



A make-your-own jewelry bar with pieces from designer Kendra Scott.



Sweet treats at the dessert table.

## All That Glitters

A DESTINATION BRIDAL SHOWER IN DALLAS

**A**FTER HIGH SCHOOL, Barrington native Gerald Fawcett headed south to attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he met, and proposed to, his wife Madeline (Maddy). To celebrate the bride-to-be, Maddy's mother-in-law wanted to incorporate elements of jewelry and gardens—two of Maddy's favorite things—for the bridal shower.

The Barrington based event planning team, Christina Currie Events (CCE), had to think outside the box to make this out-of-state bridal shower in April 2017 unique. CCE transformed Le Meridien Dallas into a jewelry boutique, showcasing a make-your-own jewelry bar with pieces from local designer Kendra Scott. The bride-to-be's passion for gardens was carried into the decor of the affair through an escort card display and floral centerpieces. The luncheon's color palette was pristine white with touches of gold and blush; accents of metallics and oversized florals pulled through the themes of jewelry and gardens.

The charming florals at the shower hinted at the soon-to-be wedding destination in South Carolina. Guests were welcomed to the luncheon by


an oversized green boxwood topiary surrounded by white peonies, which held their escort cards.

Blush and champagne hues set the tone for the luncheon. White and pink satin ribbons dangled from the modern chandeliers creating the illusion of a secret garden. The luncheon tables were draped with white linens patterned with sequin floral designs. Each place setting was dressed with white Oscar de la Renta plates, paired with gold-rimmed goblets and flatware. Gold foil-stamped menus were delicately wrapped with bedazzled belly bands and personalized with the guest's name and entree choice.

Christina Currie Events' team built a make-your-own jewelry counter with gems as one of the focal points of the room. The customized gold harlequin patterned bar, complimented by tall acrylic stools, was adorned with floral arrangements of pink garden roses, peonies, lilies, and white orchids. A variety of colored gemstones and jewel settings were displayed on gold trays for guests to choose from to design their one-of-a-kind piece. Each keepsake was placed in handmade jewelry boxes and personalized thank-you bags that were

finished with gold foil-stamped name tags.

The dessert table was a magnificent display of sweet treats. The display was set with a custom backdrop of gold etched wall panels personalized with a large 'M' (the bride-to-be's first initial) and shower date, April 29, 2017. The engravings were bordered by large white paper florals, similar to arrangements seen in Southern gardens. The specialized dessert bar was designed to match the customized Kendra Scott counter. All the desserts were carefully thought out to relate to the bride and her big day. Her first initial was stamped onto the cake, and sugar cookies were stacked like mini wedding cakes. Key lime pie shooters were on display; the bride's favorite dessert. Some of the stacked sugar cookies were iced with the KS logo, and others in the shape of wedding symbols. The bite-size sweets were meticulously decorated with pink icing and accessorized with edible glitter. The pink customized napkins with jewelry quotes complimented the treats each guest chose to enjoy.

As guests said their goodbyes from the romantic space, they parted with glamorous jewels to dress their favorite ensembles. Sweet treats were the perfect compliment to the jewels as parting gifts making for a sweet and memorable experience for the bride-to-be and her guests. 

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