

Weddings by the numbers

Think you know weddings?
Here are some common statistics.

- 25** The average age of a first-time bride.
- 12** Average size of the wedding party.
- 175** Average number of guests invited to a wedding.
- 80** Percentage of weddings performed in a church or synagogue.
- 75** Percentage of brides who will receive a diamond ring.
- 64** Percentage of couples living together before marriage.
- 2.4** Number, in millions, of weddings performed in the U.S. each year.
- 10.2** Percentage of weddings taking place in August, second only to June as the most popular month.
- 16** Average number of months for an American engagement.
- 4,000** Dollars spent on the average honeymoon.
- 15** Percentage of weddings that include ethnic customs.

Feng Shui

By Sunita Sitara



The sizzle of summer is here! In this segment, I thought I would answer frequently asked questions by our readers.

One reader asked; what is the best color for a bathroom? Since bathrooms have the most drains in one room and the water element is high in this room. The best color to choose is soft earth tones. Representing the element earth are ceramic tiles, including them in your bathroom décor will help with balancing the water element.

Another good question was, is it important to keep the garage clean? Yes, it's vital that your garage is clean and clutter free. Most houses in America have the garage attached to the house. We don't consider the garage as part of our home. As far as Feng Shui is concerned, if the garage is attached to the house it becomes part of the house and has to be treated as an extension of your living space. My suggestions to my clients: Keep the garage clean and swept; organize the tools and sports equipment. I also suggest hanging some posters that bring a smile to your face!

I always enjoy your questions; please e-mail me at Sunita@sunitasitara.com. Until next month!

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Durrett

After getting engaged while snorkeling with the stingrays in the Grand Cayman's, Chelsea Stoughton, daughter of Cindy and Blaine Stoughton and Jason Durrett, son of Becky Skidmore and David Durrett chose May 15, 2010 to get married in Austin, Texas.

The Father of the Bride, former Hartford Whaler, Pittsburg Penguin and OKC Blazer hockey player, Blaine Stoughton, brought his beautiful daughter to the wedding in the meadows of McMurtrie Farms by horse and carriage. Caj Boatright officiated for the first time at their ceremony. Chelsea's Maid of Honor was Michelle Durrett, Jason's sister, and Jason's Best Man was Chance Stoughton, Chelsea's brother.

The wedding and reception were coordinated by Aunt Joni Stoughton, owner of CoJo Catering in Austin.

The bride carried a gorgeous bouquet of various shades of red, pink and orange roses. Her ivory wedding dress was beaded and covered with lace. The groom and his groomsmen wore traditional black tuxedos with fuchsia colored vest and tie.

Family and close friends attended the reception on the grounds and enjoyed Chicken Piccata and Beef Tenderloin with caramelized onions and gorgonzola. The wedding cake was served as cake balls with various flavors. The couple danced to *I Melt* by Rascal Flatts. Chelsea and her father danced to *Landslide* by Fleetwood Mac. Jason and his mother danced to *My Wish* by Rascal Flatts.

After a honeymoon to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will establish their home in Dallas, Texas.

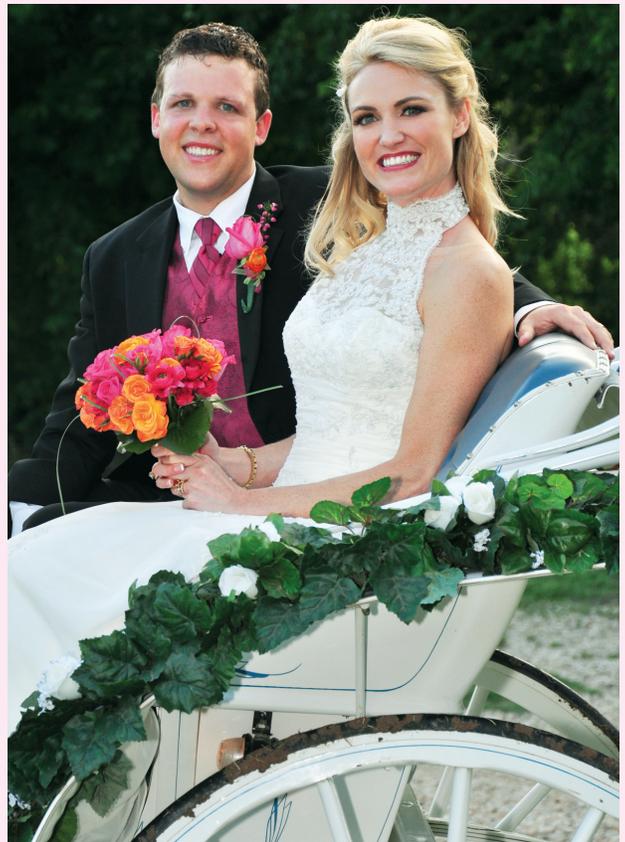


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