



# Weddings

"From start to finish the whole team at New England Botanic Garden and Peppers exceeded our expectations. Meagan, our wedding coordinator, was a dream to work with. She eased all of our worries and set us up for a perfect day. We still have guests complimenting our beautiful venue! Could not recommend this venue more!"- 2023 Bride



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## The Details

From **late-May through early-September**, New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill can accommodate weddings of up to 120 guests. Ceremonies may be held in our Secret Garden, Lawn Garden, or Reservoir Room. Cocktail Hour may be held in the Winter Garden or Great Hall. Receptions will take place in the beautiful 18th-century-like glass conservatory, the Orangerie. All of our outdoor garden sites provide an indoor plan in case of inclement weather.

**Wedding Specialist:** Our Wedding Specialist will assist you throughout the entire planning process. In the weeks leading up to your wedding a final planning meeting will be scheduled with your Wedding Specialist and your catering Event Designer. In addition to working with you leading up to your wedding, your Wedding Specialist will run your ceremony rehearsal, coordinate with your vendors, and guide you through all the details on the day-of.

**Day-Of Event Assistants:** On the day of your wedding, NEBG at TH has Event Assistants available to assist the Wedding Specialist in executing all the details of your event.

**Ceremony**: Ceremonies are booked for a half hour period of time, beginning no earlier than 6:00pm. For on-site ceremonies, rehearsal will take place the day prior to the wedding from 3:00pm-4:00pm. We do not have a bridal suite available and ask that you arrive to the property fully dressed.

**Reception:** Receptions, including cocktail hour, are booked for a five hour period of time, with the option to extend the rental up to one hour (added to the end of your event). If your ceremony is hosted on-site, reception rentals will run from 6:30pm-11:30pm. With an off-site ceremony, reception rentals may begin as early as 6:00pm.

**Photos**: Your wedding party and family are permitted on the grounds as early as 4:30pm for your first look and photos on site. The use of drones or remote controlled aerial vehicles launched, operated, or retrieved on NEBG property is not permitted.

**Setup and Breakdown:** Vendors may begin setup at 4:00pm in the Orangerie and 4:30pm in all other locations. Breakdown will immediately follow the event. Any breakdown exceeding one hour after the conclusion of the event will be billed to the client at \$500 per hour. Décor may be dropped off the day prior to the wedding at 3:00pm for overnight storage.

**Equipment:** Ceremony and reception chairs and a variety of tables are provided by NEBG at TH for your wedding.

Membership: A membership to the gardens at the "friend" level is included in the rental rate.

**Food & Beverage:** NEBG at TH works with an exclusive caterer, Peppers Artful Events, who will provide all food and beverage for your wedding. Food and beverage pricing is in addition to the venue fee. Outside alcohol is prohibited as well as "gifting" of alcohol such as in favors. NEBG at TH reserves the right to suspend alcohol service at an event if guests are consuming outside alcohol and/or if consumption is deemed to be excessive in the opinion of NEBG staff.

## Venue Fees

(late-May to early-September) guest capacity: 120

#### What's Included (Reception Rental):

- 5 hour reception rental period, following ceremony
- Arrival at 4:30pm for Wedding Party and Family Pictures
- Wedding Coordinator & Day-Of Event Assistants
- 2 Year Friend-Level Membership
- Cocktail hour and reception tables
- Fruitwood Chiavari chairs
- One-Wedding Exclusivity
- Final Planning Meeting
- Cocktail Hour Location (Winter Garden or Great Hall)
- Reception Location (Orangerie)

#### What's Included (Ceremony Add-On):

- 1/2 hour ceremony rental period, beginning at 6:00pm
- 1 hour ceremony rehearsal the day prior to your wedding
- White folding chairs
- Ceremony Location (Secret Garden, Lawn Garden, or Reservoir Room)

#### Venue Fees:

Friday Evening Reception\* - \$8,250 Saturday/Holiday Evening Reception\* - \$10,500 Sunday Evening Reception\* - \$7,250 Required Police Detail- \$425 Security Deposit: \$500, refundable

On-Site Ceremony\* - \$1,500

Extension Fee - \$800\*: Additional ½ hour Rental, added to end of Reception (up to 1 hour)

\*Rates are subject to a 6.25% MA sales tax and do not include food and beverage.

**Securing a Date:** In consideration for the use of New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, a signed contract and non-refundable deposit of \$4,500 is due.

**Final Payment:** The final payment will be comprised of the remaining venue fee plus a 6.25% MA sales tax and is due 30 days prior to your wedding.



### **Ceremony Locations**



Lawn Garden – The Lawn Garden has an open and airy feel while still positioned in the heart of the property. From May to June, spring bulbs add a pop of color to the surrounding garden beds and flowering trees are in bloom. From July to September, summer perennials take over providing lush borders to the large central lawn.

Kelly Stevens Photography

Secret Garden – The Secret Garden is our most popular ceremony location. This intimate garden is located on the far south end of the property at the bottom of the Lawn Garden staircase below the pergolas. By late spring, annuals are planted and perennials begin to bloom. This garden space is at its most lush and colorful from July to September. The fountain, pergolas, and staircase in this garden space make for a stunning backdrop.



Scarlet Roots



**Reservoir Room** – A brand new space for summer 2024, the Reservoir Room offers a naturally lit room with floor-to-ceiling windows and a ceiling adorned with elegant copper details. Glass doors lead out onto a terrace with stunning views of the Wachusett Reservoir. A loop hearing system integrated into the room makes this an accessible space for guests. This room also serves as the inclement weather backup location for both ceremonies and cocktail hours planned outdoors.

Rendering of the Reservoir Room

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### **Cocktail Hour Locations**



Winter Garden – This garden space features plants with interesting bark and berries as well as evergreens and the Garden's iconic turtle fountain. Many of the tropical and subtropical plants from the conservatories live in this garden for the summer months. The garden is lit up after sunset with soft white up-lighting throughout the plant beds, in the fountain, on railings, and on conservatory walls. Once guests move into the Orangerie for reception, they can continue to enjoy this garden space.

Ariel Grondin Photography

**Great Hall** – The Great Hall houses our daytime café, the Farmer and the Fork, year-round, but in the evenings it is transformed into the inclement weather backup space for cocktail hour. With draped fabric and some décor, the space quickly takes on a whole new look! The Great Hall terrace also has one of the best sunset views on the property.



Joe Dolen Photography

### **Reception Location**



**Orangerie** – The Orangerie, is a conservatory (or greenhouse) designed for our tropical and subtropical plants. From late May through early September these plants are moved outdoors. This leaves a primarily emptied room available to host your reception for up to 120 guests. There are multiple permanent plant fixtures within the space including vines, palms, and succulents. During the on-season this space is not air conditioned, but is ventilated by the windows and doors.

Ariel Grondin Photography

### **Recommended Vendors**

#### Accommodations

Homewood Suites   Tammy Burns	Berlin, MA	(978) 838-9940 tammy.burns@hilton.com	
Embassy Suites   Patrick Duggan	Marlborough, MA	(508) 263-7754 patrick.duggan@pyramidglobal.com	
Courtyard Boston Marlborough   Kim Kunce	Marlborough, MA	(508) 263 9141 kimberley.kunce@marriott.com	
Hampton Inn/Courtyard   Alexandra Bavosi	Worcester, MA	(774) 420-7135 alexandra.bavosi@aimhosp.com	
AC Hotel Worcester   Cyndy Branchaud	Worcester, MA	(774) 530-6616 cyndy.branchaud@marriott.com	

#### Cakes & Desserts

CakeART | Peppers The Queen's Cups The Crafted Cookie Company

Northborough, MA	(508) 393-6844	cakeART@peppersartfulevents.com
Millbury, MA	(508) 459-9600	info@thequeenscups.com
Worcester, MA		www.thecraftedcookiecompany.com

#### DJ & Entertainment

Boston, MA	(857) 244-0707	finetunedj@gmail.com
Worcester, MA	(508) 617-8280	kevin@makeamarkevents.com
Worcester, MA	(617) 909-4700	dj@jonstrader.com
Auburn, MA	(508) 795-3311	greg@djgregb.com
Worcester, MA	(508) 667-8895	info@jameventdjs.com
Boston, MA		kara@beattraindjs.com
Natick, MA	(617) 909-4700	info@SoundChoiceEvents.com
Boston, MA		glitterboysboston@gmail.com

#### Floral Design

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Worcester, MA	(508) 755-6464	jeff@frenchbouquetflorist.com
Leominster, MA	(978) 534-4422	bgiambrocco28@gmail.com
West Brookfield, MA		www.bellbrookfarm.com
N. Chelmsford, MA	(978) 758-9924	mbh@sempervirensflowers.com
Somerville, MA	(617) 682-0198	hello@bluebirdbouquets.com
Shrewsbury, MA	(508) 842-8992	weddings@danielsonflowers.com

#### Live Music

Violinist	(774) 262-2219	theviolinkat@gmail.com
Harpist/Pianist	(860) 974-1450	nangdorrie@gmail.com
Flute, Violin, Cello	(508) 932-5082	thetrilliumtrio@gmail.com
Strings & more	(339) 368-2966	bethannwelty@gmail.com
Harpist	(978) 443-0656	felice@gildedharps.com
Strings & more	(508) 414-6711	sdicrescentis@blackstonevalleyquartet.com
Full Band	(617) 763-6131	www.Neonlighthouseband.com

Fine Tune Entertainment | Joe Make a Mark Events | Kevin Jon Strader DJ | Jon Greg Bedard DJ | Greg JAM Event DJs | Mark Beat Train Productions | Kara Sound Choice Events | Peter

The Glitter Boys

Petal & Wren | Jamila Mason The French Bouquet | Jeff French Fleur du Jour | Brenda Giambrocco Bell Brook Farm | Emily Day Semper Virens Flowers | Mary B. Hayes Bluebird Bouquets | Haley Cormier Danielson Flowers | Debby Phelps

Kathryn Skudera Haddad Dorrie Nang The Trillium Trio Intermezzo Players Gilded Harps Blackstone Valley String Quartet | Sylvia Neon Lighthouse Band | Ken

## **Recommended Vendors**

#### Photography

Addie Roberge Photography   Addie	Shrewsbury, MA	(508) 410-9138	addie@addierobergephotography.com
Helloimjoe   Joe Gonzalez-Dufresne	Worcester, MA	(508) 735-9542	hello@helloimjoe.com
Ewings Photography Studio   Erica Ewing	Bolton, MA	(508) 471-7988	erica@the-ewings.com
Joe Dolen Photography   Joe	Leicester, MA	(508) 864-3041	joedolen@gmail.com
Scarlet Roots   Jules Lesinski	Boston, MA	(860) 335-2321	contact@scarletroots.com
Yimotion Photography   Yi Kwan	North Andover, MA	(978) 494-4388	yimotionphotography@gmail.com
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Gina Brocker Photography   Gina	Boston, MA	(617) 952-3220	gina@ginabrocker.com
Paul Robert Berman   Paul	Providence, RI		www.paulrobertberman.com
Samantha Melanson Photography   Samantha	West Boylston, MA	(978)-415-9808	samantha@samanthamelanson.com
Kelly Stevens Photography   Kelly	Nahant, MA	(781) 267 9253	kelly@kellystevensphotography.com

#### Wedding Planners

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rine Preusse-Foley		(508) 971-9864	catherine@mirtheventsco.com
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New Hampshire	(603)-845-8479	info@katescalligraphy.com
North Smithfield, RI		Emily@somethingborrowedeventdecor.com

#### Transportation

Shrewsbury, MA Shrewsbury, MA

(508) 839-6252 info@knightslimo.com (508) 842-4790 info@lelimo.com

#### Videography

Bolton, MA Haverhill, MA (508) 471-7988 erica@the-ewings.com (978) 476-9018 mike.demellia@gmail.com

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