



MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE GARDEN AT ELM BANK

Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for thinking of the Garden at Elm Bank for such a special day in your lives. We look forward to introducing you to our remarkable property and working with you to make your wedding day everything you could imagine and more!

The Garden at Elm Bank resides on Massachusetts Horticultural Society's stunning 36-acre property located along the Charles River in Wellesley and Dover, Massachusetts. Just thirty minutes outside of Boston, our property offers twelve gorgeous display gardens and multiple event spaces to suit your wedding of any capacity. We take pride in offering one event on the property at a time for our late afternoon and evening rentals, allowing for the most intimate experience possible.

Massachusetts Horticultural Society is the oldest formally organized horticultural institution in the United States. Our location at the Garden at Elm Bank is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for many elements. Whether you are looking to incorporate our history, or simply have a unique setting for your wedding, our property is the perfect backdrop.

As guests arrive, they are guided through the wooded driveway which leads to our complimentary parking areas. Included in your rentals is the use of the gardens for photography, cocktail hour, and guests to enjoy freely. The tranquil atmosphere will bring your family and friends together as they absorb the beauty of the Garden and our historic structures in celebration of your marriage.



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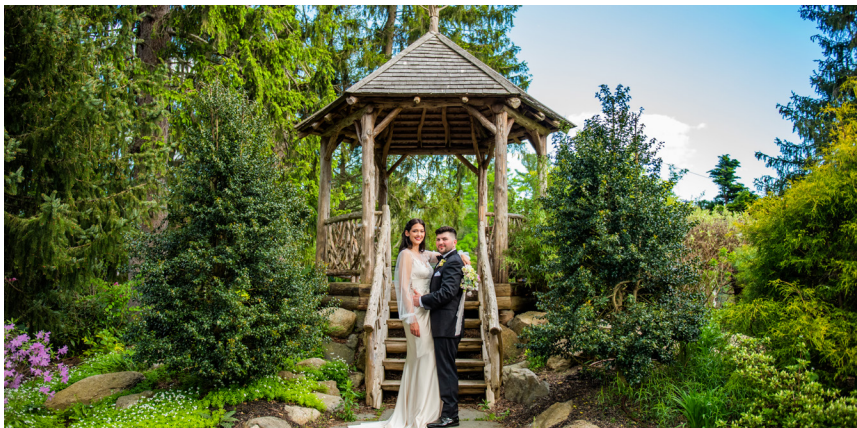
GARDEN AREAS

THE ITALIANATE GARDEN

The Italianate Garden is located on the west side of the property with the remarkable Manor House overlooking its lush garden beds. Designed by the Olmsted Brothers between 1914 and 1928, this is one of just two Italianate gardens open to the public in Massachusetts. This romantic space is most often home to wedding ceremonies on the property but it is always an option for your cocktail hour too! With six different layouts available, it is sure to fulfill your dreams or an intimate, breathtaking ceremony. This garden has a beautiful bulb display beginning in mid-April and is then transformed into an annual garden with color until the beginning of November.



THE BELVEDERE COCKTAIL SPACE



This beautiful, rustic structure provides the perfect backdrop for the outdoor cocktail reception of your dreams! The Belvedere is conveniently located steps away from Weezie's whimsical Garden for Children, the sprawling grass paths of the Bressingham Garden and the Maple Grove, ideal for lawn games and lounge furniture. This space allows guests to mingle and explore as they enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in this unrivaled space!

OTHER GARDENS ON THE PROPERTY

The Garden at Elm Bank contains twelve incredible gardens, all of which are included in your rental for you and your guests to roam and enjoy. We have a combination of both perennial and annual gardens to take advantage of different colors at different times of the year. All of our gardens offer unlimited photo possibilities for parties of any size!

*Explore more photos of each space on
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Bressingham Garden

RECEPTION LOCATIONS

Included in your rental are two on-site staff members the day of the event, as well as a Dual Membership in Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Throughout the planning process, an event associate is available for any property-related questions, assisting with vendor recommendations and arranging site visits.

THE HUNNEWELL BUILDING – INDOOR VENUE



Interior of the Hunnewell Building

The first of our two reception locations is The Hunnewell Building, our historic and stately carriage house. The great hall of the Hunnewell Building boasts nearly 3,000 square feet of open space and is capped with a magnificent vaulted and trussed ceiling. The interior of this building is equipped with heating and air conditioning for optimal comfort at any time of year.

The building alone can accommodate up to 150 guests for a seated reception with dancing or 200 guests for a seated reception without the dance floor. It can also accommodate cocktail style receptions up to 300 guests, and lecture up to 230 guests.

Interior of the Hunnewell Building

The rental of the Hunnewell Building also includes our seasonal, attached tent which comes in great use for inclement weather, dancing, or extra seating. Utilizing the tent and having a dance floor for your reception, this indoor venue can accommodate a maximum of 230 guests for a seated reception, and 400 for a cocktail reception.

Another amazing area to take advantage of is the courtyard. Adorned with bistro lights and located off of the seasonal tent, this grassy courtyard is ideal for giving guests another outdoor space to enjoy once the gardens have closed. This area is wonderful for lawn games, cigar bars, cocktail tables, or lounge furniture! You can access this area up until the end of the night!

Included in the rental of the Hunnewell Building and attached tent are beautiful, fruitwood Chiavari chairs for up to 250 guests, round tables that seat 8-10 guests each, as well as six and eight-foot rectangular tables. All other rentals such as linens, service-ware and custom furniture are provided by your caterer.

Lighting is an incredible way to transform this space. Inside, you will have five runs of elegant, white drapery with simple, glowing bistro lights running between each drape. These dimmable bistro lights will allow the space

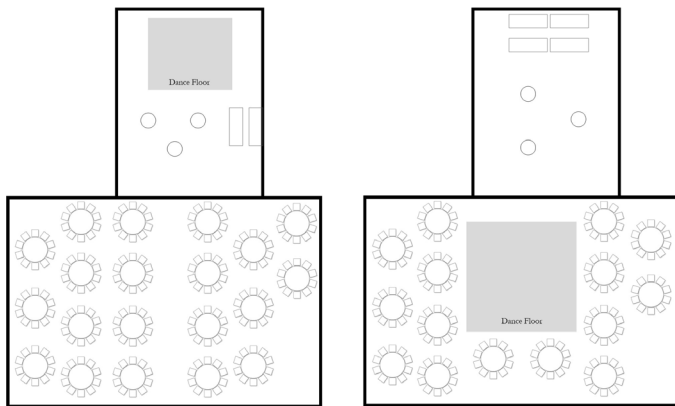


to transform from lively and bright during dinner service to dim and dreamy as guests hit the dance floor! This stunning lighting design is carried out to the attached tent and courtyard area too. Unique and custom lighting designs are always available too, with special coordination.

Available for rent through the Garden at Elm Bank is our 20-foot by 20-foot mahogany dance floor which can be placed inside the building, or in the attached tent. Also available as a separate rental are LED uplights, perfect for adding a splash of color to the interior of these spaces!



Exterior of the Hunnewell Building



Floorplan for 200 Guests

Floorplan for 150 Guests



Hunnewell Building Attached Tent and Courtyard

THE MAPLE GROVE – OUTDOOR VENUE

Centrally located in the Garden and surrounded by towering maple trees is our spacious Maple Grove. With nearly 17,000 square feet of grassy lawn, this outdoor area can accommodate tented receptions of virtually any size! This outdoor venue allows for the most customization possible. From the tent itself to flooring, tables, chairs, lighting, and so much more, your wedding can be as unique as you and your partner!

We work with a small selection of expertly trained, and incredibly knowledgeable tent companies that offer modern, beautiful rentals. Please note that special coordination is required for all events in the Maple Grove due to the high level of detail and wear on the property.



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PRIVATE EVENT RATES

2024



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Peak Season
May 20 – October 14

Shoulder Season
April 12 – May 19,
October 15 – November 11

The Hunnewell Building or Maple Grove

Nine Hour Rental

Three hours of setup for your vendors, five hours of cocktail hour and reception time, and one hour of breakdown and cleanup.

Friday	\$9,000	\$8,000
Saturday	\$14,000	\$12,500
Sunday	\$9,000	\$8,000
Monday-Thursday	\$6,000	\$5,000
<i>Additional 1/2 hour</i>	\$500	\$400

Ceremony Fee*

One half-hour of time will be allotted for your on-site garden ceremony. This fee includes white garden chairs for up to 230 guests and an indoor location in the event of inclement weather.

\$1,500	\$1,250
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*Applies to Weddings and Bar + Bat Mitzvahs

Additional Items

Additional Staffing Hours <i>Per hour, per staff member</i>	\$65
20-Unit LED Uplighting <i>In the interior of the Hunnewell Building and Attached Tent</i>	\$750
20' x 20' Dance Floor <i>Can be placed in either the Hunnewell Building or Attached Tent</i>	\$1,000
Bose Sound System <i>Includes microphone, auxiliary cord and stand or lectern - Not Available for Weddings</i>	\$150
Tenting Fee <i>Applies for all custom tents placed in the Maple Grove</i>	\$1,000
Lighting Change Fee <i>To remove the included lighting for a custom lighting installation in the Hunnewell Building or Attached Tent</i>	\$500
Valet Parking Attendant Fee <i>For events with over 230 guests arriving by car</i>	Starting at \$2,250
Additional Room Rental <i>Cheney Room or the Putnam Building - For Professional Events only</i>	\$100/hour minimum 4 hours

Please note: A 5% administrative fee is applied for all events.

Holiday weekend Sundays are treated as Saturdays, and Monday holidays are treated as Sundays.

A valid credit card must be on file at all times for incidentals, final balance, and potential damages to the property and buildings.

Revised November 2022 - All Rates Subject to Change