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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear WIPA Atlanta Members,

What an exciting Quarter 3 for WIPA Atlanta! 🎉 Whether you joined us at our wonderful event or are following along from afar, I want to share some of the highlights and opportunities ahead.

This year has already been full of growth. We introduced **two brand-new members-only events, 3 new community service projects** and will be closing out the year with a **bonus members-only after party** at our final event of the year on Nov 5. These kinds of exclusive experiences are part of what makes WIPA membership so valuable.

We also celebrated reaching nearly **100 members**—we're just three away from hitting this incredible milestone! If you've been thinking about joining, now is the perfect time. Our **100th member** will be celebrated in a big way, on social media and within our chapter. More importantly, you'll step into a community that represents the **best of the best in the wedding industry.**

Being a WIPA member isn't just about attending events. It's about building real connections, accessing incredible education, and proudly carrying the reputation of excellence that WIPA represents.

And here's something I'm especially excited about: **Board applications for 2026 are officially open!** Serving on the board is a wonderful opportunity to share your voice, your ideas, and your leadership in a collaborative and fun way. We'd love to see you apply and take that next step in shaping the future of WIPA Atlanta.

I am so proud of how WIPA Atlanta continues to grow and thrive. Thank you for being part of this amazing community—and please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever want to connect, share ideas, or get more involved.

Cheers 🍷,

Shelly Danz

WIPA Atlanta President 2025



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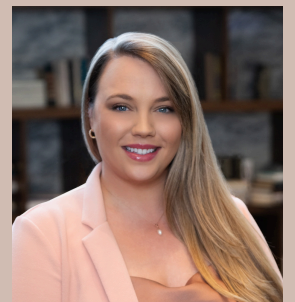
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AUG 20TH ESCAPE TO THE WIPA LOTUS

The WIPA Atlanta Chapter's Q3 Education and Networking Event drew record attendance and rave reviews, welcoming members and guests to the stunning new Sinclair venue in Sandy Springs for an unforgettable evening of learning, connection, and fun—all wrapped in the luxurious theme of "Escape to the WIPA Lotus—A Journey into the Unexpected"

From the moment guests arrived—greeted with chilled towels, leis, and personalized fans—it was clear this WIPA Atlanta event was something special. The Sinclair's outdoor patio became a tropical escape with vibrant décor, signature cocktails, a tea tasting station, and plenty of photo-worthy moments. Guests enjoyed Thai street market-inspired food stations, decadent desserts, and a refreshing ice cream and cold brew bar.

Inside, each "hotel suite" table featured lush tropical florals, custom chargers, and thoughtful details. Education shined with a panel of industry leaders, moderated by WIPA National President Jax Vizcaino, who shared insights on navigating today's wedding industry with creativity and resilience.

As the evening wound down, it was clear the partners had truly brought their "A game"—participants described it as "the best one yet." One thing is certain about this WIPA Lotus event: I'm uncertain how our future events will top this, but we'll find a way—so stay tuned for the next season (the Q4 event)!

A heartfelt thanks to every partner and attendee who made the WIPA Atlanta Lotus event a showstopper. The bar has been set high, and we can't wait to see what's next!

Dabney Smith

Director of Programs 2025



WHAT'S COMING UP...

WIPA ATLANTA PRESENTS:

"Shine the Spotlight on Branding"

— Joins us for a Gilded Glamorous Soiree followed by a Members Only After-Party

November 5th 5pm - 8pm

5-8pm + Members Only after-party 8-9pm

The 1904 On Piedmont Park

(559 Dutch Valley Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324)

Speaker: Malike Adigun, will discuss:

Brand Glam: Uncover and Own Your Story

— Make Your Brand Shine, Connect Emotionally,
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THE COMMUNITY CORNER - AN ASK

Imagine being able to give someone their dream wedding during one of the hardest chapters of their life. That's the heart of what Wish Upon a Wedding does, and WIPA Atlanta is honored to host a silent auction to support their mission. WUAW provides weddings and vow renewals for couples facing terminal illness or other life-changing health challenges.

Reach out today if you're interested in making a donation! The silent auction will take place at our November event where we will be hosting the top wedding industry professionals in Atlanta.

Your generosity could create an unforgettable, meaningful celebration for a couple who truly deserves it. Thank you so much for considering!

Shawna Ash

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2025



A NOTE FROM OUR DEIB DIRECTOR

HI WIPA MEMBERS,

AT OUR Q1 MEETING, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS SUGGESTED THAT WE CONSIDER ADDING LIVE CAPTIONS TO MAKE OUR EVENTS MORE ACCESSIBLE. WE LISTENED, AND I'M HAPPY TO SHARE THAT THIS WAS IMPLEMENTED AT OUR Q3 EVENT.

THE ADDITION OF CAPTIONS GAVE ATTENDEES ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE WITH THE PROGRAM AND REFLECTS OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO CREATING INCLUSIVE SPACES.

EVEN SMALL SUGGESTIONS CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE, AND THIS IS A WONDERFUL REMINDER THAT YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES WITH US. TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A WIPA COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE FEELS WELCOME AND SUPPORTED.

WITH GRATITUDE,

Shantara Strickland

DEIB DIRECTOR 2025



NEW: MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Member Spotlight: Share Your Story!

We love celebrating the incredible professionals who make our industry thrive! As part of our ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, we're inviting members to be featured in our Member Spotlight. This is your chance to share your journey, showcase your work, and highlight how you contribute to the wedding community.

Want to be featured? Fill out our quick form and you could be included in an upcoming WIPA spotlight!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR STORY [HERE](#)



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