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Green Wedding Showcase To Feature 5-Day Eco Getaway As Grand Prize

No other wedding show in the area has been designed specifically to promote green, sustainable options for couples.

COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND (February 21, 2011) — The Mid-Atlantic's second annual locally produced **Green Wedding Showcase** will be held on **Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 1 pm to 5 pm** at the **Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center** on the campus of the **University of Maryland in College Park**. The Green Wedding Showcase breaks new ground by raising standards for the event exhibitors and sponsors.

This year's grand prize will feature a 5-night getaway to Samasati Nature Retreat in Costa Rica which is famous for its eco tourism. www.samasati.com.

Each company had to complete a sustainability questionnaire outlining their green services and business practices and only the best and most sustainable Mid-Atlantic wedding vendors are invited to join the Green Wedding Showcase. Lori Hill, one of the Showcase's executive producers, says, "We are thrilled to feature so many inspiring local and green businesses to eco-conscious couples seeking earth-friendly alternatives for their wedding day." Exhibitors include local and sustainable caterers, bakeries, venues, florists, invitation vendors, DJs and rental companies. For a detailed list of all exhibitors and sponsors, including links to their web sites, visit <http://www.greenweddingshowcase.com>.

Highlighting the Showcase is the Eco-Fashion Show in the Eco-Fashion Lounge, which presents the finest in both new and vintage eco-gowns and formal wear from green designers and retro shops instead of typical, synthetic, run-of-the-mill attire. "A fabulous dress is part of every woman's wedding dream. We are excited to have so many talented eco-designers featured in our show whose creations are as elegant and gorgeous as any traditional design house. Brides are going to be blown away by the variety they see in these chic eco-gowns," says Rissa Miller, another Showcase executive producer. Some of the designers include Punk Rock Bride, Lindee Daniel and Morgan Boszilkov Natural Bridal Collection.

The Man Cave, geared specifically to grooms, is a comfortable lounge area offering organic beer and a large screen featuring the day's line-up of NBA games. The Showcase also offers fair trade/organic coffee, samples of Honest Tea and Honest Ade, food samples from exhibiting caterers and an eco-goodie swag bag for the first 100 attendees.

The price of admission (\$15 through midnight February 25th and \$20 at the door) covers the Showcase, a swag bag full of eco-goodies for the first 100 guests through the door, the Eco-Fashion Lounge and Show, and local/organic wine and beer for those of legal drinking age. All attendees can enter drawings to win green prizes.

The Green Wedding Showcase is proudly produced as a low-waste event by local business owners Lori Hill, President, lori hill events productions, and Nathaniel Corn and Rissa Miller of balance photography. Through their businesses Lori, Nathaniel and Rissa became aware that many couples were seeking eco-aware alternatives for their wedding days. To help these couples they developed the Green Wedding Showcase, which is unprecedented in its sustainability requirements for vendors, exhibitors and sponsors.

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