

Harding Allen Estate



Thank you for your inquiry!

The Harding Allen Estate is a grand and stately mansion, located in the Currier & Ives town of Barre, MA, just 25 minutes north of Worcester and just 68 miles west of Boston. The Estate was completed in 1928 for Harding Allen, Barre's most prominent businessman and philanthropist, and his wife Carrie. Today, it stands as a significant regional landmark. The interior is filled with the carefully curated work of fine Italian craftsmen: marble work, crystal chandeliers, wood carvings, ornate ceilings, and European detailing. The Estate's Greek-style pergola lends itself to be an ideal spot for a romantic ceremony. Our Garden Ballroom overlooks our Old-World gardens and provides the perfect setting for a memorable reception all year round.

Our wedding specialists, working with preferred catering team and staff, will help you plan your event every step of the way. Whether you are planning an intimate wedding for 50 guests or a grand reception for 240 guests, we will grant you the personal attention that insures a world-class experience.

We invite you to experience our fine service, outstanding menus, and opulent surroundings. To receive more information or to arrange an appointment for a visit, please feel free to contact us at (978)355-4920. Come feel the romance at The Harding Allen Estate!

The entire staff at The Harding Allen Estate

Complementary Amenities

- Exclusive use of the Estate for five hours on wedding day
- On-site wedding coordination to help you plan your ceremony and reception
- Use of two of the bedrooms for an hour before the wedding for dressing and preparation of the wedding party, even when not staying overnight
- Front-door greeter during your guests' arrival
- A player baby grand piano to entertain your guests throughout your reception
- Decorated reception table for seating cards, guestbook, card basket, etc.
- Use of the Estate's gardens, grounds, and mansion for formal photographs
- Private cocktail & hors d'oeuvres service for you and your wedding party during photo hour
- Use of the Greenhouse Pavilion that is a designated cocktail hour space which includes set-up of stationed hors d'oeuvres and a beer and wine station to complement the full bar located inside the mansion

- Use of the Garden Ballroom for your reception

The Garden Ballroom can comfortably accommodate up to 240 guests for a sit-down dinner. It is climate-controlled, with both heating and air conditioning. When the weather is fair, the doors can be opened to overlook the lily pond and walled gardens. Inside, crystal chandeliers and our fabric drapery ceiling add the most elegant touches.

- 85" round tables and gold Chiavari chairs
- Glassware, flatware, and dishware for dinner service
- Linens for French table: white linens and napkins with ivory tablecloth
- 850 square foot dance floor
- Wedding night bedroom, of the couple's choice, at the Estate
- Continental breakfast for any overnight guests
- Preferred vendor list including officiants, photographers, DJs, and more

Additional Enhancements

REHEARSAL DINNER

Enjoy dinner after your ceremony rehearsal at the Estate

EARLY ARRIVAL

Enjoy extended time getting ready or capturing pre-wedding photographs around the Estate

SHEPARD'S HOOKS

Enhance your ceremony aisle with Shepard's Hooks

1929 VINTAGE MODEL MERCEDES GAZELLE CAR

Create vintage photographs during guest arrival and cocktail hour with 1920's props

CARD BASKETS

Choose either our standard card box or bird cage basket to hold your wedding cards

UPLIGHTING

Choose from a variety of colors reflecting on the columns in the ballroom

COLORED LINENS

Choose from a variety of colors and patterns

TABLE ENHANCEMENTS

Choose from votive candles, hurricane globes, mirrors, lanterns, and floating candles to enhance your table

CHAIR ENHANCEMENTS

Change your seat cushion color to white and add satin bows

TOASTING GOBLETS

Special toasting goblets for the couple

CAKE KNIFE AND SERVER

Choose our cake knife and server for your real or faux cake cut

SATELLITE BAR

Beer and wine satellite bars can be set up in the Greenhouse Pavilion and outside the Garden Ballroom

AFTER HOURS PARTY

Overnight guests can use the Estate's common areas after the reception.

Food and beverages available.

Also available as a substitute for one late night bite

BRUNCH

Enjoy brunch after an overnight stay at the Estate

Estate Rental and Timing

The following are our standard time slots (custom timing available) and Estate rental fees during our regular season, which runs May through October.

For dates outside of our regular season, ask for our current incentives.

FRIDAYS

Timing: 5:30 – 10:30 p.m., not including ceremony on grounds

Estate rental fee: \$3,000

SATURDAYS

Timing: 5:30 – 10:30 p.m., not including ceremony on grounds

Or: 5:30 – 11:00, *including* ceremony on grounds

Estate rental fee: \$4,500

SUNDAYS

Timing: 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., not including ceremony on grounds

Estate rental fee: \$2,500

THE GATSBY EXPERIENCE

Rent the Estate for the entire weekend!

Check-in at 2pm Friday, Check-out at 2pm Sunday

Rehearsal Dinner Friday

Wedding Ceremony and Reception Saturday

Brunch Sunday

ELOPEMENTS/MICRO-WEDDINGS

50 guests or fewer may instead be eligible for a minimum spend

Wedding Ceremonies: If you wish to hold your ceremony at the Estate, there is a fee of \$1,000, which includes set-up of the chairs and an extra half-hour of time added to the standard 5 hours normally allotted for wedding receptions, plus use of an Estate room to change 1 hour prior to the ceremony and a rehearsal, if needed.

Holiday Weekend: Add \$1,000 to each Estate rental fee

Alcohol Selections

WINE

Chardonnay
Pinot Grigio
Sauvignon Blanc
White Zinfandel
Rosé
Cabernet Sauvignon
Merlot
Pinot Noir
Champagne Brut
Champagne Spumante

BEER

Budweiser
Bud Light
Hard Cider
Hard Seltzer
Harpoon – IPA
Samuel Adams Boston Lager
Samuel Adams Seasonal

HOUSE LIQUORS

Barton's: Gin, Rum, Vodka,
Whiskey
Monte Alban Silver and Gold
Tequila

PREMIUM LIQUORS

Absolut/Citron Vodka
Bacardi Rum
Beefeater Gin
Bombay Dry Gin
Canadian Club Whiskey
Captain Morgan Spiced Rum
Dewar's White Label Scotch
Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey
Jack Daniel's Whiskey
Jim Beam Bourbon
Johnny Walker Red Label Scotch
Jose Cuervo Tequila
Malibu Rum
Seagram's 7
Southern Comfort Whiskey
Stoli Raspberry Vodka
Tito's Vodka

TOP SHELF LIQUORS

1800 Gold Tequila
Bailey's Irish Cream Whiskey
Bombay Sapphire Gin
Chivas Regal Scotch Whiskey
Crown Royal Whiskey
Glenlivet 12 Scotch Whiskey
Grey Goose Vodka
Hennessy Cognac
Jameson Irish Whiskey
Seagram's VO Canadian
Whiskey
Tanqueray Gin

LIQUEURS

Amaretto
Anisette
Blue Curacao
Coffee Liqueur
Melon Liqueur
Mentholmint
Pucker Sour Apple
Razzmatazz
Schnapps Butterscotch
Schnapps Peach
Triple Sec

All food and beverage purchases are subject to a 6.25% MA state meal tax and an automatic 22% administrative fee.
The administrative fee is not a tip or gratuity.

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Alcohol

We offer a lot of flexibility on alcohol. On the tables, you can choose to have bottles of wine, or champagne for a toast. As for your bar, it can be open, cash, or a combination of the two. You can set limits on the open bar, such as a time limit, a dollar limit, or a limit on the type of alcohol (for instance, open for beer and wine but cash for mixed drinks).

Lodging Accommodations

If you hold a function with us, the on-site bedrooms are available to you at additional cost. We have six lovely, appointed bedrooms in the mansion; all of them double occupancy plus 1 on-site cottage.

The Rose Cottage has 4 bedrooms.

A total of 22 guests can book rooms to stay on site after the wedding.

Prices range from \$150.00 to \$250.00 per night.

(All room prices are subject to MA state occupancy tax, currently 5.7%.)

You can find pictures of the mansion rooms in the Accommodations section of our web site, www.hardingallenestate.com. If you need additional rooms beyond what we have to offer, there are a number of bed & breakfasts in and around town, and we would be happy to advise you.

Terms and Conditions

Billing and Deposits

A \$1,500 **non-refundable** deposit is required when booking your wedding. Your deposit will be credited toward the total charges. A second \$1,500 **non-refundable** deposit is required 10 months before your reception date. Final payment must be made 10 days prior to the function by cashiers' check only. The tab for an open bar may be paid at the end of the reception, as long as it is **guaranteed with a credit card**. Deposits paid by credit card are subject to a 4% processing fee.

Guarantees

In order to diligently plan for your special day, we must be notified of the exact number of guests fourteen (14) days prior to your event.

Accommodation Rentals

Rental of the bedrooms is always charged separately. The bedrooms are subject to MA state occupancy tax, currently 5.7%. The bedrooms in the mansion are all double occupancy; for any additional people, we require an additional \$55 each. The Rose cottage has some double occupancy and some that can accommodate 4 guests.

For evening weddings, check-in time for the bedrooms is after dinner service is over.

Check-out time for the bedrooms is 10:00 a.m. the following morning.

Weather

At the Harding Allen Estate, we will do everything we deem reasonable to ensure that your special day goes as you planned it. However, because of the nature of outdoor garden weddings, please be advised that we cannot guarantee against inclement weather, nor can we be held responsible for the consequences of it.

Note: For legal and safety purposes, and unless specifically set forth herein, The Harding Allen Estate reserves the right to control the operations of the wedding or function and use of the facilities.

Liquor

The bar is located inside the mansion. For large weddings, an additional beer & wine station can be set up outdoors (weather permitting) or in the pavilion, for a charge of \$100 per hour. Upon a non-alcoholic bar request, a \$750 corkage fee will be added to billing statement.

Massachusetts State Law does not permit any beverages to be brought to or removed from the premises by patrons or their guests. All beverages, including liquor, beer, and wine, must be supplied by the Harding Allen Estate. All guests or attendees consuming alcoholic beverages must be of legal Massachusetts drinking age and have with them a valid picture ID.