



Education and Experience

we'd like to shamelessly toot our own horn for just a bit!

Elegant Events have spent years achieving and maintaining our level of professionalism and education. Here are some highlights...

Certification of Distinction

- Achieved Recertification (every 5 years) of CSEP in March 2009 through the International Special Event Society.
- Achieved "**Master Bridal Consultant**"™ in 2008 through the Association of Bridal Consultants.
- Achieved "**Accredited Bridal Consultant**"™ in 2006 through the Association of Bridal Consultants.
- Gained distinction of **CSEP** (Certified Special Event Professional) in November 2003 through the International Special Events Society.
- Achieved "**Professional Bridal Consultant**"™ (PBC) status in 2000 through the Association of Bridal Consultants.

Education – and additional opportunities

- Business for Bride's: Assoc. of Bridal Consultants Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show
 - Nov 2009 Indianapolis, IN
 - Nov 2008 Newport Beach, CA
 - Nov 2006 Colorado Springs, CO - featured panelist
 - Nov 2005 San Hose, CA –feather round table speaker
 - Nov 2004 Atlanta, GA
 - Nov 2001 Los Angeles, CA
 - Nov 2000 Caribbean Cruise
 - Nov 1999 New Orleans, LA
 - Nov 1998 Beaver Creek, CO
 - Nov 1997 San Diego, CA
- The Special Event, Tradeshow & Education Conference
 - Jan 2009 San Diego, CA - featured speaker
 - Jan 2008 Atlanta, GA
 - Jan 2005 South Beach, FL - featured speaker
 - Jan 2004 Las Vegas, NV - featured speaker

- Jan 2003 Orlando, FL
- Jan 1999 Orlando, FL
- Jan 1998 Dallas, TX

Event World: ISES Conference for Professional Development

- Aug 2004 Chicago, IL
- Aug 2003 Minneapolis, MN
- Aug 2002 Sydney, Australia
- Aug 2001 Indianapolis, IN

National Bridal Market

- Oct 2006 Chicago IL
- Oct 2003 Chicago IL

Speaking/Teaching opportunities

- Midwest -Assoc of Bridal Consultants state/regional meeting
 - Nashville Feb. 2010
 - Cincinnati April 2008
 - Columbus Spring 2005
 - Columbus Spring 2003
- Seminar on “How to Plan the Perfect Wedding”
 - Joseph Beth Bookstore
 - Jan 2004
 - Feb 2003
 - May 2001
 - June 1999
 - June 1997
 - Barnes Noble Book store
 - June 1998
- Bridal Educational Expo Cincinnati Airport Marriott
 - March 2004
- PRSSA Miami University
 - Sept 2004
- Seminar at Northern KY Bridal Expo
 - Jan 2001
- Featured on Runway FAQ at Northern KY Bridal Expo
 - Jan 2002
- Fox 19 Morning– Coordinated Live, Televised Wedding
 - 2001
 - 2000

Featured In Print...to name just a few

- Cincinnati Wedding Magazine, Summer Issue 2010
- Kentucky Bride Magazine, Summer Issue 2010
- Cincinnati Wedding Magazine, Winter 2009
- Kentucky Bride Magazine, Summer Issue 2008
- Idiot's Guide to Planning the Perfect Wedding, 5th addition
- Cincinnati Weddings, Summer Issue 2006
- Kentucky Enquirer, May 2006
- Kentucky Magazine, January 2006
- Cincinnati Magazine, Winter Issue 2006
- Cincinnati Wedding, Summer 2005
- Modern Bride, December 2005
- Cincinnati Weddings, Winter 2005
- My Better Living Magazine, January 2004
- Idiot's Guide to Planning the Perfect Wedding, 3rd addition

Affiliations

The Association of Bridal Consultants

- Member of the Association of Bridal Consultants 1996-present
- Kentucky State Coordinator of the Assoc. of Bridal Consultants 2005- present

The International Special Events Society

- 1997 Charter member Cincinnati ISES Chapter
- 1998 Cincinnati Chapter's Vice President of Communication
- 1999 Chapter Vice President of Membership
- 2001-2002 Cincinnati Chapter President
- 2002-2003 ISES Midwest Regional Vice President

Awards

- 2006 Miss Dorothy Heart Award by the Association of Bridal Consultants
- 2005 2nd place, An Affair to Remember Table Top Competition
- 2004 Esprit Winner: Best ISES Team Effort
- 2002 Esprit nominee: Best Wedding under \$25,000
- 2000 Silver, Cincinnati Flower Show, Table Top Competition
- 1997 Silver, Table Top Competition, ABC Annual Conference

Learning from the Best!

Elisa has attended educational seminars and conferences on an International basis and has

truly been educated by the best in the industry...here are just a few:

- David Turtera, celebrity wedding planner
- Carley Roney, creator, The Knot
- Colin Cowie, celebrity event planner
- John Daily, celebrity event planner and author
- Preston Bailey, celebrity floral, event designer and author
- Sylvia Weinstock, celebrity cake designer
- •Steve Kemble, event planner (Who's wedding is it anyway?)
- •Lena Malouf, international event planner and author
- •Teddy Lenderman, master bridal consultant and author
- •Frank Ananopolis, master bridal consultant

- •Maria McBride-Mellinger, planner and author
- •Dorothy Penner, the consummate bridal consultant and departed mentor