Located on the shore of the Lafayette River in Norfolk, Virginia, the Hermitage Museum & Gardens is the ideal location for your outdoor wedding and reception. The beauty of the gardens and stunning waterfront views will enchant your guests and ensure that your special event is unforgettable.

Images: Tara Card Photography (left); Marie Violet Photography (both on right)
AREAS FOR YOUR EVENT

Each of our unique spaces can add something special to your ceremony or reception. Whether it’s the lush, colorful blooms of the Rose Garden, the romantic interior, or the sparkling waterfront views from the Central Lawn or Shoreline, each space sets the tone for the wedding you’ve been dreaming of.

LEFT: MILLSTONE ALLÉE
BELOW: MILLSTONE COURTYARD
RIGHT: GROTTO

Images: Our Ampersand Photo (left); Morgan Renee Photography (below); Sarah Street Photography (right)
ROSE GARDEN
This garden sits in the open lawn directly in front of the museum. A stone pathway winds around a small fountain surrounded by 12 varieties of roses. Accommodate groups of 60 or less for a ceremony only, or can be utilized for a small cocktail reception. Seating cannot be accommodated, with the exception of assisting those with special needs.

EAST GARDEN (ON RIGHT)
This is a large circular garden that sits at the edge of the Lafayette River. Its slated patios and cobblestone walkways are surrounded by brick walls and wrought iron fences. Steps on one end lead to wetlands and a living shoreline, while steps on the other lead to a millstone walkway.
Popular for its picturesque backdrop, the Shoreline is the perfect area for both ceremonies and receptions. Located directly on the Lafayette River, the Shoreline features a uniquely designed slate patio for use as a dance floor. **Accommodates up to 200.**
CENTRAL LAWN

By hosting a reception on this side of the lawn, you fully experience the unique views of both the exquisite home and the breathtaking Lafayette River. **Accommodates all amounts of guests; required for 200 or more.**
FEES AND POLICIES

Please note that fees and policies are subject to change prior to submission of the date retainer fee.

The Hermitage Museum & Gardens maintains unique facilities for weddings, corporate events, and receptions of all kinds. A non-refundable deposit of $500 will hold your chosen event date and be applied to the rental fee. Fifty-percent (50%) of the event rental fee is due when signing the event agreement. The event fee balance is due to the Hermitage no less than thirty (30) days prior to the event.

Fundamental Policies

- The Hermitage consists of a historic home, extensive gardens and grounds, and an important art and materials collection. Respect for the home, grounds, and collection are key to ensuring a successful event.

- Wedding receptions are permitted outdoors only.

- Contact information must be provided for all vendors. Only approved caterers on our list are able to serve food and staff the bar.

- Food and beverage service, music, and similar vendor activities are to cease at 10 p.m. All guests must vacate the premises by 11:00 p.m.

- ABC license and event liability insurance are required.

- Professional month-of event coordinator required.
Rental Fees Include:
- Guest access to designated facilities and gardens from 5:30–11pm.
- Access to fully-stocked restrooms, one changing room, parking, and utilities for event.
- Use of the grounds for photo session prior to the event date.
- Access to site for rehearsal prior to event date, as scheduled by the Hermitage.
- 1-year membership to the Hermitage Museum & Gardens.
- Museum attendants for the duration of the event and security provided.
- Admission to tour the museum during the event.

CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Please contact us for additional information about ceremony-only rentals.

For ceremony-only events, attendants are available for the duration of the event as well as one hour before and after to assist your guests. Ceremony-only events cannot be scheduled when in conflict with a full-event rental. A museum membership fee of $100 is required for a ceremony only event.

CEREMONY / ELOPEMENTS

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