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Q *My fiancé and I want to create handmade invitations and place cards for our wedding, but we don't have time to do all the work. Do you have any recommendations?*

A E. Danae Art Wedding Calligraphy is in Eagle River, but owner and artist E. Danae Hernandez works with brides throughout Wisconsin and the U.S. to create hand-lettered wedding invitations, envelopes, place cards, seating charts and the like. Whether it's a classic script you are seeking or something more casual and playful, Hernandez can create it. "The most popular wedding calligraphy these days is the Copperplate Script style, which traces back to an English heritage, and Spencerian, which is an ornamental penmanship that is uniquely American," she says. Other choices for brides include the less formal Mambo or Asia scripts, which Hernandez created herself. "Mambo is a fun, casual, extra-swirly script, and Asia is a style that appeals to brides who are considering tropical-themed or destination weddings," she says. You can see some examples of her work and learn more at www.edanaeart.com.

Q *How do I go about obtaining a Wisconsin marriage license?*

A Along with planning all the delicious details of your nuptials comes the business and legal side of the process, which makes your wedding day official. You must apply to the county clerk for the county in which one or both of you reside within 30 days of the wedding. Keep in mind, too, that there is a five-day waiting period between the date of application and the issuing of the license. Once the license is issued, the couple must get married and sign the papers within 30 days. When going to the county clerk's office to apply for a marriage license, each applicant must provide a current driver's license with up-to-date address, proof of Social Security number, and a certified copy of his or her birth certificate. The fee for obtaining a license varies from county to county, but on average costs \$80 and is due the date of application. Both applicants must be present when filing and should be prepared to state the location and date of their wedding, as well as the correct spelling of the officiant's name. To find out more, contact the county clerk for the county in which you reside.



E. Danae Art Wedding Calligraphy creates hand-lettered wedding stationery. The "Asia" script, shown above, is a style that appeals to brides planning tropical-themed or destination weddings.

Q *We are having a winter wedding and thought that a sleigh ride might be a fun addition to the festivities. Where do they offer sleigh rides?*

A A sleigh ride is a memorable addition for a Wisconsin winter wedding, and although a romantic ride for two can be a fun activity, your family and friends may enjoy taking one as well during their weekend away. Dan Patch Stables in Lake Geneva caters to weddings held at the Grand Geneva Resort, although the public also is welcome to use their services. Owner and operator Kim Krueger sees several couples a year choosing to highlight their special day with a sleigh ride. Another possibility: Cavanaugh Carriages, on 140 acres just outside of Neenah. Owner Jan Cavanaugh warms up the cold winter months with campfires and a petting zoo featuring reindeer. Their sleigh rides can accommodate two people as well as larger groups, and they offer a party room to congregate in with friends and family after the ride.

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Q Where can I go in Milwaukee to find designer bridal lingerie?

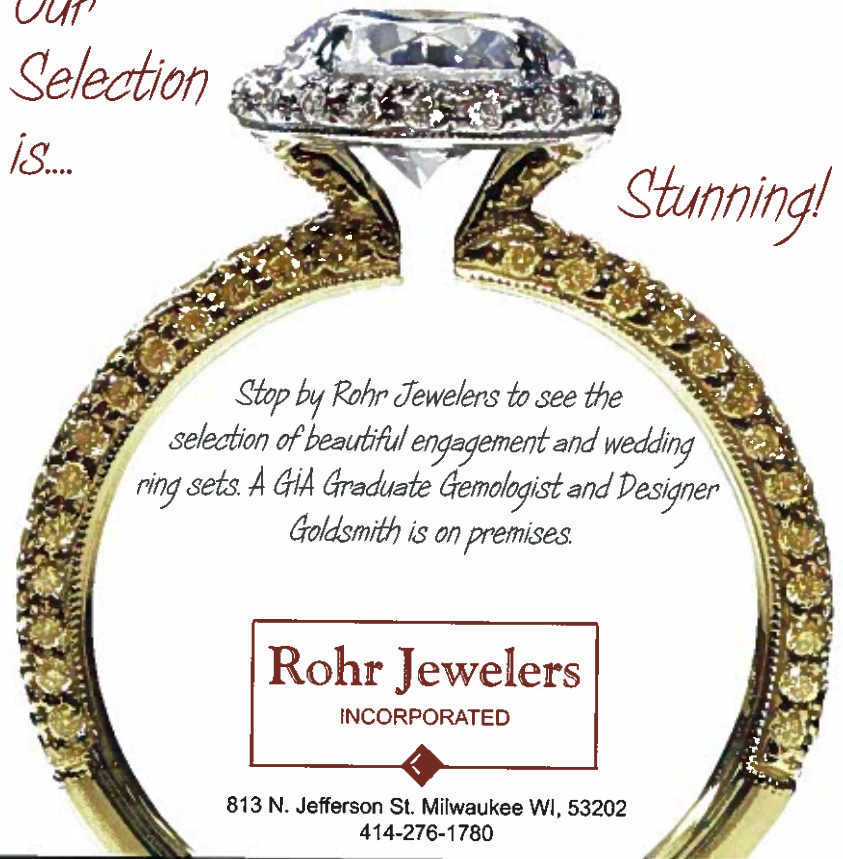
A Allure Intimate Apparel in Mequon offers beautiful bridal lingerie for your special night. Head buyer and manager Amy Zuelsdorf says most brides are looking for chemises and full-length peignoir gowns. "We carry a gorgeous bridal line from a company called Jonquil, as well as beautiful Italian line, Cosabella, which tends to be a little more fun and flirty. We also see many brides leaning towards a bra and panty set with a matching garter belt," she says. Miss Groove Intimate, on Milwaukee's Brady Street, also specializes in wedding-day lingerie. Owner Pam Flasch says that Claire Pettibone is one of their most popular lines, with gorgeous gowns and luxurious robes. The store also offers specialty bras such as the lacy and detailed Huit line, and the British line Fantasie & Freya, which caters to the woman with a larger cup size seeking a pretty bra. Both of these establishments offer bra fittings and guidance in helping you find the perfect wardrobe for his eyes only. For more information, visit www.allurefits.com and www.missgroove.com.

Q My fiancé and I are not interested in spending a lot of time or money planning a wedding. Is there any place in Wisconsin that offers a fun and carefree wedding ceremony?

A For three years, Dells Bells Wedding Chapel in Wisconsin Dells has been a go-to spot for Wisconsin couples looking for a Vegas-style wedding ceremony. Their intimate chapel offers a professional minister and seating for up to 42 people, and options for any budget. They offer four packages for the bride and groom, starting with the "Vegas Style" Package A for \$295, up to the "We Deserve It All" Package D for \$1,500. Owner Tara L. Joles says that the most popular package is "A Day to Remember" Package B. For \$425, it includes a photography package, silk rose bridal bouquet and groom boutonniere, coordinating silk bouquets for the bridesmaids and boutonnieres for the groomsmen, and the minister's fee. Additional options are a wedding cake, unity candle, limo service and invitations. Joles says most of her business is from first-time brides and grooms, but all types of couples have come through. "Although the majority of our wedding parties arrive in traditional formal attire, we've seen everything from full leather Harley biker weddings to beach themes, complete with the bride's and groom's 'Just Married' flip-flops," she says. To learn more about Dells Bells, visit www.dellsbellsweddingchapel.com. *

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