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## The Prez Sez...

I hope you all had a great holiday season. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Bridal Fair please call Nancy Pierce (Weddings With Charm) at 509-535-3722. I am looking for one more person to hand out bags at the front door. Give me a call at 509-701-4588 if you are interested.

If you are interested in hosting or catering a meeting in 2009 call Scott Cook (Two Cooks with Love) at 509-939-4527. Scott has scheduled the January meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley, ID. They have a bus that picks people at the corner of Pines and Sprague. I'm sure Scott will have more information on that.

I went to the Seattle Wedding Show last weekend. The consensus of the Vendors is that attendance was consistent with last year.

Good luck with the snow removal. I hope to see you all this weekend.

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## The Vice-Prez Sez...

We are getting ready for the Bridal Festival on January 10th and 11th. We need people to help both days. Saturday hours are from 9:30am to 12:00pm, 12:00pm to 2:30pm and 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Sunday hours are from 10:30am to 12:30pm, 12:30pm to 2:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm. The last shift will need to help with clean up. Please email me if you would like to work the show.

If you want your information in the INPRO booth you may drop it off at the Tuxedo Gallery, 304 W. Second Ave., 509-455-8344. You may also bring your information to the New Convention Center Friday, January 9th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm or Saturday before 10:00am. Please do not bring your information when you work the shift as it will be too late to display in the booth.

## A Winter Wedding

<http://weddings.about.com/od/traditionscolorsthemes/a/winterwedding.htm>

In the movies, everyone seems to get married in June. But a winter wedding can be terribly glamorous, cinematic and magical. With the right elements, your winter wedding will be a wonderland.

### Attire for Your Winter Wedding

Think about you and your sweetie in the elegant look of old Hollywood; the groom in tails, and the bride in a white long silk dress with a white fur or faux fur wrap. Evoke the season with "ice" –diamond or diamond-like jewelry. 90% of wedding dresses are strapless or sleeveless, but that's not so practical for a bride who wants to take pictures outside, or needs to walk any distance. Look for wraps, shrugs, and capes, or dramatic coats. I've always loved the look of a bride in a white dress and a large red shawl, huddled against her groom who has a red boutonniere. And don't forget your bridesmaids! An attractive wrap to wear on the day of your wedding and beyond makes a great bridesmaid present.

### Where to Have a Winter Wedding

Look for an inn with a fireplace for an intimate winter wedding. For a larger affair, you may be able to use a historic mansion or private club that will still have intimate warmth. Unless you're getting married in a state that will have guaranteed snow during your wedding date, avoid a room that has a large picture window. You may imagine drifts of beautiful snow, and end up with a grey rainy day. Be sure to ask what seasonal decorations they

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## Raffle Reminder

Please bring a raffle prize to the next meeting. Janet from PartyLite will collect raffle items and divvy them up throughout the year so there are raffle items for each meeting.

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## News to Share?

If you have news to share regarding promotions for your business, personal announcements, or would like to have your business featured in the newsletter, please contact Beth Worthy.

Items need to be received by the 20th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

## Upcoming Meetings

If you are interested in hosting and/or catering any of these meetings, please contact Scott at Two Cooks With Love Catering

### **February 9**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **March 9**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **April 13**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **May 11**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **June 8**

Arbor Gate  
Catered by TBD

### **July 13**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **August 10**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **September 14**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **October 12**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **November 9**

Location TBD  
Catered by TBD

### **December 14**

Location TBD  
Catered by POTLUCK  
NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED

# A Winter Wedding

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use – you'll save money as many sites are already heavily decorated. Also, check to make sure your site will be adequately heated during the winter months; old churches can be especially drafty.

## Planning the Menu

You can have all of your favorite food but add some winter touches like a squash dish, or warm pumpkin soup. Consider serving eggnog, spiced wine, or hot chocolate (alcoholic or non-) as special treats. Look for an all-white cake, decorated with snowflake patterns, silver embellishments, or sugar sculptures. Ask your caterer about using a decorative snow globe as a cake topper

## Winter Wedding Flowers

Decide whether you want to go for a silver and white elegant look, or celebrate the season with reds and greens. For those who like silver, look for dusty miller, silver-dollar eucalyptus, and baby blue eucalyptus, mixed with white flowers such as roses, football mums, crocus, lilies and stephanotis. If you're looking for a brighter bouquet, consider red roses with holly and pine-tree greenery. In season flowers such as tulips, roses, and ornamental berries generally will be less expensive choices. (Talk to your florist, as your region may have different availability)

## The Décor for Your Winter Wedding

Decorate your tables with simple and inexpensive white poinsettias, or fill the room with light by arranging pillar candles on a bed of pine branches. At the after-Christmas sales, stock up on strands of small white lights, then string them decoratively

around doorways, over tables and on archways. Bright red cranberries in a bowl surrounding floating candles make an easy and inexpensive centerpiece. Look at this article for other simple holiday centerpieces.. Or, decorate a pre-made gingerbread house for each table, and center it on a bed of greenery with candles around it.

## Favors

If you and most of your guests celebrate Christmas, an ornament makes a perfect favor. An inexpensive homemade favor is a pretty tin of spiced hot chocolate mix or hot cocoa mix with marshmallows. Also consider a snow globe, with a bride and groom inside, or a holiday cookie cutter with a cookie recipe attached that says your names, wedding date, and "truly cut out for each other".

## Special touches

Have the bride and groom travel by horse and carriage to the reception, complete with a fur throw to keep them warm of course!

Decorate the reception with miniature and life-size Christmas trees.

Commission an ice sculpture to decorate the reception hall

Use a crystal bouquet for that extra wintery feel. As a bonus, you'll get to keep your your bouquet forever.

Greet your guests with warm coffee or hot chocolate as soon as they come in the ceremony or reception site.

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## January Meeting: Monday, January 12th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Coeur d'Alene Casino

Worley, ID, (800) 523-2464, ext. 7422

Catered by: Coeur d'Alene Casino

RSVP is done by via evites.com. Check your email box or call Jamie at 509-868-1447