



2018

Wedding Guide

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2018 Wedding Trends

A return to formality

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Couples are going back to more formal weddings. We are seeing classic tuxedos, cleaner floral arrangements and a hint of sparkle. Navy or Midnight Blue is the new black. As an alternative to formal black, brides and grooms are opting for dark blue as the neutral shade in their wedding's color palette. This includes everything from the invitation to tuxedo and dress colors.

A more dramatic and almost edgy vibe in the form of deeper colors and richer textures is increasingly becoming more en vogue. Metallics are here to stay. Gold, rose gold, silver and chrome are accenting all aspects of the wedding.



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"The hot new accent color for 2018 is the Pantone color of ultra violet. Variations of purples in bridesmaid

dresses, bride shoes or jewelry or used in wedding decor or invitations. Velvet is also huge right now in dresses. You can also add velvet to your wedding day with your shoes or ribbons on your bouquet" says Rebecca Tulloch of Jeff & Rebecca Photography.

For 2018, it's very much about creating an incredible and memorable experience for your guests. Couples are incorporating interactive elements into their wedding to entertain their guests with creative food ideas, music, and photo booths. Today's couples are having an open booth with a backdrop and unique prop ideas. Wax seals on invitations and menus are back. Assorted linens on each table, and multiple

tabletop designs and floral arrangements suspended from the ceiling bring new dimension to the room.

Guests remember two main elements of a wedding, the food and the entertainment. Interactive appetizer stations, including a raw bar or roll your own sushi, farm-to-table dinners, using family recipes, late night snacks including fair style food trucks are trending. Multiple creative desserts such as s'mores by the fire, doughnuts, popsicles and ice cream sandwiches are what couples are serving at the end of the night. But this doesn't mean that traditional wedding cakes are going away. Couples want that photo in their album, the same one their parents have in theirs. Drip cakes have replaced naked cakes this year for that ceremonial cutting.



Brides who want a rustic look and feel will start steering away from the barn look to a more "woody" look. This includes a lot of greenery in the florals and green as the wedding's main color. We'll also move away from burlap and see more wooden elements. Wooden details can include the invitation, table numbers, seating cards, favors, chargers, signage, chairs and tables.

Of overall importance is that the features of the wedding reflect the unique personality and style of the couple. I always encourage my couples to break away from the cookie cutter ideas that they have seen at every wedding. Be bold and go with your own ideas. After all, it's your day...so show off you!



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Upcoming wedding shows are happening in the area



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Show tickets cost \$8 until Jan. 29 online at skagitweddingshow.com, or \$10 at the door. Vendor space also is available. To inquire, contact Creative Celebrations at 360-428-5972 or info@cceventplanning.com.

Bellingham Wedding Expo

An informal, all-day fashion show is planned for the Bellingham Wedding Expo, which is happening Sunday, Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Holiday Inn and Suites at the Bellingham Airport, 4260 Mitchell Way, Bellingham. Tickets cost \$15 or three for \$30 at bridesclub.com.

Northwest Bridal Showcase

A hundred or more wedding professionals will be on hand to talk to visitors during the Northwest Bridal Showcase, Feb. 10-11 in the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th St. SW, Lynnwood. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visit nwbridalshowcase.com for tickets (\$15) and information.

Port Susan Wedding Show

Meet local wedding professionals during the 2017 Port Susan Wedding Show on Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island.

Organizers are planning a bridal suite display with a fashion show and a ceremony stage for officiant demonstrations.

The Groom's Corner will offer a beer garden, along with bachelor party ideas and tux rentals. In the reception hall display area, visitors will find information about local wedding venues and ideas for catering and decorations. To inquire, call the center at 360-387-0222.

Skagit Wedding Showcase

A new venue in 2018 will greet the Skagit Wedding Show, which is happening Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Skagit Center, 1000 Fountain St., Burlington.

The annual show is an opportunity to connect with bridal vendors in a variety of categories. Guests can view the latest trends in the wedding industry, watch a fashion show and participate in drawings for prizes.

Finding the Perfect Local Wedding Venue



The wedding venue sets the mood, affects cost and amenities and can impact the date; as a result, choosing the wedding venue is one of the first and most important steps taken when planning a wedding. According to weddingwire.com, in 2018 wedding planners are helping their

clients create a formal but not stuffy “rustic 2.0 look” described as “woodsy” with hanging floral arrangements, greenery and wooden details; perfect for Northwest Washington venues. The internet is cemented as a crucial part of the wedding planning process; couples browse wed-

ding venues before choosing the event spaces to see in person. Peruse online pictures of the buildings and grounds to determine if the décor will match or complement your wedding theme and colors. Before scheduling a tour it is wise to create a “must-have” list and weed out venues that will not meet your needs. Call ahead to confirm that the space is available for your preferred wedding date, that it is inside your budget, allows your preferred caterer and can accommodate the number of guests you plan to have attending your wedding. When you are touring venues try to envision how each room or space could be used for your wedding. Will you have the ceremony in the garden and the reception inside? Where will the dance floor be setup? Is there a room or tent that can work as a backup plan in case it is raining? Will there be ample parking? Picture yourself walking down the aisle and what guests will see on your wedding day.

When comparing venues, be sure to ask exactly what comes with the rental fee and get a list of any “extras” that you will be expected to pay for. Some venues will allow outside hiring of caterers and bar tenders, for example, while others may require you to use their in-house catering or other exclusive vendors, which could add to your costs. It is important to compare apples to apples; make a spreadsheet of everything included at each venue and weigh the differences in cost as a total package, not just the basic rental fee. Remember, though, that price isn’t everything; you may fall in love with a venue and decide to adjust other aspects of your wedding budget to make it work.

Single site wedding and reception venues

are the most popular and economical way to go; if you decide to use separate locations it is a good idea to pick places that are close in proximity to avoid losing some guests. Keep in mind that you can often save money by having your wedding on a Friday, Sunday, weekday or in the off-season. Being flexible with your wedding date can also put you in a position to save money.

Wedding venues can book up quickly, especially if you plan to get married during the height of the Northwest wedding season (June through September). To ensure the best selection, it is a good idea to reserve your site at least one year in advance. You will typically be asked to make a deposit and sign a contract before the space is officially reserved. Best wishes on finding the perfect location for your special day!

Skagit County Wedding Venues

Skagit County has become a popular place for weddings as more brides recognize the natural beauty, stunning venues and attractive prices offered in the area. Conveniently located between Vancouver, B.C. and Seattle, Skagit County has the heart of a small community with all the conveniences of a big city.

Some of the beautiful wedding venues located in Skagit County:



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goskagit.com

The Anacortes Ship Harbor Inn
Anacortes, 360-293-5177
www.shipharborinn.com

The Anacortes Ship Harbor Inn is perfect for a small reception or rehearsal dinner. This hidden treasure is nestled among six acres of towering trees and boasts water views from their lawn event space. Sleeping accommodations are available for out of town guests. The experienced hospitality staff can assist you in planning every detail of your event for up to 175 people.

Beau Lodge
Bow, 360-724-7508
www.beaulodge.com

Beau Lodge is a very popular wedding venue featuring 70 acres of grounds with a pond and wooden bridges for outdoor settings. Wood cabins are used for indoor receptions. There is a banquet room that includes the use of tables, chairs and dishes, a kitchen, two large covered deck areas and a gazebo. The average capacity for a winter party is 75 to 100 people and for a summer party is 125 to 150 people.

Best Western Skagit Valley Inn & Convention Center
Mount Vernon, 360-848-7553
www.bwskagitvalleyinn.com

The Best Western banquet room is a full-service facility that can seat up to 250 people. It offers in-house catering with customizable menus, tables, chairs, linens, dishes, event staff and clean-up. Convenient for out of town guests-special pricing offered for room blocks.

Big Lake Lodge
Mount Vernon, 360-422-6381
www.skagitsbiglakelodge.com

Hidden from the road, Big Lake Lodge is located on a hillside with lush trees and plants at the northwest end of Big Lake. The 16 foot log gazebo and adjoining 20' X 30' seating area provides an ideal location for the ceremony with seating for up to 125 people. The facility includes an indoor area with a full kitchen, a reception spot for buffet food service, a beautiful wisteria arbor and a suite for each of the wedding parties. The cobblestone patio provides additional dining space and a bar.

Blanchard Chapel
Bow, 360-766-6944
www.blanchardchapel.com

Built in 1911, Blanchard Chapel is located just off of Chuckanut Drive in Blanchard-Bow with views of Blanchard Mountain. It is a sweet, remodeled chapel with a cathedral ceiling and original pew benches. It seats up to 120 guests and there is an adjoining reception room with tables and chairs. All types of ceremonies are welcome.

Christianson's Greenhouse & Nursery
Mount Vernon, 360-466-3821
www.christiansonsnursery.com

Located in the heart of the beautiful Skagit Valley, the historic 1888 Meadow Schoolhouse and lovely rose gardens provide a charming venue for an intimate wedding celebration and reception. Kitchen facilities and bridal room available.

Chuckanut Gardens

Bow, 360-661-7260

www.chuckanutgardens.com

Chuckanut Gardens features 2.4 acres of Japanese gardens with Koi pond, waterfall, bamboo forest, a covered bar, entertaining patio, barn, old farmhouse, full service kitchen, garden viewing room, bridal retreat and man cave.

Croatian Cultural Center

Anacortes, 360-299-2525

www.littlechurch-anacortes.com

The Croatian Cultural Center is a great place for your wedding or reception of up to 134 people. The site features a main auditorium with hardwood floor, great acoustics, a gallery entryway, large commercial kitchen, and private indoor and outdoor courtyards.

Eaglemont Golf Course

Mount Vernon, 360-428-2788

www.eaglemontevents.com

The banquet rooms feature a breathtaking panoramic view of the Olympic Mountains and the Puget Sound. The clubhouse features a built-in

dance floor and bar and is a great spot for a reception with up to 200 guests. Bridal party suites and event-day coordinators are available. The in-house catering can be easily adjusted to your tastes and budget.

Faberfarm

Mount Vernon, 360-202-2101

www.faberfarm.com

Faberfarm features rustic charm with a classic barn in the heart of the Skagit Valley. Multiple options for ceremony, dining and entertaining both indoor and outdoor allow for a customized wedding.

Fidalgo Bay Resort

Anacortes, 360-293-5353

www.fidalgobay.com

The Fidalgo Bay Resort convention center offers a banquet room that can seat up to 100; the room can be divided into three sections as needed. There is a full kitchen available and a wide hallway that can be used for a buffet line.

Greenfield Farm and Gardens

Anacortes, 360-202-7002

www.greenfieldfarmandgardens.com

Greenfield Farm and Gardens is a rustic venue located just east of Anacortes with gardens, a barn for indoor receptions plus a bridal dressing room and a log cabin for the guys. Your guests will experience unforgettable hospitality, the chicken house bustling with hens, the funky greenhouse and the grain bin turned beverage bar. The generous grounds lend themselves to several beautiful outdoor experiences with or without a canopy and there is ample parking for parties as large as 200 people.

Guemes Island Resort

Anacortes, 360-293-6643

www.guemesislandresort.com

A classic Pacific Northwest wedding venue; Guemes Island Resort is a beachfront resort where the forest meets the sea. Make a memorable wedding with mountain and island views, onsite accommodations, catering, wood-fired sauna and a saltwater hot tub.

*If you want to get Hitched,
you need to do this:*

1. Complete a Marriage License application form and affidavit.

For more information visit your County's website online at:

Skagit County:

www.skagitcounty.net

Island County:

www.islandcountywa.gov

Snohomish County:

www.snohomishcountywa.gov

2. Both applicants must sign the completed affidavit. The signing must be witnessed by a notary public or deputy auditor.

3. Pay a fee

Skagit County \$61

Island County \$57

Snohomish County \$66

Hillcrest Lodge
Mount Vernon, 360-336-6215
www.mountvernonwa.gov/facilities/Facility/Details/4

Owned by the City of Mount Vernon, Hillcrest Lodge is a large log cabin located at Hillcrest Park in Mount Vernon. The lodge features an open floor plan, open ceilings with exposed beams, a fireplace, a large kitchen and a gated Japanese garden.

La Conner Flats
La Conner, 360-840-1163
www.laconnerflats.com

The La Conner Flats is a 230-acre family farm located just outside of La Conner. Venue rental includes access to the granary, covered patio and gardens. The site hosts outdoor weddings for up to 200 people or indoor for up to 50 people.

Lafayette Gardens
Burlington, 360-421-3237
www.lafayettegardensevents.com

The beautiful grounds at Lafayette Gardens have views of the Cascade foothills and span two acres of mature landscape. There are several flower gardens, a fruit orchard, shade garden and a large manicured field. The newly refurbished outbuilding accommodates up to 150 people.

Lincoln Theatre
Mount Vernon, 360-419-7129
ext 100
www.lincolntheatre.org/special-events

The historic Lincoln Theatre is a spectacular site for the wedding of your dreams. This fully restored space has character, lots of room, a great location and that “certain something” that will make your wedding special.

Majestic Inn & Spa
Anacortes, 360-299-1400 ext 104
www.majesticinnandspa.com

The beautifully restored Majestic Inn & Spa is located in the heart of downtown Anacortes. Its wedding venues include the Majestic Ballroom, the Rooftop Lounge and the Garden Courtyard. The Majestic houses the Apothecary Day Spa which allows for on-site hair and makeup for you and your bridal party. The rental fee includes event staff, bartender, linens, tables and dishes.

Maplehurst Farm
Mount Vernon, 360-708-0718
www.maplehurstweddings.com

Maplehurst farm sits alongside the picturesque Skagit River in south Mount Vernon. The farm's six acres feature views of Mount Baker, a historic mansion and arbor built in 1903, a 5,000 square foot event barn, gardens, trees and a large grass field. Your guests will be in awe from the moment they enter the beautiful tree

Pre~Wedding Checklist

Sixteen to Nine Months Before

- ☐ Work out your budget.
- ☐ Pick your wedding party.
- ☐ Start the guest list.
- ☐ Hire a planner, if desired. (A planner will have relationships with—and insights about vendors.)
- ☐ Reserve your date and venues.
- ☐ Location for ceremony and reception.
- ☐ Book your officiant.
- ☐ Research photographers, bands, florists, and caterers.

Eight Months Before

- ☐ Hire the photographer.
- ☐ Book the entertainment.
- ☐ Meet caterers.
- ☐ Purchase a dress. (You'll need to schedule time for at least three fittings.)
- ☐ Reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ Register. (Sign up at a minimum of three retailers.)

Seven to Six Months Before

- ☐ Select and purchase invitations.
- ☐ Start planning a honeymoon. (Make sure that your passports are up-to-date, and schedule doctors' appointments for any shots you may need.)
- ☐ Shop for bridesmaids' dresses. (Allow at least six months for the dresses to be ordered and sized.)
- ☐ Meet with the officiant. (Map out the ceremony and confirm that you have all the official documents for the wedding, these vary by county and religion).
- ☐ Send save-the-date cards.
- ☐ Book portable toilets and furniture.
- ☐ Book a florist.
- ☐ Arrange transportation. (Consider limos, minibuses, trolleys and town cars.)

- ☐ Start composing a day-of timeline. (Draw up a schedule of the event and slot in each component, like the cake-cutting, the first dance).

Five to Four Months Before

- ☐ Book the rehearsal and rehearsal-dinner venues.
- ☐ Check on the wedding invitations. (Ask the stationer for samples of the finished invitations and revise them to suit your needs.)
- ☐ Select and order the cake. (Some bakers require a long lead time, attend several tastings before committing to any baker.)
- ☐ Purchase wedding shoes and start dress fittings. (Bring the shoes along to your first fitting so the tailor can choose the appropriate length for your gown.)
- ☐ Schedule hair and makeup artists.
- ☐ Choose your music.

Three Months Before

- ☐ Finalize the menu and flowers. (You'll want to wait until now to see what will be available, since food and flowers are affected by season.)
- ☐ Order favors, if desired.
- ☐ Schedule your second dress fitting.
- ☐ Finalize the order of the ceremony and the reception.
- ☐ Print menu cards, if you like, as well as programs.
- ☐ Purchase the rings. (This will give you time for re-sizing and engraving.)
- ☐ Send your event schedule to the vendors. (Giving them a first draft now allows ample time for tweaks and feedback.)

Two Months Before

- ☐ Touch base again with all the vendors.
- ☐ Meet with the photographer. (Discuss specific shots, and walk through the locations that appeal to you.)
- ☐ Review the playlist with the band or DJ.
- ☐ Send out the invitations. (Tip: Mail invitations six to eight weeks before the ceremony.)

- ☐ Submit a newspaper wedding announcement. (See Pg. 13)

- ☐ Enjoy a bachelorette party.

One Month Before

- ☐ Enter RSVPs into your guest-list database.
- ☐ Call people who have not yet responded.
- ☐ Get your marriage license. (The process can take up to six days, but it's good to give yourself some leeway. If you are changing your name, order several copies.)
- ☐ Mail the rehearsal-dinner invitations.
- ☐ Visit the dressmaker for your last dress fitting.
- ☐ Stock the bar. (Now that you have a firm head count you can order accordingly.)
- ☐ Send out as many final payments as you can.
- ☐ Confirm times for hair and makeup and all vendors.
- ☐ E-mail and print directions for drivers of transport vehicles.

Week of the Wedding

- ☐ Reconfirm arrival times with vendors.
- ☐ Delegate small wedding-day tasks (Choose someone to bustle your dress, someone to carry your things, someone to be in charge of gifts).
- ☐ Send a time line to the bridal party (Include every member's contact information, along with the point people you've asked to deal with the vendors, if problems arise.)
- ☐ Pick up your dress.
- ☐ Check in one last time with the photographer. (Supply him or her with a list of moments you want captured.)
- ☐ Set aside checks for the vendors. (And put tips in envelopes to be handed out at the event.)
- ☐ Book a spa treatment. (Make an appointment for a manicure and a pedicure the day before the wedding.)
- ☐ Send the final guest list to the caterer and all venues hosting your wedding-related events.
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon.

lined drive leading to your wedding venue. The farm rental includes a full kitchen and bridal suite and accommodates up to 250 guests.

McIntyre Hall
Mount Vernon, 360-416-7622
www.mcintyrehall.org

McIntyre Hall showcases an elegant grand lobby, dramatic high-ceilings and sophisticated architecture. Every aspect of your wedding will be tailored to your needs and budget. This venue offers in-house catering and can seat up to 600 guests.

Moon Mountain Lodge
Sedro-Woolley, 360-715-2119
www.moonmountainlodge.net

Enjoy 20 secluded woodland acres with professionally designed gardens, meandering lawns, kitchen facilities and a cozy cabin perfect for the bridal party. Moon Mountain Lodge is “dog friendly”, has a covered stage and dance floor, a couple of fire pits for the evening time and plenty of spots for camping.

Mystic Sea Charters
Anacortes, 360-588-8000
www.mysticseacharters.com

Have an intimate wedding on a beautiful charter boat. Mystic Sea Charters owns and operates the 100-foot, 78-passenger M/V Mystic Sea and specializes in weddings and rehearsal dinners. Ports of call: Anacortes and Langley depending on time of year.

Port of Anacortes Buildings
Anacortes, 360-299-1822
www.portofanacortes.com/properties

The Transit Shed is ideal for large weddings and receptions with a maximum capacity of 350. Site rental includes tables, chairs, a dance floor, two different stages and a PA system.

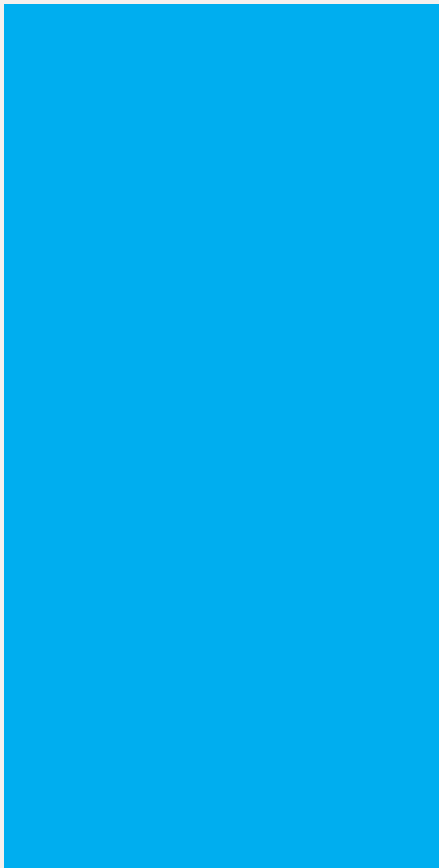
The Seafarers’ Memorial Park Building seats up to 125 and includes tables and chairs.

Skagit Valley Casino Resort
Bow, 360-724-0154
www.theskagit.com

The Skagit Valley Casino Resort offers full service events featuring catering with specialized menus, luxurious accommodations and the fun of a Las Vegas style casino. Very large or very small parties are easily accommodated.

Stepping Stones Garden
Burlington, 360-757-2740
www.steppingstonesgarden.com

This 1920s era country garden setting showcases masterfully planted gardens with fresh lavender and flowers, extensive lawns, ponds, lit white tents, and functional amenities. The site can host up to 200 guests and rental includes tables, chairs, tents, a fire pit, changing rooms and more.



The Conway Muse
Conway, 360-445-3000
www.conwaymuse.com

Located just five minutes from Mount Vernon, the Conway Muse features beautiful gardens that house a majestic willow tree, a sanctuary, a large outdoor wood fire grill, and a fireplace. This is a full service facility and includes catering, liquor license, officiant, entertainers, musicians, DJs, event staffing and high quality audio and lighting equipment. The venue has three rooms which can accommodate any size party ranging from 10-500.

The Farm at Cedar Springs
Sedro-Woolley, 425-823-4692
www.thefarmatcedarsprings.com

Venue rental includes access to the farm for the weekend with overnight accommodations in a refurbished 100 year-old dairy barn for up to 25 people, a honeymoon suite, tent sites along the creek, parking, all outdoor settings, access to the Event Center with excellent sound system, a 1,200 square foot covered deck, full kitchen and dining room. Have your ceremony on Wedding Hill with views of the Cascade foothills, on the banks of Day Creek or the Fireside Room for a more intimate setting.

The Grand Willow Inn
Mount Vernon, 360-248-5071
www.thegrandwillow.com

The Grand Willow accommodates up to 200 guests and offers affordable, in-house catering. Choose a picturesque outdoor wedding in one of the beautiful garden gazebos or an indoor event in the stunning Grand Room. The Grand

Room features 18 foot high ceilings and six sets of double French doors that look out onto the front and back courtyard gardens.



The Saltbox Barn on Fir Island
Mount Vernon, 360-540-0072
www.saltboxbarn.com

The Saltbox Barn on Fir Island is located just five minutes from the I-5. It offers a rural feel inspired by the beautiful farmlands of the Skagit Valley. The venue accommodates 150 guests in the event barn and features a bridal suite and groom's room, a preparation area for caterer, a custom fire pit and on-site parking. The 60-acre property features three barns spread over two acres and one-acre of grass with options for the ceremony and reception. Couples have access to a high-quality sound system, folding wood chairs and banquet tables and decorative props such as a vintage Airstream.

Thousand Trails Campgrounds
Bow, 1-877-570-2267
<http://www.thousandtrails.com/washington/mount-vernon-rv-campground/events>

Thousand Trails offers a large, casual lodge nestled in a beautiful setting with mountains

and rivers as your backdrop. A full kitchen, tables, chairs and other amenities are on site. Camping, cabins and RV hookups are available for out of town guests.

Town of La Conner
La Conner, 360-466-3125
www.townoflaconner.org/town-facilities.cfm

La Conner Civic Garden Club is a vintage La Conner landmark originally built as a Grange Hall in 1875; it is listed on the National Historic Register. The building is located in the heart of La Conner on South Second Street and can accommodate approximately 75 guests.

Overlooking the channel, **Maple Hall/Maple Center** is a beautiful, modern facility located in the heart of historic downtown La Conner. This venue accommodates up to 200 guests banquet style or 300 reception style and has excellent acoustics for music.

Sylvan Pioneer Park is located on a wooded hill overlooking the Swinomish Channel. The park has cooking facilities and a covered eating area with tables, benches and restroom facilities. The park also features a bandstand located in a natural amphitheater.

Wa-Walton Event Center at Swinomish Casino & Lodge
Anacortes, 360-588-3800
www.swinomishcasinoand-lodge.com

The 9,000 square foot event center inside the Swinomish Casino & Lodge features vaulted ceilings, breathtaking views of the San Juan Islands and Padilla Bay and an inviting atmosphere that will accommodate 10 to 600 guests with a variety of floor plans. This unique venue is all inclusive; with Las Vegas style gaming, 94 luxury rooms, four spacious suites and a hospitality suite perfect for bridal party preparation.

Whispering Firs Bed & Breakfast & Lodge
Mount Vernon, 360-428-1990
www.whisperingfirs.com

Wooded seclusion, ponds, streams, flowers and breathtaking views of the San Juan Islands

and Olympic Mountains make for a beautiful wedding backdrop. The 3,000 square foot deck is a popular choice for outdoor ceremonies with seating for 150 plus guests. The lodge, with its massive stone fireplace, seats up to 125 guests and is ideal for cold weather weddings or as a backup on a rainy day. A full range of catering is available on-site.

Stanwood & Camano Island Wedding Venues

With easy access from Seattle, both Stanwood and Camano Island offer special wedding venues sure to match a variety of wedding styles and budgets. Located in Snohomish County between Everett and Seattle, Stanwood has a small town feel and is known for its quiet neighborhoods and walkability. Camano Island is a large island in the Puget Sound, nestled between Whidbey Island and the mainland. Residents and tourists come to enjoy the stunning ocean views of Saratoga Passage and

the natural beauty and calm of island life.

Some of the beautiful wedding venues located in Stanwood and Camano Island:

Camano Center Camano Island, 360-387-0222 www.camanocenter.org

Weddings at the Camano Center accommodate up to 200 guests. Rental includes event staff, tables and chairs, lit private parking for your guests and more.

Camano Country Club Camano Island, 360-387-1655 [www.camanocountryclub.com/ wedding-venue-information](http://www.camanocountryclub.com/wedding-venue-information)

With views of Port Susan Bay and Mt. Baker, the Camano County Club offers a waterfront banquet hall ideal for weddings and receptions. The venue accommodates up to 200 guests and includes setup and teardown, a built-in stereo system, tables, chairs, dishes and silverware.

Camano Island Inn Camano Island, 360-387-0783 [www.camanoislandinn.com/ weddings-and-more](http://www.camanoislandinn.com/weddings-and-more)

Breathtaking views of the Puget Sound and groomed gardens provide a beautiful backdrop for your wedding. The Camano Island Inn offers an intimate, tranquil setting perfect for a romantic day. In colder months, indoor weddings are available next to the beach stone fireplace. The inn offers nine rooms for overnight guests.

DeLack Estate Stanwood, 425-320-1611 [www.delackestateweddingv- enue.com](http://www.delackestateweddingvenue.com)

The DeLack Estate resides on five beautiful parked out acres in the Lake Goodwin area of Stanwood. Picture your ceremony by cascading waterfalls under a cedar bridge and surrounded by towering flowers. Your reception will dazzle in a tent of hanging flowers and chandeliers with banquet style seating for up to 150 people.



**Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center
Stanwood, 360-629-3352
www.sahs-fncc.org**

Renting "The Floyd" for your wedding includes access to the first floor of a rehabilitated 110 year old historic "western false front" public hall. The building has a newly attached service annex with restrooms and an equipped serving kitchen. The room features beautiful hardwood floors and can seat up to 160 guests in banquet style.

**Four Springs Lake Preserve
Camano Island, 360-387-1418
www.fourspringshouse.com**

Nestled in a 50-acre nature preserve on Camano Island, Four Springs House offers a beautiful, peaceful retreat setting for your wedding and reception. Larger parties can be accommodated outside by the lake, while more intimate weddings may be held indoors. Rental includes tables and chairs for up to 135 guests.

Lake Goodwin Community Club

**Stanwood, 360-652-9786
www.lakegoodwincc.org**

The Lake Goodwin Community Club can accommodate large groups of up to 250 banquet style. Rental includes access to a large kitchen, dance floor, raised stage area, paved parking lot and a cozy river stone fireplace.

**Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon
Stanwood, 425-737-5144 or 360-629-6500
www.locobillys.com**

Host your wedding and/or reception at Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon in Stanwood. A full commercial kitchen is available for use by you or a caterer for an extra charge. Rental price varies according to your desired day and time and whether you will use the DJ sound system, stage, etc.

**Odd Fellows Park & Hall
Camano Island, 360-387-4737**

Odd Fellows Park & Hall features a two-story hall with kitchen in a park-like setting for

indoor or outdoor ceremonies and celebrations. RV sites are a practical option for out-of-town guests.

**Silvana Viking Hall
Stanwood, 360-631-9050
www.silvanavikinghall.com**

Located in the small town of Silvana, just south of Stanwood, the Silvana Viking Hall is available for weddings and receptions. Event rental includes a large dance floor, raised stage area with lights, sound system, private changing room and large kitchen facility.

**Stillaguamish Grange Hall
Stanwood, 360-629-4602
www.grange.org/stillaguamish-wa1058/rentals/**

This community hall fits up to 200 guests in banquet style seating and is very affordably priced. The venue includes ample guest parking, a full kitchen, tables and chairs, a hardwood auditorium with stage and a back room for bridal dressing.

**The Center for Wooden Boats
Camano Island, 360-387-9361
<https://cwb.org/locations/cama-beach/>**

For a more unusual setting, consider The Center for Wooden Boats at Cama Beach State Park. Set in a spectacular 433-acre waterfront location against a forested backdrop, it is connected by a mile-long trail to Camano Island State Park and a 134-acre camping park.

**The Finery
Camano Island, 425-760-9487
www.thefineryoncamano.com**

The Finery offers an intimate outdoor wedding venue nestled on a secluded five-acres perfect for elopements or small weddings. Owner Kim Nowell specializes in creative, illustrative wedding photography.

**The Lady Florence
Stanwood, 360-502-1852
www.theladyflorence.com**

The Lady Florence is a 30-acre family estate with picturesque views of farm fields and rolling gardens. The historically restored 1912 site has a 6,000 sq.ft. home and property, situated alongside the Stillaguamish River, south of town.

**The Matthews Cabin
Stanwood, 206-478-4147
<https://www.facebook.com/MatthewsCabin/>**

Plan your romantic lakefront wedding at The Matthews Cabin in Stanwood. Picture your reception with twinkling lights, elegant white tablecloths and a bonfire for gathering after the sun sets. Parking available for guests.

**Tyee Farms
Camano Island, contact form on website
www.tyee farms.com**

Tyee Farms is a beautiful outdoor wedding destination on Camano Island. The venue is built on ten acres of partially wooded land with a large pond, making a beautiful backdrop for your wedding day. The owners work hard to ensure that they have a positive impact on society, the economy and the environment.

*How To Publish Your
Engagement & Wedding
Announcement*
Skagit Valley Herlad

Use this as a guide to help you format your announcement to be published on Sundays in the Skagit Valley Herald's Skagit Living section. Deadline is 2:30pm on Wednesday, prior to the requested Sunday publication. Cost is \$20 (2x2), \$35 (2x5) or \$55 (2x7.5) and \$5 for each additional inch.

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**Wedding announcement
suggested content:**

Full maiden name of bride, full name of bridegroom, wedding date and time, location of wedding, bride's and groom's parents' names and city, first and last name and title of minister, double-ring ceremony, bridal bouquet, name and city of maid or matron of honor, name and city of best man, name and city of bridesmaids and groomsmen, candlelighters, ushers, flower girl, ringbearer, musicians, location of reception and hosts, bride's and groom's education and year(s) of graduation, bride's and groom's employer and city, honeymoon, couple's new home city.

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P: 360-629-2155 to request a form by mail or email, or to inquire about the paid option.

