



Weddings & Venue Rentals





The Venue

Located on the banks of the Lafayette River in Norfolk, Virginia, the Hermitage Museum & Gardens consists of an early 20th-century arts-and-crafts-style mansion, featuring an art collection that spans over 5,000 years, 12 acres of gardens and grounds, and stunning waterfront views. An enchanting venue for special events, the Hermitage offers a unique setting for weddings, elopements, vow renewals, corporate events, and celebrations of all kinds.

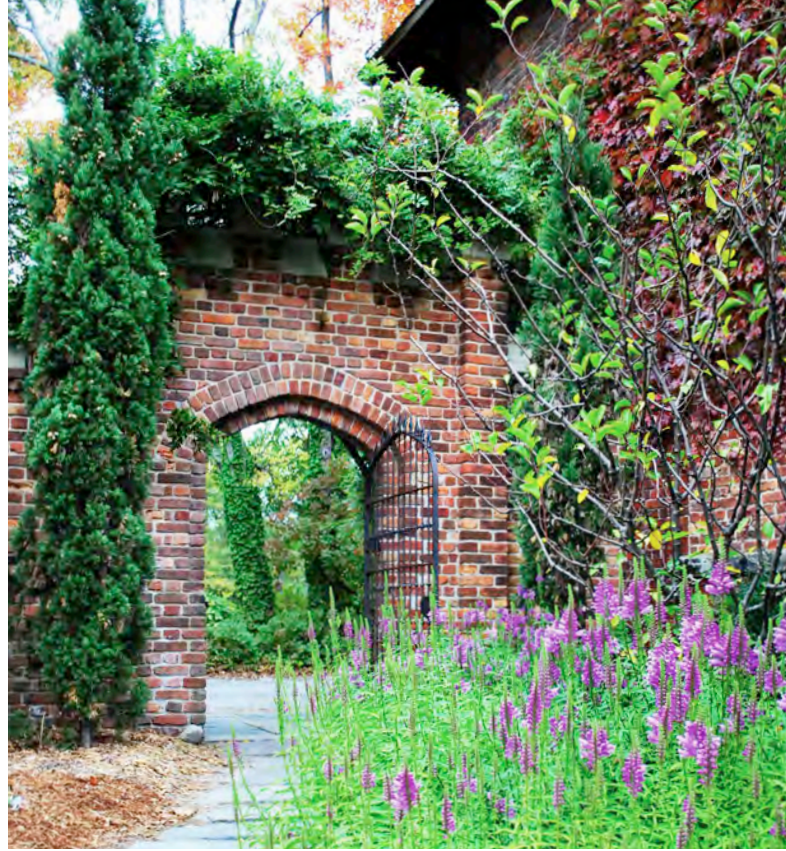
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Areas For Your Event

The Hermitage offers breathtaking waterfront views, creating a serene and elegant backdrop for your memorable event. With a history rooted in artistry and design, the gardens—crafted lovingly by the museum's founder, Florence Sloane—blend timeless elegance with vibrant seasonal beauty.

Venue rentals allow access to several unique locations in our gardens. Whether it's the lush, colorful blooms of the Rose Garden, or the sparkling waterfront views from the Central Lawn and Shoreline, there's a space that will set the mood for your special event.



Venue Rentals include access to ALL of the following areas:

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| A. Water Tower | D. East Garden | G. Shoreline |
| B. Sunken Tennis Court | E. Millstone Allée | H. Rose Garden |
| C. Grotto | F. Central Lawn | I. Parking |



Millstone Courtyard

Image: Justin Hankins Photography



Grotto

Image: Sarah Street Photography



Millstone Allée

Image: DeLine Photography



The Rose 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. **This space can accommodate groups of 30 or less** for a ceremony-only rental, or can be utilized for a small cocktail reception. *Seating accommodations are limited to accessibility needs only.*



The East Garden 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 a living shoreline, while steps on the other lead to a millstone walkway. **This space can accommodate groups up to 250 max.**

Image: Amanda Robbins Photography



The Shoreline is popular for its picturesque backdrop and 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. **This space accommodates groups up to 100 max tented.**

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The Central Lawn is the picture-perfect setting for stunning views of the elegant historic home and the serene Lafayette River. Ideal for events of all sizes, **this space is required for gatherings of 125 or more, with a maximum capacity of 250 guests.**

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Rental Features & Amenities

Wedding Venue Rentals

Ceremony & Reception or Reception-Only

- Guest access to designated facilities and gardens from 5:30–11 pm.
- On-site parking for up to 125 vehicles
- Access to two changing rooms prior to the event
- Climate-controlled restrooms
- Admission to tour the museum during the event
- 1 Annual Household Museum Membership
- Museum staffing for venue assistance, parking direction, and greeting guests entering the museum
- A Norfolk Sheriff's Deputy for grounds security
- 1 hour complimentary photo session
- 1 hour rehearsal (scheduled prior to event date)

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

Elopement Ceremonies & Vow Renewals

The Hermitage Museum & Gardens offers rentals for elopement ceremonies and vow renewals. Rentals may be scheduled Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am - 4 pm or when not in conflict with a full-event rentals or museum programming.

Elopement Rentals include:

- 1 hour usage of the gardens
- Access to changing rooms (*1 hour prior to ceremony*)
- Climate controlled restrooms
- On-site parking
- Accommodates up to 30 guests

Private & Corporate Event Rentals

The gardens and grounds offer a distinctive and relaxing setting with versatile facilities for events of all kinds. Let the Hermitage create the perfect backdrop for your next corporate gathering, team retreat, awards reception, and more.

Features include:

- Guest access to designated facilities and gardens
- Climate-controlled restrooms
- On-site parking for up to 125 vehicles
- Museum staffing for venue assistance, parking direction, and greeting guests entering the museum
- A Norfolk Sheriff's Deputy for grounds security

Rental pricing varies based on guest count, event duration, and date. Contact us to discuss your specific needs.





Wedding Venue Fees & Policies

Ceremony & Reception or Reception-Only

The Hermitage Museum 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 Basic Event Rental Fee is due when signing the Event Agreement. The remaining Basic Event Fee balance is due no less than thirty (30) days prior to the event.

<i>Spring / Fall</i>	April - June & September - November					<i>Winter / Summer</i>	December - March & July - August				
# of Guests	1 - 50	51 - 100	101 - 150	151 - 200	201 - 250	# of Guests	1 - 50	51 - 100	101 - 150	151 - 200	201 - 250
Monday - Thursday	\$2,250	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,250	Monday - Thursday	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500	\$2,750
Friday & Sunday	\$3,750	\$4,000	\$4,250	\$4,500	\$4,750	Friday & Sunday	\$3,250	\$3,500	\$3,750	\$4,000	\$4,250
Saturday	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000	Saturday	\$3,500	\$3,750	\$4,000	\$4,250	\$4,500

Fundamental Policies

The Hermitage features the original home and gardens of the Sloane family, along with an art collection that spans 5,000 years of art history. To ensure the safety of our guests and the preservation of this cherished historical gem, we have established policies designed to protect the property and provide a successful event experience:

- Wedding receptions are permitted outdoors only.
- Contact information must be provided for all vendors.
- Only approved rental companies may provide rentals.
- Only approved caterers are permitted to serve food and staff the bar.
- Professional day-of event coordinator is required and must be chosen from the approved list.
- Food and beverage service, music, and similar vendor activities must cease at 10:00 p.m.
- All guests must vacate the premises by 11:00 p.m.
- ABC license and event liability insurance are required.





Get Started on Booking Your Event

Interested in learning all that the Hermitage has to offer? Scan the QR code below or visit thehermitagemuseum.org/weddings to complete an **online inquiry**. Once we receive your request, we'll be in touch to learn more about your event.

Tour the Venue

Scheduling a tour is the best way to learn about hosting your event at the Hermitage. Tours are available by appointment-only with the Hermitage Wedding & Events Manager. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code below, or visit: thehermitagemuseum.org/weddings.

Admission is free at the Hermitage Museum and Gardens and no reservation is needed to take a self-guided tour of our gardens and grounds. The museum is open to the public, Tuesdays - Sundays from 10 am to 5 pm.



To learn more, scan the QR code or visit:
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