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The Right Theme

By Tresa Erickson

When planning their wedding, some couples elect to have a theme. Themes can run the gamut from colors to characters, and many couples look for one that will make their wedding unique. Does having a themed wedding interest you? Here are some tips to help you select the right theme.

Wedding themes often arise from common favorites and interests. Sit down with your beloved and write down your favorites and interests. Compare your lists and see what you have in common. Perhaps you both like the sport of skiing or are into jazz. Perhaps you have a favorite hobby. Whatever your findings, you might be able to pull a theme from them.

If you can't pull a theme from your common favorites and interests, don't despair. With some thought, you are sure to come up with one. Here are some areas you might want to consider pulling a theme from: • Art, like film or literature • Cultures, like the Irish or Japanese • Decades, like the 1920s or 1960s • Famous characters, like Romeo and Juliet or Bonnie and Clyde • Food, like chocolate or cheese • Holidays • Places, like Hollywood or the beach • Seasons • Special events, like Mardi Gras or Super Sunday • Time periods, like the Renaissance or the Victorian Age

You might even look to the venue you have selected for your wedding for inspiration. An old dance hall might be the perfect place to have a 1940s-themed wedding.

Wedding themes can come from anywhere. As you are looking for one, keep the details of your wedding in mind. You both might like wintry colors and sports, but neither of these would make a good theme for a spring wedding. The theme you select should suit the time and tone of your wedding.

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And the date of the big event is...

By Tresa Erickson

He just put the engagement ring on your finger and already you're dreaming about the type of the wedding you would like to have. Before you get too far into the wedding planning, you might want to sit down with your fiancé and determine a date for the big event. Most of the major decisions you will make from this point on about your wedding will hinge on that, so you want to select the right date.

Selecting the right wedding date requires more than whipping out a calendar and pointing to a date at ran-

dom. You probably already have some idea of the general time frame in which you would like to get married. Most couples prefer the spring and summer months over the fall and winter months due to the warmer weather. If you don't have a seasonal preference, then perhaps you have a holiday preference. Some couples look forward to getting married around Valentine's Day, while others look forward to getting married around Halloween. You might even have a personal preference. Some couples focus on a particular time period because it reflects the birthday or anniversary of an important person or event.

Along with preference, the climate of the region in which you live may factor in on your decision. In the Northeast, winters can be bitterly cold and make having a wedding there during that time difficult, while on the coast, hurricane season can make having a wedding there during late summer and fall risky. If you live in warmer region like the Southwest, you may have more options. However, you will probably want to avoid mid-winter and late summer, when temperatures are at their worst.

Culture and religion may also affect your decision. Certain cultures and religions prohibit marriage on certain days or times of years. Getting married on holy days, for example, is forbidden in some religions. Make sure you check with your family and officiant regarding what is appropriate for your culture and religion.

Budget may be a factor as well. If you are on a tight budget, then you may want to focus on the off-season when prices will be lower and vendors will be more willing to strike a deal. If that is not possible, then you may want to

focus on weekdays rather than weekends, when prices will be higher.

In order to make your decision, these are just some of the factors you will have to consider. After you have narrowed your choice of dates to a select few, the schedules of those attending as well as the availability of the venue where you would like to be married may be the deciding factors. In addition to your own schedules, you will have to check the schedules of all parents, grandparents and attendants as well as anyone else you would like to be in attendance and make sure they are free on the dates you have chosen. If you have your heart set on particular location, you will also have to check with officials there to ensure it has not been booked on the dates you have in mind.

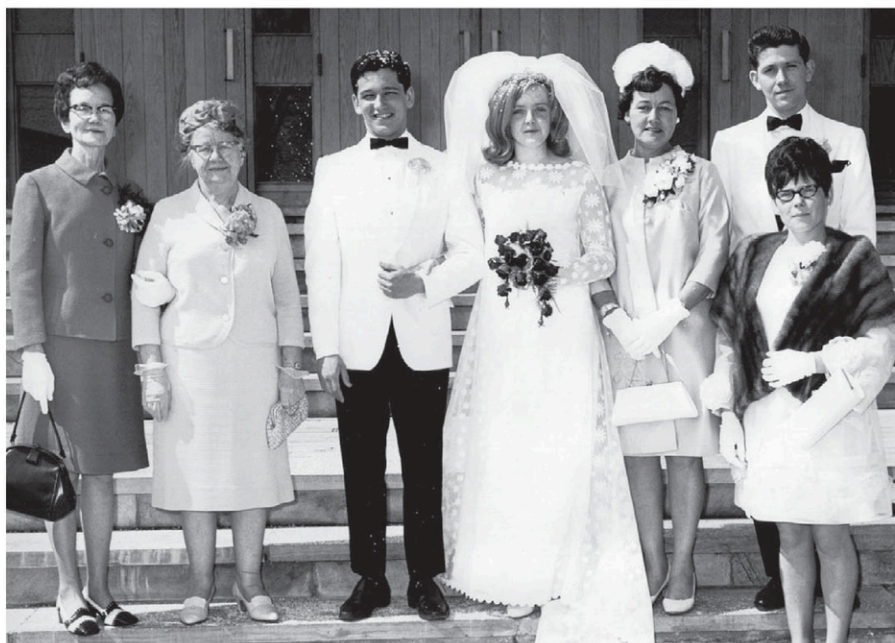
Once you have completed this final step, a final date will probably emerge. If not, feel free to select the date that appeals to you most. Make sure you have a backup date, however, just in case conflict arises in the initial stages of wedding planning.



Douglas Wayne McTavish and Penelope Mary Lee

October 5, 1968

St. Georges Church, Georgeville, QC



Gerald Pope and Judy Crosland

May 4, 1968

St. Mary's Church, Greenfield Park

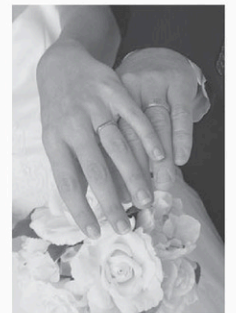
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December 15, 1984

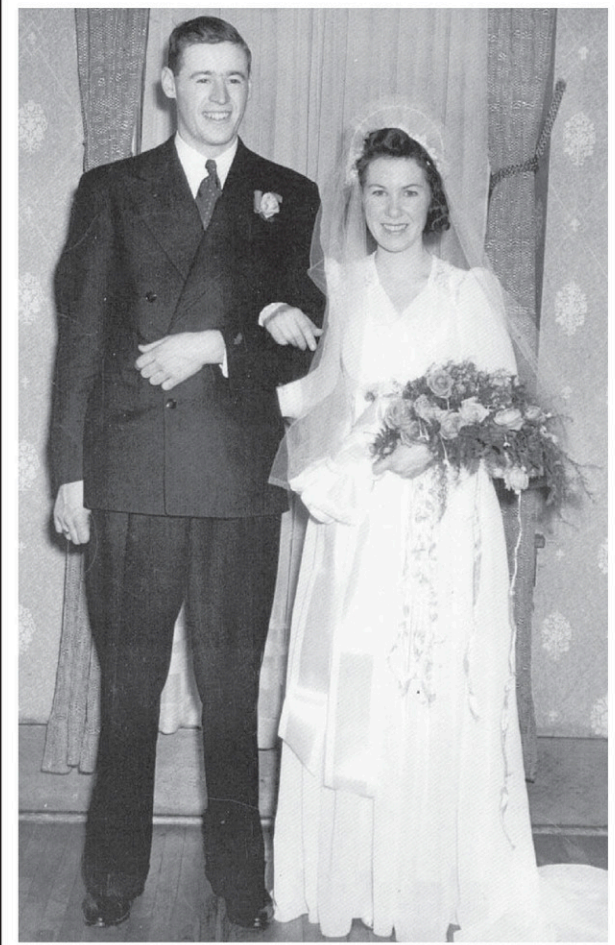
Plymouth-Trinity United Church,
Sherbrooke



Lloyd Fisk and Gladys Graham

July 20, 1968

Randboro United Church



**Frank J. Chatfield and
Sheila Ann Harkness**

November 19, 1941

Lachine, Quebec

Blended Vows

By Tresa Erickson

Many of us are familiar with the 1970s show, The Brady Bunch. Sherwood Schwartz created the series, which aired from 1969 to 1974. The show focused on the blended family, the Bradys. Robert Reed played dad Mike Brady, who had three sons of his own. Florence Henderson played mom

Carol Brady, who had three daughters of her own. The couple got married in the pilot and lived happily ever after with their six kids...well, almost. There were some struggles but nothing that would ever pull the Bradys apart. In real life, blending families can be a lot messier. Not everyone may become fast friends, but you can get things off to a good start by incorporating the kids in the wedding ceremony.

Kids need to know they are important and should be invited to take part in the wedding. You could ask them to be bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girls or ringbearers. You could ask them to attend to the guest book, recite a poem or walk down the aisle. Children who prefer not to be part of the wedding could be included in the ceremony in other ways. You could mention them in the wedding program or give them a flower as you walk down the aisle.

You should most definitely mention the kids in your vows. You may address them directly or indirectly, but be careful that you do not overstep your bounds. Remember, they have parents. It is not your job to replace their parents. It is your job to love and care for your stepchildren as though they were your own.

When exchanging rings, you might want to consider giving jewelry to the children as well. Exchange rings with your spouse, then call up the children one by one and present them with a ring, bracelet or charm of their own. You could engrave it with the date of your wedding or a special quote.

Planning to light a unity candle? Make the children part of the ceremony, Give each of them a candle of their own to light or tapers they can light from the unity candle. Children could offer their congratulations to you at this time or extend their thanks for the expansion of their family.

These are just a few ideas for making sure kids feel important and are part of the ceremony. There are many others. Do your homework, conduct a search online and find ways that will work for your new blended family, Make sure everyone knows how much they matter.



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December 12, 1958

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William & Glenna "Coburn" Cross

August 30, 1986

Danville, Quebec



Keith & Karen "Patterson" Coburn

July 12, 1980

Danville, Quebec



Charles & Glenalma "Sue Webb" Coburn

September 15, 1956

Danville, Quebec

My love for you is a journey, starting at forever and ending at never.



Gordon Hughes and Nolene Yertaw

June 25, 1983

Hatley United Church



Matthew Hartley and Nathalie Hughes

June 20, 2015

Church of the Epiphany, Way's Mills



James Mackay and Joyce Robinson

April 8, 1978

Lennoxville United Church



Harold McAuley and Norma Whitehead

June 15, 1963

Waterloo, QC



Mary Alice Lebourveau and Edward Raymond Harvey

June 5, 2010

Grace United Church, Brookbury



Donna Vivian Lousley and John William Haffenden

September 27, 1969

Grace Chapel, Sherbrooke

Marriage is the golden ring in a chain whose beginning is a glance and whose ending is Eternity.



Milt & Bev Loomis

September 27, 1952

St. John's Anglican Church, Waterville



Wilson May and Lydia Patricia Ham

September 29, 1957

Sisco United Church, Coaticook



Myrna Ellen Bowen & James W. Bailey

July 24, 1971

St. James Anglican Church, Hatley, QC



May and Ben Cunnington

September 12, 1959

Hatley United Church



Sue and Dean Young

August 3, 1985

Hatley United Church



Cindy Nobes & Robert Street

July 30, 2005

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Kirby Young and Joseph Cox

September 28th, 2013

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George Grubb and Carolyn Jewett
June 20, 1953
St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo



Diane Grubb and William Lott
May 23, 2009
Registrars Office, North Shields, England



Kathleen Grubb and Michael Bailey
April 20, 2001
Registrars Office, Beckenham, England



Sharon Grubb and Mario Forand
June 20, 1981
St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo



**Sarah Lynne Forand
and Tanner Brandrick**
September 17, 2011
Shefford, Quebec



Jo-Ann Grubb and José Vargas
September 28, 2002
Shefford, Quebec



Amy Rathwell & Allan Grubb
October 4, 2003
Carp, Ontario





Shannon Powell and Jon Blakely

September 26, 2015

Waterville, QC



Lucy Hoblyn and Danny McAuley

September 30, 1995

Georgeville, QC



Lee Labrecque and Helen Maynes

June 23, 1962

St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo

Walking with your hands in mine and mine in yours, that's exactly where I want to be always.



Barbara Benoit & Keith Kerr

August 6, 1955

United Church, Waterloo, QC



Sasha Powell and Nick Doherty

August 11, 2012

Stanstead, QC



Charles Commuskey & Johanna Holland
married 1879



Alice Keenan and George McAdams

June 5, 1904

St Philip Church, Windsor, QC



Alice Commiskey and John Keenan

October 2, 1918

St. Bibiane Church, Richmond QC



Lily Commiskey and William Skerry

June 21, 1910

St. Bibiane Church, Richmond, QC

Being someone's first love may be great, but to be their last is beyond perfect.



My love for you is a journey, starting at forever and ending at never.





Agnes Enright and Dennis Keenan

August 16, 1954

St. Francis Xavier Church, West Shepherd
(Bromont)



Patricia Keenan and Heinz Adank

October 8, 1988

St. Othmar Church, St. Gallen, Switzerland



Kathleen Keenan and Gerald Pelletier

July 2, 1977

St. Bibiane Church, Richmond, QC



Alanna Keenan & Howard Gossack

June 20, 1987

Holy Family Church, Richmond, QC



**Christopher Keenan Adank and
Min Seong Kim**

June 7, 2016

Melbourne, QC





**Lorrayne Hopps-Roger and
Larry Markwell**

June 29, 1974
Ayer's Cliff, QC



Allison Ross and Alexander Pereira

July 23, 2016
Manotick, Ontario



Forrest Sarrasin and Estelle Manceau

August 27, 2016
in Waterville, Quebec

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Wedding Humour

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he knew the answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" he enquired.

"Easy," replied the little boy, "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said: four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer."



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