

A PERFECT HAWAII WEDDING

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After years of working diligently behind the scenes of Food and Beverage, Linda decided to bridge the gap between vendors and brides during the wedding planning process. Linda enjoys sharing her knowledge of Hawai'i weddings with brides and continues to make many great friends from around the world.



owner : Linda Saito

Tell us your game plan for 2008. "With a graphic design background and Food and Beverage experience in the hospitality industry, my expectations are high. I represent the bride and groom and assist them in creating the wedding they envision. I have an understanding of what properties and vendors can and cannot do, the reasons why and utilize these skills to determine who and what will work best to create the client's vision. I am working with the newly renovated Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio very closely this year to bring a fresh new approach to their destination weddings. The hotel recently completed a 55 million dollar renovation. When you walk through the property you feel like you're walking through a lobby in the middle of New York City. The look is so different - different from any other hotel in Waikiki. I want to carry that same contemporary feel throughout my weddings in



A Perfect Hawaii Wedding ceremony and reception

2008." **What sets your company apart?** "Experience. My experience comes from planning over 400 weddings, but is unique when combined with my experience in operations and design. I've worked in high-end hotels and country clubs throughout my years in Hawai'i. The details of planning a wedding can be involved - being familiar with menu planning, costs, budgeting and estimating benefits my clients." **Tell us about your staff.** "As a coordination company, all of the wedding vendors that I work with such as photographers, florists, ministers... are qualified, reputable, and what I consider mainstream vendors. I have worked with many and I do my homework before any vendor goes on my preferred list!" **What is the secret to your company's success?** "I actually have a degree in Graphic Design and Illustration from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. So with my design background, I am able to combine it with my understanding of event planning to create beautiful, and perfectly executed events. My favorite part about planning is sitting with a bride, listening to her express her ideas, while I sketch out her visions on a piece of paper."

Movies

Matrix

Reads

The Renaissance Soul
Inspirations magazine
All art magazines
Foreign magazines from
Canada and Europe

Music

R&B
Jazz

Television

Honestly, don't really watch - prefer
www.etsy.com

Travel

Alaskan cruise (last summer)
Flea Market at the Rose Bowl (L.A.)
Las Vegas (to visit family)

Interests

Garage sales for vintage finds
Linoleum block printing
Beading and jewelry making
Altered/Collage Art
Cake decorating - attended
Colette Peters class recently! Awesome!

Affiliations

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