

...IN THE...
and at
Sunsational
Tan
 11th & Cornhusker Hwy.
 Belmont Plaza
 477-9998
 Mention this ad & receive \$5 off one month unlimited tan

Randolph
Jewelry
& Loan
 Get twice the ring for the price of a new one!
Confused?
 Give us a call.
 475-1444
2700 Randolph (8 blocks South of O at on 27th)

Something old, Something new ... when



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RYAN SODERLIN/DN

JAIME VOGES, a bridal consultant at A Bridal Trousseau, models a wedding veil.

Canterville Garden

Dear Bride-to-Be:
 There is no other day like your wedding day. The love you share, the commitment you make deserves the best in your wedding. Canterville Garden gives you the best.
 Canterville Garden is here to be your wedding floral consultant. With our experience, dedication to service and detail, and most importantly, our beautiful wedding arrangements, we make your wedding enjoyable, fun, and beautiful. May your wedding be joyous and your future blessed.
 Trista, Barbara & Lawrence Griuk
 P.S. Free Consultation by appointment

10% DISCOUNT
 on flowers for weddings
 booked before 6-30-97

Parkwood Plaza
3031 "O" Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 435-1118
1-800-275-9574

One love. One Wedding. Beauty.

Wedding coordinators ease pressure through consultation, preparation

BY ERIN GIBSON
 Senior Reporter

Somewhere beyond the stacks of bridal magazines, the piles of invitations and a receipt for gold rings lies the wedding — a fact that sends a lot of couples into a panic.

The level of planning required for the big day means tense arguments and anxiety for many brides- and grooms-to-be, said Mary Wherwein, a Lincoln wedding coordinator for Occasions by Design.

"The stress on the couple is just unbelievable," she said. "When it gets down to the nitty-gritty, they will need help."

And that's where Wherwein steps in. As a full-time wedding coordinator, she can be hired to help plan any detail of a wedding, including reservations and catering, decorating, invitations and consulting on proper wedding etiquette.

No detail is too small to handle and reduce the stress on the couple, she said. She can even be there on the wedding day to ensure everything runs smoothly.

"I make sure the cake knife from Great Aunt Gertie didn't get left at home," Wherwein said.

Wherwein can be hired for \$15 an hour, but never charges for just talking to the couple, she said. In fact, she sometimes feels like a counselor as well as a coordinator for the couple.

"Those last two months right before the wedding, they have their mothers asking questions, they have their

"I make sure the cake knife from Great Aunt Gertie didn't get left at home."

MARY WHERWEIN
 wedding coordinator

mothers-in-law asking questions, and they're like, "Talk to these people, will you!" Wherwein said.

"I kind of become their best buddy for a few months."

And Amy Stuart, a part-time wedding coordinator for Elegance with Flair, said cost should not prevent a couple from seeking her help.

Wedding coordinators can be hired for just a couple of hours, she said, just to help with smaller details such as invitations. Coordinators also may help couples save money because they can get discounts from wedding supply stores not available to the general public, Stuart said.

Stuart said the average price for weddings she handles in Lincoln is between \$3,000 and \$7,000. But some people pull out all the stops, she said.

One "fairy tale" wedding she is currently planning should cost \$20,000 to \$30,000 — complete with flowers hanging from the ceilings and extravagant dresses for the bride and brides-

maids. For those who think a few thousand dollars sounds like a fortune to spend on a wedding, there are many books available that could help take the place of a wedding coordinator and help couples save a few bucks.

Popular titles at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Lincoln include "The Working Woman's Wedding Planner" by Susan Tatsui-D'Arcy and "Martha Stewart Weddings" by Martha Stewart.

Also available is "Bridal Bargains: Secrets to throwing a fantastic wedding on a realistic budget" by Denise and Alan Fields.

Whether the wedding is planned with books or a consultant, couples should be prepared to reserve a place for the reception long before the ceremony, Wherwein said. In Lincoln, the demand for rental halls is high, especially in the popular wedding months of April, May and June.

Halls that can accommodate more than 200 or 300 people are usually booked the fastest, and only a few places can handle crowds of more than 500, she said.

Wherwein said she'd seen reservations made two years in advance for prime spots, but the average was 10 to 18 months in advance.

Regardless of the wedding's date, place or size, Wherwein said couples should remember to avoid prenuptial arguments and tension by finding someone to help with wedding plans.

A helping sister, friend or wedding consultant could save a lot of time and worry for the future bride and groom, she said.

TUXEDO RENTAL

Groom's Tux FREE
 With Five Paid Rentals
ALL TUXEDOS 100% IN STOCK
 Complete Full Service Men's
Formal Wear Specialist
 • Instant Alterations/Expert Fitting
 • Last Minute Orders Welcome
 • All the Latest Designer Styles

Going Formal INC.

Christian Dior Ralf Lauren
 LORD WEST
 CROWN COLLECTION
 Oscar De La Renta

2215 N 90th St (402)390-0228

TUXEDO RENTAL COUPON

Going Formal INC. TUXEDO RENTAL
 2215 N 90th St, Omaha, NE 68134 • (402)390-0228

\$10.00 OFF EACH TUXEDO
 In Your Wedding Party with this COUPON

Limit One Per Customer • Not Valid With Any Other Offer • Valid With Any