

MODERN LUXURY

Brides

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GARDEN PARTY

HELLO, BEAUTIFUL!

GLAMOROUS GOWNS FROM
J. MENDEL, MONIQUE LHUILLIER AND MORE

On the Rocks: Engagement Rings Go Retro

Colin Cowie Talks Big-Day Tips

Caterers Dish on Edible Trends for 2013

PLUS

66 of Chicago's Hautest Weddings!

WED DOSSIER *now!*

[*Voyeur*]

Thursday, 6:43PM

30 Rocks!

BBJ Table Fashions celebrated its 30th anniversary with a fête at the Chicago History Museum, where guests viewed the latest party table trends and sampled treats from industry vets. BBJ co-owner Bill Pry even sang his signature rendition of Frank Sinatra's "Chicago." *—Amanda Wilson*



Tom Kehoe
Lincoln Park, President,
Kehoe Designs
"What a kick to see Bill
Pry sing his heart out!
That made my night."

Jesse Deckard
Uptown, Senior Wedding & Event
Design Consultant, Event Creative
"Wait. Why don't I have a cocktail
in my hand?!"

Jeffrey Foster
Uptown, Senior Designer,
Event Creative
"I hope there are no other
events tonight because
the entire wedding
industry is here!"

Hope Weis
Deerfield, Owner & Wedding
Coordinator, Hope Weis Consulting
"I've turned to BBJ to dress my tables
since day one, and plan to continue for
the next 30 years. I certainly plan to
have a glass, or two, of wine in their
honor. Cheers to BBJ!"

Beth Bernstein
North Center, Owner & Event Director, SQN Events
"Being surrounded by the different design vignettes
is like being a kid in a candy store. Am I drooling?
Good thing I'm holding so many napkins."

Lauren Carter
St. Charles, Co-Founder and Principal Event
Consultant, LOLA Event Productions
"It's my first night out since having a baby. I'm
going to try one of those signature drinks!"

[*Something New*]

Stand and Deliver

After 13 successful years running their bakery biz **Cakegirls**, not to mention four *Food Network Challenge* victories and a four-season stint on WFTV's *Amazing Wedding Cakes*, Chicago sisters Brenda and Mary Maher have expanded their sweet reach with a line of baking and entertaining goods. We're loving this yellow treats stand (also available in pink, blue and gray) and their custom baking tools, including cake spatulas with patterned handles and measuring spoons inspired by vintage silverware. "We hope that our site will become a one-stop-shop for couples that love to entertain," says Mary. thecakegirls.com *—Carly Gillum*

ON DISPLAY
Cakegirls' yellow
reversible treats
stand (\$16) has the
option of a chevron
print or solid.



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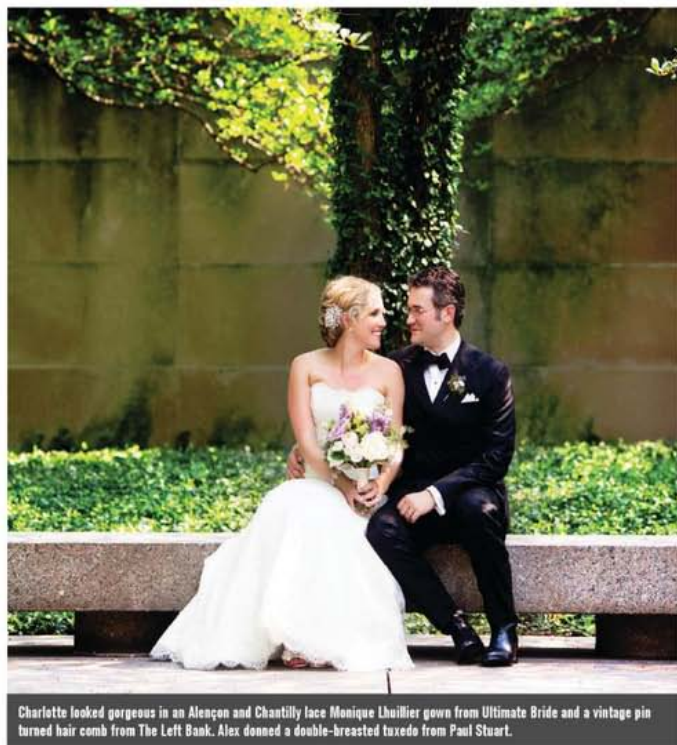
The bride's bouquet by Hello Darling featured four kinds of roses mixed with fresh lavender sprigs and eucalyptus.



The cocktail lounge at Room 1520



Charlotte's mother-in-law gifted her this vintage handbag—her "something old."



Charlotte looked gorgeous in an Alençon and Chantilly lace Monique Lhuillier gown from Ultimate Bride and a vintage pin turned hair comb from The Left Bank. Alex donned a double-breasted tuxedo from Paul Stuart.

CHARLOTTE WALKER &
ALEX LANGERMAN

June 30, 2012
Room 1520 and Aérée Loft
Photos by Olivia Leigh Weddings

THE COUPLE After a blind date at Mod Pizza in Bucktown, love bloomed for Charlotte and Alex over a mutual adoration of travel, good food and wine, live music, and time spent outdoors.

THE DETAILS SQN Events honored the couple's request for a "Southern charm-meets-city-chic" wedding. Boutique Bites circulated *beaucoup* bite-sized items, like lobster tacos, for the 160 guests.

THE PARTY Ensemble band The Party Faithful played the couple's first song, "Everlasting Light" by The Black Keys. Later, Alex's brother "Chicago Dan" took an amazing turn on the harmonica. —EH



The almond butter dessert by Cake: Sweet Food Chicago



Silver mercury glass pillar candles and Hello Darling arrangements topped the tables for dinner in Aérée Loft.