

Wedding Cake

The wedding cake was not always eaten by the bride. The wedding cake was originally thrown at her. This was one of the many fertility symbols integral to the marriage ceremony. Wheat, long a symbol of fertility and prosperity, was one of the earliest grains to ceremoniously shower new brides. Unmarried young women were expected to scramble for the grains to ensure their own betrothals, as they do today for the bridal bouquet. Raw wheat or rice showered the bride, in the leaner times of the Middle Ages.

Let us "Throw Cake!"

Ancient Romans ritual developed in which the wheat or barley cakes were broken or crumbled over the bride's head to bestow good luck and as a symbol of her fertility. As a further symbol of fertility, the couple was required to eat a portion of the crumbs, a custom known as "confarreation" (or eating together). After exhausting the supply of cakes, guests were presented with handfuls of "confetto" (a confetti-like mixture of nuts, dried fruits, and honeyed almonds, sort of an "ancient trail mix"). Confetti is born.

Wedding Rings

In mythology, Prometheus smelted a ring from the fire of the gods for mankind, out of love.

A Little Note: Double ring ceremonies were not popularized until after World War II, in the United States.

Some of the other common beliefs were:

- The wedding ring was thought to be used by Barbarians to tether the bride to her captor's home.
- Wealthy Egyptians and later Romans valued gold rings.
- A finger ring was first used in the Third Dynasty of the Old Kingdom of Egypt, around 2800 BC. To the Egyptians a circle, having no beginning or end signified eternity--for which marriage was binding.
- To avoid the misfortune of breaking, the wedding ring would be made of a strong metal, like iron. If the ring were to break this would be a very bad omen.

And finally there were diamonds:

Signifying enduring love, and chosen for its durability, the diamond was chosen for the engagement ring. The diamond's fire is also associated with "love's clear flame."

Given by Medieval Italians because of their belief that the diamond was created from the flames of love.

The Venetians were the first to discover that the diamond is one of the hardest, most enduring substances in nature, and the fine cutting and polishing releases the brilliance. Rarity and cost limited their rapid proliferation throughout Europe but their intrinsic appeal guaranteed them a future. By the seventeenth century, the diamond ring had become the most popular sought after statement of European engagement.

Sedona Pies



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Why Choose Sedona For Your Dream Wedding?

Sedona is one of the most sacred wedding sites in the world, with a strong undercurrent of love that anchors the beauty in your hearts. The juniper and pinon forests cradle the beautiful red rocks in a sea of green and fragrance. Native Americans came here to anoint the chiefs and to heal the sick.

The energy was so powerful they felt it should be used sparingly. Today, now that we are ready to accept this ancient powerful energy, grace seems to emanate from the red rocks directly into our hearts. In this divine energy of acceptance, your marriage can start with all the strength and blessings you deserve. Rev Kate Freeman
<http://dreamweddingsofseidona.com>

History of Wine Making

The first winemaker in Sedona and the Verde Valley is believed to have been Heinrich (Henry) Schuerman, a German-born baker who, in 1884, settled an old debt of \$500 by taking ownership of 160 acres of farmland on Oak Creek. There was a crude irrigation ditch on site built by American Indians, and he expanded the ditch to irrigate an orchard and vineyard.

At first, Henry refused to believe that the venerable tradition of winemaking could be illegal, and he ignored the new law. He was arrested and sent to jail in Prescott, but friends and neighbors demanded—and won—a pardon by the Governor of Arizona.

Verde Valley Wine Makers

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History of Sedona Fruit Growers

Using water from Oak Creek, the first homesteaders irrigated small patches of ground to grow fruit and vegetables. -- particularly apples and peaches -- which played the most significant part in the yesteryears economy.

Thus, Oak Creek Orchards were flourishing. Delivering Apples, Peaches and Wine to Jerome, Flagstaff and the surrounding communities.

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- + Naughty Two - Chocolate & Pecans
- + Sedona Spirit - Apples



Liqueur

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