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The courtyard garden twinkled with lanterns from LOLA Event Productions and lighting by Sound Investment.



Floral arrangements by Cornelia McNamara.



Bite-size savories from Blue Plate Catering.

LAUREN LEHMAN & MARK CARTER

September 5, 2008
A New Leaf

THE VENUE: Former flower shop A New Leaf in Old Town. The bride—co-founder and senior event coordinator at LOLA Event Productions—had a heavy hand in the planning and rich fall décor. THE DETAILS: The down-to-earth duo exchanged candlelit vows during an intimate affair for 100 guests. Organic floral-filled tea tins and votives added color and warmth. THE PARTY: Blue Plate served up fun comfort foods at the couple's "Small Town Faves" station. After a sparklers-lit farewell, they rode off in a rickshaw to The Drake hotel. —*Courtney Hildenbrand*

Wedding cake courtesy of The Sugar Syndicate.



Tea tins popped in place of traditional flower vessels.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carter. The bride stole the show in a playful, custom-designed gown by Caroline DeVillo.

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Brides ABOUTTOWN

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ANNE BARGE TRUNK SHOW

Brides-to-be gathered at Belle Vie Bridal Couture for the latest gowns from legendary bridal designer Anne Barge. Guests sipped Veuve Clicquot Champagne and received custom advice from Anne Barge herself on which gown best fit their big day.

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LOLA OPEN HOUSE

LOLA Event Productions hosted brides for a “try before you buy” affair. MaryMonica Music set the ambience as guests explored the Caroline DeVillo couture gown collection. Blue Plate Catering and The Sweet Collective provided the bites, and Botanicals set the scenery with gorgeous floral arrangements. One lucky lady took home a Beauty on Call bag with essential beauty items for her big day. Participants included Anjenu, Michael Monar Photography and more.

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TO HAVE & TO HUB

Trendy Hub 51 provided the perfect backdrop for engaged couples to taste mouthwatering cuisine by Lettuce Entertain You restaurants. Alpina Singh, host of *Check, Please!* and LEYE Beverage Director, gave wine advice to the couples for their big day. Guests were delighted with fashions by Ultimate Bride and Jenny Yoo. Artisan Events snapped free engagement photos, and an ordained minister was on hand to perform ceremonies in the Chapel of “Hub” for those couples too anxious to wait.

PHOTOS BY PHILIP KESSLER



TEJANI BRIDAL JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

Manhattan-based bridal jewelry line Tejani hosted a trunk show for brides inside the executive suite at The Peninsula Chicago. Women sipped Champagne and mimosas while trying on baubles from the line. Head designer Urvi Prunier provided custom consultations and discounts on the ornate gems.

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TOAST, TASTE & TOUR

Magnificent Milestones and Smitten Boutique whisked engaged couples around town to tour wedding venues, courtesy of The Chicago Trolley Co, including Café Brauer, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, The Ivy Room and EnVent Studios. Other participants included Botanicals, Fig Media, Food for Thought, Entertaining Company, Event Creative, Heffernan Morgan, Hello Darling and many more.

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SAY “I DO” TO GOOD DESIGN

The Susan Fredman Design Group launched the bridal home collection with an event at their boutique, At Home in the City. The interior designers were on hand to discuss the brides’ styles and to help them register for design hours with an expert, as well as for tabletop items, such as Holland & Sherry or Pickard linens. Guests nibbled on mini Swirl cupcakes while learning the art of home décor compromise during a special presentation.

PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY WHALEY & ASSOCIATES



THE LUXURY EVENT BY BRIDAL EXPO CHICAGO

The Bridal Expo Chicago brought brides-to-be to Swissôtel Alpine Ballroom to see couture runway gowns by designers Ines Di Santo, Amy Kuschel, Judd Waddell and Adele Wechsler, all featured in the Macy’s Bridal Salon. Ladies nibbled on desserts by Amy Beck Cake Design and Il Giardino del Dolce, Inc. while mingling with wedding exhibitors in the newly remodeled Grand Ballroom.

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HINSDALE WEDDING WALK

Chic suburban brides shopped the picturesque streets of downtown Hinsdale for this year’s Hinsdale Wedding Walk. The day was filled with delicious food, wine and the latest trends in wedding planning. Hosts for this year’s event included Char Crews, Toni Marie’s Sweets and Savories, Caffray Jewelers, Francia Bridal and True Cuisine Catering. Guests donated used bridesmaid dresses to Cinderella’s Closet, and one lucky lady won a spa and makeover package courtesy of Zazú Salon and Day Spa.