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"WHO'S WHO" OF TAMPA BAY WEDDING PROS



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EDITOR'S NOTE: HOW TO CHOOSE THE AREA'S BEST WEDDING PROS

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When planning a wedding the most important decisions to make (besides choosing your life partner) are the wedding pros you hire to deliver on your wedding day experience.

Selecting your wedding vendors can be overwhelming because there are so many to choose from. Most couples source personal recommendations, Google searches, social media feedback and national listing sites to begin their search, but the number of suggestions you receive can be mind-boggling.

One of the national wedding vendor listing sites has almost 700 photographers cataloged just for the Tampa Bay area! Even the most dedicated wed-to-be doesn't have time to narrow down all of those profiles, plus I personally wouldn't recommend over 70% of vendors on there (even ones with over 100+ 5-star ratings).

One of the best ways to keep wedding planning manageable is to start with a curated list of wedding pros. This can be from your wedding venue's preferred list, a selected poll from personal recommendations, or our collection of "Who's Who" of Tampa Bay Wedding Pros.

We have purposefully kept our Marry Me Tampa Bay list selective to bring you the area's most reputable and respected wedding professionals.

With our "Who's Who" publication, Marry Me Tampa Bay has done the research for you so that you can

focus on narrowing our list even further to choose the right fit for your budget, personality, and style.

Your wedding day is not a day that you can "do over" if something goes wrong, so choosing your wedding pros truly is an investment in creating an unforgettable day.

Our focus for selecting our "Who's Who" is intended for couples looking for professionals first and foremost. With experience and talent comes a higher price point, so if you're price shopping, our pros won't be the least expensive, but they will be the most qualified.

You want to hire professionals not only for their knowledge but also to plan for mishaps (because they will happen) and to fix them without taking away from your experience on the day of.

With this 2024 publication also comes complementary insight from the *Marry Me Tampa Bay* editorial team.

Email social@marrymetampabay.com or DM [@marrymetampabay](https://www.instagram.com/marrymetampabay) with the wedding vendors that you're considering, and we'll let you know if they are reputable and share any weddings we've featured from them.

Cheers,
Anna Coats

WHO'S WHO: WEDDING FLORISTS



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Bruce Wayne Florals

At Bruce Wayne Florals, we are dedicated to providing exceptional service and creating beautiful floral designs that inspire and elevate any occasion. Our team of skilled designers and the freshest seasonal blooms guarantee that your vision will be brought to life and your special moments will be unforgettable. We take pride in our precision, reliability, and passion for creativity and innovation, which sets us apart. We aim to exceed our client's expectations with every arrangement, making every event an opportunity to create something remarkable. We offer a wide range of services, striving to execute events with utmost precision and reliability while adopting an organic and forward-thinking approach. We create exquisite floral arrangements that add stunning beauty to life's most important moments.

Beneva Wedings & Events

At Beneva Weddings we combine our floral expertise, along with our commitment to your vision, to bring that vision to life on the day that will live in your memories forever.

Beneva Weddings has been recognized and awarded #1 in Sarasota by the *Peoples Choice Awards* and *Sarasota Magazine* for the past 22 years. This is a reflection of the personalized and special attention given to every wedding. We love sharing and creating ideas that will create a stunning wedding you will always remember.

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Bloom SHAKALAKA

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Bloom Shakalaka

At Bloom Shakalaka flowers should be beautiful, not complicated. With 30+ years of combined floral experience, we're not just experts; we're artists who continually learn and grow. Our commitment to joy and continued training in our craft is what sets us apart and ensures you're in the best hands.

We offer a la carte pricing that allows you to choose specific floral pieces from a pre-defined set menu. Each floral item on the menu is priced individually, providing transparency and flexibility to tailor your selections.

For clients seeking a more extensive and personalized floral experience, our full-service option includes a comprehensive range of floral services, including customization, hands-on involvement, and Bloom Shakalaka's expertise in managing all aspects of the floral design from start to finish.

Save the Date Florida

Save the Date Florida is a floral design company that specializes in weddings and events, which allows us more time to pay attention to the details of your celebration. We arrive early, pin on all of the boutonnieres/corsages, set up all of your decor, make sure every last detail is set perfectly, and if you need it, will return when the event is over to tear down.

With 23 years of industry experience, we are constantly growing and evolving with the latest trends and themes for weddings and implement that into our designs. We have built and trained a wonderful team of professionals to give each of our brides the attention their wedding deserves.

Floral designs start at \$3,500.



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[Learn More about Monarch Events And Design](#)

Monarch Events And Design

Monarch Events And Design is a full-service event design and floral design studio with a specialty in a natural, organic look. We craft once-in-a-lifetime events that represent each client's unique story. Our design style has no limits

. We love everything weddings so we not only focus on flowers, but we also help with other aspects of the wedding design. In our design process, we create an overall design experience helping with such things as linens, candleholders, and decor.

What makes us stand out is our attention to detail and the customer service we provide throughout the floral and event planning process.

Lemon Drops

Lemon Drops is a unique business offering multiple services to help make your dream wedding come to life. Inviting, creative, and accommodating, we can provide anything from floral arrangements to various decor items for rent. We also have a wedding department that offers planning and coordination options to help ensure your day goes smoothly and looks even better!

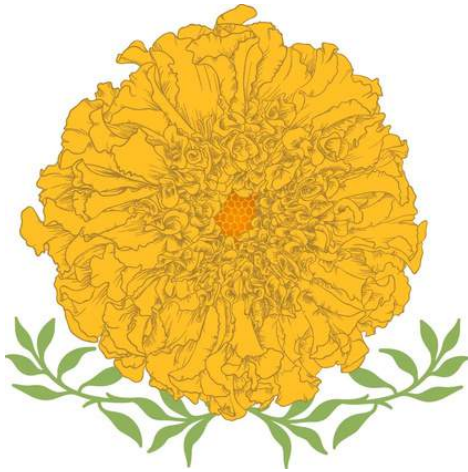
Our style is traditional with a twist. Adaptable and innovative, we do not shy away from new ideas or challenges. There is not a design or idea too grand for us, and we love to bring a 'wow' factor that you'll never forget.

Our planners work directly with our florists to ensure your ideas and designs are executed according to the vision discussed. When your planning team works this close to your design team, you can rest assured that the dreams we discuss will come to life!



[Learn More about Lemon Drops](#)

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[Learn More about Marigold Flower Co.](#)

Marigold Flower Co.

Marigold Flower Co is a boutique floral business specializing in weddings and events. We love our clients and have so much fun bringing their visions to life!

Our mission is to provide fresh, creative designs to the modern couple and to give them a personalized, enjoyable, and stress-free experience... because who needs more stress when wedding planning!

We are the custom wedding department of Carrollwood Florist, which means we always have access to a cooler full of extra products and a great relationship with our floral suppliers across the globe.

Floral designs start at \$3,000 (not including taxes, setup, and delivery fees).

2 Sisters Events & Design

2 Sisters Events & Design is a full-service event company. Our team is one-of-a-kind and has worked together since 2006. All our designers have amazing backgrounds and love bringing the florals up to the next level. We truly focus on each event to give a custom design look from beginning to end. None of us are afraid to roll up our sleeves and do whatever needs to be done to make a wedding perfect. That's just how we roll.

Our pricing is based on the decor needs and style of the wedding. We present our clients with an itemized floral and decor proposal, a CAD drawing layout, and design boards for every event.



[Learn More about 2 Sisters Events & Design](#)

Bruce Wayne

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CREATING STUNNING FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY BECAUSE EVERY MOMENT DESERVES TO BE CELEBRATED WITH BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE

WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT BEING A WEDDING FLORIST?

We take pride in being able to work alongside our clients throughout their entire wedding journey, from the initial conception to the final execution. Our passion lies in helping couples choose the perfect flowers, hard goods, and design styles to make their big day unforgettable. Witnessing the joy and amazement on our couples' faces as they take in the beauty of their reception space is truly the most fulfilling part of what we do.



[Learn More about Bruce Wayne Florals](#)



WHAT IS A MUST HAVE AT EVERY WEDDING?

Over the years, we have discovered that incorporating a diverse range of floral designs is crucial to enhancing the ambiance of a reception area. Combining tall and low arrangements brings the space to life with a constant sense of motion. We recommend two or three unique tablescapes for larger receptions, each with its own personality and charm. Finally, an abundance of candles is a must-have for any reception to add warmth and elegance to the setting.



WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT?

We take great pride in creating an unforgettable experience for our clients. Our vision aligns with our clients, and we are confident in exceeding their expectations. Our team of experts meticulously selects the freshest and most beautiful flowers available in the market, and our designs are crafted with unparalleled attention to detail. We firmly believe that every little detail counts, which is why we are committed to delivering high-quality service that surpasses our customers' expectations.



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OUR PERSONALITY IS:

We believe that beautiful things are made up of small details. Our top priority is to make sure our clients are happy by demonstrating our professionalism and creativity. With our extensive experience designing weddings, we can bring your vision to life and create a magical experience for you and your guests. Trust us to make your event unforgettable and inspirational.

[Learn More about Bruce Wayne Florals](#)



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**# 1 IN SARASOTA BY THE
PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS
AND SARASOTA MAGAZINE
FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS.**

Beneva Weddings has been committed to couples for 35 years, helping them conjure up the wedding of their dreams, using flowers and greens as the medium.

With over 50 years of combined experience, our team's design knowledge and creativity are extensive, and it's constantly being refined.

When we're not educating other florists, we're educating ourselves.

WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT FROM OTHER FLORISTS?

We buy our flowers direct from the farm and fresh from all over the world. The quality of our florals is top-notch, and yet we're still able to offer competitive wedding flower pricing to our clients. We're here to translate your floral fantasies into reality.

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OUR STYLE IS:

We customize our floral designs and decor to each and every bride who walks through the door and pride ourselves on never saying no to anything. The strength of our team and our deep roots in the floral industry enable us to accommodate any vision.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

Our wedding and event designers offer everything from flowering ceremony arches to pool floats made of florals to aisle treatments to chair decor, centerpieces, place cards, and more.

WHAT WOULD MOST COUPLES BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

The size of our operation and the rental resources we provide.

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MMTB Reader Special: Book a \$2,000+ floral package and receive a complimentary pre-wedding couples massage.





Danielle Zechmann

What inspired you to start your business?

When I was a little girl, I always loved pulling pictures of beautiful bouquets out of *Martha Stewart Weddings* magazines. When it came time for me to get married, I naturally wanted to do my own wedding flowers. I started by doing my friends' weddings and then their bridesmaids' weddings, and 23 years later what started as a hobby is a full-time business.



What makes your business stand out?

We really love all things weddings! We spend lots of time with our couples going through every detail of what they might need for their wedding day. We keep in touch throughout the planning process as ideas may change, and we execute those details beautifully on their wedding day. We are always prepared to go the extra mile to make your day more than you dreamed it would be.

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Amber McWhorter Photography



Maria Leja Photo

What is one thing most couples would be surprised to know about you?

I am a mother of 7 children, and I homeschool my youngest 3. I am madly in love with my husband, and we have built a life that we love together. We are in the process of building a farm and homesteading on 37 acres with my sister and her family, and I can't wait to grow a flower garden!

What is one of your passions, non-wedding related?

Aside from weddings, my recent passion has been learning about homesteading and farm life. There's something so rewarding in growing your own food, something so peaceful about the quietness of your own land, and something about being fulfilled and passionate about everything you are doing in life. I believe when you are fulfilled and happy it really translates through your designs and work.



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Bloom SHAKALAKA

PASSIONATELY
CREATING
JOYFUL MOMENTS



Our Personality Is:

We are vibrant, embodying the essence of celebration and positivity. Our foundation is built on bright and upbeat communication. We love keeping it easy-breezy. We're light-hearted and approachable; our number one goal is to make someone smile.

When our clients come to us with their grandest visions, we love to make their flower dreams come true. Can we wrap flowers all the way up a tree? Yep. Can we incorporate strawberries into the table arrangements? You bet. Can we make a flower chandelier and a 12ft centerpiece? Challenge accepted. We love to WOW your wedding guests.

What Makes Your Business Stand Out?

We aren't just any floral service; we are the collective wisdom of a team that intimately comprehends the ins and outs of event days.

We recognize that logistics are the silent backbone of our creations and are as critical as the blooms themselves. When you choose us, you're entrusting us to guide your design choices with the same attention and care you'd prioritize. Our process is streamlined, intentional, and innovative.

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WHO'S WHO: WEDDING RENTALS & DECOR



[Learn More about A Chair Affair](#)

A Chair Affair

A Chair Affair offers a wide variety of rental and decor inventory from classic to rustic to formal to elegant. We can provide beautiful glass chargers for your table setting, mismatched vintage china, tasteful Chiavari chairs, fine china, flatware, rustic farm tables, dance floors, bars and barware, glassware, and many eclectic décor pieces to add an extra special touch on your wedding day.

We encourage you to visit our 41,000 sq. foot warehouse and showroom in Orlando or our 12,000 sq. foot warehouse and showroom in Lakeland.

Outside The Box Event Rentals

Our name hints at what we have and what we do. Yes, we rent your standard tables, chairs, linens, and napkins, but we have so much more. We also carry candelabras, wine barrels, lighting, vases, theme-related, and other great decor that will take your event from standard to stunning. We custom design signs and props to make your event unique.

In our showroom, you may mix and match chargers, linens, and centerpieces to develop your table design for your wedding. Our staff will walk you through the process from beginning to end so that your ideas and visions will come to life.



[Learn More about Outside the Box Event Rentals](#)

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KATE RYAN EVENT RENTALS

Kate Ryan Event Rentals

Kate Ryan Event Rentals is Tampa Bay's premier direct source for high-quality specialty event rentals including specialty linens, Chiavari chairs, ghost chairs, specialty chairs, ghost barstools, tables, glassware, flatware, plates, charger plates, bars, dance floors & more!

We are conveniently located in North Hyde Park right outside of Downtown Tampa.

[Learn More about Kate Ryan Event Rentals](#)

Over the Top Rental Linens

Over The Top Rental Linens is a nationally recognized company that is known for high-quality fabrics with a wide variety of options for tablecloths, overlays, chair covers, cushion covers, runners, napkins, and pillow covers.

By continually adding new selections throughout the year, we have endless options for every event!

We proudly remain a privately-owned company which enables us to give you our full attention and personalized customer service.



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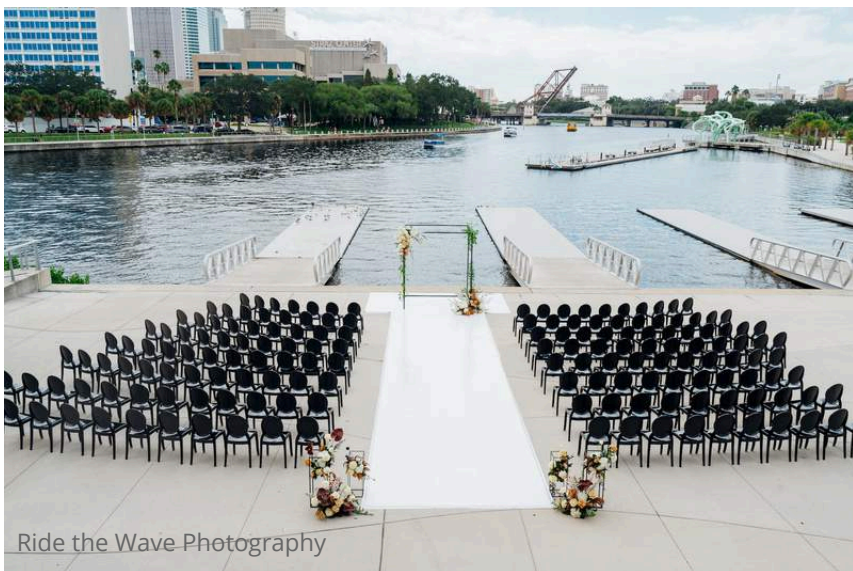
WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT?

Our combined event industry experience is 35+ years with a reputation that has been built on quality customer service. We offer a unique, ever-expanding extensive rental inventory.

Our goal is to go beyond the expected. From subtle elegance to bold statements, all of our products enhance and complete any wedding from casual to upscale formal. Regardless of the size of your event, we guarantee attention to detail. Whether you are designing your own affair or hiring a professional, A Chair Affair will accommodate whatever your heart desires.



Rad Red Creative



Ride the Wave Photography

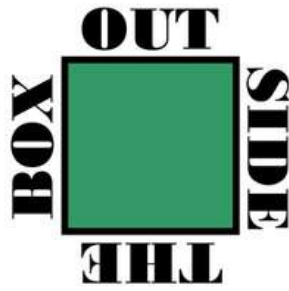
WHAT WOULD COUPLES BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Rad Red Creative

We're a family-owned business that is willing to purchase that unique must-have item couples want for their wedding.



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*Outside The Box Event Rentals Provides One-of-Kind
Items... Just Like Your Event*



WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT?

We guide our clients in putting together their visions and assist them by setting up all their rentals on their wedding day

A favorite among our couples is a "mock table design." They can mix and match chargers, linens, and centerpieces to create a table design to accomplish a beautiful and memorable event.



**ONE THING MOST COUPLES WOULD BE
SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT US IS:**

That I love to sew and make many of our specialty linens, and I love refurbishing furniture and flipping houses.

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KATE RYAN

EVENT RENTALS



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THE ROSE FAMILY

WHAT MAKES OUR BUSINESS STAND OUT?

We specialize in fine events and are the only direct source for high-quality rentals with a vast selection.

We carefully listen and study inspiration photos and floor plans to assist our clients in selecting the perfect allocation of event rentals for their look and budget.

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Green Pearl Photography

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START YOUR BUSINESS?

Kate Ryan Linens was founded in 2011 by Kristin Rose with the support and fellow vision of her husband Dan Rose. A true family business, the name "Kate Ryan" derived from Dan and Kristin's daughters' name, Katelynn Ryanne.

Kristin loves beautiful and unique fabrics and decor. Her degree is in Interior Design, and prior to founding Kate Ryan Event Rentals, Kristin worked as the Visual Merchandise Manager and Buyer for several Ethan Allen Design Centers where she managed and designed over 30k sq ft of display space.



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