



# Guides For Brides

## Nix The Bridal Bouquet, Pick Up The Tiki Torch

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, today's brides are choosing new and creative ways to get married. In fact, October is rivaling June as the most popular month for weddings. Ever consider a Halloween-themed wedding to go along with your October date? How about saying "I do" on a beach in December? Certainly, we've all heard about couples who bungee-jump, snorkel or skydive while reciting their vows.

From the beach to the mountains to the traditional wedding, and everything in between, a specialty Web site has special touches for your celebration. With its signature quality and attention to detail, LenoxCollections.com provides a terrific selection of distinctive gifts at the click of a mouse. Don't have time to shop for your own wedding? The one-stop site offers convenience, quality and impeccable style.

Here are a few ideas for creative weddings:

- Bring a bit of good luck into the celebration. Thank your bridesmaids or groomsmen with a *Lenox Good Luck Elephant Box*—an elephant with an upturned trunk is a sign of good luck.

- Have an "outdoor" wedding in the middle of winter. Hold the affair inside a botanical garden or large atrium. Give bud vases as parting gifts. Wear fresh flowers in your hair instead of a veil. Use a watering can as a centerpiece, such as the *Flower Blossom Watering Can*. Carry a bunch of sunflowers tied with a simple ribbon.

- For animal lovers, why not include furry friends in the ceremony? Tie the ring around your pooch's neck and have him come down the aisle. Place a different ceramic animal as the centerpiece on each table. Or have a pair of sculpted doves top your wedding cake. (Check out the *Peaceful Devotion* sculpture.)

- For winter or holiday weddings, include traditional winter elements: velvet fabrics, flowers in



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rich colors, and warming drinks such as eggnog or apple cider. Fill a whimsical candy dish, such as the *Snowman Candy Dish*, with brightly colored candies and place on each table. Place pine spruces around the reception. Give ornaments, such as the *Gift of Friendship*, to each guest or as a thank you to wedding attendants.

- If your idea of a wedding is more beach than Beethoven, place votive candles in tiny tin pails filled with sand, and place around the reception. Serve colorful drinks with paper umbrellas. Place a lighthouse sculpture as a centerpiece at each table, such as the *Light of Inspiration* sculpture from LenoxCollections.com. Hire a reggae band for the reception. Give leis to all your guests as they enter the wedding site.

- Even the most traditional of weddings can have a creative flair. Release butterflies instead of throwing rice, birdseed or rose petals. Place heart-shaped soaps in the bathroom at the reception. Give the wedding attendants a beautiful box (such as the *Garden Gazebo* box), with a handwritten note from the bride and groom inside.

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