

HERE COMES THE Bride

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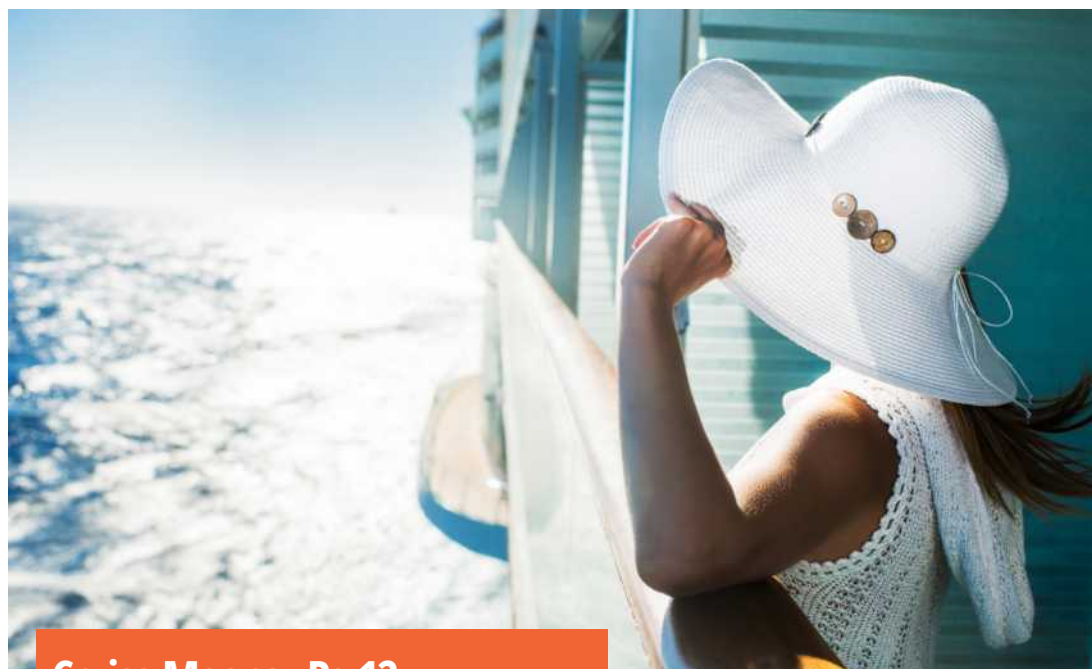
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Letter from the President

BAHAMAS BRIDAL ASSOCIATION

There is an old adage in the wedding industry which says, "happy is the bride the sun shines on," meaning that when the sun shines on your wedding day, you will have good luck. This sentiment may well explain why summertime tends to be such a popular time for nuptials the world over.



Cindy Coakley-Knowles

If your preference is an outdoor celebration, the longer summer days bring increased options and experiences with a wide array of outdoor tropical venues for your special romantic gathering. Imagine the warm glow of the sun rising on the waters of beautiful Cabbage Beach, Paradise Island as you exchange your vows, or ending your day high atop Fort Charlotte, Nassau as the sun sets the background aflame to toast your new union.

Yes, the long days of summer certainly provide many options for that outdoor enthusiast, that lover of nature. It is a wonderful time to rediscover you, bring in some life changes, renew a love that began many moons ago, or reflect on all the wonderful events that led to that new beginning. Regardless, summer time is the ideal time to rejuvenate love, life and enjoyment!

There is certainly a sense of renewal and rejuvenation as most of the world appears to be reopening after the long pandemic era. Now more than ever, these characteristics of summer are dominating the tourism sector of The Bahamas. While there is a sense of relief, there is also an air of excitement for the future. The professionals in this industry - be it hoteliers, tour guides, or event planners - have all transitioned from a planning phase to the action phase, ready to welcome the world to our beautiful shores in all its summer time glory.

Mother Nature's warm spirit of summer is welcoming, nurturing, and right on time! Immerse yourself in this spirit. Reflect. Renew. Rejuvenate. Sizzling summer is here!

Yours reflectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Coakley-Knowles".



FEATURE STORY
Wedding Cakes

From the Director of Romance

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

The Bahamas Bridal Association remains hopeful despite the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic that has radically shifted the way we do business. For example, during March of this year (2021), The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism & Aviation, held its first ever virtual romance expo: From The Bahamas With Love.



Freda Malcolm

The Association was unable to proceed with its usual in person event this year due to travel restrictions and the imposition of health and safety protocols due to COVID-19.

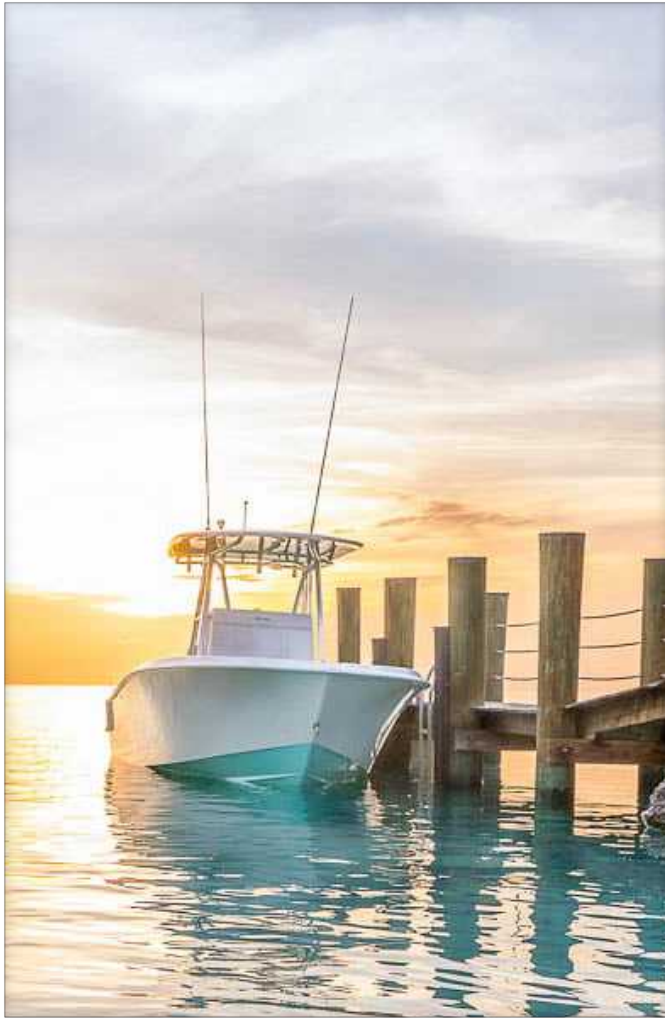
The Bahamas Government continues to make every effort to ensure the safety of visitors, citizens and residents and in this vein, is encouraging citizens and residents to "roll up their sleeves" during our vaccination campaign.

In the meantime, all the necessary protocols are in place to receive those wishing to take a romantic trip – whether it is a destination wedding/honeymoon, vow renewal, or marriage proposal – to the tropical isles of The Bahamas, a lover's paradise where all your needs for romance are met.

With so many idyllic islands to choose from within our destination, these open spaces and, secluded places are prime "venues" to host your dream event. Our many romantic spots – 16 unique island destination - beckon you to experience romance on a whole new level.

Micro weddings are becoming popular, and by all standards, it seems that due to the current landscape, The Islands of The Bahamas continue to remain most desirable, as we have seen a spike in interest from those wishing to resume some level of normalcy by "tying the knot". Equally as important are those couples who may have opted to say "I Do" stateside, whether by Zoom or in small gatherings but are now ready to take that romantic trip which has been long delayed and overdue.

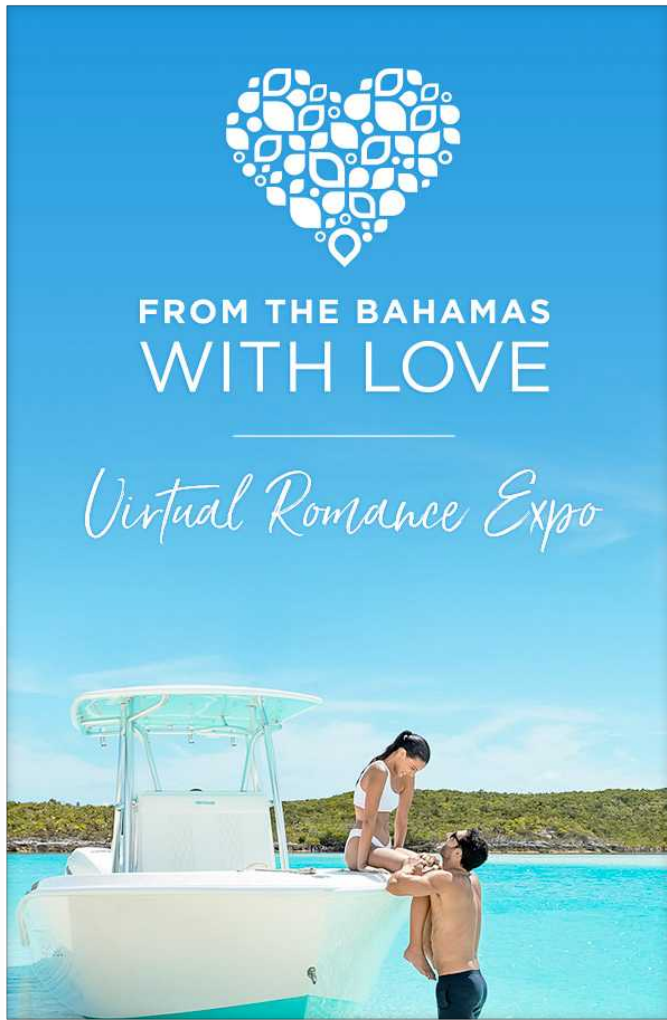
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WEDDING CAKES

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The Cakebox Bahamas is Nassau's premier specialty cake boutique, who is still designing cakes for all occasions. CEO & Founder, **Ms. Deborah Delaney** has been a cake artisan for over twenty years, and still finds joy in every request to produce a unique cake for one special client.

Wedding Cake Tips!

- Have a **budget** in mind.
- Match **cake height** to your venue space.
- Get the facts on **frosting**.
- Consider the **weather**.
- Don't forget the **cake topper**.
- Have a detailed **delivery plan**.
- Give your cake the **spotlight**.
- **Eat** your cake, and have a great Event!





SUMMER

Vivid pinks, bright yellows, rich greens, zesty oranges and shocking blues create a bright palette, perfect for your summer weddings. All styles available at Five Seasons Bridal. www.fiveseasonsbridal.com



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Style 3180
Silhouette: A-Line



Designer: ViVa Deluxe
Style Inessa
Silhouette: Ball Gown



Designer: Oksana Mukha
Style Alma
Silhouette: Ball Gown



Designer: Maggie Sottero
Style Tuscany Lynette
Silhouette: Fit n Flare



Designer: Jovani
Style 1729
Cocktail Dress



FANNING THE FLAMES

Rev'd Antonio Beckford

A man was barbecuing some steaks at a cookout. The area was smoky, and the smell of the food was delicious. I was hungry and anxiously wanted my meal. The man stopped for a moment and started fanning the flames. What was he doing? I thought, "just focus on the meat," I was screaming in my mind. Then, I shouted to him again, "brother, keep your eyes on the meat!" But if he focused on the meat and not the flames, the meat would not be prepared for us. He needed the fire to cook the meat properly. The flames were going low and needed to be fanned to stay alive. The steak really needed the fire to prepare a great meal.

Let me ask you a question. Be real with me.

How many of you focus on the meat before the wedding day? But you forget the flames.

What am I talking about?

Couples are so busy with the wedding details. They want the flowers to be correct. The food has to be on point. The music and chairs have to be elegant. That's all meat. What about the flames. The fire to keep you loving each other after the wedding. Also, what about a kiss for your husband or wife to be? Are you still sneaking a kiss and enjoying it? Do you still hug and squeeze each other for fun? Do you spend time talking about each other without talking wedding talk? All of that is about fanning the flames of romance. Without focusing on romantic love, a wedding day will only be a couple focusing on the meat and forgetting the flames.





Indy Ferguson

COLORS CREATE MOODS AND AFFECT THE ENERGY OF THE SPACE....



Choosing Colors for a **SUMMER WEDDING**

Picking your colors is one of the first—and most fun—steps you'll take when planning your wedding.

The color scheme inspires the look and feel of your entire day. Colors create moods and affect the energy of a space. It is the culmination of combining all of the elements of fashion, stationery, décor and florals. Bold colors like oranges, yellows, purples, or blues work well for summer weddings.

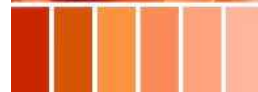
Think about your venue. Choose a color that will complement it. Look at the colors used in your venue's carpeting, drapery, and decorations. If the venue has strong and bold colors, you may want to select a complementary color scheme.

For example, a venue with deep red carpeting and gold finishes may clash with a mint green and grey color scheme.

Your wedding is a blank canvas just waiting for you to paint it in your special colors. Have fun creating a masterpiece!

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FLORAL CORNER

Bloom of the Summer

Summer is almost here and choosing blooms that can handle the heat is the key to a successful wedding.

Sunflowers thrive in the heat and actually need the sun to survive.

FUN FACT:

The tallest sunflower on record was over 30 feet tall!



SUNFLOWERS - 'HELIANTHUS'



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Everything was going as planned until the Corona virus reared it's ugly head and brought nothing but chaos and uncertainty, so we postponed our wedding to the fall, hoping that things would have been better by then.

The seasons changed and then we hoped to have our dream wedding in the spring with all of our friends and family, however things took a turn for the worse and we were unable to have our dream wedding as we had planned. BUT one thing was for certain - we had each other and THAT was all that mattered.

Before I sat down and spoke with Kerlange, I knew the style of dress I was looking for. I wanted mermaid/trumpet style with a sweet heart neckline.

I was completely overwhelmed with excitement when I tried on the first dress. It became real that I was about to get married and have my dream wedding. This was the moment I waited for. I began to cry, but as beautiful as the dress was, I knew it was not the dress for me. My dress would be the last dress I tried on that Kerlange saved for the very end of my consultation because based on what I asked for she knew it was "the dress" I asked for.

In the days leading up to our wedding day, restrictions were still set in place but I thought to myself, marriage is hard, they take work, there are ups and downs and so many challenges that will push us in so many ways, that we may or may not be prepared for.

This was just the first bump in our journey together, and we approached it by going through with getting married because ultimately we felt that the way we handled this would set the tone for so many decisions ahead.

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Groom: Cyncarreo Collie
Dress: Alistair Lynette



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