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INPRO Now Takes Paypal

INPRO now accepts payments for dues and bridal fair registration through paypal.com.

If you still want to register for the INPRO Bridal Fair on March 14, please contact Nancy Pierce ASAP.

Officer Elections in April!

Elections for INPRO Officers will take place at the April meeting. If you want to run for President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact Scott Cook at Two Cooks With Love.

Aisle Alternatives

www.brides.com

Forget the plain white runner. Here, a few novel ideas to grace your path.

Leaves: Scatter fall foliage down your autumn trail.

Pumpkins: Line the aisle with illuminated jack-o'-lanterns.

Faux snow: Want a winter wonderland without the freeze factor? Make an aisle out of imitation snow flanked with urns of white birch branches.

Rose petals: Try a blanket of the real McCoy or the inexpensive silk variety.

Bamboo: To lend an authentic touch to tropical-themed weddings, use runner-width tatami mats of bamboo, reeds, or straw.

Essential Guide to Photography & Video

www.brides.com

Book 'em fast

Hire your photographer as soon as you've decided on your ceremony and reception site. Popular ones are booked up to a year in advance.

Plan, research, and share ideas

Turn to bridal magazines and visit Brides.com to find styles of photography that you like. Get recommendations from friends and brides in your area or chat with fellow brides in our message boards.

Learn what videographers are doing now

Choose from a variety of videography options including a documentary-style video of your wedding story - from engagement to honeymoon. Videographers can also create a "How We Met" montage by pulling together old photographs and interviews with the engaged couple and family and friends. Couples are opting to create "Save the Date" video invitations, alerting guests to the upcoming nuptials while providing a preview of what's to come. Live webcasting now lets couples "broadcast" their special day online so those who could not attend the wedding get to participate in the festivities, virtually.

Interview time

Once you've gotten referrals, narrow your list to three photographers and meet with each one in person. Ask to see his or her portfolio. If your request is denied, move on - that's a red flag.

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February Minutes

The Woman's Club of Spokane, a non profit organization, hosted our February meeting. Rosemary who has been with the Woman's Club for the past two years gave us a little history of the facility. The Woman's Club was built in 1910, nine decades of history and is now on the National Registry of Historical Buildings. With 7500 sq feet of rental halls available, large parties or intimate parties are welcomed.

We were treated to a full dinner catered by Creative Catering. Homemade lasagna, chicken fettucine, fresh Caesar salad, relish tray, bread and butter gave us all something delightful to feast on. Teresa Marsura from Creative Catering let us know that her partner Sue Funk is no longer with her because of health issues...Sue we all lift you up in our prayers. Teresa handed out her specials and price list for 2009.

Marcel from Marsells Cakes and Desserts treated us to a wonderful array of desserts, from cookies to brownies.

We were entertained all evening from Doug Scott with his You-Do-DJ service. Doug rents this equipment for \$225.00 per event...yes per event.

If you are interested in running for any position on the board, please contact Scott Cook, Two Cooks With Love. 509-891-5980.

Guests:

Julie Tess

Sales Manager at the Quality Inn
7919 N. Division

Suwanee Lennon, Photography

Jon Bodnar

Night Shift, Rhythm & Blues

Nancy Pierce, Vice President, Weddings with Charm, gave us an update on the INPRO Bridal Fair. We have 28 members who have signed up.

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Upcoming Meetings

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

April 13

Location A Town & Country Floral
Catered by Puttin' On The Ritz

May 11

Location Center Pointe
Catered by TBD

June 8

E.J. Roberts' Mansion
Catered by TBD

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

2008 - 2009 INPRO Officers

President

Gene Slatter, Tuxedo Gallery

Ex-Oficio President

Scott Cook, Two Cooks With Love Catering

Vice Presidents

Nancy Pierce, Weddings With Charm

Chris Rosenau, Complete Music

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Connie O'Neal, Floral Design

Treasurer

Joanie Lamm, Mont Lamm Belgians

Newsletter Editor

Beth Worthy, Every Occasion Engraving

Aisle Alternatives

Pine needles: Fashion a forest by padding your aisle with fragrant pine needles. Buy in bulk.

Lawn tricks: If you're marrying in a grassy area, create a custom aisle by rolling a striped pattern into the grass, or simply cut a path through a field or meadow.

Photography & Video

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Studio service

If you are working with a studio, look at the work of several of their freelancers. Voice your preferences about who you want to work with, and move on if the photographer you're interviewing resists.

Expert portfolio

Make sure the photographer has experience shooting the style you're after. Bring examples of styles you like. He or she should also have shot in the conditions in which you'll be marrying, like beach ceremonies or dimly lit receptions.

Check references

If you don't know someone who has worked with the photographer before, ask for references. If your request is denied, move on - that's another red flag.

Bedside manners

Choose someone that you're comfortable with; the last thing that any bride wants on her wedding day is a photographer who yells at the wedding party or makes crude jokes.

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Bob from Two Cooks with Love will be walking around the event handing out hors d'oeuvres, there will also be seminars for the brides to attend. Advertising will be on the radio, post cards and possibly the Inlander.

Joanie from Mont Lamm let us know that our website will soon be taking paypal.

Thank you,
Connie

March Meeting: Monday, March 9th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Avenues Event Center

9320 E. Mission, Spokane, WA (509) 921-7664

Catered by:

Two Cooks With Love Catering

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