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## BEST OF 2009

From flowers to dresses, officiants to planners, hotels to photographers and more, we're proud to present this year's winners as selected by wedding vendors, readers and the editors of *Seattle Bride*. By Alexis Constantine

### Editors' Picks

#### PRETTIEST HAIR ACCESSORIES

Finding bridal hair accessories that are more Carrie Bradshaw than Doris Day can be a challenge. So we applaud Columbia City gal and ARIA Salon & Spa hairstylist Tamara Hamry for creating [Love Hair Candy](#) this past January. Hamry's glamorous, 1920s-inspired hair accessories (about \$48) and cut, dyed and styled-to-match, clip-in natural hair extensions (about \$250)—are positively regal. In addition to working with jewelry and fine fabrics, Hamry also crafts swank bridal updos.

#### ECO-FRIENDLY ILLUMINATIONS

We are obsessed with eco-friendly Washington-farmed soy candles from [Haley & Company](#) in Snohomish. Available in 50 all-natural fragrances, brides can order from the Rendezvous in Paris line (\$11.50 to \$18.95); the Bath Bakery line (\$11.50 to \$16.95); or go Private Label and pick your own glass, scent, design and custom label for wedding favors (\$18.95).

#### MOST KISSABLE LIPS

When local makeup artist Suresh Seneviratne launched GlossLuxe, his namesake line of lip glosses, last year we were smitten. But with the introduction this past March of two new [Suresh Beauty](#) colors we are completely won over. "Anna," an iridescent honey tone, and "Virginia," a pink grapefruit shade, are sparkling, sheer and perfectly toned for weddings.

#### NEW BACHELORETTE PARTY SPOT

How do we count the ways we love [Elaia](#), the new green spa at Hyatt at Olive 8 in downtown Seattle? For starters, the spa employs only eco-friendly practices and treatments, including the use of Pacific Northwest-sourced and made products. But the hook is the full spa day for anyone receiving a spa treatment. This means you and your gals can book a mani-pedi, work out in the state-of-the-art gym, hit the sauna and then lounge by the gorgeous pool all day, drinking daiquiris and eating snacks delivered from Urbane Restaurant downstairs.

#### ACTIVITIES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS

One of the coolest things about having a Northwest wedding is showing off our spectacular landscape to that most unfortunate of species: out-of-towners. So we love the posh journeys [EverGreen Escapes](#) puts together for groups at the [Pan Pacific Hotel](#). Ranging from romantic adventure trips for two to active outings for large groups, day trips can be customized to include stops at wineries or organic farms, gourmet picnics, whale watching or plane rides above the city.

#### COOLEST NEW BRIDAL EVENT

Why are we so smitten with The Battle of the Betrothed, the bridal event launched by [The Healthy Bride's](#) Christi Masi this past February? Because it's fun to watch gung-ho teams of madly laughing newlyweds battle it out to win freebies such as a designer wedding dress, wedding cake, photography package and deluxe honeymoon. Kudos to Masi for organizing such a joyful event, and be sure to sign up online later this fall at The Healthy Bride.

#### FUNNIEST (AND MOST PROFESSIONAL) DJS

Humor-plus-weddings (too often) equals awful. But in hands of Troy McVicker and Scott Branston, partners in [Event Source Northwest](#), the combination is pure gold. The seasoned pair simply get it, blending the right balance of comedy with music while making room for love and sentiment. These are seriously professional funny men with a whole lot of heart.

