

# your wedding

## BRIDE OF THE MONTH



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Sheila Elizabeth Anger and Pierre Charron were married September 24 in St. James Anglican Church, Kingston.

All in all, the key word for today's wedding is personal, with all the emphasis placed on making each and every aspect of the wedding ceremony a vital expression of the two distinct personalities who have decided

to make that most loving and giving of commitments. It is a delightful occasion for all involved, and should reflect both the joy and dignity which have always marked this special ceremony of life.

Of all the ceremonies of life the wedding is without a doubt the most festive, joyous, and the best-loved. No matter how much times may change and customs vary, the expression of love, faith, and trust found in the wedding ceremony is a constant source of inspiration.

Even with the current trend toward alternate life-styles that do not involve the commitment of marriage, statistics prove that marriages are as popular as ever, and there has been an increase in the 70's in people "tying the knot."

Today's couples have more opportunities than ever to enrich this vital ceremony of life with their own personal expressions, and make their wedding truly the most meaningful event of their lives.

Gone are the days of the standard-looking bridal gown, the days when Lohengrin was the only bridal march to be heard, the days when couples had little choice but to promise to love, honor and obey - even though they felt there was so much more to be said.

If they decide that the traditional bridal chorus and church vows are just what they want, that's fine. But in their search they will have gained from the rewarding experience of creating a joint definition of their own future plans.

This new freedom to modify, even break away from the traditional, carries through to the dress, reception plans, gift giving and honeymoon styles of today's newlyweds.

Color is appearing in today's wedding dresses, dresses which may vary from very formal to short and simply smashing, from frilly and laced to tailored and sleek.

Receptions range from simple tea and cake gatherings to exotic banquets - even sit-down dinners - with all kinds of new and different delicacies; but whatever the budget and size, all is done with a special personal flair.

Guests are spending more time in the selection of a gift for the newly-wedded couple, concentrating on individuality and seeking out presents that are true reflections of the new couple's life-style.

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It is apparent that the wedding scene continues to be a stronghold of tradition despite the faddists, cultists, and sensation-seekers.

For '77 the bride continues to reign supreme on her day, dressed most often in traditional white. The look of total femininity is expressed in lace and applique trims on clinging bodices, see-through effects on sleeves and a variety of head-pieces ranging from small half hats to mantillas.

The big news on the nuptial scene this year throws the spotlight on fashions for the groom and his men, according to Robert C. Rudofker, President of After Six, America's largest designers and producers of men's formal.

Previewing his company's new spring formal collection, Rudofker stated, "Young men have responded to the feeling of dashing romanticism we've captured in an expression of color harmony and two very distinctive silhouettes."

"Last year," he continued, "we streamlined the tuxedo and suggested that this be worn by the groom to distinguish him from the other men in the wedding party."

"Response by formal-wear specialists whose primary business is renting elegant male apparel for special occasions substantiated our belief that today's groom was ready for a new idea with more than a hint of the traditional."

"We're advocating this style in fresh soft shades of ice blue, snappy ginger, sunshine yellow, sandy beige and white."

Rudofker showed the dashing Cordoba tuxedo trimmed with matching colored satin. Accessories including ruffled shirts, bow ties and groom sash are available in matching colors as well, to create color harmony and unity.

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