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posed wedding party, the photographer captures the players in unguarded moments - the mother of the bride looking pensively as her daughter eats the cake, for example.

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This newsy, documentary approach is even more apparent in wedding videos. Roy Chapman, chairman of the Wedding & Event Videographers Association International, cites the retrospective, in which the videographer produces the wedding as a series of flashbacks. The couple is interviewed after the event and wedding sequences are wed to illustrate their recollections.

"This is a very creative development in our industry," says Chapman, adding that "video is capable of producing anything that's done on television."

Streamlined video equipment that uses existing light means the days of the intrusive videographer are long gone. It also makes it easier to give couples that PBS documentary look, or a charming "When Harry Met Sally" treatment. After all, your wedding may not make national headlines, but it's certainly the biggest news in your life.

Chapman notes that videos also are getting shorter in length - about 30 minutes of creatively edited, stylized and watchable highlights.

"When your friends come over, they may not have two or three hours to watch the whole wedding," he adds.

But although the finished product is shorter, it can be more expensive, since it requires more sophisticated editing skills.

"It's much harder to produce an edited wedding than to set up a camera and let it roll," Chapman explains.

Like still photographers, videographers are using more black-and-white footage. "It's so chic," says Chapman, and it's of-

three or four professionals for both jobs. Be sure to take a close look at their work to make sure the style is harmonious with what you want. If you want lots of interviews with guests during the reception, you'd want a videographer who is comfortable approaching strangers; not all are. When working with a large studio, make sure the professional whose work you like is the one who will shoot your wedding - and specify it in the contract.

Also agree on when the photographer and videographer will start documenting the event. A videographer may film the rehearsal dinner to tape speeches and informal interviews, or a photographer may snap the bride as she gets ready. At the very least, the photographer and videographer should visit the wedding and reception sites in advance, and they should meet with the couple to confer about everything from the bride's makeup to making sure Grandma makes it into the wedding album or video.

**The Honeymooners**  
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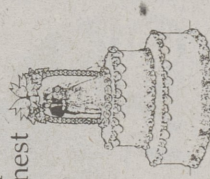
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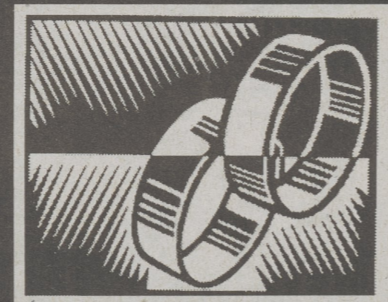
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**Brides basking in Victorian glory**



By Sharon Mosley  
Copley News Service

One of the most romantic wedding themes is the Victorian-inspired ceremony filled with lace and ribbons and flowers. It can also be the wedding of your dreams.

An ideal setting for the Victorian vision of romance is the outdoor garden, especially in the springtime. Whether it's held in a scenic local park or your aunt's backyard, the Victorian wedding, especially a morning ceremony, can be the most memorable of all. Of course, you'll need a backup tent in case of rain, but then it's not going to rain on your wedding now, is it?

A formal morning wedding dictates that you select a gown that has a regal presence. The Victorian-inspired gowns of this year feature high or low necklines, formfitting princess-style bodices and lace sleeves trimmed with pearls and ribbons. There are many updated gowns swirling with soft full chiffon skirts and sleek-satin bodices. Don't be afraid to bare your arms at any time of the day. But for the most formal of weddings, arms are covered with sleeves or gloves.

A long veil or headpiece is essential. There are many choices when it comes to headpieces, however a crown of fresh flowers, silk garlands wired together to make a tiara.

Accessories for the Victorian bride are endless. From satin wedding pumps embellished with buckles, bows and rosettes to pearl chokers with antique cameos and delicate embroidered gloves, the most romantic details are all available at your favorite bridal salons and jewelers. And if you're a modern Victorian bride, chances are you're a regular visitor to antique stores and flea markets.

**Many brides are choosing romantic gowns, complete with flowing veils, for their nuptials.**

There also are lots of options for your attendants in a Victorian-inspired wedding. This season, pale color is only hinted at, sometimes under silk chiffon skirts or peeking out from lush lace silhouettes. Pale-pink silk floor-length gowns for the bridesmaids can be accessorized with pearl choker or lace and ribbon in their hair.

A formal morning wedding is also the perfect time to have the groom and his attendants in the dapper morning suit, complete with long jacket, gray waistcoat and striped trousers. And for a real Victorian touch, how about top hats and spats with walking sticks?

Flower girls are always remembered in long white lace dresses, tiny white slippers and floral headpieces. For the bride and her attendants, small bouquets of flowers can be clustered in silver or

brass tussie-mussie holders can drip with long ribbons and lace.

For the ultimate Victorian wedding, researchers from the meaning of your flowers from books such as Kate Greenaway's "Language of Flowers." A typical modern-day tussie-mussie features lilies of the valley, andromeda and rambling roses. For an extra-special touch, flower girls can throw rose petals down the aisle.

Decorations for Victorian weddings know no excess. Outdoor gardens, potted palms and string quartets lend themselves perfectly to this theme. If you're using a tent, drape poles with cotton or muslin and entwine them with ribbons and vines. Cover chairs with white bridal tulle and cinch them with fresh flowers.

Roses, ivy and baby's breath are easily arranged into lavish bouquets for the ceremony as well as the reception tables. One of the best ways to personalize your Victorian table decorations is to use vintage photographs of family and other antique collectibles.

The morning wedding is the perfect time to host a brunch or tea for your guests. As violinists play your favorite classics, your friends and family can help themselves to a beautiful display of food while admiring your personal preparations.

If your ceremony is later in the day, make good use of romantic candlelight. Candles are always a welcome addition to a romantic ceremony.

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