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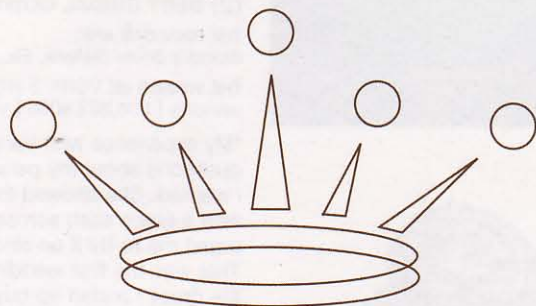
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FIFTH ANNUAL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

THE VOTES ARE IN, and our readers have chosen Wisconsin's best wedding vendors of 2010. Here, we recognize premier wedding professionals dedicated to turning every bride and groom's vision into reality. From attentive planners to artistic videographers, we applaud the experts who commit to making every couple's wedding-day dreams come true.

BY JEANNE KOLKER



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(1) BEST HONEYMOON IN WISCONSIN

THE FINALISTS ARE:

American Club, Heidel House Resort, and Sundara Inn & Spa

THE WINNER IS: **SUNDARA INN & SPA**

WISCONSIN DELLS | 608.253.9200 | SUNDARASPA.COM

"My husband and I planned a honeymoon to Indonesia for a month after the wedding but knew we needed a bit of time to recover from the wedding. So we spent a three-day mini-moon tucked away in a private villa at Sundara, where we could escape from everything. Even though we were relaxed just from the environment, we scheduled side-by-side massages in a gorgeous spa room for our last day so that we left feeling ready to face the real world again."

— Heidi Michel, Madison, married Sept. 19, 2009

(2) BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

THE FINALISTS ARE:

Ideal Impressions Photography, Natural Moments Photography, and Pierre's Portrait Art Co.

THE WINNER IS: **NATURAL MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY**

MADISON | 608.776.4615 | NATURALMOMENTSPHOTO.COM

"[Owner] Lisa Braley and the staff at Natural Moments Photography perfectly captured the essence of our special day. Photos of the surroundings that we may not have noticed in the flurry of the day are documented. Those subtle details—not just of the surroundings, but of ourselves and our guests—were captured in a professional and meaningful way. My husband and I are grateful to have such wonderful keepsakes!"

— Kathleen Stoneman Norris, Madison, married June 23, 2009



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(3) BEST INVITATIONS

THE FINALISTS ARE:

Paper Piper Designs, Paper Envy, and Sugar Pear Design

THE WINNER IS: **SUGAR PEAR DESIGN**

VERONA | 608.288.8976 | SUGARPEARDESIGN.COM

"We liked working with [owner] Kathy Marcelle at Sugar Pear Design because she really took the time to understand who we are as people, what our style is, and what vibe we wanted for the wedding—then she incorporated all of that into the most beautiful invitations I've ever seen. I really appreciated that we were getting something unique to us as a couple, and our guests took notice. So many people called me up when they got the invitation to tell me how beautiful they were."

— Amy Cavanaugh, Madison, married May 16, 2009



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(4) BEST RECEPTION SITE FOR A LARGE WEDDING (MORE THAN 200 GUESTS)

THE FINALISTS ARE:

Monona Terrace, Lake Windsor Golf Club, and The Madison Club

THE WINNER IS: **LAKE WINDSOR GOLF CLUB**

WINDSOR | 608.846.4711 | LAKEWINDSOR.COM

"We chose Lake Windsor for many reasons; first, the location is beautiful and the landscape changes with the seasons. Also, the reception site was just what we were looking for—that elegant look that went with our theme. The food for the reception could not have been more perfect; the appetizers were amazing. After the ceremony, we were able to take a golf cart out and get some beautiful pictures on the course. Overall, our experience at Lake Windsor could not have been better—there were no surprises and we were pleased every step of the way."

— Amanda Stankus, Madison, married Sept. 18, 2009



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BEST ATTENDANT GIFTS (NOT PICTURED)

THE FINALISTS ARE:

The Knot, Things Remembered, and Macy's

THE WINNER IS: **THINGS REMEMBERED**

STATEWIDE | 866.902.4438 | THINGSREMEMBERED.COM

"My husband chose Things Remembered because of the selection they had for gifts for his groomsmen. The customer service at Things Remembered was excellent. The staff was very friendly and helpful, and we received our order within a few days of placing it. They left such an impression that we still shop at Things Remembered."

— Lori Wild, Stoughton, married Sept. 27, 2008