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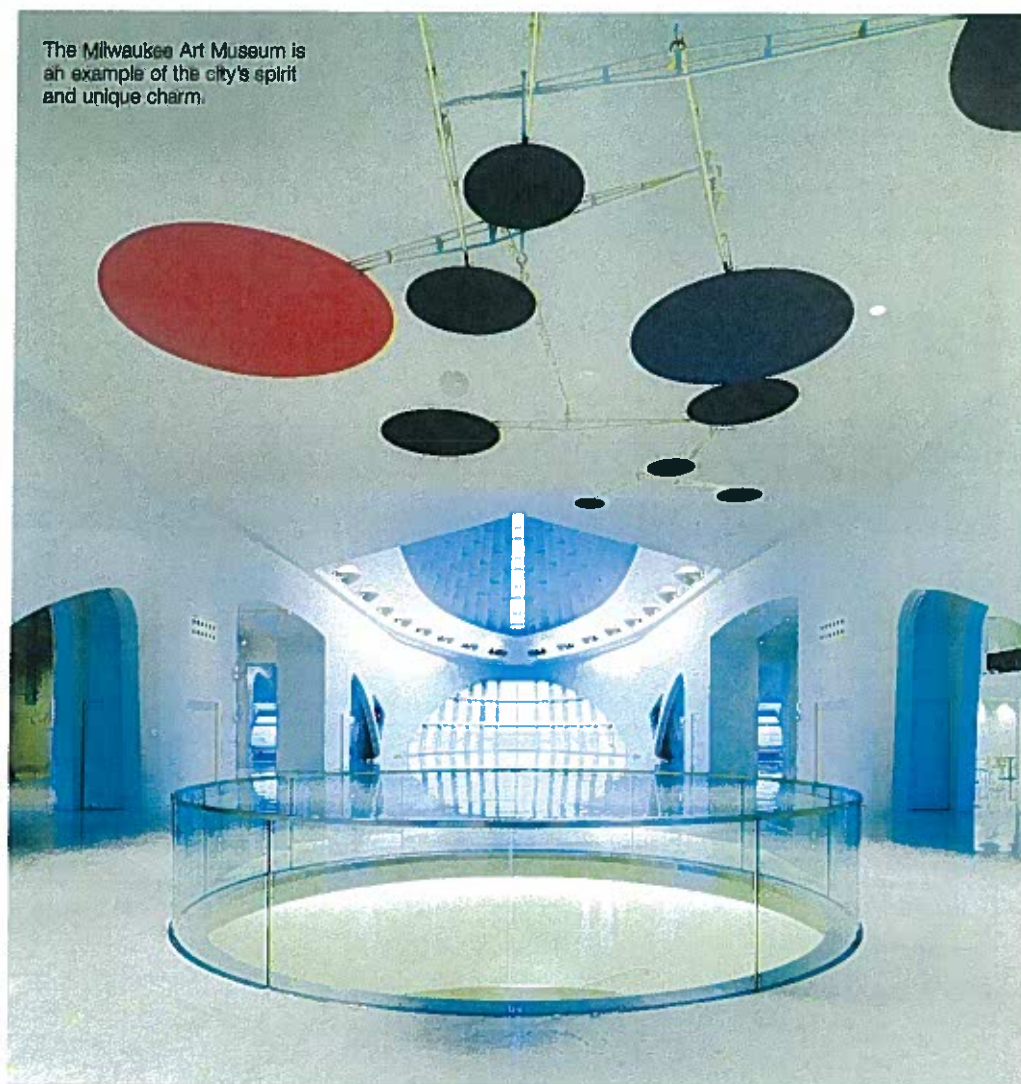
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Where to Find It

OUR PLANNING GURU HAS SCOURED THE STATE LOOKING FOR THE SERVICES AND SITES TO MAKE YOUR WEDDING DREAMS COME TRUE.

Q *I am trying to think of cool things for my out-of-town guests to experience while in Wisconsin for our wedding. Do you have any ideas?*

A What would a trip to Milwaukee be without a beer tour? Many local breweries offer guided tours with free beer samples, which makes for a fun afternoon. Lakefront Brewery, Sprecher Brewery and Miller Brewing Company all offer guided tours that will give your guests a touch of Milwaukee spirit. The Milwaukee Art Museum is another tourist must-see, with beautiful architecture by the world-renowned Santiago Calatrava. Discovery World Museum is an exciting destination for guests with children, as is the Milwaukee Public Museum. In Madison, Olbrich Botanical Gardens is ideal for a summer afternoon stroll, and State Street is a destination in itself. Guests at Green Bay weddings can take a tour of Lambeau Field, and if possible, catch a Packers game.



The Milwaukee Art Museum is an example of the city's spirit and unique charm.

Q *Where can I go to get a ring custom-designed?*

A An increasing number of brides-to-be are seeking custom-made jewelry as a unique symbol of their love; individual designs can better suit one's personality and lifestyle. At Shaw's and at Rogers and Hollands, two jewelry stores found in malls throughout the state, rings can be made to order. Amy LaBelle, jewelry designer and sales associate at Shaw's Jewelers at Mayfair Mall in Wauwatosa, says she designs rings for several couples a year. "Many times, the client will have an idea of what they want, but aren't

quite sure of all the details. I sit down with them and show them some of our standard designs. Then they can pick and choose which qualities of the ring they would like for their own. It does cost a bit more to custom-design your ring, but in the end, you get exactly what you want." Whitehall Company Jewelers also offers custom-made wedding bands and engagement rings. "Our rings are very unique, and often have more ornate details than other jewelers provide," manager and certified diamondologist Kevin Marcelle says. "We are also seeing more colors coming into the wedding ring, with pink and yellow

diamonds, and even sapphires and rubies." Whitehall Company has two stores in Milwaukee, at Mayfair and Southridge Malls.

Q *I want to assemble welcome baskets for my out-of-town guests. Do you know where I can go to get great locally made products?*

A Celebrate Wisconsin offers gift baskets that include Wisconsin maple syrups,

cranberry products, honey, mustard and pretzels. The packages come in all shapes and sizes, including a Wisconsin-shaped basket, and can either be custom-created or pre-packaged. There is only one store in the state, at Mayfair Mall in Wauwatosa, but brides in other parts of the state can order online at www.celebratewisconsin.com. The Wisconsin Cheese Mart (215 W. Highland Ave., Milwaukee) also offers a wide range of gift baskets that will add a touch of Wisconsin flair for out-of-towners. Pre-made baskets and boxes are available in-store, or create your own while ordering online at www.thecheesemart.com.

Q *We eat organically. Is there anywhere we can go that caters to this?*

A Limelight Catering—Food Illuminated is a Chicago-based company that offers organic catering for weddings. Though they are based in Chicago, they have done events in Wisconsin. Find them at www.limelightcatering.com. Roots Restaurant and Cellar (1818 N. Hubbard St., Milwaukee, 414.374.8480) co-owns an organic farm, Cedar Creek Farm, which provides their naturally healthy produce. On both floors of the restaurant, Roots can accommodate groups of up to 200 people. In Milwaukee, Barossa Restaurant and Wine Bar (235 S. Second St., 414.272.8466) offers outstanding organic dining in an amber-lit intimate setting. For smaller weddings or rehearsal dinners, Harvest Restaurant in Madison (21 N. Pinckney St., 608.244.6075) has a private dining room available and is proud to feature locally grown, organic ingredients. Neighboring L'Etoile Restaurant (25 N. Pinckney St., 608.251.0500) also prides itself on working with local farmers to produce excellent quality organic fare.

Q *I've received numerous bridal-party gifts from weddings I've been in, but often the gift is something I will never use again. What can I offer my bridesmaids that is special and also usable?*

A It can be hard to come up with gifts for your wedding party that will not only be cherished, but also used again. To truly wow the women who are celebrating your day with you, consider a Tiffany key chain, which can be engraved with your own special message. The key chains can be ordered online at www.tiffany.com. Another idea is to create individualized small photo albums chock-full of pictures of you with your friends, each tailored for the individual person. *



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