

the knot™

WEDDINGPAGES®

SUMMER/FALL 2003

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO

## MICHIGAN

RECEPTION SITES • CATERERS  
CAKES • PHOTO • VIDEO • DJS  
FLORISTS • MUSIC AND MORE

## FLOWERS

STYLISH CENTERPIECES

## BE UNIQUE

37 WAYS TO PERSONALIZE

## REAL BRIDES

GIVE REAL (good) ADVICE

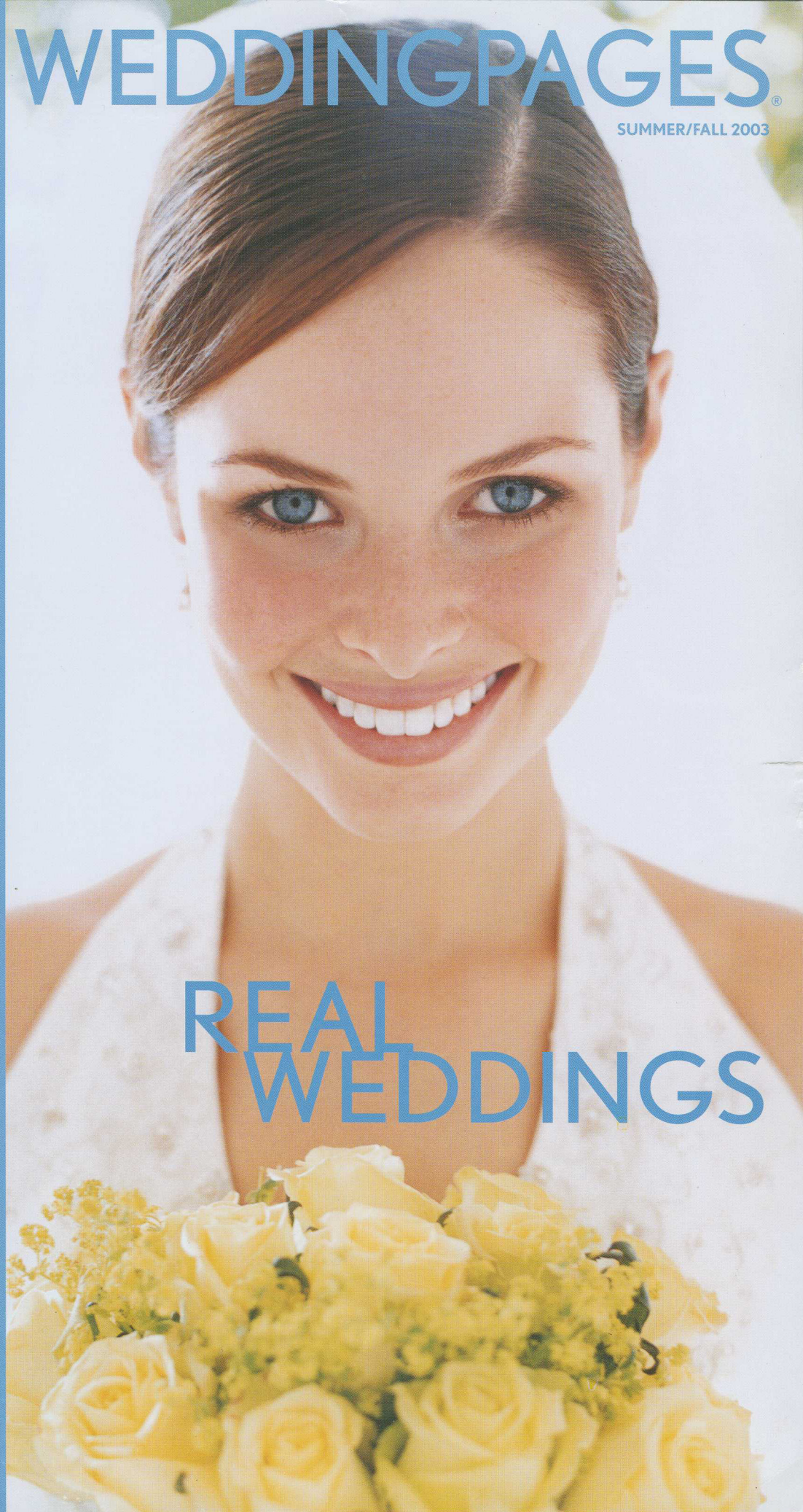
## TOP 10

GOWNS FOR YOUR BODY  
CAKE IDEAS • INVITATIONS  
HONEYMOON HOT SPOTS

theknot.com

AOL KEYWORD: WEDDINGS

\$4.95 Display Until June 30, 2003



REAL  
WEDDINGS



## MICHIGAN

## Expert Q&A

## MORE LOCAL RESOURCES ONLINE

### BROW BEATERS

**Q.** *This nature girl has decided on a more polished look for her wedding day—starting with my eyebrows. I am afraid to start tweezing myself but have no idea where to go around Detroit. Any recommendations?*

**A.** Put the tweezers away and let the professionals help! A makeup artist sees the eyebrow as the frame for the eye and an important detail for the balance of the entire face. There are many professionals in the area who can help. These salons are known for their plucking expertise: Kymber Blake, Lori Karbal Salon (248) 258-1959, 554 North Old Woodward, in Birmingham; or Leslie Pattera, Todd's Room (248) 594-0003, 205 Pierce Street, also in Birmingham. Expect to pay from \$15 to \$30.

### VALIANT VALETS

**Q.** *We're getting married at home in Bloomfield Hills. What we are concerned about is the parking situation—no more than 10 cars will fit in the drive, and we are expecting 140 guests or about 60 cars. Can we have people park on the street? Do we need a permit? If so, how do we get one?*

**A.** What you need is a professional valet service! As with every detail of your wedding, you should let the experts assist you with these important details because they are equipped to address all of your concerns. Cars must be parked carefully, and trustworthy valet services have the skill and knowledge to safely park cars in an orderly fashion—plus, they are insured. Valet services should also be able to advise you on whether your community requires permits.

The cost of a valet service is usually reasonable. Companies will come to survey the area and offer estimates free of charge. Well-known and reputable valet services in the area include Miller Valet (248) 626-1050, Four Star Valet (248)

682-1800, and Gold Star Valet (248) 628-8672.

If you decide not to hire professionals, by all means call the local police department to inform them of your event. They will advise you on any unusual problems of which you need to be aware in your neighborhood. Usually, they'll also suggest that you speak with your neighbors or put a letter in their mailboxes letting them know of your special event.

### PLUSHEST PADS

**Q.** *My sister is being married in Detroit next year, and I would love to give her and her fiancé a totally cushy wedding-night hotel room for a gift. Since I'm unfamiliar with the area's very nicest hotels, can you clue me in to the best suites and what they will cost?*

**A.** There are two outstanding hotel jewels in the Detroit area that would please any young couple for a wedding or anniversary night extravaganza: The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn (313) 441-2100, at 300 Town Center; and The Townsend Hotel (248) 642-7900, at 100 Townsend in Birmingham. Both hotels have wonderful romance packages that include amenities such as long-stemmed roses, champagne, massages, robes, and dinners for two. A room at either hotel would make an incredible wedding gift for a bride and groom. There are a few levels of spoiling from which to choose so call for specific details and prices, but be prepared to see costs range anywhere from \$300 for luxury rooms to \$900 for the ultimate penthouse suites. (Be sure to check on the construction progress at The Ritz!) ❌



If you have a question for local expert Carolyn Hefner, or would like to see what other Michigan to-be-weds are asking, check out: **TheKnot.com/local**



The Knot Michigan is a part of the #1 wedding website focused exclusively on Michigan weddings.

Get advice from a local wedding expert

See reception sites

Find florists, photographers, bands, and more

Read about real couples' Michigan weddings

Talk to area brides

Announce your wedding

Gather wedding night ideas

**ALL 100% FREE**

**TheKnot.com/local**

## OUR LOCAL EXPERT



Carolyn Hefner, plans weddings and special events through her business, The China Closet. A background in floral design gave her behind-the-scenes experience with all the elements of special events. Her interest in party planning was ignited, and she has never looked back. The launch of her website ([TheChinaCloset.com](http://TheChinaCloset.com)) has meant new clients from as far away as London. She is a member of the Association of Bridal Consultants.