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# A NOTE FROM YOUR NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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Hello WIPA North Carolina Members!

Wow - can you believe it? How are we already gearing up for our fall seasons? We've already hosted 2 incredible events since becoming an official chapter in April of this year, and can certainly feel the love and energy coming from you and this community.

That's right - the Town Hall at The Umstead with guest speaker, Julie Bunkley, broke records! It was the highest attended WIPA Town Hall to that date, and all because of you. And the WIPA NC board and I just wrapped up our first official quarterly event at the Cadillac Service Garage in Greensboro, NC with highly regarded speaker/educator Fallon Carter of Fallon Carter Events. The member-only headshots and intimate limited private dinner was the icing on the cake to an absolutely wonderful evening. Attendees enjoyed the connection and conversations and left feeling energized to finish out the year ahead.

Our next few months will be focused on bringing you another well-worth-it Friendsgiving in November (shameless save the date; Nov 14th!), as well as build a strong foundation for our chapter to grow upon. Through our dedication to excellence, diversity, and kindness, we are embracing inclusivity and fostering a welcoming environment for our local industry. We invite you to share your experience with friends in the industry and encourage them to see what WIPA NC is all about.

Let's finish out the year ahead - together!

With joy,



**LAUREN WATSON**  
WIPA North Carolina | Founding President  
Lion House | Owner, Chief Creative Director



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# OUR LATEST EVENT

AUGUST 9TH  
CADILLAC SERVICE GARAGE  
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



## OUR SPONSORS

VENUE: *Cadillac Service Garage*

FOOD: *1618 on Location*

DESIGN, PAPER & FLORALS: *Rebecca Rose Events*

PHOTOGRAPHY: *Linley Battle Photography*

HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPHY: *Amanda Castle Photography*

VIDEOGRAPHY: *Rosewood Mediahouse 7*

RENTALS: *Greenhouse Picker Sisters*

LINENS: *I Do Linens*

DJ: *Bunn DJ Co Charlotte*

AV: *DJ Brian B*

PRIVATE DINNER DESIGN: *Abba Design*







*Attendees began the afternoon with drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres at Cadillac Service Garage. Members had the opportunity to update their headshots while everyone continued to mingle with fellow wedding professionals. Fallon Carter of Fallon Carter Events lead our educational portion with reminders of how to avoid burn out. The evening concluded with sweets and an amazing member-only private dinner.*

















# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



REGISTER FOR OUR LAST EVENT OF THE YEAR  
Early bird pricing till 10/16. Registration closes 11/7  
\$50 member \$75 nonmember // \$90 member \$115 non member



WIPA NORTH CAROLINA FREINDSGIVING  
The Revelry 4pm - 7pm  
701 Keswick Ave #110, Charlotte, NC 28206



OUR FIRST WIPA EVENT OF 2024  
Details and location to follow

## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY



Are you Interested in being a sponsor at one of our upcoming events? We would love to have you!

### Sponsorship benefits

- Increase brand visibility
- Enhance credibility
- Share your expertise
- Build relationships & more!!

Email [wipanorthcarolina@gmail.com](mailto:wipanorthcarolina@gmail.com) today to get started!

# BOARD MEMBER TIP

Do not underestimate the power of meaningful relationships. There's nothing more valuable to building a sustainable business in the wedding industry. Create those friendships, not with the mindset of receiving business from them, but with genuine connection to people that understand just how difficult it is to be a creative entrepreneur.

KAT BRAMAN

WIPA North Carolina Vice President



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



SUMMER RUSSELL

Summer Brooke Photography

"I've been a nurse for quite some time serving so many lovely people. While it's definitely rewarding in many ways, photography has always had my heart! And I quickly learned that I could serve couples in that same way and it's magnified and actually even more fulfilling to my soul. I crave authentic relationships which is why my people are my people. And I treat them like family. I most definitely believe photographs are our legacy and they deserve to be printed. Big. On your wall! That's right.

I joined WIPA because I was seeking a sense of community and to be around my fellow likeminded entrepreneurs!"







# CALL FOR CONTENT

WIPA North Carolina is committed to showcasing diversity across our platforms. We are always looking for Black, Native, Hispanic/Latinx, LGBTQ, etc. weddings to feature on our socials.

This quarter we are also looking for holiday themed weddings!

If you have content you feel like would be a good fit please submit it [here](#) or email it over to [wipanorthcarolina@gmail.com](mailto:wipanorthcarolina@gmail.com) with appropriate vendor tags. We would love to share your work with this talented community!



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## Beauty Services

### **BEL FIORE BEAUTY**

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## Decor/Rentals

### **THE PRETTIEST PIECES**

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## Entertainment

### **BUNN DJ CO**

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### **KATE ASIRE FLOWERS**

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### **ONCE GATHERED**

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### **CASIE MARIE PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **DANIELLE FLAKE PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **DAWN MARIE PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **ELIZABETH SELLERS PHOTO**

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### **FABIANA SKUBIC PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **JACLYN AULETTA PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **JAMIE VINSON PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **JAVA ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY**

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## Photography (cont.)

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### **KELSEY HALM PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Kelsey Halm**

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### **KELSIE ELIZABETH PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **LORREN & BRAMAN**

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### **MADELINE TRENT PHOTOGRAPHY**

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### **MCSWEEN PHOTOGRAPHY**

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## Venue

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## Videography (cont.)

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### **DAVIS ROW**

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### **EVENTS BY EMILY**

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### **EVENTS WITHOUT A HITCH**

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### **SCOUT AND GRACE EVENTS**

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## Wedding Planners (cont.)

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