

# the wedding hot sheet



**1 new store**  
Chicago stationer Magnificent Milestones ([MagnificentMilestones.com](http://MagnificentMilestones.com)) moved into a new storefront earlier this year, and the space is adorable. Kara, the owner, does her own custom invitation work, but you can also stop in to check out paper from some of our absolute favorite stationery designers, like [42 Pressed](http://42Pressed.com), [Crane & Co.](http://Crane&Co.com) and [Delphine](http://Delphine.com), just to name a few.

**2 good work**  
We were pretty stoked to hear how a group of Chicago's event planning pros was getting together to give away one entire wedding. Started by Heather Lynne Vickery of [Greatest Expectations](http://GreatestExpectations.com), it's called the [Eleven Eleven Wedding Giveaway](http://ElevenElevenWedding.com) ([ElevenElevenWedding.com](http://ElevenElevenWedding.com)). We hope it continues for a long time—and it's looking like it will.

**3 fresh take**  
There's a new wedding caterer in town, and we love her. [Boutique Bites](http://BoutiqueBites.com) ([BoutiqueBites.com](http://BoutiqueBites.com)) is owned by chef Elaina Vazquez, who just started spreading her culinary wings into weddings. In just a short time, she's already become known for her perfectly paired bite-size drinks and apps. Think: a braised beef short rib shepherd's pie with a mini Guinness shot. It's genius!

**4 studio openings**  
Local florist [Kio Kreations](http://KioKreations.com) ([KioKreations.com](http://KioKreations.com)) was a home-based operation, but it just moved into a rad new studio in Naperville—giving it lots of extra space. Similarly, Chicago makeup maven [Blend Beauty](http://BlendBeautyStudio.com) ([BlendBeautyStudio.com](http://BlendBeautyStudio.com)) just opened a shared spot with the talented [Redwall Photography](http://RedwallPhotography.com) ([Redwall Photography.com](http://RedwallPhotography.com))

**5 right invites**  
Sacha Krasney, a Chicagoan and owner of [Squash U](http://SquashU.com) and [U Stationery](http://UStationery.com), recently dove into the wedding world with [Be U Brides](http://BeUBrides.com) ([BeUBrides.com](http://BeUBrides.com)). Stop by her studio for an appointment, where she'll start from scratch to create a custom invitation suite.

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## new venues

**EMERSON CREEK POTTERY**  
5126 Stephens Road, Oswego;  
(630) 554-7100; [ECreekPotteryandTeaRoom.com](http://ECreekPotteryandTeaRoom.com)

The wedding barn at this charming property has chandeliers hanging from the ceiling for that rustic-chic look we're all loving, and the brand-new brick patio makes it outdoor-wedding heaven. They also have plans to build a chapel.

**SEPIA**  
123 North Jefferson Street,  
Chicago; (312) 441-1920;  
[SepiaChicago.com](http://SepiaChicago.com)

One of our favorite area restaurants, Sepia is known for its design and vintage-meets-modern feel. Its brand-new private dining space, perfect for intimate weddings, can fit 80 guests for a sit-down dinner or 150 for cocktails.

**CLUB 99 AND THE SKYDECK**  
Willis Tower, floors 99 and 103,  
Chicago; [TheSkydeck.com](http://TheSkydeck.com)

Set on the 99th floor of the Willis Tower, Club 99 is one of the highest event spaces in the world, giving it a killer view of the city from all directions. Because it quickly attracted a lot of interest for weddings, it was recently updated to become better equipped for up to 230 guests.

**THE QUADRANGLE CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
1155 East 57th Street, Chicago;  
(773) 702-8082; [QuadClub.UChicago.edu](http://QuadClub.UChicago.edu)

The Quadrangle Club has only recently begun hosting weddings. We love the contrasting sleek, black marble floor, cozy stone fireplaces and wood-paneled walls of this historic venue.