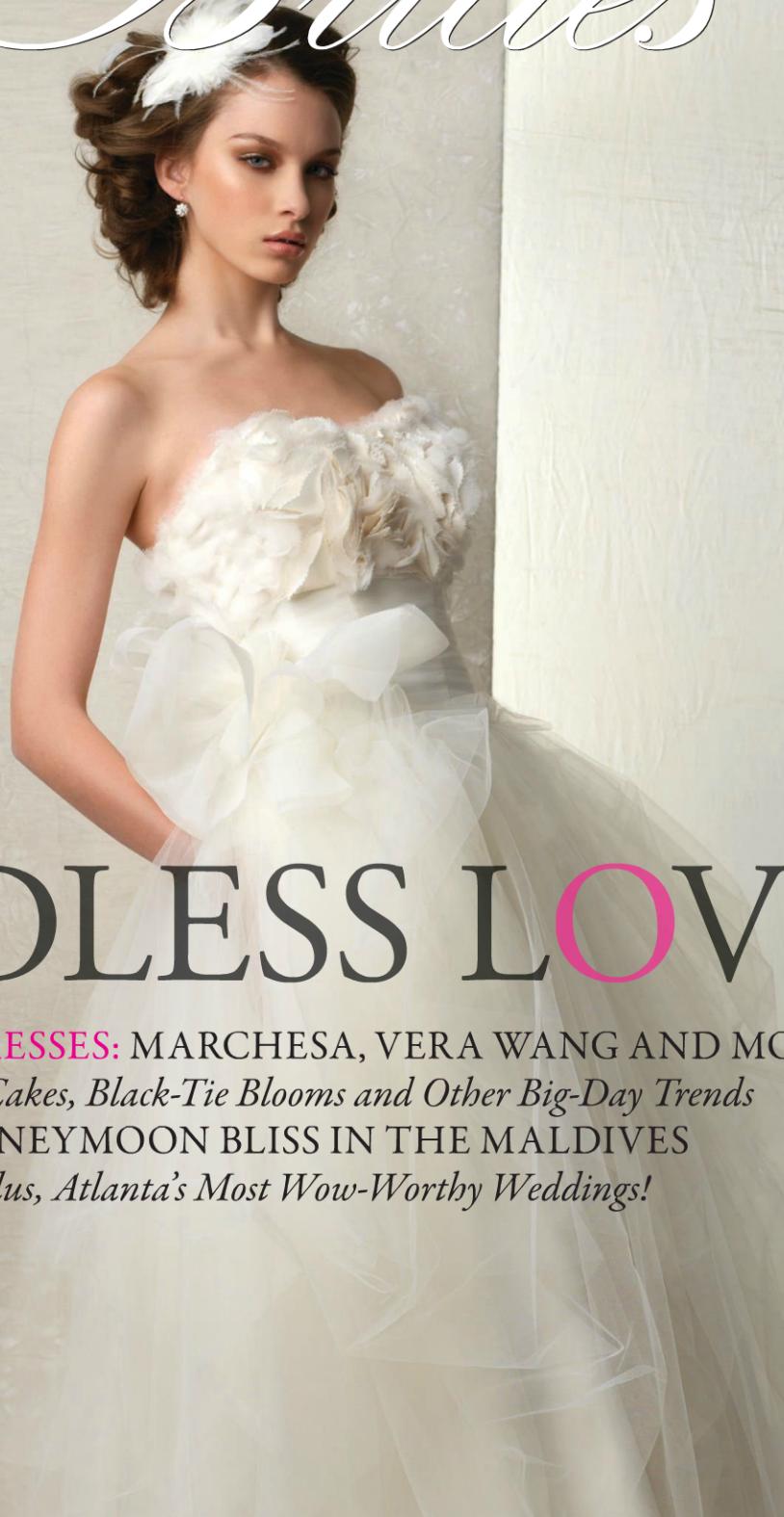


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# Brides



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Something New

## East Meets Fest

Brides wed to the idea of getting hitched in the heart of Buckhead have a new spot to consider. Nestled in the hip Andrews District of Buckhead Village, **56 East** is an industrial-chic event space that marries exposed ceilings with whitewashed and brick walls. With its own stage area perfect for your band, the 3,800-square-foot space can accommodate up to 50 guests in the pre-function cocktail area, and either 350 standing or 120 seated in the wide-open gallery. Mention *The Atlantan Brides* and receive a Champagne Cocktail Party, on the house, for up to 100 guests with your reservation. Cheers! *56 E. Andrews Drive, 404.869.1132, eastandrews.com*  
—Jennifer Smith Williams

A clean canvas  
awaits your big-day  
décor at 56 East.



A textural mix of blooms  
courtesy of James Hurley



Burning Question

## Extras, Extras! Read All About Them!

*We ask three of Atlanta's industry experts: What details do you see trending for spring and summer weddings?*

**James Hurley,**  
**James Hurley Designs**

"Brides are requesting a lot of monochromatic, bright and bold bouquets. And not just flowers—herbs and succulents, too. Lots of texture!"

**Dennis Dean,**  
**Dennis Dean, A Catering Company**  
"For centuries, food has been the great equalizer. We are doing long, dramatic, banquet-style tables with white-gloved butlers placing platters of succulent meats, roasted vegetables and earthy side dishes in the center of the table, instructing guests to help themselves. It promotes conversation and camaraderie."

**Michelle Gainey,**  
**Lemiga Events**

"I'm finding that my couples are looking for different traditions to incorporate into their wedding ceremony. One popular choice has been the Wine Box Ceremony: prior to the wedding day, the bride and groom write love letters to one another expressing the reasons they fell in love. During the ceremony, the officiant shares with the guests the meaning behind the 'wine box.' Then, with everyone witnessing, the bride and groom place their letters in the box along with their favorite bottle of wine. The box is then sealed shut and not to be opened until a special wedding anniversary, or if they hit a rocky patch in their relationship. At that point, the couple opens it and reads the letters to remind themselves of the reasons why they love each other—and uncork the wine!"

Number Crunch

180

*The average number of lashes Luxe Lash owner and Atlanta lash expert Robyn Fujimoto applies during each of her hour-and-a-half-long faux-mink eyelash extension sessions. \$150, available by appointment, 404.931.4948*