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The Wedding Faire

Whether you're a bride or the perennial bridesmaid (a.k.a. bridal hopeful), you're guaranteed to fall in love this weekend.

The Wedding Faire, a stalwart at the Santa Clara Convention Center since 1986, returns this weekend with 50,000 square feet of everything bridal. Wifey-to-be will be treated to exclusive fashion shows, informational workshops and 100+ retailers and services from across the country. It's the ultimate wedding planner—what do you say to that, J.Lo?

The biggest draw this year is the new "Wedding Symposium," a workshop series led by four wedding experts to the stars: Preston Bailey, who has planned events for Oprah Winfrey and Donald Trump; Chelsea Clinton's wedding guru Bryan Rafinelli; Sasha Souza, who was named a Top 25 Trendsetter by Modern Bride; and Exquisite Events founder Nikki Khan. Get a head start on walking down that aisle.

10am-4pm on Saturday, Jan. 7 & Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara; tickets are \$12 online and \$15 at the door.

For the Golden Gate gals, hoping for tips closer to home (or a wedding with a heftier price tag), check out Modern Bridal. The event, hosted at the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco, is as ritzy glam as you can get with more than 80 exhibits, including a beauty lounge by Saks Fifth Avenue, plus fashion catwalks featuring Vera Wang and Monique Lhuillier. From the gourmet tastings to the lush floral arrangements and exotic honeymoon destinations, this event promises to show you the elements for your "celebration of a lifetime."

11am-4pm on Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 600 Stockton St, SF; tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at the door.

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