

# Location



you love the idea of a plantation

but don't want to venture far from the city, check out the circa-1786 manor house and gated grounds of these tucked away 14 acres on the Ashley River—the sunset views are

Sewee Preserve Eco-chic couples will love the forest lane scapes, saltwater dock, and charming lake house with a mas sive fireplace—no extra fee for chance wildlife sightings of wading herons or osprey flying overhead. seweepreserve.net

Historic Rice Mill Building Book this 1800s rice-mill-

Founders Hall at Charles

Founders Hall are a cool surprise at this treasured historic site. where English colonists aboard the Carolina first stepped ashore, Floor-to-ceiling windows fill the spacious Great Hall with soft, natural light, while the wood-burning fireplace on the patio is perfect for cozy gatherings and mingling. foundershallcharleston.com

ter art galleries, you can say



# FLOWERS

Gathering Floral & Event for her romantic style (bouquets Charleston Stems Anne Bowen



This gleaming salon features one of the largest gown collections in the state \_\_everything from Junko Yoshioka and Amy Kusche to the well-priced Wtoo, gown boutiqueofcharleston.com

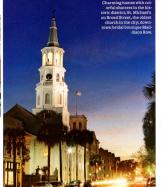
Street moderntrousseausc.com

seersucker. lulakate.com

tents decorated with hanging parasols). gatheringevents.com



ding requires the total transformation of an ordinary space, planners enlist this top-notch team of florists, carpenters, and seamstresses to design the entire space, from a custom drink bar to a tent swathed in your favorite color of fabric



lace, and cascades of fondant

bows.ashleybakery.com

Bow ties and cummerbunds in seersucker hound-Ashley Bakery This family stooth, and tattersall plaid highcottonties.com whimsical cakes, all done with a precise, deft hand-bold fonlant cutouts, delicate piped BILLY REID

> and vintage tie bars billyreid.com

BARRY BEAUX Bow ties (which come with helpful knot-tving instruc tions), cummerbunds, and

gingham pocket squares. barrybeaux.com M. DUMAS & SONS

Bow ties, nants and shorts in sherbet colors, and

plenty of history (the shop was established on King Street in 1917). 843-723-8603



### ATTIRE n Charleston, real mer wear bow ties and blazers of gingham madras and especially seersucker. Our preppy

BEN SILVER

Linen shirts in pastel

pink and yellow, tailored

blue blazers (with

nren-school or college

insignias on the buttons!).

bensilver.com

HIGH COTTON TIES

Natty skinny ties

Port wine-caramel and neanut hutter chipotle chocolate bars From \$5 each; sweeteeth

Pinot Noir, hand-poured into

Plantation Peach, grown on nearby Wadmalaw Island \$10 each; charlestontea

in photography, assisted top New York City pros, and taught at the College of Charleston before opening her photogra-

corbingurkin.com



Charleston is chock-full of enterprising artisans here are our favorite locally made gifts to give as wedding favors or add to welcome baskets

# SWEETEETH CHOCOL ATE



Soy-wax candles in fra-



# and dishware, calderclark,com **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Virgil Bunao Photography Island weddings in the South are a specialty of this photographer, who also loves ocumenting celebrations in his Charleston hometown, where he shoots primarily with

Gayle Brooker Photography Gavle Brooker earned an M.F.A.

phy business. gaylebrooker.com Corbin Gurkin Photography dings all over the world-from Thailand to Tuscany—but hap-book off-site catering or a pripens to call Charleston home.



choose from antique farm tables milk-glass vessels in every color, vintage china, and tons more at this full-service event-planning, floral, and rental company. shopoutofhand.com

### Kristin Newman Designs Lowcountry brides wanting a

elegant southern affair should look to this well-established planner, Brainstorming sessions take place in her new design studio in the up-and-coming NoMo (north of Morrison) neighborhood. kristinnewman designs.com

Tara Guérard Soirée Raising the bar vet again. Soirée even designers provide everything from custom invitations to a new iPad app that allows bride: to share timelines, contracts, color swatches, and photos. taraguerardsoiree.com

Calder Clark Designs "Southern without the saccharine" is the self-proclaimed style of th wedding-planning and design Hyer Images Rachel and Rilly house, which aims for a timeless, fresh atmosphere and is renowned for its resourceful use in their images; they're also of everything from design-forward textiles to retro furnishings and post-processing tech

## CATERERS

Cru Catering Paris-trained chef-owner John Zucker of the popular Cru Café designs every wedding menu from scratch to showcase regional bounty like local collards in a crispy wonton wrapper and a portable

# **Newton Farms Catering** Charleston's local grocery als

niques, hverimages, com

has a foodie side: Newton Farms is the gourmet arm of the iconic Piggly Wiggly stores, offering sushi to Thai chicken-satay skew ers. newtonfarmscatering.com





ame it on the oak trees and

asmine-perfumed air.

ries, couples have found

Garden: a textured bouquet by Gathering Floral & Event Design:

rowsing wedding gowns at Maddison Row; a just-finished cake

For more than three centu-

On Location CHARLESTON

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turned-riverfront-venue and guests can revel in the city's rich culinary history (fresh shrimp and rice, anyone?) while yachts cruise past on the Ashley River. goodfoodcatering.net

Towne Landing The sleek lines pphgcharleston.com and modern architecture of

Gibbes Museum of Art Steps







### ists like Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. Afterward, amaze guests with a celebration in the shady courtyard, filled

art collection in the city, which includes works by American art-

with lovely magnolia and crepe

Magnolia Plantation & Gar-

dens This sprawling 500-acra

property offers several indoo

myrtle trees, gibbesmuseum.org

beyond. pphgcharleston.com

and outdoor options, each prettier than the next. Our best advice: Hold your ceremony amid centuries-old live oaks with a charming white footbridge in the background, fol on the 20-foot-wide wraparound veranda, magnolic

> William Aiken House The sunflower vellow 1810 mansion occupies the corner of a trendsetting block on historic King Street. Couples can exchange yows by the reflection pool then dine and dance in the original second-story ballroom

nlantation.com

maddisonrow.com **Gown Boutique of Charleston** 

DRESSES

Maddison Row While search

laughters Brenda Spadoni

this boutique, now outfitted

by Monique Lhuillier, Vera

ing for a wedding dress with he

Urquhart ended up purchasin

with turquoise walls and styles

Modern Trousseau Elegant silk brocade and French-lace gowns designed by Australian-born Callie Tein are made in the U.S. for this shop overlooking a gorgeous court yard on upper King

LulaKate Charleston fashionistas first fell for local designer Katherine Mullins McDonald's ready-to-wear tops and skirts; now they swoon for her wedding gowns and bridesmaids' dresses in silk, satin, and cotton

Design Heather Barrie is known of poppies and cattleya orchids) and magical settings (crystaladorned chandeliers, reception



Wedding Cakes by Jim Smeal Jim Smeal is an industry legend—an artist who creates cakes that look woven in swee grass or are adorned with sugar peonies you'll swear are real. weddingcakesbyjimsmeal.com

> Sugar Bakeshop Topped with sugared berries, candied lemons, or flowers, these oldfashioned cakes, pies, and tart look perfect on vintage cake stands. sugarbake.com WildFlour Pastry Lauren

Mitterer and her team whip up traditional tiered wedding cakes and homey southern makes bold statements with favorites (red velvet, humming blooms-bouquets of pink peobird) in their Spring Street nies and vases of bright cymbakery-also a local favorite for bidium orchids submerged in sticky buns. wildflourpastry











\$27 each; rewinedcandles.com.

# CHARLESTON TEA

Loose-leaf teas in varieti

**PAI METTO** 

BREWING CO.

Lagers and ales handcrafter

in downtown Charleston

\$9 for a six-pack;

film. virgilbunao.com

everything from hand-rolled

Caviar & Bananas Couples c vate party right inside this



Hyer have a knack for canturing thrilling array of pâtés truffles beautiful, poignant moments homemade fruit jams, duck confit, mac and cheese, and known for their modern editing more, caviarandbananas,com Food for the Southern Soul Any Lowcountry celebration

George Street, which offers:

worth its sea salt features loca seafood and barbecue, and Jimmy Hagood's versions of both are famous. Think creek side shrimp boils, oyster roasts and gourmet barbecue picnic

