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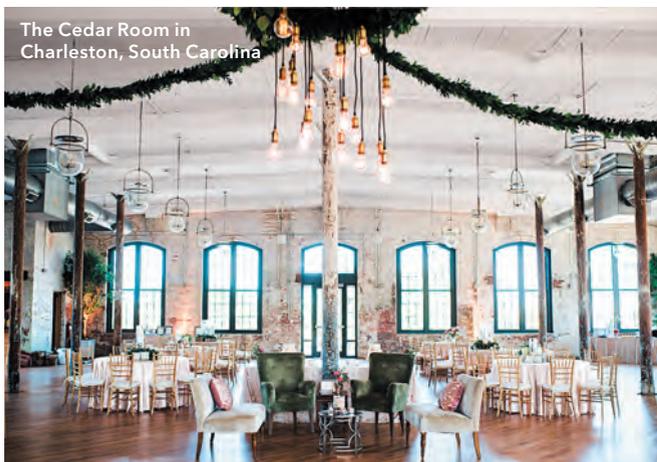
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GORGEOUS
CAKES,
FLOWERS,
INVITES, AND
MORE!

Just Married!

Model Svetlana Lazareva on
the one thing she'd change if
she had a wedding do-over



The Cedar Room in Charleston, South Carolina



The White Sparrow in Quinlan, Texas



Granite Ridge Estate & Barn in Norway, Maine

ON OUR RADAR
 WE TEAMED UP WITH **THE VENUE REPORT**, WHICH CURATES THE WORLD'S COOLEST EVENT SPACES, TO PICK THE COUNTRY'S 10 BUZZIEST NEW WEDDING SPOTS FOR 2016

The Inn at Newport Ranch

FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA
 If you're into dramatic cliffs, awe-inspiring redwoods, and farm-to-table cuisine, check out this 2,000-acre cattle ranch on the Mendocino coast. Our favorite ceremony site? Celebration Point, a rock promontory with crashing Pacific waves on two sides. theinnatnewportranch.com.

Millwick

LOS ANGELES
 Brides are flocking to this indoor-outdoor space in the downtown Arts District. The draw? A 2 a.m. curfew, the palm-lined garden patio, and 4,500 square feet of loftlike interiors. marvimon.com.

The Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

CHICAGO
 Built in the 19th century, this former men's club was closed to the public until last year, when it opened as a meticulously restored hotel. The White City Ballroom

still has its original marble floors, ornate fireplaces, and stained-glass windowpanes. chicagoathletichotel.com.

Il Mercato

NEW ORLEANS
 Get hitched next to citrus trees at this food market turned events space, then move the party inside to the mod great room. The library bar is perfect for a wild after-party. ilmercatoevents.com.

Granite Ridge Estate & Barn

NORWAY, MAINE
 Take over this 128-acre private mountain for the weekend and get married al fresco in the forest or in a wooden barn overlooking the

countryside below. graniteridgeestate.com.

26 Bridge

BROOKLYN
 Once a steel factory, this colossal space in arty Dumbo plays up its industrial past with steel-vaulted ceilings, original brick walls, and a skylight that runs the length of the room. 26bridge.com.

Parrish Art Museum

WATER MILL, NEW YORK
 Long Island's famous museum opened its Water Mill location in 2012 and is now (finally!) booking weddings. Take advantage with vows in a gallery, flanked by Jackson Pollock drawings, or in an open pavilion that seems to go on forever. parrishart.org.

The Cedar Room

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
 Ideal for a chic vintage-inspired fete, this renovated 1800s cigar factory features an outdoor courtyard, authentic Low Country fare, and views of the Cooper River and iconic Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge. thecedarroomcigarfactory.com.

Prospect House

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
 Say your vows in a field of Hill Country wildflowers, then move inside to a sleek 220-foot-long aluminum space that will appeal to your inner minimalist. prospecthousetx.com.

The White Sparrow

QUINLAN, TEXAS
 Thanks to its whitewashed exterior, high ceiling, and six vintage brass chandeliers, this massive barn 43 miles outside Dallas is more elegant than rustic. FYI, the owner is a wedding photographer, so the place was made for gorgeous wedding photos. thewhitesparrowbarn.com.

—Anna Price Olson

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CAROLINE FONTENOT; NADIA HUERTA WITH JUNE BUG COMPANY; BELLA WANG PHOTOGRAPHY