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## just between us

Minnesota's top planners share their juiciest info.



### THE PLANNER

**Laura Mullen**  
Laura Mullen Event Design, Minneapolis, (612) 789-1205

### YEARS IN THE BIZ

Fourteen **Ten U**

### SECRET WEAPON

"Always doing custom work and being the first vendor to arrive and the last to leave."



### THE PLANNER

**Jaclyn Wainwright**  
Jaclyn Elizabeth Events, St. Paul, (651) 291-8150

### YEARS IN THE BIZ

Two

### SECRET WEAPON

"The BOOK: a spiral-bound guide that has everything from wedding party contact info to vendor arrival times to décor maps."



### THE PLANNERS

**Amy Fuerstenberg and Amy Steil**  
Mi Mi Design, Minneapolis, (612) 789-2507

### YEARS IN THE BIZ

More than six

### SECRET WEAPON

"My business partner!" says Amy F. "She thinks of everything and reminds me to measure twice, cut once."

### road tests

"With snow on the ground for most of the year, the Twin Cities turn into a construction site when the weather warms up. Drive all of your wedding routes three weeks before you get married, and visit HighwayConditions.com/mn to find out about projects that may get in the way." —*Jaclyn*

### surprising spaces

"In Minneapolis, you can host a wedding at Architectural Antiques (612-332-8344), a high-end store with amazing doors, lighting, windows and stained-glass panels. I also like the Soap Factory (612-623-9176), an awesome industrial art gallery with rotating exhibits." —*Laura*



### exciting exits

"Interesting send-offs are a trend. I've seen couples leave by canoe, snowmobile, horse-drawn sleigh, Segway, pontoon, train, rickshaw and even surreys, which you can rent through Wheel Fun Rentals in Minneapolis (612-729-2660)." —*Laura*



### free fireworks

"When choosing your date, be mindful of events like the Minnesota State Fair and the marathon, but also know that these can work to your advantage too. We planned a wedding on Nicollet Island during the Minneapolis Aquatennial, and guests saw a 20-minute fireworks display!" —*Amy and Amy*

### new wedding venue

"The Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis (612-821-9045) just opened up their space to weddings. It's housed in a historic Spanish Revival-style structure that was recently renovated, and, until now, only allowed corporate events."

—*Amy and Amy*

### outdoor wedding advice

"In the land of 10,000 lakes, there's lots of wedding-worthy shoreline, but the gnats and mosquitoes are much worse near the water! Have a pro come to the site and spray for these unwanted guests. Also watch out for wind; it's strongest up north by Lake Superior." —*Jaclyn*



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