

The Northside Chronicle's Wedding Guide 2023

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the
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— café —
1022 Chestnut Street

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HAIR DESIGN**

Styling Pittsburgh brides
for 30 years

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THE PLACE



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NATIONAL AVIARY
700 Arch Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-258-9463
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Dazzle your guests with a memorable wedding in The Garden Room, the National Aviary's state-of-the-art event space. Enjoy delectable menus by Atria's Specialty Catering. Add-on a visit from a parrot or bird of prey, or even habitat access for guests. Let our experienced event staff plan your day!

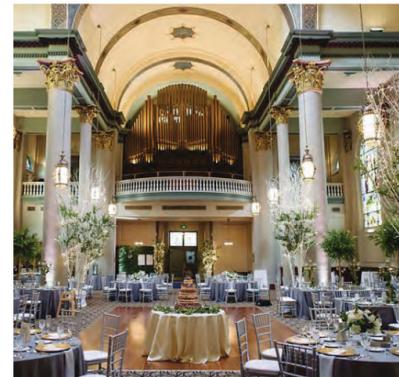


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GRAND HALL AT THE PRIORY
614 Pressley St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-231-3338
www.pittsburghsgandhall.com
Make your dream wedding come true with the Elegant & Simple Wedding™ package. Additional inclusive packages are available, call for details and dates.



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ELKS LODGE
400 Cedar Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-321-1834 | booking@alleghenyelks.org
The beautiful Allegheny Room features a dancing floor plus a huge stage for entertainment or a decorative dais. Lodge #339 also boasts an original bowling alley and unique lounge to add to your big day's festivities.



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COMFORT INN & SUITES NORTHSHORE
820 E Ohio St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-325-9210 | cisonorthshore.com
Host your bridal shower or wedding reception in our sixth-floor event space and outdoor terrace. Event guests can conveniently stay overnight in our city view rooms while enjoying the many amenities, including a heated indoor pool. Call for details and pricing.

THE FLOWERS



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THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER FLOWERS
502 E Ohio St. Pittsburgh PA 15212
412-231-1238
www.thefarmersdaughterflowers.com
We are a full-service flower shop creating custom wedding floral designs for events of any size! Visit our website to inquire about our availability for your wedding date, wedding shower, and any celebratory events!

THE HAIR



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BROOKE ROCKWELL HAIR DESIGN
100 S Commons Suite 119, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 | 412-471-9122
www.brookerockwellhair.com
We can design the perfect style for you and your wedding party. Brooke Rockwell Hair Design is a 6-time winner of the Wedding-Wire Couple's Choice Award and is in the top 5 percent of Wedding Pros nationwide. We're confident that we can help you take care of the wedding hairstyle details.

THE DRINKS



THE GARDEN CAFÉ
1022 Chestnut Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412-586-5979 | thegardencafe.menufy.com/
Be a Wedding Day Hero! Order morning-of-the-big-day coffees, lattes, and more for the whole bridal party online, and pick up at our convenient takeout window. Find us on Menufy!



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PITTSBURGH MOBILE BARS
hello@pghmobilebars.com
412.204.7180 | pghmobilebars.com
We will get the drinks rolling! Our staff will work with you to customize your drink menu and source beverages (alcoholic & non). Each of the 5 vehicles in our fleet has been lovingly crafted and converted into mobile bars with a variety of tap and serving solutions.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY

Iconic Northside locations for engagement announcements and bridal party photoshoots



Photo courtesy of Randyland

RANDYLAND
Located in the Mexican War Streets neighborhood of Central Northside. Known to neighbors and tourists alike, this colorful and varied background will make for an exciting session for the couple or bridal group.



Photo courtesy of Bicycle Heaven

BICYCLE HEAVEN

Located in Chateau's RJ Casey Industrial Complex where the nearby Three Rivers Heritage rail spans the Ohio River, bicyclist and history enthusiasts alike are sure to love the multi-level museum of all things bikes.



Photo courtesy of Johnny Angel

JOHNNY ANGEL GINCHY STUFF & MUSIC EXPERIENCE MUSEUM
Located right next door to Bicycle Heaven in Chateau. Music lovers will adore the mural, collectibles, and cases of history for a rockin' backdrop. Pick up songs for your playlist here and Get Hip Records above on the 2nd floor.



Photo courtesy of Allegheny Observatory

ALLEGHENY OBSERVATORY
Located in Riverview Park in the Observatory Hill neighborhood this piece of history is on the National Register of Historical Landmarks and can still be used to see stars today. The park also has a rentable chapel.



Photo by The Northside Chronicle

ALLEGHENY COMMONS WEST PARK
Located at the corners of North Avenue and Brighton Rd. Special sites to consider include Lake Elizabeth, the National Aviary, Gus & Yia Yia's stand, plus several historical monuments and public art spaces for consideration.



Photo courtesy of Stevie Wander Photography

ALLEGHENY COMMONS EAST PARK
Located at the corners of North Avenue and Cedar Avenue. Pittsburgh's oldest park, with mature tree growth and the newly rebuilt Northeast Fountain dedicated to Patricia Rooney.



Photo by Lauren Stauffer

FINEVIEW OVERLOOK
Located in Riverview Park in the Observatory Hill neighborhood this piece of history is on the National Register of Historical Landmarks and can still be used to see stars today.



Photo of by Anthony Amato

BUHL COMMUNITY PARK
Located in Allegheny Square, features the Children's Museum and a variety of public art spaces that include the Cloud Arbor, a sculpture that creates a magically refreshing mist during warmer months.



Photo by Bridget Fertal

NEIGHBORHOOD MURALS & STAIRS
They're hidden around corners throughout neighborhoods, whether historical or quirky, local artist murals make wonderful backdrops. Add in city steps for a change of perspective.



Photo courtesy of Brooke Rockwell Hair Designs

MEET THE BRIDAL STYLIST: BROOKE ROCKWELL

Your salon is turning 30, that is a major milestone! Do you remember when you first became interested in beauty?

It doesn't seem like the salon has been in business for 30 years! Nova Place has been a great spot for us for the past 5 years! We love the community and have met so many fabulous people!

How did you realize that you had a real skill for doing hair? Did your family or friends come to you for primping when they had a high school dance or big night out?

I had the opportunity to go to Cosmetology school in 11th grade. I loved school right away! Once I started doing hair, I never stopped. It's the only job I've ever had!

When did you get your start in the beauty industry?

My family quickly became my first loyal clients. I did my first haircut on my sister in our bedroom! My first job was in Oakland and then I worked in Monroeville. I worked for 6 years before opening my own salon. My sister-in-law worked at Washington Plaza Apartments, now City View Apartments. They wanted to add a salon to their retail spots. They asked if I was interested. It truly was amazing from the first day. I was there for 25 years!

What made you want to focus on styling hair for brides?

Bridal Styling is my favorite service in the salon! We started to have so many clients getting married and I couldn't let them go somewhere else! I love the creativity and working with each bride to make them feel beautiful.

What advice do you have for brides-to-be who are feeling overwhelmed with the hairstyle options popping up on their social media feeds? What should they consider when searching for the perfect wedding day hair to complement their look and personality?

We suggest to our brides to schedule a bridal practice right away. That way you know what works with your hair and what makes you feel the most comfortable. There are lots of little tricks we can do to make your hair co-operate for the style you like. During the practice, we'll ask lots of questions to help you narrow down all the overwhelming options.

What services do you offer brides and their bridal parties?

We offer all hair services to make sure the bride and bridal party have the best hair before the wedding day. Getting a good cut and pretty color makes for the best bridal hair.

Any advice for our readers who are thinking about starting their own business?

It's true that if you love what you do it's not really work! If you're thinking of going out on your own do lots of research and expect to work hard. The hard work is rewarding.

How is your salon celebrating its 30th anniversary?

We are celebrating our 30th by donating to different charities. On February 15th and 28th, we'll choose 30 clients, and we'll donate \$30 to their favorite charity! We've been so blessed with loyal clients that it's nice to be able to give back to others.