

Brides have more options to choose from

■ 2001 dress designs include more elegant lines, tulle skirts and spaghetti strap gowns.

BY SHARON KOLBET

Shiny satin is out, tulle is in. Open-toed sandals are hot, pumps are not.

For brides-to-be the 2001 season offers elegance, variety and some hot new trends.

At A Bridal Trousseau, 650 J St., manager Teresa Furnas said this year's styles give brides a lot of options.

"People can really customize their look; there is just so much available," she said.

Furnas said gowns this season contained plenty of fantasy elements.

"Full tulle skirts are very popular. So are tiaras," she said.

"Formal weddings are getting more formal, and bridal parties are growing bigger."

In the past, wedding guides insisted on long sleeves for evening, said Lisa Petersen, manager of Sassi's, 2530 O St.

But today's bride has more flexibility. Spaghetti straps as well as strapless dresses are popular and can fit in with a formal theme.

Last year, silver detailing on dresses was a hot new trend. This year, platinum and pewter embroidery work also are options. Mixed metal-colored threads have been a big seller as well.

"We are seeing a lot of gold and silver details," Petersen said.

And there's a headdress to match.

"The silver and gold tiaras are really exquisite," Petersen said.

To go with the tiaras, both stores are offering a variety of veil lengths. The drama of a long cathedral veil is still in style for 2001, as well as less formal veils in waist and fingertip lengths.

Furnas said several of today's hairpieces were a combination of the various lengths with the shorter, fingertip length being worn in front of the face as a shadow veil.

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Brandi Dolezal takes a turn during the Sassi's Bridal Fair style show.

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Beaches top honeymoon list

■ Travel agents say the length of stay is just as important as the destination itself.

BY MARC SALEME

'Tis the season to pop the question. Or so it was.

The holiday season is consistently a popular time of year to propose to that significant other, said Valerie Holmes, a travel agent from Odyssey Travel in Lincoln. The wedding will come soon,

and in honor of the great commitment, it will be time for some fun and reckless abandon: The honeymoon.

The trend for Nebraska honeymooners at this time of year seems to include hot weather and a nearby beach.

There are, of course, several hot-spots. Heather McDonald from Enchanted Honeymoons travel service said Hawaii, Jamaica and Cancun are all popular.

Ken Swindell from JMJ Travel had much the same story, but

included Las Vegas on his list.

"It depends on the scenario and the attitudes of the people," he said. "I wouldn't go (to Las Vegas), but a lot of people like it."

Going on a cruise is also a choice, and it gives couples the chance to spend time together after the wedding.

"Cruises are not seen as much as in the past but are always popular," McDonald said.

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