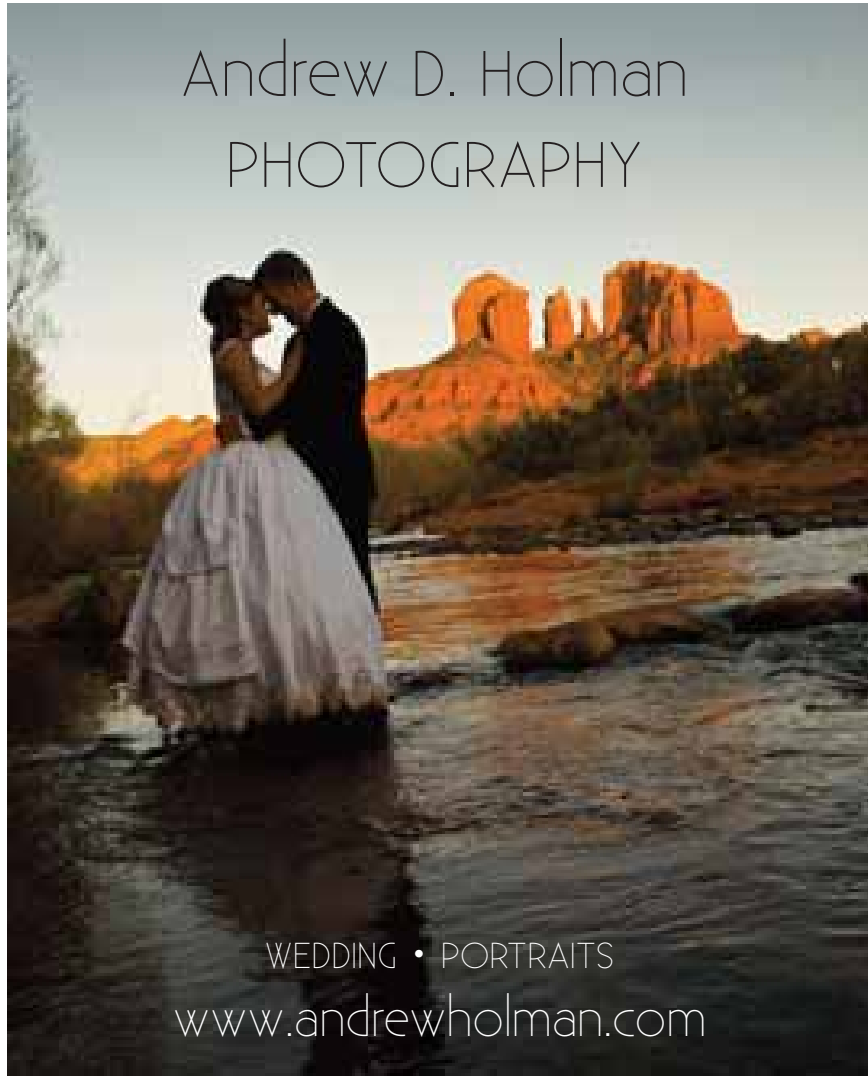


recycled wedding

Beautiful white satin wedding gown for sale!
 Exquisite, hand-sewn sequins with pearl buttons.
 Over six foot long train. Diamond shaped
 opening in back with beaded fringe. Hips 35
 inches Bust 34 inches Waist 28 inches Sleeves
 24 inches long. From hip to floor 40 inches
 long. \$775.00 Contact: 928.226.0349
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summer chic

Step up the summer season to include a fashion-
 able round of golf! A perfect way for wedding
 guests to catch up and have fun.



Influenced by modern American style, the 2009 matty
 collection combines a chic palette of red, black and
 white with exaggerated geometric prints – including
 stripes, ovals and florals. Available in 10 designs, the
 tailored lines of the cart and stand bags are accented
 with pops of contrasting color, patent leather trims
 and gold hardware. Each also comes with a de-
 tachable zip bag in a new, larger size to carry per-
 sonal items to and from the clubhouse, and
 mirror in a coordinated fabric frame.
www.kerigolf.com 888.332.5053

These collections were
 inspired by the glamour of Hollywood's
 Golden Age and the American Spirit of the 1950s. The
 trend-setting sportswear radiates the innocence, femi-
 ninity and joy of these time periods across nearly 200
 pieces, and combines a diverse color palette – span-
 ning from Daiquiri and Espresso to the cosmopoli-
 tan Black and Silver – with a
 fusion of sport, leisure and fashion.



Provence Knee Short

Available Colors: Pewter
 \$110- Add a little pizzazz to
 your outfit with the unique
 print of this knee short,
 which boasts a flattering wide
 waistband and front slash
 pockets with a piping detail.
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 888.263.1191



Clitzy Ginger Dress

Available Colors: champagne, white
 \$125 - A favorite of designer Linda Hipp's, this
 dress features a metallic finish and sporty details
 to make it the perfect blend of fashion and golf.
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Smooch Gable Mock Neck

Available Colors: pewter, white, espresso
 \$85- Fitted, feminine and sexy, this viscose/spandex blend
 style features a sophisticated ruffle detail that translates
 from course to street. www.lijastyle.com 888.263.1191



Eco Weddings



Scatter Joy and Celebrate Love With Respect for the Planet

Dana G. Mayer

green
scene

Take 2.5 million US weddings a year, add half a million “commitment ceremonies” and multiply it by 100 guests per event and you end up with overflowing landfills, toxins soaking into the water supply, our skin, and mother earth.

While celebrating your love isn't supposed to be a downer about the demise of the planet, weddings can be about stuff: single use, bleached dresses, toxic skin care and makeup, rolls and rolls of gift wrap, gem-based jewelry, chemically treated, imported flowers, and lots of garbage. This may be why green weddings made #5 in the global nuptials hottest trends list.

Trend #1 is announcing your engagement on Facebook- also eco in that it eliminates paper declarations.

Green wedding planner, Kate Harrison explains, “If every wedding this year used a disposable aisle runner and the runners were laid end-to-end, they would circle the globe twice! Similarly, the amount of paper used to make invitations could cover the island of Manhattan.”

But throwing an earth-friendly ceremony doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style or freak-out your friends with lectures about global warming. You can gently increase people's awareness with your show of love for one another and the planet. No depressing stuff, just earth and money-saving practices for a celebration that doesn't poison the planet.

Invitations, Place and Note Cards not only generate tons of trash- the production of paper creates air and water pollution.

• **Grow something.** With plantable paper and envelopes implanted with wildflower seeds. You buy the paper from a company like Botanical Paperworks and print your own invites. Or order from Plantable Seed Paper which makes paper for you with your own choice of seeds- from trees to herbs or flowers.

• **Go electronic.** Send invitations by email, post information on a blog instead of using up paper with toxic inks and costly printing.

• **Go tactile.** If you like to hold your messages in your hand, choose 100% recycled or tree-free paper printed with toxin-free inks.

• **Mindful Menu Selections.** Here's an example about a menu, “Our menu will offer mostly vegetarian choices. Raising cattle uses much more energy than growing vegetables.

• **Engagement Rings and Jewelry.** Gold mining is one of the dirtiest businesses on the planet. Production of just one ring creates 20 tons of mine waste and the battle over diamonds has left over 50,000 dead, half a million refugees, and a thousand amputees. In addition to the human cost, mining creates erosion and flooding. Make a big difference with these choices:

• **Buy a previously owned ring** from eBay or a reputable consignment shop like Saddlerock Barn in Sedona. Owner, Mary Ann Johnson says, “The trend in jewelry sales is for estate and vintage wedding sets. Our customers buy old rings and have the stones reset. A new diamond ring costs about \$4,600. With a vintage ring you know you are not contributing to pollution or violence, and you spend around \$2,000.”

• **Choose a durable, eco-conscious wood ring** from a craftsman at Chicago Joinery or Cocoloco which creates rings from renewable sources of coconut and bamboo.

• **GreenKarat specializes in ecologically responsible jewelry.** They have a large assortment of recycled gold wedding rings and do custom work as well.

• **Sumiche Jewelry Co.** is the only company in the U.S. using Certified Green Gold and Platinum. Their handcrafted jewelry is created from Certified Fair Trade/Eco-Gold and Platinum. All diamonds are certified Conflict Free.

• **Photographers** can be expensive and sometimes don't show up or take the photos you request which is why some couples ask guests to take photos with disposable cameras. But if every wedding in the United States had 10 disposable cameras, that is 25 million cameras a year in landfills. Who

needs more plastic when we have good alternatives? Instead, rent fully insured, digital cameras and let your guests take quality photos and lighten up the landfill load.

• **Camera Renter** ships digital cameras to you. When you return the cameras, the photos post to a website so you can share pictures with your guests.

• **Recycle and Reduce Trash.** Avoid disposables such as tablecloths, paper goods, tableware, and napkins. In addition to attendants and ushers, ask someone to oversee recycling activities at the event.

• **Choose vendors who make an effort to go green.** Go with local or organic food catered at green-certified venues like Smog Shoppe- LA's first completely green event space- 100% solar powered.

• **Even music can go green,** take Bamboo Beats in Seattle, WA, these DJs use only MP3 files- no CDs- plus they drive to and from gigs in a hybrid, and only print in-house on recycled materials with an Energy Star rated printer, among other eco-tactics.

EVEN MORE SIMPLE IDEAS:

• **Try a pot luck** gathering in a local park.

• **Donate leftover food** instead of throwing it out.

• **Choose recycled dresses instead of buying new.** Wedding and bridesmaid gowns can use up to 16 yards of fabrics made from petroleum products, bleached with toxic chemicals, and shipped from China.

The average cost of a new wedding dress is \$1,300, a previously worn gown averages just \$200 and no new resources were used to create it.

• **Donate gowns** after the wedding to The Cinderella Project or The Glass Slipper Project.

Expect Some Skepticism. Most guests will be supportive, but don't be disappointed if reactions include jokes from those who resist change or anticipate eating granola and dancing barefoot under the moon. While you may have plenty of dancing and munch on granola, in the end, the most cynical of guests can be surprised to see that even a small green choice makes a difference.

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