmaids' and flower girls' dresses and accessories. The store is located inside The Avenues Mall.

### LINDA CUNNINGHAM DESIGNS

1049 Kings Ave., Jacksonville, 399-4864

Offering custom-designed wedding gowns, bridesmaid, mother-of-the-bride dresses and cocktail suits, Linda Cunningham also has a large selection of custom samples.

### LOVE A BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

434 Third St. N., Jax Beach, 242-9800

Upscale bridal fashions are featured, including designers like Augusta Jones, Essence of Australia, 2 Be Bride and Romona Keveza. Gowns, accessories and jewelry for the bride, attendants and flower girls are available.

### MICHAEL'S FORMAL WEAR AND BRIDAL

1948 U.S. 1 S., St. Augustine, 824-3673

A full-service bridal shop, Michael's has been in business for more than 30 years. Designer wedding gowns, bridesmaid, flower girl and mothers' dresses, and a variety of wedding accessories are available. Tuxedos, with all the embellishments, are in stock for rent or purchase.

### MW TUX

4624 Town Crossing Drive, Ste. 101, Jacksonville, 646-0966

4668 Town Crossing Drive, Ste. 119, Jacksonville, 565-9252

10300 Southside Blvd., Ste. 230, Jacksonville, 363-8371

9501 Arlington Expressway, Ste. 310, Jacksonville, 725-5970

1939 Wells Road, Orange Park, 264-9199

13141 City Station Drive, Ste. 101, Jacksonville, 696-6162

Men's Wearhouse tuxedo specialty department, MW Tux, offers an extensive selection of traditional and fashion tuxedos to rent or buy, like Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Kenneth Cole and Wilke-Rodriguez. An in-store consultant is on hand to help with all the things the groom doesn't even know he's supposed to know: vests, shirts, shoes, cuff-links, suspenders, neckties and cummerbunds.

### PARK AVENUE BRIDAL

9965 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 12, Jacksonville, 370-1021

Designer wedding gowns, bridesmaid gowns, flower girl, mother-of-bride or groom and destination dresses are offered at Park Avenue Bridal. Additional items include tuxedos, shoes and purses, gloves, jewelry, slips, garters, guest books, cake knives and servers, candles and pillows.

### THE TAILOR SHOP

4131 Southside Blvd., Ste. 104, Jacksonville, 642-7780

Gowns are custom-made from silks, laces and charmeuse and other luxurious fabrics at The Tailor Shop. Custom tuxedos and alterations are also available, along with bowties, cummerbunds and tuxedo shirts.

### THE WHITE MAGNOLIA BRIDAL COLLECTION

1716 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, 352-3309, [whitemagnoliabridal.com](http://whitemagnoliabridal.com)

This San Marco boutique specializes in elegant, couture bridal gowns. Designers include Jim Hjelm, Lazaro, Blush, Modern Trousseau, Judd Waddell and Anne Barge. By appointment only.

## JEWELRY & ACCOUTREMENTS

### ALLEN'S JEWELERS

13475 Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 31, Harbor Village, 221-9998

A full-service jeweler, Allen's can custom-design rings. In addition to engagement and wedding rings, Allen's has fine jewelry for the bride and bridal party, groomsman's gifts, watches and accessories to gift-wrap in the bride's colors.

### CLASSIC JEWELERS

8221 Southside Blvd., Ste. 6, Jacksonville, 641-8999

Engagement rings, wedding bands and custom designs in platinum, 18K and 14K gold and designer jewelry from D'Oro are offered at Classic Jewelers. Custom bands can

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## FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

**CELEBRATIONS FLOWERS, BALLOONS & GIFTS**  
4375 Southside Blvd., Ste. 12, Jacksonville, 641-1020  
13546 Beach Blvd., Ste. 6, Jacksonville, 821-8646  
Serving Jacksonville for 29 years, Celebrations offers wedding floral and elegant balloon décor for the wedding party, ceremony site and reception. Celebrations also offers baskets, confetti cannons, candies, candles, balloon decorations and balloon releases. Call for a consultation.

### EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

4160 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, 674-0000  
13760 St. Augustine Road, Ste. 117, Mandarin, 262-6632  
3651 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, 384-5217  
6001 Argyle Forest Blvd., Ste. 17, Jacksonville, 317-2333  
With four locations in Northeast Florida, this business offers freshly prepared fruit in baskets and ceramic containers, hand-crafted to look like floral bouquets, for centerpieces or as hors d'oeuvres. Gourmet chocolate-dipped strawberries and apples, gift-boxed, are also offered. Delivery is available.

### FLOWER WORKS

510 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine, 824-7806  
This full-service shop offers artistic floral designs with a natural flair. With the experience of providing flowers for more than 1,000 weddings, Flower Works uses specialty flowers from around the world to ensure each bride has her own unique floral arrangements and bouquets.

### GLENN CERTAIN STUDIO

2663 Park St., Jacksonville, 388-2001  
Glenn Certain Studio is a cutting-edge, custom floral design artists' studio providing complete wedding-planning services and floral designs.

### KUHN FLOWERS

3802 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-8601 or (800) 458-KUHN  
Serving Northeast Florida for more than 60 years, Kuhn Flowers provides flowers and arrangements, as well as gift items, for weddings large and small. Family-owned and operated, and with locations in Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Amelia Island, Kuhn Flowers' staff can accommodate any preference. Kuhn Flowers is consistently voted Best Local Florist in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax poll.

### SEAHORSE FLORIST

725 N. Third St., Jax Beach, 246-7533  
In business for 30 years and named a top 100 florist in the U.S., Seahorse carries fresh and silk flowers, plants and planters, and offers table sprays and unique bridal bouquets. Delivery is available in Jacksonville and the Beaches.

### WOW HER FLOWERS

4651 Salisbury Road, Ste. 4033, Jacksonville, 400-3911, [wowherflowers.com](http://wowherflowers.com)  
Wow Her Flowers creates custom floral arrangements for every budget.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### A DIGITAL DREAM VIDEO PRODUCTION

Jacksonville, 724-3331  
Amelia Island, 277-3156, [digitaldreamvideo.com](http://digitaldreamvideo.com)  
A Digital Dream Video Production understands that a wedding video is one of the most cherished of keepsakes. Videographers Merrill and Mary Moore use advanced digital equipment to capture all the emotion of a wedding celebration. Call for an appointment.

### AMANDA ORBICH PHOTOGRAPHY

716-3910, [amandaorbichphotograpy.com](http://amandaorbichphotograpy.com)  
A University of North Florida graduate, with a degree in photography, Orbich has an in-depth knowledge of traditional, digital and alternative photography, giving her style its unique quality. Attention to fine detail combined with an instinctive ability to catch people in the moment makes her imagery feel natural and look beautiful.

### ATLANTIC VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

1171 Beach Blvd., Jax Beach, 241-0600, [atlanticvideo.biz](http://atlanticvideo.biz)  
Mitch Kaufmann has been shooting weddings in Jacksonville for more than 20 years, specializing in multi-camera coverage. Packages include single-camera and multi-camera coverage of the wedding, rehearsal dinner and honeymoon. Cutting-edge editing and production techniques create a quality product that will preserve memories for generations to come.

### BAD GIRL BOUDOIR

1104 Sandpine Court, St. Augustine, 514-4132, [badgirlboudoir.com](http://badgirlboudoir.com)  
Bad Girl Boudoir's photographer Lindsay Pullen specializes in boudoir, pin-up and glam photography, as well as wedding photography collections featuring custom-designed photobook albums. For boudoir photos, the all-female staff (a photographer and a team of makeup artists and hair stylists) holds a completely private session.

### BRP PHOTO

3105 Sandhurst Road E., Jacksonville, 614-1090  
BRP Photo is husband-and-wife team Bobby and Shannon Pickle, who specialize in weddings, engagement and family photos. BRP will capture your Trash the Dress event, too.

### CHELSEA PHOTOGRAPHIC

1617 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 399-3939  
Specializing in wedding photography and featuring up-to-the-minute technology, Chelsea offers bridal portraits in the studio or on location, and processes digital and film in-house.

### CHRISTY WHITEHEAD PHOTOGRAPHY

891-0359, [christywhiteheadphotography.com](http://christywhiteheadphotography.com)  
Whitehead has a creative, journalistic photography style. Packages for any budget are available.



### DEANNE DUNLOP PHOTOGRAPHY

Neptune Beach, 610-5669, [deannedunlop.com](http://deannedunlop.com)  
Document the day with fresh, candid shots of the ceremony and the festivities after. Custom packages, engagement sessions and contemporary albums are available.

### DIGITAL CONCEPTS PHOTOGRAPHY

4523 Hanover Park Drive, Jacksonville, 992-2062  
Offering full-service wedding photography, Digital Concepts specializes in documentary photojournalism, a creative approach to capturing the special day. A free wedding portrait is available with each booking.

### DAN HARRIS PHOTOART

1124 Riviera St., Jacksonville, 398-7668  
Harris is a photojournalist specializing in wedding photography. Skilled in black-and-white and color photography, Harris allows clients to design their own photo packages.

### DEERWOOD FRAMEWORKS

9932 Old Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, 642-3234  
Deerwood Frameworks creates digital photo printing on canvas or photo paper and offers custom framing for your photos, invitations and other wedding memorabilia.

### FAVORITE STUDIOS INC.

1830 Kings Ave., Jacksonville, 399-5799  
Favorite Studios offers color and B&W bridal and/or engagement portraits in the studio or at the location of your choice, unlimited coverage of the wedding, and a variety of wedding albums.

### HUSTON'S STUDIO ONE

3452 Secret Cove Place, Jacksonville, 739-3452  
Experienced wedding photographer Sam Huston works to ensure the special day is a treasured memory. Attention to detail is used for custom albums.

### J. MOSLEY PHOTO

891-8164, [jmosleyphoto.com](http://jmosleyphoto.com)  
J. Mosley specializes in wedding portraitures and events, serving all of Northeast Florida.

### JM VIDEO PRODUCTIONS

7800 Point Meadows Drive, Jacksonville, 642-6111 or 859-1398, [jmvideoproductions.com](http://jmvideoproductions.com)  
In business since 1982, JM offers several wedding packages, including still photos of the couple from childhood to the

be fitted to existing rings and inside-ring engraving is offered. Gifts for the bridal party are also available.

### CREATIVE JEWELRY DESIGNS

607-8830, [laurastaley.etsy.com](http://laurastaley.etsy.com)  
Consultant Laura Staley offers custom jewelry for brides and attendants for the wedding or special event.

### ESPLING JEWELERS

355 Marsh Landing Parkway, Jax Beach, 280-7700  
9825 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 40, Mandarin, 268-7975  
450 S.R. 13 N., Ste. 105, Fruit Cove, 287-0035  
10300 Southside Blvd., Avenues Mall, Jacksonville, 683-2274  
Family-owned-and-operated for 39 years, this full-service jewelry store carries a wide selection of gold and platinum wedding rings. If they don't have what you're looking for, they'll create a custom design or special order one.

### HELZBERG DIAMONDS

10300 Southside Blvd., Ste. 1205, Avenues Mall, Jacksonville, 363-8897  
1910 Wells Road, Orange Park Mall, Orange Park, 264-4322  
9501 Arlington Expressway, Ste. 160, Regency Square Mall, Jacksonville, 722-1425  
With three Northeast Florida locations, Helzberg Diamonds offers wedding bands, cufflinks, watches, pearls, and bridesmaids' and groomsmen's gifts.

### HEMMING PLAZA JEWELERS

231 N. Hogan St., Jacksonville, 354-5959  
This popular jewelry store makes custom jewelry onsite and also features a wide array of designer styles, including distinct wedding sets. Jewelry is repaired and cleaned as well.

### HOPE JEWELERS

3582 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, 387-6339  
The full-service guild jewelry store, specializes in platinum, 18-carat and 14-carat designer jewelry. Colored stones, pearls, antique and estate pieces are available, along with bridal jewelry. Hope Jewelers offers special ordering and custom design, and a graduate gemologist and bench jeweler are onsite.

### JACOBS JEWELERS

204 Laura St., Jacksonville, 356-1655  
Established in 1890, Jacobs' bridal department offers fine china, silver and crystal, silverware and serving pieces, and gifts for the newlyweds. Free gift wrapping and delivery are available.

### MIRIAM'S FINE JEWELRY

1966 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-7393  
2400 S. Third St., Jax Beach, 339-0309  
Miriam's offers an eclectic array of estate and fine jewelry, custom-made bridal jewelry, engagement rings and wedding bands.

### NEFF JEWELERS

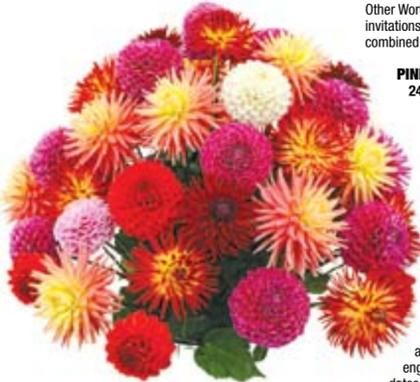
184 S.R. 312, Riverside Shopping Center, St. Augustine, 829-5003  
Specializing in custom designs in 14K, 18K and platinum, Neff Jewelers is the exclusive authorized Tacori retailer in St. Johns County. The jewelers also offer vintage estate rings.

### PICKETT BROTHERS JEWELERS

11481 Old St. Augustine Road, Ste. 403, Jacksonville, 880-3292  
Pickett Brothers offers a wide selection of fine jewelry including gold, gemstones, watches, pearls and diamonds. G.I.A. diamond-certified service is available to educate and assist customers in making knowledgeable and informed purchases.

### SAN MARCO JEWELERS

1712 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, 527-3749  
With more than 70 combined years in the jewelry industry, Terrie Wightman and Guy Beard offer a full-service jewelry boutique. Engagement rings, remounts, wedding bands, bridal party jewelry and gifts are featured. San Marco offers expertise in diamonds, gemstones, pearls and



custom design, as well as laser engraving, appraising, repair and personal shopping. An expert bench jeweler is onsite daily.

### SERENDIPITY

4413 Town Center Parkway, Ste. 213, Jacksonville, 646-1822  
Offering gifts for the wedding party — and for the happy couple — Serendipity carries jewelry (some designed by local artists) and accessories appropriate for any occasion.

### SILVER BOX GALLERY

2400 Yankee Clipper Drive, Jacksonville International Airport, 741-6055  
Carrying fine sterling silver jewelry, Silver Box also features Nambé crystal serving pieces and silver picture frames, perfect for bridal party gifts.

### UNDERWOOD'S

2044 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-9741  
3617 St. Johns Ave., Avondale, 388-5406  
330 A1A N., Ste. 204, Shoppes of Ponte Vedra, 280-1202  
10300 Southside Blvd., Avenues Mall, 394-1390  
After more than 80 years in the business, Underwood's features a complete bridal registry and consistently wins Best Jewelry Store in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax poll. In addition to diamond engagement rings and wedding bands, Underwood's carries many name-brand gift items like Lalique, Bacarrat, William Yeoward, Herend and Waterford. Gift wrapping and free delivery are available.

## REGISTRY & GIFTS

### BATH JUNKIE

62 A Spanish St., St. Augustine, 810-2284  
Having a hard time picking out the bridesmaids' gifts? Treat them to a party at Bath Junkie, where the bride and attendants can choose a product, create a scent and pick the colors.

### BLUE SKY COLLECTION

[blueskycollection.com](http://blueskycollection.com)  
Blue Sky Collection is an online marketplace with unique, personalized options for wedding favors, wedding shower gifts, bridesmaid and groomsmen gifts and wedding reception decor.

### CREATIVE ENGRAVINGS

3414 Hickory Hammock Road, Jacksonville, 477-0252  
Providing beautifully engraved gifts for the bridal party and guests, including glassware, pewter and specialty products, Creative Engravings offers affordable gifts with a personalized flair.

### LAURA'S GIFT DÉCOR & MORE

1179 S. Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, 388-3889  
Laura's bridal collection includes Mark Roberts' wedding fairies, gifts for wedding party members by Expressions From The Heart and wedding ornaments from Christopher Radko and Old World Christmas.

## INVITATIONS

### CELEBRATED OCCASIONS

8640 Phillips Highway, Ste. 8, Jacksonville, 504-7608  
Celebrated Occasions creates custom invitations and stationery for the couple as well as other stationery items for the ceremony and reception, using exquisite papers with style.

### THE DEANE AGENCY

1351 13th Ave. S., Ste. 120A, Jax Beach, 224-4890  
Deane offers a wide selection of customized engagement announcements, bridal shower invitations, wedding and reception invitations and thank-you cards.

### OTHER WORLD DESIGN

2745 Oak St., Jacksonville, (786) 201-7102  
Other World Design offers modern and traditional custom invitations. The Riverside design team has 20 years of combined experience.

### PINEAPPLE POST

2403 S. Third St., Jax Beach, 249-7477 or (800) 680-8018  
For more than 36 years, Pineapple Post has offered a full range of engraved, thermographed and printed wedding invitations. Crane, William Arthur and many others are available, as well as gifts, wedding accessories and dinnerware. An online bridal registry is available.

### THINGS VERY SPECIAL

5816 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, 733-4820  
In business since 1972, this shop carries invitations and personal stationery, using eco-friendly Crane 100 percent cotton papers, as well as Carlson Craft and Birchcraft Studios styles, for engraving and thermography. Guest books, save-the-dates, showers and notes are also available.

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wedding day. The wedding may be shot digitally and preserved on DVD. JM Video can also convert videos to DVD and a layaway plan is offered. Call John Malinka for an appointment.

## **MELISSA POSEY PHOTOGRAPHY**

**12627 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 206, Jacksonville, 343-5413**  
Posey offers a combination of traditional and photojournalistic-style wedding photography, as well as a complimentary engagement session.

## **NORTH LIGHT STUDIO**

**3853 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, 398-2501**  
The basic wedding package at North Light Studio includes a studio bridal sitting, a minimum of three hours photography on the wedding day and the portraits of your choice.

## **ONE VOICE PRODUCTION**

**1589B Old Moultrie Road, St. Augustine, 823-8865**  
One Voice is a one-stop wedding and event shop, providing photography and videography, as well as DJs and a full-service party rental division with tents (and everything under them). Tuxedo rentals are available.

## **PEGGY McATEER PHOTOGRAPHY**

**3620 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, 388-6613**  
**1731 Penman Road, Neptune Beach, 388-6613**  
With 28 years experience, master photographer McAteer provides a combination of journalistic and traditional style, in the studio or on location. A variety of wedding packages are available along with a variety of leather albums.

## **PHOTOACTIVE VIDEO**

**285-2242**  
It's hi-tech etiquette: engagement announcements on DVD. PhotoActive Video blends pictures, video and music for a personalized "Save the Date" DVD. Photo montages, rehearsal dinner and reception videos are also offered.

## **PLUMB FUN PHOTOBOOTHS**

**2317 Herschel St., Jacksonville, 536-4622**  
A new twist on wedding photos: a photo booth. Plumb Fun rents booths where guests — and the bridal party — pose for six-picture strips. An on-site attendant and delivery are included in the fee and half the results are put into a photo booth wedding scrapbook. The other half guests keep.

## **PUT IT ON CANVAS**

**310 10th Ave. N., Jax Beach, 252-3225**  
This shop offers a unique concept: Your wedding photos on quality art canvas, creating a lasting display of the special day. They can also print photos on high-quality photo paper, make posters, banners, custom wallpaper, murals and giclees. Call for a consultation.

## **SCOTT S. SMITH PHOTOGRAPHIC LLC**

**1835 U.S. 1 S., Ste. 119-266, St. Augustine, 347-9257**  
Award-winning photographer Smith approaches weddings with a fresh, inspired style, resulting in expressive wedding photography that captures the real moments of the day.

## **TAKE ONE PRODUCTIONS**

**12147 Chippenham Court, Jacksonville, 994-0652**

Take One creates keepsake high-definition wedding films that aren't the typical style videos, providing a cinematic capture of the important day.

## **VOLLMER VIDEO**

**716-7113, treyvollmer@gmail.com**  
Vollmer makes documentary-style films, suited to the taste of the bride and groom, that concentrate on the heart and soul of the moment.

## **WEDDING VIDEO ARTS**

**1110 Denaud St., Jacksonville, 716-0754, weddingvideoarts.com**  
This video production company, staffed with three videographers with backgrounds in multimedia, TV production and web technology, has two editing stations to ensure a quick turn-around time for you to receive your video. They can create a package to fit any budget without sacrificing quality.

## MUSIC

### **AVALON LIVE MUSIC**

**471-9272, avalon-livemusic.com**  
Barry Kelsey and Dale Blackwell perform jazz, big-band swing and Dixieland for wedding receptions and corporate parties. Additional musicians may be added, and a woodwind trio is available for wedding ceremonies.

### **BAGPIPES BY MICHAEL THOMAS**

**502-2620, gigmasters.com/Bag pipes/MichaelRThomas**  
Michael Thomas is Pipe Sergeant of Jacksonville Pipes and Drums, Northeast Florida's only pipe band. He's played weddings, parties, military functions, funerals and corporate events and can assist in the selection of appropriate traditional Scottish and Irish tunes.

### **BELLE FLEUR**

**8273 Oregon St., Jacksonville, 783-0052**  
This family-run company features professional and experienced musicians who help ensure the music is a worry-free, integral and beautiful part of any bride's dream wedding.

### **BREAD & BUTTER**

**994-3217, hah.alex@hotmail.com**  
With more than 15 years of performing experience, Bread and Butter prides itself on versatility. Whether it's soulful funk from the '60s and '70s, modern pop rock, jazz standards or light funk grooves, this band can keep the party going.

### **BUSH DOCTORS**

**bushdoctors.net**  
Offering anything from a seven-piece band to a solo act featuring John Waters, performing a range of styles from island reggae to mellow jazz, Bush Doctors provide the music for the rehearsal dinner, shower or reception.

### **DJ CONNECTION**

**731-3535 or 349-3535, jaxmobiledjs.com**  
DJ Connection offers DJ, MC and coordination services for weddings and receptions.

### **DJ HARMONY MOBILE ENTERTAINMENT**

**535-6708, djharmony.com**  
DJ Harmony provides quality entertainment for the reception, as well as accommodations for the rehearsal dinner and the ceremony, including a Notary Public on staff and customized background music.

### **DJ ROC**

**277-8239, djroc@bellsouth.net**  
DJ Roc has been providing music for any occasion for more than 10 years, with the professionalism to lend your rehearsal dinner or reception just the right touch.

### **DOWNTOWN SOUND BAND**

**2841 Selma St., Jacksonville, 384-5558**  
Downtown Sound has been providing musical entertainment since 1999. Live duo, trio or full band, professional DJ service, soloists, combos and a band/DJ combo are available for the ceremony or reception.

### **THE DRUIDS**

**389-8679, myspace.com/thedruidstunes**  
From '60s favorites to current tunes, The Druids set the tone for any reception or wedding party. The band also offers live Karaoke, in which guests and members of the bridal party sing along.



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treatments for painful varicose and spider veins. Ellison, a vascular surgeon, specializes in the treatment of venous diseases and can help the patient achieve beautiful legs with less pain.

#### ENVY HAIR SALON

**145 Hilden Road, Ste. 107, Jacksonville, 808-8684**  
Envy Hair Salon can put together a special package for the bride and bridal party. Services offered include up-dos, hair styling and coloring. The salon can open early or stay open late to accommodate the wedding party.

#### THE ESSENTIAL WELLNESS CENTER

**13400 Sutton Park Drive S., Ste. 1502, Jacksonville, 223-6882**

The Center offers relaxation and stress-relief massages including sound therapy and aromatherapy. Gift certificates are available.

#### FUSION SALON

**9810 Baymeadows Road, Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 619-8629 683-3769**

With a staff that has more than 30 years' combined experience, Fusion offers precision cutting, Davines Mask coloring systems and FNLongLocks hair extensions.

#### FRANGIPANI HAIR STUDIO

**1257 S. Third St., Jax Beach, 241-1411**  
A full-service salon with expert Aveda colorists, Frangipani specializes in hair and skin care for the entire bridal party. Make reservations early for haircuts, styles, color, nail care and makeup application.

#### HADLEY'S HAIR DESIGN & SKINCARE

**2221 University Blvd. W., Jacksonville, 874-0118**  
This cozy salon has four experienced stylists, a skincare specialist and a massage therapist offering services in a relaxed atmosphere.

#### HAIR AT THE PLAZA

**2683 St. Johns Bluff Road S., Jacksonville, 997-1215**  
Services include hair, nail, waxing, facials and massage. Customized day-of-beauty packages are available. Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome.

#### HAIR PEACE

**815 Lomax St., Jacksonville, 356-6856**  
Located in 5 Points, Hair Peace has been providing hair care for men, women and children since 1996, including the special-occasion hairstyle and makeup for the entire bridal party. The staff, which includes two Best Hairstylist winners in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax, keeps up to date on styles, products and techniques.

#### HAMILTON & CO. TOTAL IMAGE SALON

**363 Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 4, Atlantic Beach, 241-1020**  
Hamilton & Co. offers up-to-the-minute hairstyling and coloring.

#### HANDS, FEET & BEYOND

**9700 Phillips Highway, Ste. 107, Jacksonville, 469-2432, handsfeetandbeyond.com**

This wellness medical spa specializes in hand, foot and nail services, provided by nail technicians and podiatrists. Aesthetic skin care, massage, acupuncture, chiropractic care and skin care products are also available.

#### THE HONEYCOMB

**4465 Woodmere St., Jacksonville, 619-1566**  
This boutique, home to Mavity Freeland, Susan Davis and Lindsey Sims, offers stylish cuts and fresh color. A wide range of products is offered, including Aquare, Biologie, Mop, Goldwell, Pacifica candles and handmade jewelry.

#### JACKSONVILLE COSMETIC SURGERY CENTER

**820 Prudential Drive, Ste. 702, Jacksonville, 399-5061, ahnezami.com**

Board-certified Dr. A.H. Nezami offers plastic and cosmetic surgery procedures, including breast augmentation and reduction, liposuction, tummy tuck, face lift, eyelid work, Botox and Juvederm, and permanent makeup.

#### KARA & COMPANY SALON & DAY SPA

**4278 Herschel St., Jacksonville, 388-2400**  
Kara & Company specializes in hairstyling, nails and skin care, and can make special arrangements for brides and bridal parties. Swedish and deep tissue massage are available.

#### JASON D. LEWIS DDS

**130 Gateway Circle, Jacksonville, 201-6000**  
Dr. Lewis offers teeth bleaching with take-home trays, as well as veneers.

#### MAKEUP BY SUNSHINE, LLC

**Jacksonville, 923-4396**  
Sunshine Jones is a certified makeup artist and licensed esthetician offering traditional makeup, European facials, skin-care consultations, waxing and a private makeup label. Makeup By Sunshine specializes in the newest techniques for bridal, airbrush, photography and runway makeup.

#### MAKEUP EXPRESSIONS BY STACI

**341 Silent Brook Tr., Jacksonville, 383-8090, makeupexpressions.net**

#### BLOW OUT HAIR STUDIO

**2222 Park St., Jacksonville, 384-5605**  
Blow Out Hair Studio creates styles for everyone. Located in historic Riverside, in a renovated 1905 home that reflects the salon's styling philosophy: classic with a modern edge, blending urban sensibility with sophisticated attitude.

#### BODY WRAP MASTERS & SPA

**9926 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, 642-3131**  
This salon, in business for more than 10 years, offers advanced skin and body care, including inch-loss and detox body wraps, massage, microdermabrasion, chemical peels, full-body waxing, airbrush tanning and skincareals products.

#### CALLOWAY CENTER

**6000 Sawgrass Village Circle, Ste. B-1, Ponte Vedra, 273-8280**

Dr. Daniel Calloway's Center for Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery is also the home of Abanito Salon & Day Spa. Calloway offers the latest proven technology in liposculpture, face and neck lifts, breast augmentation and lifts, tummy tucks and facial procedures. Scheduling can be immediate and most insurances are accepted.

#### CASABLANCA BEAUTY, WELLNESS & DAY SPA

**4209 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, 389-5533**  
Casablanca is a total beauty, wellness and day spa in a new, state-of-the-art facility. The menu includes hair services, skin and nail care, body treatments and detox. The Day of Beauty package includes breakfast or lunch, massage, facial, manicure, pedicure, hair and makeup.

#### DR. CLAYMAN'S MIRACLE SPA

**2 Shircliff Way, Ste. 200, Jacksonville, 208-2727**  
A Folio Weekly Best of Jax winner, Dr. Loren Clayman's Plastic Surgery Center and Miracle Spa offers trained estheticians, massage therapists and laser hair professionals in a tranquil, riverfront atmosphere. Spa services include facials, massages, manicures, glycolic and salicylic peels, inch-loss body wraps, teeth-whitening, hyperbaric oxygen chamber, body scrubs, waxing and medical-grade skin care. Dr. Clayman offers Botox, Juvederm, breast enlargement or reduction, face lifts, liposculpture, tummy tucks and laser hair removal.

#### COASTAL COSMETIC CENTER

**4147 Southpoint Drive E., Jacksonville, 332-6774**  
Costal Cosmetic Center, an on-site, state-licensed ambulatory surgery center managed by a team of professional plastic surgeons, offers cosmetic enhancements for the face and body, including makeup and laser treatments for removal of unwanted hair and blemishes.

#### COMPLIMENTS BY SHERRY & CO.

**13170 Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 50, Jacksonville, 221-7380**  
The professional stylists, estheticians, nail technicians and massage therapists attend training seminars and incorporate the latest techniques and products for hair, skin and nails.

#### COSMETIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY CENTER

**6867 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, 296-2008**  
Dr. Michael Duffy, certified plastic surgeon, specializes in helping the bride achieve the perfect look for the perfect day, with an array of procedures including face, forehead and neck lifts, body contouring, tummy tucks, Botox and Restylane.

#### DEBBIE'S DAY SPA AND SALON

**403 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine, 825-0569**  
The Spa and Salon offer a wide range of massage therapies, custom skin-care treatments, body treatments, manicures, pedicures and hair-care services for relaxation, improved health and rejuvenation.

#### DIRTY BLONDE SALON

**2409 S. Third St., Jax Beach, 241-4247**  
Bridal party and special-occasion hair specialists, Dirty Blonde offers the latest styles for the bride and her attendants. Advanced booking is required.

#### ELECTROLYSIS & LASER CENTER OF JACKSONVILLE

**9191 Skinner Parkway, Ste. 801, Jacksonville, 363-9001**  
This laser hair removal and skin-care center has more than 15 years experience and a licensed, board-certified staff. Services include a wedding day of beauty, including microdermabrasion, laser hair removal, Botox, dermal fills, chemical peel, facials, waxing and photofacials.

#### ELITE SALON & DAY SPA

**4290 Herschel St., Jacksonville, 389-2554**  
Elite combines American and European spa philosophies, including pampering services for brides and grooms in an environment small enough for personalized attention. Disciplines include massotherapy, heliotherapy, aromatherapy and aesthetic refinement. Beauty services include hair care, body waxing, makeup, facials and nail care.

#### ELLISON VEIN INSTITUTE

**836 Prudential Drive, Ste. 1405, Jacksonville, 394-5347**  
Dr. Robert G. Ellison Jr. and the Ellison Vein Institute offer

For the rock-and-roll themed wedding, this local cover band delivers. Call for availability and rates.

#### REBECCA ZAPEN/GARY STARLING GROUP

**(ZAPSTAR) 662-6348 of 349-2134, zapen.com or garystarling.com**  
Jacksonville jazz band ZapStar offers music with melodic beauty, sophistication and proven appeal, personally configured for each event. Classical strings are available for ceremonies.

#### SPADE MCQUADE & THE ALLSTARS

**myspace/spademcquadeandtheallstars**  
McQuade and his band perform authentic Irish music — traditional, rock, folk — ideal for the Irish-themed reception.

#### STROLLING VIOLIN

**396-9325, strollingviolin.com**  
Beverly Chapman plays soft violin music for weddings, receptions and rehearsal dinners. Call for an appointment, and check website for available selections.

#### TROPICO SOLO STEEL PAN, TROPICO STEEL BAND

**536-4166, tropicomusic.net**  
Barry Olsavsky performs on steel drums as a one-man band, with background tracks of calypso, soca, reggae, Jimmy Buffett and strolling steel pan. Tropico Steel Band, a four-piece, rounds out the sound with two steel drummers, electric bass and drumset.

## SALONS, SPAS & PLASTIC SURGERY

#### AJ'S HOUSE OF BEAUTY & STYLE

**2429 University Blvd. W., Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 737-4446**  
A full-service salon offers wedding and special-occasion packages for the bride and her bridal party. Owner Jodi Mattern specializes in Great Lengths — the application of 100 percent human hair extensions — and customized one-on-one service.

#### ALPHA BEAUTY CLINIC

**4131 Southside Blvd., Ste. 205, Jacksonville, 998-9977**  
An afternoon at the day spa experiencing a massage and facial can help ease pre-wedding jitters. The Alpha Beauty Clinic offers a number of bridal specialties, including a beauty package for bridal parties. Reservations two weeks in advance are recommended.

#### AMERICAN ACADEMY OF COSMETOLOGY

**1330 Blanding Blvd., Ste. 125, Orange Park, 213-1416, aacschool.com**

This cosmetology school offers a wedding special for hair and makeup for the bride and her attendants. Book five or more appointments and the bride's is free.

#### ANGEL AND ME INC.

**3683 Crown Point Road, Mandarin, 288-0100**  
This full-service hair salon offers up-do and formal hair styling, and has hair color specialists on staff. Natural or acrylic manicures, pedicures, facials, makeup application and waxing services are available.

#### ANTHONY AND SANDRA EUROPEAN DAY SPA

**10092 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 6, Jacksonville, 398-9777**

Anthony and Sandra Day Spa offers hair care and styling (including up-do's), massage therapy including Swedish, deep tissue, prenatal and hot stone waxing, salt scrub and cellulite treatments. Skin care treatments include facials for men and eye-lifting treatments.

#### AVANTE SALON AVONDALE

**3574 St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville, 387-4959, avantesalons.com**

This Aveda Concept Salon specializes in Aveda's award-winning color services and also offers nail treatments, facials, massage, waxing and tanning.

#### BAYMEADOWS JUNCTION DENTAL CARE

**8206 Phillips Highway, Ste. 21, Jacksonville, 448-6122**

The dental office of Tom Miller, DDS, and Renata Folstein, DDS, offers general and cosmetic anxiety-free dentistry, including smile makeovers and Zoom! teeth whitening services.

#### BRIENNE AT BELLA HAIR DESIGNS

**9965 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 11, Jacksonville, 288-7703**

Brienne at Bella Hair Designs offers extension services, bride and bridesmaids styling, Brazilian blowout, and color and cutting services, onsite at the salon or at your location.

#### THE DYNAMIC LES DeMERLE BAND

**277-7942, lesdemerlemusic.com**  
This group of musicians can be any size, from a trio to a 17-piece band. The Les DeMerle Band plays a variety of styles, including jazz, beach music, Motown and more.

#### THE FAZE BAND

**994-2993, thefazeband.com**  
Since 1994, these professional musicians have offered a wide variety of popular, danceable music for the reception. Call Mark Dennison for an appointment.

#### FLORIDA JAZZ PLUS

**287-5204, floridajazzplus.com**  
Florida Jazz Plus offers the 20-piece Florida Swing Orchestra and 10-piece mini-big band Sophisticated Swing, featuring vocalist Lisa Kelly, trumpeter J.B. Scott and director/saxophonist Don Zentz. Available for rehearsal dinners and wedding receptions.

#### GRANDPA'S COUGH MEDICINE

**309-2729, Myspace.com/grandpascoughmedicineband**

Jax Beach-based bluegrass band Grandpa's Cough Medicine performs original songs as well as traditional bluegrass tunes. Just the thing for that engagement party, rehearsal hoe-down and down-home reception.

#### JACKSONVILLE STRINGS

**235-9154, jaxstrings.com**  
Jacksonville Strings provides quality live music, offering string quartet, string trio, violin duo and solo violin services. The musicians assist in selecting, planning and coordinating the musical aspects of your event.

#### JAXDEEJAY

**565-8456, jaxdeejay.com**  
Mobile JaxDeeJay has been supplying music for all ages and tastes for weddings, receptions and parties since 1989, with radio and club experience.

#### LEE TURNER

**4263 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-4429**  
Solo pianist Turner provides music for rehearsal dinners, wedding ceremonies and receptions. No piano? Turner will bring his electric piano for an additional charge. Old and new tunes, classical, waltzes, Broadway, gospel and sacred music available.

#### LUCKYTUNES DJS

**485-0976, luckytunesdj.com**  
A professional local DJ service, Luckytunes specializes in club-level, customized entertainment for the reception or party. Several packages are offered and a DJ meets with the couple at least a month before the wedding to discuss all the details.

#### NEUROTIC BUTTERFLY

**208-8292, neuroticbutterfly.com**



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The independent bakery offers a full line of specialty wedding cakes and sweet party favors, as well as cupcakes, chocolate strawberries and petit fours for showers, weddings and receptions.

#### **BROUDY'S LIQUORS AND FINE WINES**

353 Marsh Landing Parkway, Jax Beach, 273-6119  
35 N. Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, 829-6909  
516 W. Geoffrey St., St. Augustine, 417-2090  
138 S.R. 13, Ste. 140, Julington Creek, 482-0955  
5000 U.S. 17, Ste. 1 & 2, Fleming Island, 269-7029  
Broudy's is the place to find all the celebration libations on the wedding list. From small family functions to grand receptions, Broudy's staff can help with selection and special orders.

#### **THE CAKE SHOP OF SAN JOSE**

3911 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, 306-0303, [jaxcakeshop.com](http://jaxcakeshop.com)  
Specializing in custom wedding and other special-occasion cakes, The Cake Shop also offers a large variety of miniature desserts and pastries.

#### **CHARDONNAY'S CATERING**

3305 Parental Home Road, Jacksonville, 730-8081, [chardonnayscatering.com](http://chardonnayscatering.com)  
Whether it's a brunch, a casual afternoon event or an elegant black-tie formal reception, Chardonnay's on-site wedding consultant works to suit any style. Chardonnay's has several wedding packages and can create a customized menu.

#### **CHEZ LEZAN BAKERY COMPANY**

1014 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, 491-4663  
Working with your colors and themes, Chez Lezan can create custom wedding cakes and groom's cakes, as well as goodies for the reception and shower.

#### **CHOUX DESIGNER CAKES & PASTRIES**

2540 Oak St., Jacksonville, 955-3398, [chouxbakery.com](http://chouxbakery.com)  
This historic Riverside bakery offers world-class pastry and custom design, affordable pricing and personalized service, exclusively booking one wedding cake per weekend. Tasting parties are held twice a month.

#### **COOKIES BY DESIGN**

4372 Southside Blvd., Ste. 203, Jacksonville, 296-3399, [facebook.com/CookiesByDesignJacksonville](http://facebook.com/CookiesByDesignJacksonville)  
Make your celebration unforgettable with unique cookie centerpieces for bridal showers and wedding tables, wedding cookie favors and more. The wedding gifts and treats are available in a variety of sizes in a range of prices.

#### **CULINARY OUTFITTERS CATERING**

9 S. Dixie Highway, St. Augustine, 829-2727  
This catering company offers services for any size wedding or party. An onsite facility accommodates up to 30 guests. The presentation, menu and attention to detail ensure a successful rehearsal dinner, reception or brunch. They also offer bachelorette party cooking classes.

#### **CUPCAKE GIRLS DESSERT COMPANY**

13546 Beach Blvd., Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 992-4979  
Cupcake Girls offers wedding cakes, cupcakes, cookies and desserts.

#### **D'VINE CUISINE INC.**

2762 Park St., Jacksonville, 742-7353, [d-vinecuisine.com](http://d-vinecuisine.com)

removal and a laser alternative to a facelift, as well as Botox, Juvederm, Radiesse and microdermabrasion. Bridal packages and free consultations are available.

#### **REVIVA MEDICAL SPA**

700 Third St., Ste. 101, Neptune Beach, 694-0091, [garciareviva.com](http://garciareviva.com)  
Reviva offers a wide range of spa treatments, including laser hair removal, skin care, massage, spray tanning and makeup in an inviting atmosphere.

#### **RIO HAIR STUDIO**

9823 Tapestry Park Circle, Ste. 8, Jacksonville, 733-8495  
Rio specializes in current looks for the bride and her party. Wedding discount packages are available, and Rio can accommodate parties of 10 or more, either in the salon or on location.

#### **THE RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND**

4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, 277-1100  
The spa at The Ritz-Carlton offers a complete menu of massages, exfoliations, hair care, nail care, body wraps, facials, and hand, feet and scalp treatments for men, women and groups.

#### **ROSENTHAL PLASTIC SURGERY**

3599 University Blvd. S., Ste. 403, Jacksonville, 399-8255  
In practice since 1971, Dr. Rosenthal specializes in cosmetic surgery and offers breast augmentation and lift, rhinoplasty, face lift, eyelid surgery, abdominoplasty, otoplasty and liposuction, as well as Botox injections.

#### **SALON MARIEÁ**

1650 San Pablo Road S., Ste. 11, Jacksonville, 221-2020  
Salon Marieá offers up-do hairstyles for those special occasions, as well as pre-occasion preparation hair color and cuts.

#### **SALON ON THE SQUARE**

1936 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 396-9003  
This Aveda salon features trained stylists performing a wide range of services including color, highlights, perms and straightening, as well as massage therapy, facials and hair extensions.

#### **BARRY SCHWEIM, DDS, PA**

7000 Sawgrass Village Circle, Ponte Vedra Beach, 273-5111  
Dr. Schweim offers Zoom!, an in-office bleaching and cosmetic dentistry procedure, to ensure the brightest wedding day smile.

#### **SEVENTH WONDER DAY SPA**

5393 Roosevelt Blvd., Ste. 4, Jacksonville, 381-8686  
Specializing in Jane Iredale mineral makeup and facials, massages, manicures, pedicures and spray-on tanning, Seventh Wonder offers makeup applications for the bride and her party with a 10 percent discount on makeup products. Massages, skin care, nail care and waxing are also available.

#### **SMALL INDULGENCES EUROPEAN DAY SPA**

9 Sanchez Ave., St. Augustine, 824-6220  
This day spa offers an array of creative indulgences. The Full Day of Indulgence includes a European facial, eyebrow arch, full-body sea salt glow, one-hour Swedish massage, spa-manicure and spa-pedicure, shampoo and style, makeup application. Gift certificates and bridal packages are also available.

#### **THE SPA AT AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION**

6800 First Coast Highway, Amelia Island, 432-2220 or (877) 843-7722  
Services for the bridal party include organic manicure, Polynesian pampered soles pedicure, up-do and makeup application and appetizers. Call for information regarding the many other pamperings offered and for appointments.

#### **THE SPA AT ONE OCEAN**

One Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, 853-2333, [oneoceanresort.com](http://oneoceanresort.com)  
Relax at the only full-service oceanfront luxury facility at the Beaches, offering VIP suites for the bride and her attendants to get ready for the big day.

#### **THE SPA AT PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB**

302 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 273-7700  
Operating since 1987, The Spa at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club offers more than 100 spa services in 22 treatment rooms and more than 30,000 square feet of space, including complete hair care, full body treatments, facials, La Stone therapy, manicures and pedicures.

#### **SUPERIOR IMAGE PERSONAL FITNESS**

1100 Shetter Ave., Ste. 103, Jax Beach, 249-9433  
A certified personal trainer is committed to helping clients get in the best shape possible for that big day. Personal training packages — like Buff Brides Beach Boot Camp — are available to ensure last-minute alterations to the gown or tux aren't needed.  
**SUTRA SALON**

Panache offers pampering packages for the bride, mothers and the entire wedding party (men, too). Single services or special packages available.

#### **PARADISE GROOMING FOR MEN SALON & SPA**

1600 Park Ave., Ste. 1, Orange Park, 644-7549, [paradisegroomingformen.com](http://paradisegroomingformen.com)  
It's the men's turn for pampering. Paradise offers haircuts, color and styling with tea tree shampoo and spiker hair gel, as well as manicures, pedicures, waxing, facials, body scrubs and massage.

#### **PARKWAY PLASTIC SURGERY**

5101 Gate Parkway S., Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 396-1186  
Parkway specializes in popular surgical and cosmetic procedures, including Botox, fillers and facials. Dr. David Mobley and Dr. Rebecca Glasser, board-certified plastic surgeons, combine the latest technology and traditional methods to enhance and reshape the body. They also offer a full line of medical grade skin-care products.

#### **PEARSON FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY**

1835 East West Parkway, Ste. 19, Fleming Island, 215-7377, [pearsonFaces.com](http://pearsonFaces.com)  
Specializing exclusively in cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery of the face, Dr. David C. Pearson is a fellowship-trained and board-certified facial plastic surgeon. Prior to opening Pearson Facial Plastic Surgery in the fall of 2004, Dr. Pearson practiced at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville where he was a member of its teaching faculty.

#### **PICASSO DAY SPA & SALON**

202 Second St. N., Jax Beach, 247-6670, [picassospa.com](http://picassospa.com)  
This full service salon and spa can accommodate any special event, offering hair care and styling, skin care, massage, manicures, pedicures, airbrush tanning and body wraps at the spa. Several packages are available.

#### **PLANET BEACH CONTEMPO SPA**

13457 Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 221-0162  
13740 Beach Blvd., Ste. 403, Jacksonville, 821-8752  
10915 Baymeadows Road, Ste. 108, Jacksonville, 519-1826  
13820 St. Augustine Road, Ste. 209, Mandarin, 880-4826  
11700 San Jose Blvd., Ste. 12, Jacksonville, 288-0826  
Planet Beach offers a private spa experience in less time and for less money than traditional spas. Services include UV therapy with skin rejuvenation, stress reduction and relaxation, hydration treatment, facials, spray sunless tanning and teeth whitening.

#### **LESLIE G. PLATOCK, DDS**

700 Third St., Ste. 203, Neptune Beach, 247-3077  
Dr. Platock offers laser bleaching, ceramic crowns and bridges, tooth color filling and bonding. Located in the Atrium Building next to Neptune Beach library, Dr. Platock's office features a spa for teeth, with whitening processes to enhance the smiles of the bride and groom.

#### **PONTE VEDRA COSMETIC SURGERY**

150 Professional Drive, Ste. 100, Ponte Vedra Beach, 285-5571

Dr. R. Gregory Smith provides a wide range of cosmetic surgical procedures and treatments designed to enhance your appearance with minimal downtime, including mini-facelifts, lip fillers, liposuction, body contouring, tummy tucks, breast augmentation, face and neck lifts, laser skin resurfacing and Botox. All procedures are performed in the state-of-the-art facility on an outpatient basis. Financing is available.

#### **PONTE VEDRA MEDSPA PLASTIC SURGERY & LASER CENTER**

1030 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach, 285-7202  
Dr. John Harris at Ponte Vedra MedSpa offers everything a bride needs to look and feel her very best. Laser cellulite therapy, Botox injections, Restylane, facelifts, liposuction, eyelifts, facials, hair removal and breast enhancement are available.

#### **QUINN M.D. AESTHETIC SCIENCE LASER MEDICINE**

8075 Gate Parkway W., Bldg. 1, Jacksonville, 296-0900 [quinnmd.net](http://quinnmd.net)  
Quinn M.D. is a medical practice that specializes in laser and cosmetic surgery. Dr. Linda Quinn offers Smartlipo MPX, Fraxel, Fotofacial, Refirme, laser tattoo removal, hair removal, vein removal, sclerotherapy, fillers, Botox and hormone replacement.

#### **REJUVANENCE LIFESPA**

4413 Town Center Parkway, Ste. 209, Jacksonville, 996-7595  
Plastic surgeon John Harris offers facials, massages, laser hair

Staci Chambers applies makeup for the bride, including lashes and skin.

#### **MAKEUP WORKS PERMANENT MAKEUP**

5101 Gate Parkway, Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 396-1186  
A certified dermatician with more than 15 years experience performs micro-pigmentation (permanent makeup) which includes lash-liner, eyeliner, eyebrow or lip enhancement.

#### **MESSAGE BLISS**

7860 Gate Parkway, Ste. 105, Southside, 998-0444  
Message Bliss offers treatments in an elegant atmosphere, with rooms for large parties, including heated massage tables and a candlelit couples' suite. Programs include Swedish, deep tissue, hot stone and prenatal massage. Waxing, body wraps, facials and bridal makeup applications are available.

#### **MEDISOLARE WELLNESS & COSMETIC CENTER**

9770 Baymeadows Road, Ste. 117, Jacksonville, 224-5000  
Medisolare is an anti-aging and non-surgical cosmetic medical center offering a holistic approach to age management and beauty for increased energy, vitality, sex drive and youthful vigor. Dr. Hardesh Garg specializes in bio-identical hormones, GHG, nutraceuticals, treatment of age spots, rosacea, spider veins, cellulite and wrinkles.

#### **MIKO SALON**

317 St. Augustine Blvd., Jax Beach, 853-6229  
This service-oriented salon, located in South Jax Beach, pampers customers with the latest trends and a variety of services. Miko features up-dos, specialty styles, spa manicures and pedicures for brides and bridal parties, in a private courtyard.

#### **MIND BODY SPIRIT WELLNESS CENTER**

13121 Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 4, Jacksonville, 220-6461  
The center offers acupuncture, chiropractic, massage therapy and a full-service day spa that specializes in hair, skin and nail care.

#### **MONICA MIA ON SITE**

2320 S. Third St., Ste. 1, Jax Beach, 242-9500  
Monica Mia has more than 10 years experience as a makeup artist and aesthetician, and is a professional Pilates instructor. Monica offers professional, on-site makeup applications so the bride and her attendants look their best on the big day.

#### **NATURAL LOOK MEDICAL SPA**

11512 Lake Mead Ave., Ste. 702, Jacksonville, 928-9400  
Dr. David Mobley, board-certified plastic surgeon, treats acne, rosacea and sun damage in the state-of-the-art medical spa. Aesthetic services include photofacial, laser hair removal, electrolysis, facials, clinical peels and massage.

#### **ORTEGA MED SPA**

4570 San Juan Ave., Ste. 2, Jacksonville, 388-8844  
Onsite physician Wayne Houston, MD, and his staff offer SA Bodysculpture, an in-office mini-liposuction procedure, as well as VI Peel, DNA facials, Carbossi & Synergy, Botox, dermal fillers, laser hair reduction, photofacials, massage, spray-vein treatments and consultations.

#### **PANACHE ON PARK AVENUE**

1472 Park Ave., Park Central Plaza, Orange Park, 269-0666



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With creative presentations using fresh ingredients, d'Vine provides customized catering for rehearsal dinners and wedding receptions, from a modest reception to a lavish sit-down dinner. Tea parties for bridal showers are also available.

#### EDGEWOOD BAKERY

**1012 S. Edgewood Ave., Murray Hill, 389-8054**  
Since 1947, Edgewood Bakery has designed wedding, groom's and bridal shower cakes. Individual continental pastries and custom-designed cookies for wedding favors are offered. Edgewood also features a 1,500-square-foot banquet hall with full catering services for receptions, showers or rehearsal dinners for up to 80 guests.

#### KAKES BY KATIE

**3491 Maiden Voyage Circle S., Jacksonville, 716-9915, kakesbykatie.com**  
Katie Gibbs-Dixon creates custom wedding cakes, baked to order, at reasonable rates to fit any budget. Call to schedule a consultation/tasting.

#### McALISTER'S DELI

**9700 Deer Lake Ct., Jacksonville, 564-2377**  
**1615 C.R. 220, Fleming Island, 278-6055**  
McAlister's extensive catering menu includes sandwiches, fancy desserts, beverages and breakfast selections to complete any celebration.

#### SIVADA'S CUPCAKERY

**4000 St. Johns Ave., Ste. 27, Jacksonville, 647-7586**  
**119 Bartram Oaks Walk, Ste. 105, Julington, 683-0709**  
All the cupcakes from Sivada's Cupcakery are baked fresh daily, with the finest ingredients. There are more than 20 varieties, including specialty items like tiramisu, crème brûlée, and strawberry cheesecake, as well as Black Tie and coconut.

#### STOVER'S CUSTOM CAKES

**703-0245, stoverscustomcakes.com**  
Stover's makes wedding cakes from scratch, customized to fit any taste and budget, or to accommodate dietary, allergy or religious restrictions. Call for an appointment.

#### A SWEET TO EAT BAKE SHOP

**7860 Gate Parkway, Ste. 116, Southside, 996-7988, asweettoeat.com**  
This bake shop creates cakes, cupcakes, brownies and cookies designed for showers or receptions, all made from scratch. Discounts are offered for large wedding orders.

## WEDDING PLANNERS & CHAPELS

#### A WEDDING BY STEPHANIE

**86531 Cartesian Pt. Drive, Yulee, 254-0411, aweddingbystephanie.com**  
Stephanie Leavens is a Florida ceremony officiant who also handles event planning.

#### ELEGANT WEDDINGS BY LISA

**268-1429, elegantweddingsbylisa.com**  
Elegant Weddings offers specialty packages to fit every budget, ranging from just the ceremony to all-inclusive events, including vow renewals, and featuring beach weddings.

#### EVERYTHING BUT THE DRESS

**502-0812, itseverythingbutthedress.com**  
This wedding accessories company offers favors, cake toppers, unity candles, cake server and knife, gifts, flower girl baskets, ring pillows — you know, "everything but the dress."

#### FIRST COAST WEDDINGS & EVENTS

**8640 Philips Highway, Ste. 8, Jacksonville, 739-8003, firstcoastweddings.com**  
Heather Canada at First Coast is an accredited bridal consultant. For seven years, First Coast has helped coordinate invitations, ceremonies and vendor selection, in addition to offering full-service wedding week coordination, to ensure a worry-free dream wedding.

#### FLAIRE WEDDINGS & EVENTS

**2762 Park St., Jacksonville, 352-1832, flaireweddings.com**  
Flaire Weddings & Events is a Northeast Florida modern event design and planning firm, specializing in start-to-finish planning and event design.

#### HAPPILY EVER AFTER WEDDINGS OF JACKSONVILLE

**12935 Deep Lagoon Place E., Jacksonville, 476-7536, tonyaperryweddings.com**  
Tonya Perry provides personalized event planning services to make sure your special day is perfect. Happily Ever After offers a variety of customizable packages as well as a la carte wedding services to suit your needs and budget. Call to schedule a free consultation.

#### RIVERSIDE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**2841 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, 389-1751, jaxdisciples.com**  
Say your vows beneath the spectacular stained glass in this beautiful, historic church.

#### SOUTHERN CHARM EVENTS

**6272 Dupont Station Court, Jacksonville, 731-5978, SouthernCharmEvents.org**  
The wedding planners have packages to fit any budget, to ensure the bride has a worry-free wedding day, with a touch of Southern charm.

#### TO-DOERS, INC. EVENT PLANNING

**386-5662, todoers.com**  
To-Doers offers weddings made simple and stress-free, with wedding day coordination, consultations and full-wedding planning. Specializing in short engagements and destination weddings, To-Doers says there's no detail too small, no request too big.

#### THE WEDDING ASSISTANT

**238-8092, weddingdayassistant.com**  
Tabbatha Ronnekamp will help the bride with every detail of her wedding day while keeping to her budget.

#### THE WEDDING AUTHORITY

**75 King St., Ste. 114, St. Augustine, 826-0166**  
This full-service wedding designer and planner has been serving Northeast Florida since 1972, coordinating nuptial events of all sizes, ranging from small and intimate to a grand affair. The business is located in the Lightner Museum building overlooking the courtyard, which is available for ceremonies for up to 100 guests.

#### WEDDING MAPPER

**weddingmapper.com**  
This website offers a full suite of free wedding planning tools and resources for Northeast Florida couples.

## UNIQUE PLACES TO CELEBRATE

#### AMORÉ WEDDING CHAPEL

**75 King St., Ste. 116, St. Augustine, 826-0715**  
Located in the Lightner Museum building and featuring a stained-glass windows, Amoré Chapel — which seats up to 50 guests — can supply an ordained minister or officiates, carriage services, photography and flower arrangements. The Amoré Wedding Chapel certified wedding consultants are available for their location or yours.

#### CABANA BEACH CLUB

**619 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 280-3403**  
Cabana Club features complete facilities for receptions and rehearsal dinners, including a pool deck that can accommodate 250 guests, and Florida casual indoor dining in 619 Ocean View restaurant, accommodating up to 80, with views of the ocean.

#### CLUB CONTINENTAL

**2143 Astor St., Orange Park, 264-6070**  
Club Continental provides a scenic St. Johns River view, amid gardens and live oaks. The Mediterranean-style clubhouse serves wedding parties and receptions, and the ceremony can be held on a patio surrounded by an Italian balustrade. There's room for 25 to 125 guests seated; up to 300 standing, and there are 22 B&B guest rooms, some with Jacuzzis and fireplaces.

#### DEERCREEK COUNTRY CLUB

**7816 McLaurin Road N., Jacksonville, 363-1604**  
The elegant colonial-style Clubhouse is available for indoor and outdoor weddings, rehearsal dinners and bridal showers. After the ceremony, the couple can waltz into a dining room that accommodates 160 seated guests, or for a reception and cocktails, the club accommodates up to 300 guests. Bartending services are available.

#### FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH ARCHAEOLOGY PARK

**11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine, 829-3168, fountainofyouthflorida.com**  
This waterfront setting, dating back to 1565, is situated on 15 acres of Old Florida charm. Historical-themed weddings are a specialty.

#### HIDDEN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

**3901 Monument Road, Jacksonville, 641-8121 ext. 118**  
Hidden Hills' professional staff provides gourmet cuisine for wedding parties and receptions, from hors d'oeuvres to lavish table-service dinners. Non-members may rent the facility. The club accommodates up to 300 seated guests. The outdoor garden may also be used for a wedding ceremony.

#### THE HILLTOP RESTAURANT

**2030 Wells Road, Orange Park, 272-5959**  
This Victorian mansion, nestled among the oaks, offers romantic ambiance complete with grand pianos, gardens, dance floors, fireplaces and a fountain. Wedding ceremonies and rehearsal dinners, buffets and receptions can be accommodated. Reservations are taken one month to one year in advance.

#### INDIGO ALLEY

**316 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, 261-7054, indigo-alley.com**  
The two-story Victorian building built in 1884, in historic Fernandina Beach, can accommodate up to 120 guests and features a cloistered courtyard, rooftop deck, bar, dance floor and certified commercial kitchen.

#### JACKSONVILLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

**3985 Hunt Club Road, Jacksonville, 223-5555 ext. 4**  
The club provides full wedding planning services. Ceremonies may be held on the lawn overlooking the golf course and lake. For the reception, the club seats 250 guests or 450 guests for cocktails.

#### JACKSONVILLE ZOO & GARDENS

**370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville, 757-4463 ext. 103**  
In-house certified caterers provide a broad range of menu options. The 7,000-square-foot open terrace overlooks the Aviary, or choose a safari themed private room. Weddings and receptions are fully customizable and can vary from casual to extravagant. After-hours access is given one hour after park closing, and customized packages are available for intimate gatherings to groups of up to 400.

#### KATHRYN ABBEY HANNA PARK

**500 Wonderwood Road (off Mayport Road), Jacksonville, 249-4700**  
Couples can have a romantic, salt-sprayed ceremony on the beach or in the hall in Dolphin Plaza, which accommodates up to 125 guests. All events require permit application, approval and advance notice, and are subject to availability as well as environmental impact — leave no trace, in other words.

#### THE LODGE & CLUB AT PONTE VEDRA BEACH

**607 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 273-9500**  
Framed by palm trees and sand dunes, The Lodge & Club features more than 11,000 square feet of flexible reception and banquet space for parties of 20 to 150 people, including the Ocean Room, offering views of the Atlantic, and the outdoor Fountain Courtyard overlooking the beach. The chef offers menus of heavy hors d'oeuvres and multi-course dinners. Services include floral decorations, ice sculptures and musical entertainment. Guest rooms feature fireplaces and Jacuzzis.

#### MANDARIN COMMUNITY CLUB

**12447 Mandarin Road, Jacksonville, 292-4338,**



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**mandarincommunityclub.org**

The historic club interior has a seating capacity of up to 115 guests for small weddings and receptions. For an outdoor setting, the adjacent Billard Commemorative Park may be rented alone or in combination with the Club building and features a white gazebo.

**MARSH CREEK COUNTRY CLUB**

**169 Marshside Drive, St. Augustine, 461-1101** Intracoastal marshland surrounds this club, making it a popular location for wedding parties and receptions. Banquet menu selections range from cocktails to heavy hors d'oeuvres to full-course. The dining room seats up to 150 guests or 250 for cocktail events. On-site wedding coordination is included and the formally attired, trained staff assists with the wedding cake, flowers and entertainment.

**MAVERICKS ROCK'N HONKY TONK**

**2 Independent Drive, The Jacksonville Landing, Jacksonville, 356-1110**

Hold your bachelor and bachelorette parties, rehearsal after-parties and wedding receptions at the exclusive VIP Lounge in Miss Ellie's Bardello.

**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY**

**1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, 396-7062 ext. 240** MOSH offers several packages for celebrations big or small — The Rooftop has a capacity of up to 150 guests, The Wachovia Room accommodates up to 115 guests and individual floors accommodate as many as 400 guests per.

**PALM VALLEY GARDENS**

**4975 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, 543-7777, palmvalleygardens.org**

Sprawling lawns, a spring-fed pond, a picturesque garden bridge, vine-covered pergola, a three-tiered fountain, outdoor lighting and a paver patio overlooking the koi pond are the amenities of this romantic location.

**PRIME F. OSBORN III CONVENTION CENTER**

**1000 Water St., Jacksonville, 630-4000**

The convention center accommodates anywhere from 50 to 4,000 guests, with meeting rooms and a ballroom available. For large parties, the exhibition hall of this restored train station can also be used. Flexible and varied menus are available and full bars are offered. Reservations are taken six months to one year in advance.

**QUEEN'S HARBOUR YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB**

**1131 Queen's Harbour Blvd., Jacksonville, 220-2118** Ceremonies and receptions by the marina and golf course accommodate up to 300 standing guests and up to 200 seated. Onsite catering provides anything from hors d'oeuvres to buffets to dimners. Outdoor ceremonies may be performed in the classic gazebo.

**THE RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND**

**4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, 277-1100** The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island offers several venues — including a brand new ballroom — for the rehearsal dinner, ceremony, reception, bridal showers and afternoon teas. Also offered: customized cuisine and florals, photography and limousine services, musical entertainment, wedding officiates, wedding planner and other vendor services.

**RIVER CRUISES**

**1840 Perry Place, Jacksonville, 306-2200**

Have your reception cruising the St. Johns River on an authentic sternwheeler, the Lady St. Johns, which accommodates up to 300 guests, or the Annabelle Lee, accommodating up to 150 people. A wedding coordinator is available, and the captain can perform the ceremony. The staff can supply decorations, food and a DJ. A full bar is available, and there's plenty of room to dance.

**RIVERHOUSE EVENTS**

**179 Marine St., St. Augustine, 826-6210, riverhouseevents.com**

This new wedding ceremony and reception venue has Old World charm, with a bayfront lawn and terraces for ceremonies with a lighthouse view. The grand ballroom, with a 32-foot-round dance floor, can accommodate up to 240 guests. A paneled library with a fireplace, private bridal suite and free parking are also available.

**RIVERSIDE HOUSE**

**2165 Park St., Jacksonville, 387-9927**

Riverside House offers its board room, auditorium, reception hall and kitchen at affordable rates. Originally a church, this historic property is the perfect setting for wedding ceremonies, receptions and meetings large and small. An audio/PA system is available.

**ST. AUGUSTINE LIGHTHOUSE & MUSEUM, ANASTASIA GALLERY**

**81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine, 829-0745 ext. 207**

The lighthouse's front lawn offers natural beauty and privacy with magnificent live oak trees. The Anastasia Gallery has room for 80 seated guests or 125 for cocktails. (Located on the second floor, it is accessible by stairway only.) All proceeds from rentals support the programs and restoration efforts of the Lighthouse and Museum.



**SALA MENENDEZ**

**75 King St., Ste. 110, St. Augustine, 826-0166**

This beautiful reception and entertainment room, located in the Lightner Museum Courtyard and accommodating up to 100 guests, overlooks the gardens and fountains of the museum grounds in historic St. Augustine.

**SELVA MARINA COUNTRY CLUB**

**1600 Selva Marina Drive, Atlantic Beach, 246-4827 ext. 25**

The Dining Room overlooking the golf course accommodates up to 225 people and offers the elegance of a private country club. The south lawn, with lagoon views and the quiet of a reserve, is ideal for the ceremony, and full-service catering is available.

**THE SKYLINE DINING & CONFERENCE CENTER**

**50 N. Laura St., Ste. 3550, Jacksonville, 791-9797** This restaurant and banquet venue, located at the top of the Bank America building with 360° panoramic views, offers space for most any size celebration. Call for rates and availability.

**TREE HILL NATURE CENTER**

**7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, 724-4646, treehill.org**

Tree Hill Nature Center's Strasser Amphitheater is a covered, open-air venue featuring three levels of informal seating that can accommodate 250 guests, around a central stage. The amphitheater is surrounded by 50 acres of scenic, natural land and a lush nature trail.

**UNIVERSITY CLUB**

**1301 Riverplace Blvd., 27th Floor, Riverplace Tower, Jacksonville, 396-1687**

Private dining rooms offer a panoramic view of downtown and the St. Johns River. Select from planned menus or create your own. The club accommodates four to 200 guests for seated dinners, 400 for stand-up receptions. Assistance with other wedding arrangements is available. The club is open to members and those sponsored by a member.

**WINDSOR PARKE**

**13823 Sutton Park Drive N., Jacksonville, 223-4971 ext. 3**

Windsor Parke Golf Club offers banquet and dining facilities in a clubhouse setting. Weddings can be held at the private gazebo, and the reception in the elegant dining area that accommodates up to 150 guests. Menu selections are suitable for both large and intimate events.

## RESTAURANTS

**13 GYPSIES**

**887 Stockton St., Jacksonville, 389-0330**

This neighborhood bistro in Riverside is available for small

(fewer than 20) wedding and

reception parties as well as

catering. Reservations are

required for in-house parties.

13 Gypsies serves authentic

Mediterranean peasant cuisine.

**A1A ALE WORKS**

**1 King St., St. Augustine, 829-2977**

A1A Ale Works offers complete catering services with on-site facilities accommodating 25 to 125 guests, with panoramic bayfront views and a verandah. A1A can put together seated dinners, buffet-style meals or a custom menu. Premium

cocktail service, the brewery's hand-crafted beers, an extensive wine selection and offsite catering are available.

**BISTRO AIX**

**1440 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-1949**

Bistro Aix's private dining rooms are available for rehearsal dinners, bridal luncheons or receptions. Flexible seating, private rooms, custom-designed menus, personalized service, event planning and catering services make the special day worry-free. Call for a tour.

**BLUE BAMBOO**

**3820 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, 646-1478, bluebamboojacksonville.com**

An East-West kitchen and bar, Blue Bamboo offers an ever-changing menu based on

seasonal ingredients. Hold your rehearsal dinner at the Blue Bamboo, or they'll bring the meal to you.

**THE BRASSERIE**

**1312 Beach Blvd., Jax Beach, 249-5800, brasserierestaurant.com**

With its Old World charm, The Brasserie Restaurant & Piano Bar features a ballroom and a European-style courtyard which can accommodate up to 300 guests for weddings or any special event.

**CAMPECHE BAY CANTINA**

**127 First Ave. N., Jax Beach, 249-3322**

This popular Mexican restaurant offers a banquet room that seats 40 for bridal showers, bachelor/ bachelorette parties and rehearsal dinners. Reservations are required. Campeche Bay won Best Margarita in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax.

**CASA MARINA HOTEL**

**691 N. First St., Jax Beach, 270-0025**

The Casa Marina's creative chefs design and serve New Beach cuisine, highlighting the best of local seafood, produce and specialty ingredients with a flair for international flavor. Celebrate in the dining area or up in the Penthouse Lounge, with a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean.

**THE CHART HOUSE**

**1501 River Place Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-3353**

The Chart House accommodates up to 80 people for riverfront rehearsal dinners and receptions. The menu features steak, seafood and prime rib.

**CHEFS FOR A NIGHT**

**1523 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 704-2551**

This catering company specializes in all facets of the culinary arts, with attention to the taste and budget of the client as well as the physical building layout and any themes the bride employs.

**DON JUAN'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

**12373 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, 268-8722**

Don Juan's, serving authentic Mexican cuisine and a full bar, offers a private room for up to 70 people for wedding rehearsals and special occasions. Private patio dining is available for up to 30 people.

**DWIGHT'S BISTRO**

**1527 Penman Road, Jax Beach, 241-4496**

Dwight's Bistro offers an intimate bistro setting for rehearsal dinners or wedding receptions, for parties ranging from 12 to 60 guests.

**FARAH'S PITA STOP CAFÉ**

**3980 Southside Blvd., Ste. 201, Jacksonville, 928-4322**

Farah's is available for private parties, accommodating up to 60 guests, and offers catering for as few as two or as many as 500. The menu features a variety of items, from appetizers to full dinners.

**THE FLORIDA CRACKER CAFÉ**

**81 St. George St., St. Augustine, 829-0397**

The Florida Cracker Cafe offers both on-and off-site catering for rehearsal dinners and receptions. The catering menu offers a wide variety of selections to choose from. On-site, the cafe accommodates wedding parties up to 100 people (weather permitting).

**FONTANA ITALIAN RESTAURANT & BAR**

**7605 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, 805-9755**

Family-owned-and-operated, Fontana offers authentic Italian cuisine. Rehearsal dinner or wedding catering is available, with a seating capacity of 20 to 200 in-house or at your location. Fontana provides linens, utensils and table décor at no additional charge.

**GYPSY CAB COMPANY**

**828 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine, 824-8244**

Gypsy Cab Company offers a banquet facility that accommodates up to 100 guests. Choose on-or off-site catering, featuring an international cuisine menu that can be customized to suit your tastes.

**KABUKI JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR**

**1766 S. Eighth St., Amelia Island, 277-8782**

In addition to traditional Japanese fare, Kabuki serves steaks, chicken and seafood entrées, all available in a party package. Celebrate the wedding at a teppanyaki table or in a private dining room. Call owner Steve Wong for details.

**MATTHEW'S ON SAN MARCO**

**2107 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, 396-9922**

Matthew's elegant catering services feature a menu of an eclectic mix of Mediterranean ingredients.

**MEDITERRANIA**

**3877 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, 731-2898**

With a private banquet room that accommodates up to 65 guests, Mediterranean offers a warm and friendly atmosphere and cuisine prepared in the classic European tradition.

**METRO DINER**

**3302 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, 398-3701**

With facilities that accommodate up to 80 guests, this 1930s diner offers full-service catering for small receptions and rehearsal dinners, serving a complete menu (cold platters, hors d'oeuvres or dinners), which can be customized. They can also bring the party to you.

**MEZZA LUNA**

**110 N. First St., Neptune Beach, 249-5573**

Mezza Luna is ideal for rehearsal dinners or small intimate wedding receptions. Choose the formal dining room, the landscaped patio or the casual ambience at the bar.

**95 CORDOVA & COBALT LOUNGE**

**95 Cordova St., St. Augustine, 810-6810**

Offering fine dining within Casa Monica Hotel. Catering is provided by world-renowned Chef DeJuan Roy and director of culinary operations Allen Lancaster. Banquet facilities are available.

**OCEAN 60**

**60 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, 247-0060**

Chef-owned-and-operated Ocean 60 is a beachside hotspot, hosting wedding receptions, showers and rehearsal dinners. Specializing in personalized menus, Ocean 60 has an in-house certified wine specialist. Private and semi-private rooms for groups of up to 55 guests, or a full restaurant buy-out for up to 100 are available, as is offsite catering.

**OLD CITY HOUSE INN & RESTAURANT**

**115 Cordova St., St. Augustine, 826-0113**

Located in historic St. Augustine, Old City House offers full-service weddings and receptions for 25 to 100 guests. The Inn has seven elegant B&B rooms featuring four-poster beds and Jacuzzis. The ceremony, held in the walled courtyard, is followed with champagne cocktails and a reception in the restaurant.

**RAINTREE RESTAURANT**

**102 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, 824-7211**

Located in a renovated turn-of-the-century home, Raintree offers private dining rooms and a garden complete with a gazebo. Wedding showers, rehearsal dinners and receptions can be accommodated. The restaurant seats 150.

**THE REEF**

**4100 Coastal Highway A1A N., St. Augustine, 824-8008**

Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, The Reef offers a banquet room with seating for up to 90 guests, as well as beach access and balconies.

**SANGRIA HOUSE**

**4320 Deerwood Lake Parkway, Ste. 203, Jacksonville, 646-2977**

Offering authentic Spanish cuisine, the café can accommodate up to 50 guests for the reception or rehearsal dinner, or can be catered to your location. Call for reservations.

**T-RAY'S BURGER STATION**

**202 S. Eighth St., Fernandina Beach, 261-6310**

T-Ray's offers catering off-premises or on-site, with seating for up to 30 guests for private parties. The menu offers Country American and seafood cuisine, as well as the best burgers on Amelia Island. Call for information regarding packages available. T-Ray's was voted Best Burger on Amelia Island in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax poll.

**WINE CELLAR**

**1314 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, 398-8989**

Wine Cellar has a seating capacity for 24 guests in the private reception room of the restaurant. The menu is prepared to your specifications to fit your budget.

## BED & BREAKFASTS AND INNS

**AUGUSTIN INN**

**29 Cuna St., St. Augustine, 823-9559, augustinn.com** Located a half-block from the historic bayfront, the 1898 Augustin Inn offers whirlpool tubs, antique furnishings and two-course breakfasts. Wedding services and inclusive packages are available, along with the walled courtyard that can accommodate parties from two to 22.

**CARRIAGE WAY BED & BREAKFAST**

**70 Cuna St., St. Augustine, 829-2467**

This traditional Victorian style home, located in the heart of St. Augustine's historic district, offers beautifully appointed rooms available in several packages for the bride and groom or the entire wedding party. Carriage Way was voted Best B&B in St. Augustine by Folio Weekly readers.

**THE CEDAR HOUSE INN VICTORIAN BED & BREAKFAST**

**79 Cedar St., St. Augustine, 829-0079**

This restored 1893 Victorian home, decorated with antiques, is located in the historic district. New owner Cynthia Humphrey offers small intimate weddings, a full gourmet breakfast and free on-premises parking.

**ELIZABETH POINTE LODGE**

**98 S. Fletcher Ave., Amelia Island, 277-4851**

The Pointe is a boutique hotel that sits directly on the beach overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Owners David and Susan Caples offer luxurious accommodations and can customize amenities to meet each couple's expectations. Elizabeth Pointe Lodge won Best B&B on Amelia Island in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax poll.

**THE FAIRBANKS HOUSE**

**227 S. Seventh St., Amelia Island, 277-0500**

Owners Bill and Theresa Hamilton welcome guests to their 1885 Italianate villa for a honeymoon or special get-away. There are several private cottages and rooms with king-sized beds, Jacuzzis and fireplaces, plus wine, chocolates and lots of pampering. Packages range from two to seven nights and an Elopement Package are offered.

**HAMPTON INN & SUITES**

**19 S. Second St., Fernandina Beach, 491-4911**

Banquet facilities, whirlpool rooms, fireplaces, balconies and a romantic bridal suite are a few of the amenities at Hampton Inn. In the heart of downtown Fernandina, Hampton Inn has charm and elegance with convenient access to churches, restaurants and shops.

**OUR HOUSE OF ST. AUGUSTINE**

**7 Cincinnati Ave., St. Augustine, 824-9204**

Five romantic guestrooms for guests or the newly married couple are offered at Our House, as well as intimate garden ceremony space that accommodates from four to 30 guests.

**THE RIVERDALE INN**

**1521 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, 354-5080**

This historic Victorian mansion is an elegant setting for intimate receptions, rehearsal dinners and bridal luncheons, and also offers elegant overnight accommodations. With an event coordinator on-site, packages can be tailored for large or small events. Riverdale Inn won Best B&B in Jax in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax poll.

**ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC INNS**

**88 Riberia St., Ste. 400, St. Augustine, (866) 801-2991, sayhlnms.com**

The St. Johns County Visitor & Convention Bureau has information on more than 20 B&Bs, all within walking distance of historic downtown St. Augustine. In addition to breakfast, some inns offer other meals.

## RECEPTION ROOMS & HOTELS

**AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION**

**6800 First Coast Highway, Amelia Island, 261-6161**

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Say "I do" with the sound of soothing waves, seagulls and the sunset as a backdrop, or hold a more intimate ceremony amid ancient mossy oaks and marshlands. Whatever the setting, Amelia Island Plantation caters to every need. For wedding packages, call the Wedding & Social Events Department.

#### BAYFRONT MARIN HOUSE

**142 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine, 824-4301**

The historic buildings comprising the Bayfront Marin House are just part of the romantic setting for a honeymoon or anniversary getaway. Packages are available with several options.

#### BAYFRONT WESTCOTT HOUSE

**146 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine, 825-4602**

Bayfront Westcott House's honeymoon packages include breakfast in bed and horse-drawn carriage rides. The Victorian-era mansion features suites (some with Jacuzzis). Located in the historic district, Westcott House is ideal for a romantic getaway after the ceremony.

#### CASA MARINA HOTEL

**691 N. First St., Jax Beach, 270-0025**

Weddings and private parties are a specialty here, with a majestic dining room and expansive beachfront courtyard. The 23 hotel rooms and parlor impart a classic, timeless 1920s glamour. Facilities accommodate up to 150 guests inside and 250 outside on the verandah. A photographer, videographer, changing room, invitations and stationers are available.

#### CASA MONICA HOTEL

**95 Cordova St., St. Augustine, 827-1888**

This four-diamond hotel has an elaborate 4,000-square-foot deck for ceremonies or receptions. The grand ballroom seats up to 220 guests, the Flagler Ballroom seats 110. On-and off-premises catering is done by Chef DeJuan Roy. Casa Monica also has wedding packages, customized menus and bridal suites available.

#### COUNTRY CLUB OF ORANGE PARK

**2525 Country Club Blvd., Orange Park, 276-7660, 458-1049, ccoftop.com**

This stately, Southern-style mansion offers personalized event planning and has several dining rooms that can accommodate up to 300 guests.

#### COMFORT INN OCEANFRONT

**1515 First St. N., Jax Beach, 685-3009, comfortinnjaxbeach.com**

This oceanfront inn offers three banquet rooms, the largest of which can accommodate up to 120 guests. Onsite catering, discounted sleeping rooms and an oceanfront courtyard for the ceremony are available. A complimentary oceanfront stay for the bride and groom is also featured.

#### CROWN PLAZA RIVERFRONT

**1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, 398-8800**

The hotel has 12,000 square feet of flexible function space, accommodating up to 500 guests, as well as a pool deck for sit-down dinners and receptions. For overnight stays, there are 292 rooms and suites, with group discounts available. Amenities include an outdoor pool and fitness room.

#### HILTON GARDEN INN

**45 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 280-1661**

Located at the entrance to the Tournament Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Hilton Garden Inn offers banquet facilities for rehearsal dinners, showers and receptions. An event coordinator is on-site to help with all the details, including wedding and honeymoon romance packages.

#### HILTON ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC BAYFRONT

**32 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine, 829-2277**

Located in St. Augustine's historic district, the Hilton Historic Bayfront hosts ceremonies, receptions, showers and rehearsal dinners. Luxurious accommodations, elegant settings and a detail-oriented staff, with a wedding planner available, ensure a celebratory experience for that special time. The facility is 100 percent smoke-free, and a restaurant is located on-site.

#### HYATT REGENCY JACKSONVILLE RIVERFRONT HOTEL

**225 East Coast Line Drive, Jacksonville, 588-1234**

Hyatt Regency offers full-service catering facilities for weddings up to 1,000 guests, including the 28,000-square-foot Grand Ballroom, riverside rooms and private balconies overlooking the St. Johns River. Hyatt specializes in receptions, ceremonies bridal parties and showers, as well as accommodations for out-of-town guests.

#### JACKSONVILLE MARRIOTT AT SOUTHPOINT

**4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, 296-2222**

On-site consultants help with every aspect of the wedding. The Marriott accommodates rehearsal dinners and receptions for up to 400 guests. Ceremonies may be held outdoors or in the ballroom. Bridal suites are available, and booked weddings receive a complimentary deluxe room with an upgrade to a suite based upon availability. Group

discounts are offered and reservations should be made several months in advance.

#### THE LODGE & CLUB

**607 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 273-9500**

The Lodge & Club, a 66-room oceanfront hotel and private club, is popular for beach wedding ceremonies. With more than 10,000 square feet of oceanfront reception and banquet space, The Lodge & Club is available for events for 20 to 150 guests.

#### OMNI JACKSONVILLE HOTEL

**245 Water St., Jacksonville, 355-6664**

Downtown Jacksonville's only four-diamond hotel, the Omni has than 14,000 square feet of elegant function space, along with intimate rooms for bridal luncheons and rehearsal dinners. The Omni's elegant fare includes kosher and ethnic menus. Sleeping rooms for out-of-town guests and a complimentary guest room, champagne and breakfast-in-bed for the bride and groom are available. Call for a consultation.

#### ONE OCEAN RESORT HOTEL & SPA

**One Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, 853-2333, oneoceanresort.com**

This Florida wedding destination features luxury oceanfront accommodations, an upscale restaurant, 10,500 square feet of event space and a world-class spa and fitness center. Docents arrange for golf outings and spa visits, and wedding specialists help plan everything from oceanfront ceremonies to candlelit receptions.

#### PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB

**200 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 285-1111**

This 250-room award-winning oceanfront resort has been hosting events for more than 75 years. The resort and private club features more than 30,000 square feet of reception and banquet space in a variety of unique venues. The dining rooms accommodate gatherings from 10 to 450 people.

#### QUALITY INN HISTORIC DISTRICT

**1111 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine, 824-5554**

The Quality Inn Historic, overlooking the San Sebastian River marsh, is close to all the historic sites and museums, restaurants and tours. A free continental breakfast and complementary USA Today are available, as well as an outdoor pool and hot tub.

#### RAMADA INN MANDARIN

**3130 Hartley Road, Jacksonville, 268-8080**

Ramada Inn Mandarin offers complete facilities for rehearsal dinners, weddings and receptions for 10 to 300 guests. Ramada's catering service provides anything from hors d'oeuvres to complete meals. A guest-services staff and reception planner are on hand. Group rates are available.

#### RAMADA INN HISTORIC ST. AUGUSTINE

**116 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, 824-4352**

Treat the wedding party to a Red Carpet welcome, including low rates and complimentary bar drinks at Ramada Inn Historic, centrally located in the historic area of America's Oldest City. The full-service hotel includes a restaurant, bar, heated pool and heated Jacuzzi, only a short walk from the sites, churches, fine dining, shopping and other St. Augustine attractions.

#### THE RENAISSANCE RESORT

**500 S. Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, 940-8635, worldgolfirenaissance.com**

The Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village offers assistance with rehearsal dinners, ceremonies, receptions and guestrooms — and a complementary honeymoon suite — in a beautiful setting.

#### THE RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND

**4750 Amelia Island Parkway, Amelia Island, 277-1100**



For true opulence, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island offers a selection of venues for the wedding ceremony and reception — customized cuisine and florals, photography and limousine services, musical entertainment, wedding officiates, wedding planner and a destination help create a memorable wedding.

#### ST. JOHNS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

**205 St. Johns Golf Drive, St. Augustine, 940-3206**

The elegant clubhouse and facilities overlook the ninth and 18th greens. The club can accommodate from 50 to 300, and up to 170 on the covered patio. Catering chefs and a professional staff work to ensure your wedding is everything you dreamed.

#### SAWGRASS MARRIOTT RESORT & BEACH CLUB

**1000 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 285-7777 ext. 6400**

The Resort offers reception accommodations for a range from 10 to 1,000, from a champagne reception to a multi-course dinner. There are several ceremony locations on-site, including a gazebo. Sawgrass offers packages including wedding coordination, theme decorations, cakes and honeymoons. Reservations recommended up to one year in advance.

#### TPC SAWGRASS

**110 TPC Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, 273-3344**

TPC Sawgrass is a Mediterranean Revival-style clubhouse with an array of elegant banquet halls ideal for wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, bridal luncheons and groom's golf outings. The event lawn and gardens, overlooking The Players Stadium and Dye's Valley Courses, are perfect settings for the ceremony or intimate cocktail hour, with hospitality, service and cuisine to match.

#### THE WINE BAR

**200 Wharfside Way, Jacksonville, 346-0605, winebarsouthbank.com**

The Wine Bar on Wyndam Hotel's property, adjacent to the Chart House, offers a unique venue for any wedding reception, rehearsal dinner or bachelor/bachelorette party. Self-service wine machines, a new menu and 130 wines by the glass or by the bottle are featured.

#### WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

**One World Golf Place, St. Augustine, 940-4000**

The Hall of Fame seats 200 guests and is available for wedding ceremonies, receptions and rehearsal dinners, with several event spaces from which to choose. Deluxe accommodations, spas, world-class golf courses and restaurants are nearby.

## GETTING THERE

#### AA SUSIE'S LIMO

**6261 Powers Ave., Jacksonville, 731-5466, susieslimo.com**

Susie's has the hottest exotic rides — stretch sedans and SUVs, land yachts, Lincolns, even a stretch PT Cruiser — and multiple trips, large groups (8 to 30 passengers) and multiple locations are no problem.

# Wedding Planner

#### VIP LIMOSINE GROUP, INC.

**11571 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, 265-5466**

There's enough for the harried happy couple to handle without worrying about transportation. That's where VIP Limo comes in — professional drivers transport you and the bridal party in worry-free style and comfort.

## INCIDENTALS

#### ANDY'S TAYLOR RENTAL CENTER

**1005 Pope Road, St. Augustine, 471-2991**

All you need is the happy couple — Andy's provides the rest: tents, canopies, tables, linens, place settings, accessories, bars and dance floors. Planning services are available.

#### DANCE TRANCE FITNESS

**214 Orange St., Neptune Beach, 246-4600**

1515 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, 390-0939  
Dance Trance Studios offer a variety of classes with state-of-the-art sound and light effects. Free diet and nutrition counseling is available. [dancetrancefitness.com](#)

#### DESIGNER ICE

**370 Fourth Ave. S., Jax Beach, 246-3497, shindigsjax.net**  
Designer Ice offers decorative ice sculptures, drink luges, food displays and ice bars. They make their own ice, so they can freeze items inside like photos, flowers or color, personalizing to fit the theme.

#### DOING DISHES PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY STUDIO

**5619 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, 730-3729 1026 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville, 388-7088**

Perfect for bridal showers and bachelorette parties, Doing Dishes is the place to create unique wedding gifts.

#### FLAIRE EVENT RENTALS

**2762 Park St., Jacksonville, 352-1832, flaireeventrentals.com**

This boutique event rental company offers mahogany Chiavari chairs, specialty linens and event lighting, with affordable delivery and set-up rates. And there are no weekend overtime charges.

#### JACKSONVILLE BRIDAL CONNECTION

**[jacksonvillebridalconnection.com](#)**

More than 100 local vendors are on hand at this bridal show, held from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 20 at University of North Florida's University Center, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville. Exhibitors include bakers, caterers, consultants, florists, stationers, musical entertainment, travel agents, photographers, hotels, and a fashion show for the entire wedding party. Tickets are \$5 with an online pre-pay, \$6 with online registration and pay at the door.

#### KATHLEEN F. TRIEBWASSER

**8833 Perimeter Park Blvd., Ste. 1001, Jacksonville, 641-4600, kathleentriebwasser.com**

Triebwasser is a licensed marriage and family therapist providing premarital counseling, a one-on-one four-hour program, which includes a discount on a marriage license.

#### KIRBY RENTALS, LLC

**8051 Bayberry Road, Jacksonville, 739-1312, kirbytent.com**

Kirby Rentals has everything you'll need for the perfect reception or party, including a variety of tent styles, tables, linens, china and flatware, catering equipment, podiums, chandeliers and platforms.

#### POTTERY WORKS

**4375 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, 646-3009**

Guests create their own pottery in an open, user-friendly area. An alternative to a traditional bridal shower or bachelorette party, Pottery Works is also a source for design ideas for custom art to get and give.

#### SALSA CALIENTE DANCE STUDIOS

**9751 Mining Drive, Jacksonville, 370-1199, salsacalientestudios.com**

Salsa Caliente's lessons help the happy couple take the right steps for their first dance. Dance packages include salsa, mambo, cha-cha and bachatta. Professional dancers are available for reception entertainment. Free consultations are offered.

#### VIP WOMEN'S DANCE

**2419 Third St. S., Jax Beach, 487-9938, vipwomensdanceparties.com**

For women only, VIP offers classes, parties and events in a private setting for pole fitness, chair dance, belly dance and burlesque tease dancing, just the thing for bachelorette parties.

#### THE WEDDING DANCE STUDIO

**3837 Southside Blvd., Ste 2, Jacksonville, 998-3939, theweddingdancestudio.com**

Couples learn to dance confidently for the first dance at the reception. The first lesson is free. ☐