

WEDDING SPECIAL

The vibrant traditions of a Latino wedding

Coins (las arras) used in the Latino ceremony symbolize the sharing of worldly goods.

A cord (el lazo), rosary, or garland are used during the ceremony to show that the marriage is for life. The loops of the lazo are placed over the bride's and groom's shoulders, symbolizing unity.

Let the newlyweds eat cake to get a taste of the sweet life of marriage. There are lovely traditions from different countries. In Bermuda, the cake is topped with a tree sapling, which is later planted in honor of the

newlyweds' growing love and life together. An old Argentinian and Peruvian wedding custom has the cake decorated with multicolored ribbons. One ribbon has a fake diamond ring attached.

Before the cake is cut and served, single women at the reception pull out the ribbons and the one who gets the ring is said to marry within the year.

In some areas of the US and Mexico, the Latina-Catholic bride places a special bouquet at the feet of Our Lady of Guadalupe or the Virgin Mary at the beginning of the ceremony as a thanksgiving

offering or as a prayer request to follow her life's holy example.

Therefore, Latina-Catholic brides may need three bouquets: One to carry, one to toss at the reception, and a third to place at

the feet of the Virgin. The orange blossom (azabar) has become a popular bridal flower. The symbolism is significant: The orange tree is one of the few in nature that bears flowers and fruit

at the same time - a symbol of the young and fruitful couple.

The tree itself is evergreen, symbolizing the everlasting and unchanging nature of the newlyweds' love for each other.

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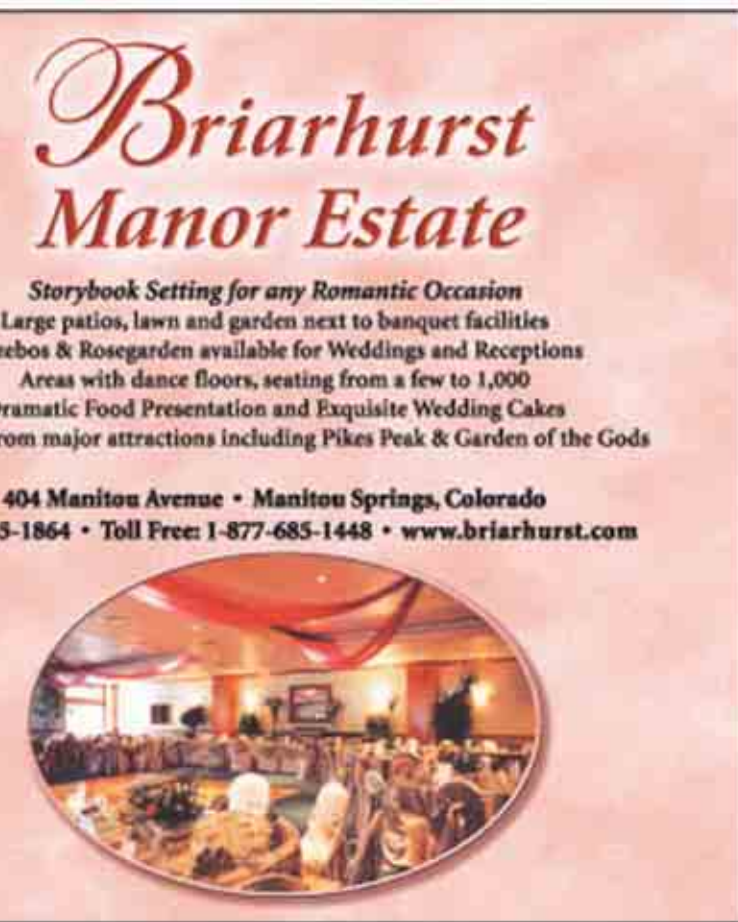
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