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for ceremonies and receptions. In the interior courtyard, the bride can descend a beautiful staircase and guests can dance under the stars. Cost: from \$105 per person for five hours. (561) 655-6611.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens This 200-acre property in Del Ray Beach, once owned by George Morikami and known for its stunning Japanese gardens, can accommodate a wedding with 500 guests. Cost: site, from \$1,250 for eight hours. (561) 495-0233, ext. 227.

CATERERS (PRICES BASED ON A DINNER RECEPTION)

C'est Si Bon This white-glove establishment employs a visiting pastry chef during the winter season. Try the grilled marinated jumbo shrimp with Key-lime-mustard sauce. Cost: from \$80 per person. (561) 848-7183.

Gourmet Galley Catering of the Palm Beaches Owner Libby Rice Thompson is known for her regional menus, which may include sautéed macadamia-nut-encrusted soft-shell blue crabs with mango salsa. Cost: from \$100 per person. (561) 833-2412.

Palm Beach Catering Expect everything to be just so—owner John Sunkel provides strict Emily Post-style service—but don't count on flexibility. Cost: from \$75 per person. (561) 833-1411.

The White Apron At the recent opening of the city's Hermès store, this caterer proved that its classic hors d'oeuvres please even the French. Cost: from \$100 per person. (561) 832-7175.

FLORISTS

Extra Touch Flowers Renowned for its exotic floral combinations, this firm imports rare flowers from around the world every day. Cost: \$2,500-\$5,000. (800) 772-3613 or (561) 835-8000.

Floral Emporium This company favors an English-garden look. Choose props from its 9,000-square-foot furniture and decorative-objects shop. Cost: from \$5,000. (561) 659-9888.

The Gazebo Marie Twist and Bruce Dai—who both worked at the legendary, now-defunct flower shop Plants, Etc.—use large flower-filled urns and lots of ivy. Cost: \$5,000-\$15,000. (561) 835-3601.

Tom Mathieu & Company Mathieu is a true romantic. Although his personal penchant is for all-white weddings, recent centerpieces featured roses, Casablanca lilies and ivy sprouting from stone cherubs. Cost: from \$7,500, based on a party with 250 guests. (561) 655-5880.

VM Flowers Rick Van Horn and Duane Murell don't have a boutique or business cards, and they don't advertise. Instead, VM Flowers has been quietly working for Palm Beach's old guard for more than twenty years. For a recent wedding, the partners disguised columns with masses of pale-green and -blue hydrangeas and filled thirty-six-inch silver-trumpet vases with long-stemmed parrot tulips. They like to use small bunches of lilies of the valley or gardenias for bridal bouquets. Cost: from \$5,000. (561) 659-1466.

BANDS

Entertainment Source, Inc. The official music director for The Breakers offers everything from a Top 40 band to strolling

violinists. But its Big Band/society orchestra is the most popular. Cost: from \$1,200. (800) 422-1522.

Neal Smith Orchestra This society band has been traveling the Newport/Nantucket/Palm Beach circuit since before the Second World War. Bandleader Smith favors classic hits himself, but he can provide bands comfortable with any kind of music. Cost: \$2,500-\$3,000. (561) 655-4160.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Lucien Capehart Capehart, a Palm Beach wedding fixture for twenty-five years, presents "the spirit of the day" in handsome leather-bound photo albums. Cost: \$3,000-\$7,000. (561) 833-7507.

Mort Kaye Studios Each of the three staff photographers at this fifty-plus-year-old studio has at least thirty years of wedding experience. They often photograph brides whose baby pictures they once took. Cost: \$2,250. (561) 833-3635.

Thomas Hart Shelby Shelby is a favorite newcomer who draws on his fashion-shoot background when taking portraits. His black-and-white wedding-day photos are journalistic in style (he also brings along someone to take color pictures). Cost: \$4,000-\$5,500. (561) 655-6850.

CAKES

Jacqueline's Place, Inc. Though its name has changed, Palm Beachers still refer to this bakery as Robinson's—and it still makes the beloved French-buttercream cakes it has sold for thirty-some years. Cost: from \$4 per serving. (561) 833-4259.

Sweet Tiers Betty Baird personally delivers her creations to ensure that each cake is properly presented. She makes everything from elaborate confections for visiting royalty to simple styles for the backyard bride. The most famous: her rolled fondant, an elegant cake with soft, satiny icing, often decorated with fresh flowers. Cost: \$4-\$20 per serving. (561) 546-8822.

GOWNS

Most Palm Beach brides buy their dresses in New York or Miami. **C. Orrico** Casey Orrico left Nicole Miller twelve years ago to open this bridal-party shop. In addition to custom-making dresses, she carries Miller's bridesmaid line and Lilly Pulitzer's print dresses as well as matching ties for the groomsmen. Cost: \$125-\$400. (561) 659-1284.

HAIR STYLISTS/MAKEUP ARTISTS

Jean-Jacques Coiffure During his nine years in Palm Beach, Jean-Jacques has developed a devout following. His style is definitively French—clean and classic. Cost: from \$70 per person. (561) 659-1851.

Deborah Koepper Salon Although Koepper worked for years as one of Nancy Reagan's makeup artists, she is favored by Florida's younger set. She believes a bride should look feminine, elegant and, above all, like herself. Cost: \$100 per person for five or more. (561) 833-6561.

Thomas Morrissey Salon Everyone from Margaret Thatcher to Jimmy Buffett and his family has walked through these Via Mizner doors. Owner Christian likes brides to look romantic. Cost: \$150 for hair, makeup and nails. (561) 655-2722.

Salon Margrit Margrit has coiffed everyone in Palm Beach's