



The Prez Sez

I would just like to remind everyone of their \$50 INPRO Bridal Fair Deposit for next year and please sign up for the INPRO Open House!!

-Christian Rosenau
Complete Music

Wedding Trends: The Candy Buffet

<http://www.ourweddingplus.com/blog/belly-up-to-the-candy-bar/>

In my recent quest for determining what makes a trend “trendy” and the reasons for these trends going from hot to not, I am currently examining the candy buffet. Some people refer to them as candy bars, causing momentary confusion with the rectangular chocolate kind, ala’ Snickers. Be it a buffet or bar, the candy craze is another one of those trends that for all intents and purposes has moved past its prime and yet still somehow continues to sustain itself. Bridal message boards are abuzz with how-tos and “unique” twists; monochromatic colored candy, classic nostalgic favorites, candies that match the wedding colors, Chinese take-out boxes, clever labels. Is this a trend we will be seeing well through 2008?



Part of the appeal is that the candy buffet works double time as both reception décor and wedding favor. And while an impressive display requires A LOT of candy (and therefore money), one might rationalize the expense because the sweets kill two birds with one stone. It is much less about calculating a “per-person” amount and more about creating an amazing focal point, or as we event planners like to call it “The WOW Factor.”

The problem I have with candy buffets is that they’ve been around since 2005 – an ETERNITY in the party biz! So as an event planner, I have seen more than my fair share of buffets topped with sugar filled glass vases and bowls. People still love the candy gig but what’s the

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May Minutes

The May meeting was held at Center Pointe. Spike talked about all the programs available at Center Pointe and opened up some rooms to tour. He also talked about the rooms they have available for renting, and what their business is all about.

Teresa Marsura from Creative Catering served a delicious meal with BBQ ribs and chicken, salads, fruit, etc.

The INPRO Open House is a go! Anyone who wants to be a part of the event, please contact Nancy Pierce (Weddings With Charm). There is no cost to members or to visitors. Information will be up on the website soon. The Open House will be Sunday, September 20, from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

INPRO Bridal Fair will again be the 2nd weekend in March. Last year we had over 300 total people, at least 236 of them were brides.

Pay \$50 to reserve your booth for next year! The deposit is due by July's meeting. If we don't have enough people reserving booths by then, we may not hold the Bridal Fair. It will again be at the Greyhound Park in Post Falls.

Business Showcase

Mike Sheikh from Memory Maker brought his Memory Maker machine for us to see. He recently upgraded it to feature a touch screen, a printer and a burner.

Mike will pay \$50 for a referral. And will give you the software to try for free if you give him your business card. You won't be able to use it, but can show it to your clients.

The new Memory Maker is web-based. All you need to invest in is a web cam. It features file sharing - you can download photos from the digital camera and save the pictures for the bride and groom. You can hook up a screen to show the pictures and video. It will also show pst photos given by bride and groom and present photos. Let him know of any custom requests.

Upcoming Meetings

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

July 13

Arbor Gate

Catered by Charley's Catering

August 10

The Cozy Concept

Catered by TBD

September 14

Mont Lamm Belgians

Catered by TBD

October 12

Location Quality Inn Oakwood

Catered by TBD

November 9

The Service Station

Catered by TBD

Showcase: Marsells Cakes & Desserts

December 14

Location Dance Street Ballroom

Catered by POTLUCK

NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED

Announcements

Don from Celestial Selections said there is an old hair salon between his bridal shop and prom dress shop that is for rent. It is 800 square feet and leases for about \$400 a month.

Gene just opened his newest Tuxedo Gallery at Northtown Square. He also moved his Coeur d'Alene store just north of the freeway.

Luba from Rainbow Photography talked about the Women in Business group. They are holding a silent auction benefit for the Post Falls Food Bank on June 10 and are accepting donations. Besides auction items is a big basket for auction for \$1000 worth of items.

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new, fresh twist on this popular creation? My job is not to rely on what's already been done (or over-done!) but to conjure up something truly fabulous for my clients.

Of course there are several alternatives that do get me much more excited, like a cookie buffet or popcorn bar, for example. Both have been very well received by wedding guests, are beautiful and delicious and leave plenty of room for personal expression. But still, I get a steady stream of clients, brides especially, who have been waiting for the chance to offer their guests that ubiquitous smorgasbord of multicolored sugar in a cute little take-home containers. And in the end, my job is to be sure that the bride is happy and has the day she's always dreamed of. How sweet it is and, can we make it even sweeter? Only time will tell!

Business Profiles

Each month I like to feature a business in the newsletter. If you would like to have a writeup about your business, please let Beth Worthy know.

You can also simply email the writeup and any photos to me and I will put them in the newsletter as space permits! It's a great way to remind our members about each other!

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.

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Beth Worthy from Every Occasion had her computer here to make any changes/updates to information on the website. She is in the process of updating both the website and roster.

Jeff Keen announced his website has a new format at jeffkeen.com.

Spike thanked Pat & Shirley for being big supporters. Center Pointe puts out a calendar with sponsors (many from INPRO).

The next INPRO meeting is June 8 at E.J. Roberts Mansion.

June Meeting: Monday, June 8th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

E.J. Roberts Mansion

1923 W. 1st Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201

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