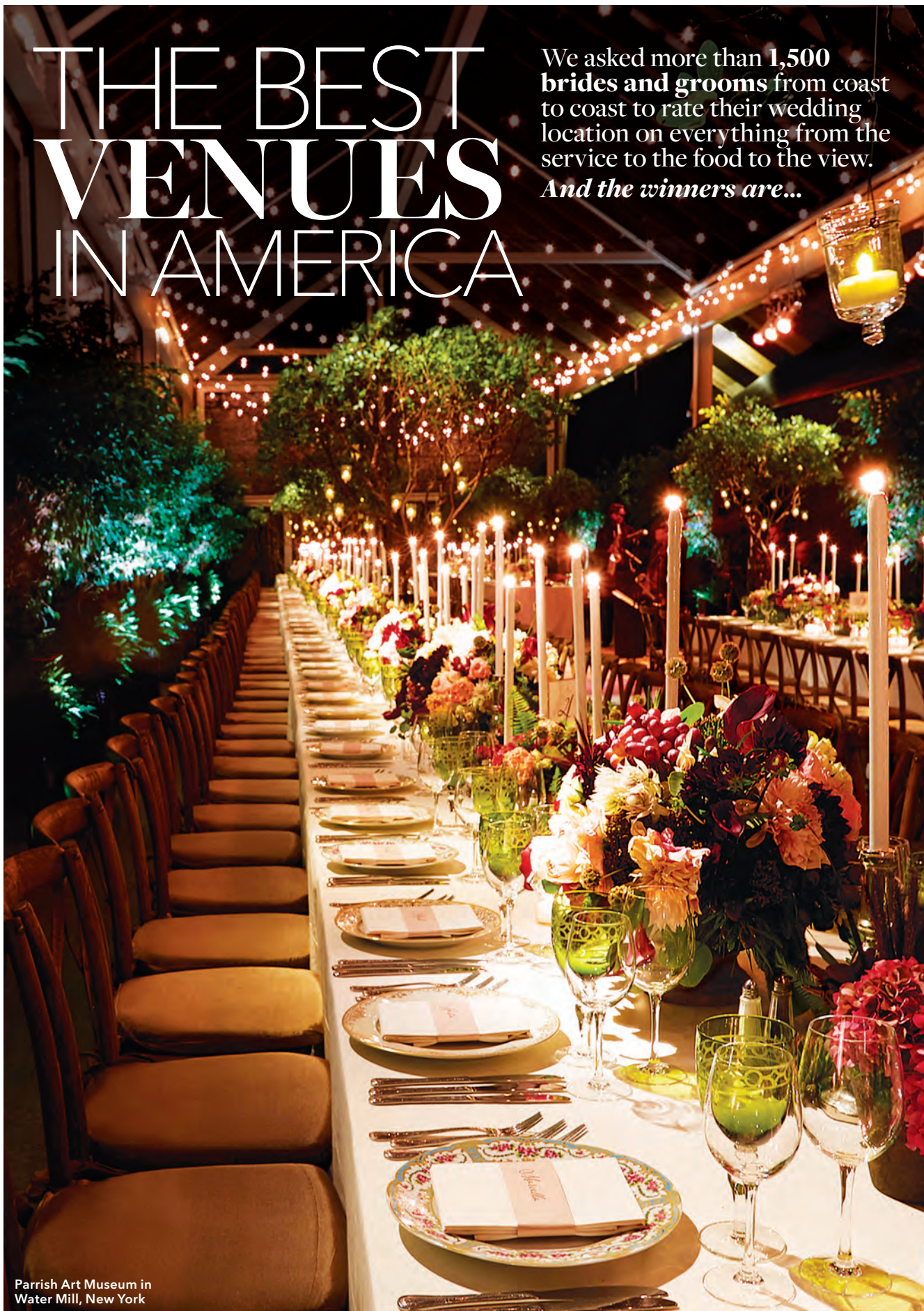


THE BEST VENUES IN AMERICA

We asked more than **1,500 brides and grooms** from coast to coast to rate their wedding location on everything from the service to the food to the view. *And the winners are...*



Parrish Art Museum in
Water Mill, New York

WHYMAN STUDIOS

BEST VENUES



Boston Public Library

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

“Our guests thought switching rooms for the ceremony, cocktails, dinner, and dancing was so cool.”

—JENNIFER B.

budget? You won't need much decor for a ceremony in the park's gardens or in its gorge greenhouse, lush with ferns and palms. [starrevents.com](#).

Providence Public Library

PROVIDENCE

With columns, a wrought-iron balcony, and turn-of-the-last-century gilded details, the Grand Hall reads more “palace” than “library.” Instead of walking the aisle, make your entrance down an elegant marble staircase. [morins.com](#).

Mountain Top Inn

CHITTENDEN, VERMONT

Kick off the day with a morning hike, then exchange vows on a hilltop or barn with major Green Mountain views. [mountaintopin.com](#).

—Alonna Travin

THE NORTHEAST

TAKE YOUR PICK OF CITY LANDMARKS, COUNTRY GETAWAYS, AND CLASSIC SEASIDE ESCAPES

Boston Harbor Hotel

BOSTON

Wherever you wed—the 80-foot-dome rotunda, the dockside pavilion, the rooftop terrace—guests will be wowed by the awesome harbor views. [bhh.com](#).

Boston Public Library ★

BOSTON

Get hitched in the columned courtyard, then party in the book-lined main hall. Bonus: You can use the old-school reading tables for your candlelit dinner. [bpl.org](#).

Chatham Bars Inn

CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

At this classic Cape Cod retreat, weddings are all about the sea, whether you make it official on the ocean-view lawn or dance in the beachside boathouse. [chathambarsinn.com](#).

White Elephant

NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

Dress your guy in his preppy best for cocktails, cornhole,

and nautical-inspired vows on the hotel's lawn, followed by fresh oysters on the terrace overlooking the harbor. [whiteelephanthotel.com](#).

LaBelle Winery

AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

A wine-country wedding in New England? Believe it. Say “I do” among the grapes, then toast your nuptials with bubbly or blueberry wine in the wood-beamed great room. [labellewinerynh.com](#).

The Ashford Estate

ALLENTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Take over this 30-acre property and you and your squad will have full run of the mansion, 12 guest suites, manicured gardens, and a rustic barn chapel. [theashfordestate.com](#).

Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa ★

MONTAUK, NEW YORK

With a private beach and a tented deck overlooking the Atlantic, this newly

renovated hot spot at the tip of Long Island wins raves for its on-site planner and pastry chef. [gurneysmontauk.com](#).

Gramercy Park Hotel

NEW YORK

A favorite of the fashion crowd, this hotel draws brides with its chic rooftop garden (complete with a retractable roof), skyline views, and on-point Danny Meyer menu. [gramercyparkhotel.com](#).

Blue Hill at Stone Barns ★

POCANTICO HILLS, NEW YORK

Set on a working farm just north of New York City, this restaurant is known for its uberlocal cuisine and insane photo ops. Think wild gardens and rolling pastures, plus sheep, cows, and chickens! [bluehillfarm.com](#).

Fairmount Park Horticulture Center

PHILADELPHIA

Want to slash your flower



Fairmount Park Horticulture Center in Philadelphia

FROM TOP: MATT TEUTEN PHOTOGRAPHY; NINA LILY PHOTOGRAPHY

KEY



Best Service



Best Food



Best View

THE SOUTH

DO IT UP IN STYLE AT A GRAND RESORT OR HISTORIC HOME

The Hay-Adams ★

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Choose the Top of the Hay as your reception space and your guests will be Instagramming views of the White House and Washington Monument all night. Back in the bridal suite, you'll bed down on a cool souvenir: pillows monogrammed with your married initials. hayadams.com.

The Willard

InterContinental Hotel

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Seeking a fete with an old-world feel? Book this 150-year-old hotel a block from the White House and you can host a mega-party for 450 under glittering chandeliers in the ballroom or a bash for 250 in the columned Crystal Room. intercontinental.com.

Boca Raton Resort

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

Spa gardens, pools, private beaches, marinas—there are almost too many ceremony spots to count at this sprawling upscale resort. Also winning kudos: the amazing cakes by pastry chef Jordi Panisello. bocaresort.com.

Sunset Key

Cottages

KEY WEST, FLORIDA

If there were ever a place to do a sunset wedding, it's this island resort just 500 yards off Key West. Take over all 40 beachy cottages to make it your own private isle for the weekend. sunsetkeycottages.com.

Villa Woodbine

MIAMI

All arches, fountains, and Spanish tile, this private mansion feels way more Mediterranean than Miami. Make it official in an elegant courtyard or under a grand oak tree strung with lights. villa-woodbine.com.

Jekyll Island Club Hotel

JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA

After beachside vows, take your pick of seven reception sites, including the manicured lawn of Crane Cottage or a riverside clearing dripping with moss. jekyllclub.com.

Old Edwards Inn

HIGHLANDS, NORTH CAROLINA

Brides love the staff and spa at this charming Relais & Châteaux hotel, home to



Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards in North Garden, Virginia

PIPPIN HILL FARM & VINEYARDS

"My bridesmaids and I were waited on hand and foot while getting ready in the stunning all-white bridal suite."

—JESSI G.

an haute barn with sweeping views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. oldedwardsinn.com.

The Mayo Hotel

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The 21st century meets the Jazz Age at this just-renovated 1920s landmark hotel, where sleek furnishings mingle with original art-deco details, like the ballroom's dazzling terrazzo floors. themayohotel.com.

Lowndes Grove Plantation

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Built in 1786, this grand Georgian-style plantation home sits on 14 acres in downtown Charleston, a sweet spot for a tented reception by the Ashley River. pphghcharleston.com.

Blackberry Farm

WALLAND, TENNESSEE

The five-star, 9,000-acre retreat, located in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains, is a working farm, so expect next-level southern eats from the welcome dinner through the morning-after brunch. blackberryfarm.com.

Crystal Ballroom

at the Rice ★

HOUSTON

Go big or go home at this century-old downtown classic, which features 5,000 square feet of airy, chandelier-lit ballroom space. That's enough room for 450 guests. crystalballhouston.com.

Gage Hotel

MARATHON, TEXAS

Just 45 miles away from Big Bend National Park, the mission-style hotel specializes in boho-chic affairs with a West Texas twist. Throw your party in the succulent-filled gardens or fountain-dotted courtyards. gagehotel.com.

Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards ★

NORTH GARDEN, VIRGINIA

This boutique winery pours on the charm with its elegant barn, panoramic mountain views, and customizable menu featuring fresh-from-the-barrel wines and southern-inspired fare. pippinhillfarm.com.

The Greenbrier

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

When a resort has a new white chapel (in this case, built by the owner for his daughter's 2015 wedding), you know it's serious about weddings. Your photographer will swoon over the colorful, lavish Dorothy Draper-designed interiors. greenbrier.com.

—Jeanne Lyons Davis

KEY



Best Service



Best Food



Best View



Blackberry Farm in Walland, Tennessee

BEST VENUES



Milwaukee Art Museum

Adler Planetarium ★

CHICAGO

This venue lets you marry right on Lake Michigan, so get hitched on the terrace before heading over to the reception space for sights of the Chicago skyline. adlerplanetarium.org.

Symphony Center

CHICAGO

Even if you're not into doing an elevated ceremony on Armour Stage, you'll love the Grainger Ballroom's embellished ceilings and grand arched windows overlooking Michigan Avenue. cso.org.

Downtown Market

Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Set above a farmer's market, the modern greenhouse and rooftop terrace offer an urban oasis for a ceremony one floor away from the city streets. downtownmarketgr.com.

Grand Hotel ★

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

This resort is known for its geranium-dotted 660-foot veranda (perfect for ceremonies) and its fantastic planner, who will put out any last-minute fires, like when a groomsman forgets his pants (true story). grandhotel.com.

ZINGERMAN'S CORNMAN FARMS

"The owner let the kids pet the goats and play with the pigs!"

—MEREDITH P.

Zingerman's

Cornman Farms ★

DEXTER, MICHIGAN

The farmhouse and restored barn on 42 acres of pastures are the stuff of country-wedding fantasies. Bonus: Choose between the famous Zingerman's Deli or Roadhouse, an upscale barbecue palace, for your catering. zingermancornmanfarms.com.

A'bulae

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

This loftlike space has a roof for your I do's, floor-to-ceiling windows in the ballroom, and a luxe dressing room. (You and your 'maids will each have your own hair and makeup station. Fancy!) abulae.com.

Peabody Opera House

ST. LOUIS

Exchange vows on the red-curtained stage in the theater, then head back to the marbled lobby, which doubles as the two-story ballroom of your dreams. peabodyoperahouse.com.

The Club at Hillbrook

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO

A Tudor mansion in the woods, this venue gives off major fairy-tale vibes. Plus the wedding team goes above and beyond, even finishing that final DIY project for you. clubhillbrook.com.

Cleveland

Museum of Art

CLEVELAND

A three-story glass atrium filled with trees adds a contemporary edge to the museum's original 1916 architecture, perfect for a traditional-meets-modern affair. clevelandart.org.

Franklin Park

Conservatory

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Want a lush space for your in-town nuptials? This greenhouse is stuffed with palm trees, and its exterior sports a super-cool light installation by artist James Turrell. fpconservatory.org.

Milwaukee Art Museum

MILWAUKEE

Guests can tour the galleries to see the works of Picasso while you slip outside for photos in front of Quadracci Pavilion, a Calatrava-designed masterpiece meant to look like a ship's bow. mam.org.

—Katie Schroeder

KEY



Best Service



Best Food



Best View

THE MIDWEST

MUSEUMS, MUSIC HALLS, AND CHIC BARNs RULE THE HEARTLAND



Zingerman's Cornman Farms in Dexter, Michigan

BEST VENUES



The Little Nell in Aspen, Colorado

THE LITTLE NELL

"Our guests were in awe as they stepped off the gondola. You feel like you're literally on top of the world."

—ERIN Z.

your photos all night, whether you're exchanging vows on Trail Creek Cabin's lawn or partying in the window-filled ballroom at River Run Lodge. sunvalley.com.

THE WEST

WIDE-OPEN SPACES ARE YOUR BACKDROP AT THESE LUXE RANCHES, WINERIES, AND MOUNTAIN RESORTS

El Chorro

PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA
After a ceremony with epic views of Camelback Mountain, lead your guests to the adobe-style hotel's great room or light-strung lawn for seasonal southwestern cuisine. elchorro.com.

Tanque Verde Ranch

TUCSON, ARIZONA
Saddle up for a pre-wedding horseback ride with your girls, then kick off your boots and celebrate with vows among cacti that are at least twice your height. tanqueverderanch.com.

Four Seasons Resort the Biltmore Santa Barbara

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
This posh Mediterranean-style resort features a gorge garden, colorful tiled patios, and an airy ballroom overlooking the sea. fourseasons.com.

Bear Flag Farm ★

WINTERS, CALIFORNIA
Come for the private estate's sprawling vineyards, fragrant

fields of lavender, and on-site event design and coordination; stay for the Ferris-wheel photo ops. (Seriously!) bearflagfarm.com.

The Little Nell ★

ASPEN, COLORADO
A few reasons to get married at this perennial favorite's 11,212-foot-high wedding deck: the awesome Rocky Mountain backdrop, the giant vaulted restaurant, and the chance to use a gondola as your getaway ride. thelittlenell.com.

St. Regis Aspen

ASPEN, COLORADO
The sunken courtyard is the quintessential winter

ceremony spot, filled with Aspen trees, fire pits, and sights of the nearby peaks. stregisaspen.com.

Dunton Hot Springs ★

DOLORES, COLORADO
Wild West wedding alert! If you'd like, you can have this entire ghost town turned five-star resort for the weekend, including an open-air chapel, 13 log cabins, and a saloon that once served Butch Cassidy. duntonhotsprings.com.

Kukahiko Estate

MAUI, HAWAII
This tropical oasis is set on some of the island's most beautiful coastline. Have your ceremony on a lawn overlooking the Pacific, then watch for whales as you dine by the lava-rock beach. kukahikoestate.com.

Sun Valley Resort

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO
Breathtaking Bald Mountain will play a starring role in

Mandarin Oriental Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS
Three floors up, the neutral-hued ballroom offers a sleek, chic space for your bash, plus floor-to-ceiling windows that showcase the city's famous Strip. mandarinoriental.com.

Maysara Winery

MCMINVILLE, OREGON
After exchanging vows among 250 acres of vines, move to this massive stone-and-wood space in the Willamette Valley for a night of local pinot noir and dancing. maysara.com.

Montage Deer Valley

DEER VALLEY, UTAH
In the hills above Park City, this modern resort woos mountain-loving brides with its in-the-forest ceremony site, artisanal menus, and cozy, elegant great room. montagehotels.com.

Sodo Park

SEATTLE
Just south of downtown, this 100-year-old restored factory features soaring ceilings, exposed beams, and a kick-ass catering team. herbanfeast.com.

—Jaimie Schoen



Four Seasons Resort the Biltmore Santa Barbara, California

KEY

★ Best Service ★ Best Food ★ Best View

BEST VENUES



The Cedar Room in Charleston, South Carolina



Granite Ridge Estate & Barn in Norway, Maine



The White Sparrow in Quinlan, Texas

ON OUR RADAR

WE TEAMED UP WITH **THE VENUE REPORT**, WHICH CURATES THE WORLD'S COOLEST EVENT SPACES, TO PICK THE COUNTRY'S 10 BUZZIEST NEW WEDDING SPOTS FOR 2016

The Inn at Newport Ranch

FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA
If you're into dramatic cliffs, awe-inspiring redwoods, and farm-to-table cuisine, check out this 2,000-acre cattle ranch on the Mendocino coast. Our favorite ceremony site? Celebration Point, a rock promontory with crashing Pacific waves on two sides. theinnatnewportranch.com.

Millwick

LOS ANGELES
Brides are flocking to this indoor-outdoor space in the downtown Arts District. The draw? A 2 a.m. curfew, the palm-lined garden patio, and 4,500 square feet of loftlike interiors. marvimon.com.

The Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

CHICAGO
Built in the 19th century, this former men's club was closed to the public until last year, when it opened as a meticulously restored hotel. The White City Ballroom

still has its original marble floors, ornate fireplaces, and stained-glass windowpanes. chicagoathletichotel.com.

Il Mercato

NEW ORLEANS
Get hitched next to citrus trees at this food market turned events space, then move the party inside to the mod great room. The library bar is perfect for a wild after-party. ilmercatoevents.com.

Granite Ridge Estate & Barn

NORWAY, MAINE
Take over this 128-acre private mountain for the weekend and get married al fresco in the forest or in a wooden barn overlooking the

countryside below. graniteridgeestate.com.

26 Bridge

BROOKLYN
Once a steel factory, this colossal space in arty Dumbo plays up its industrial past with steel-vaulted ceilings, original brick walls, and a skylight that runs the length of the room. 26bridge.com.

Parrish Art Museum

WATER MILL, NEW YORK
Long Island's famous museum opened its Water Mill location in 2012 and is now (finally!) booking weddings. Take advantage with vows in a gallery, flanked by Jackson Pollock drawings, or in an open pavilion that seems to go on forever. parrishart.org.

The Cedar Room

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Ideal for a chic vintage-inspired fete, this renovated 1800s cigar factory features an outdoor courtyard, authentic Low Country fare, and views of the Cooper River and iconic Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge. thecedarroomcigarfactory.com.

Prospect House

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
Say your vows in a field of Hill Country wildflowers, then move inside to a sleek 220-foot-long aluminum space that will appeal to your inner minimalist. prospecthousetx.com.

The White Sparrow

QUINLAN, TEXAS
Thanks to its whitewashed interior, high ceiling, and six vintage brass chandeliers, this massive barn 43 miles outside Dallas is more elegant than rustic. FYI, the owner is a wedding photographer, so the place was made for gorgeous wedding photos. thewhitesparrowbarn.com.

—Anna Price Olson

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CAROLINE FONTENOT; NADIA HUERTA WITH JUNE BUG COMPANY; BELLA WANG PHOTOGRAPHY