



Jessie Marilyn Photography

# Weddings

"We can never say thank you enough to Amelia...I'm still amazed with her professionalism, her attention to details, and how much she put into making sure we got the day that we wanted. She's truly amazing! Most of all, the venue is breathtaking. I felt we were surrounded in beautiful flowers, textures, and greenery...I couldn't recommend NEBG and Amelia enough. Best decision we made. "

- 2024 Bride













### 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 Limonaia Conservatory. Cocktail Hour may be held in the Winter Garden, Reservoir Room, 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

#### 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)
- Police Security Detail

#### 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 Garden Chairs
- Ceremony Location (Secret Garden, Lawn Garden, or Limonaia Conservatory)

#### Venue Fees:

Friday Evening Reception\* - \$9,000

Saturday/Holiday Evening Reception\* - \$11,500

Sunday/Weekday Evening Reception\* - \$8,000

Security Deposit: \$500, refundable

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

Optional 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**



Kelly Stevens Photography

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.

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



Yi Motion Photography

Limonaia Conservatory – The Limonaia is a conservatory (or greenhouse) designed for our tropical and sub-tropical plants. From late-May through early-September, these plants are moved from outdoors around the property. This leaves a primarily emptied room available to host your ceremony. During the on-season, this space is not air-conditioned, but is ventilated by the windows and doors. The Limonaia serves as the backup plan in case of inclement weather, but if you love the space, it can be utilized as your primary ceremony location.

### Cocktail Hour Locations



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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.

Winter Garden – This garden space features plants

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



Rendering of the Reservoir Room

Reservoir Room – A brand new space built in 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 can serve as the Inclement weather backup location for either ceremony or cocktail hour.

## Reception Location



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Orangerie – The Orangerie, is a conservatory (or greenhouse) designed for our tropical and sub-tropical 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. Included in our venue fees are 60" round tables that seat 8 to 10 guests comfortably. Fruitwood Chiavari chairs with white cushions are also included for reception. A typical layout of the room includes a centered dance floor, guest tables, and a sweetheart table or head table centered under the doors to the Winter Garden. The DJ or band is placed near the dance floor along the brick walls where power is located. The in-house lighting on the ceiling and in the floor is all soft white, similar to the Winter Garden. Once the sun goes down, the space takes on a magical feel that guests enjoy on the dance floor all night long.

# 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   Linda Costello	Worcester, MA	(860) 391-6151	Linda.costello@aimbridge.com
AC Hotel Worcester   Cyndy Branchaud	Worcester, MA	(774) 530-6616	cyndy.branchaud@marriott.com

#### Cakes & Desserts

CakeART   Peppers	Northborough, MA	(508) 393-6844	cakeART@peppersartfulevents.com
The Queen's Cups	Millbury, MA	(508) 459-9600	info@thequeenscups.com
The Crafted Cookie Company	Worcester, MA		www.thecraftedcookiecompany.com

#### DJ & Entertainment

Fine Tune Entertainment   Joe	Boston, MA	(857) 244-0707	finetunedj@gmail.com
Make a Mark Events   Kevin	Worcester, MA	(508) 617-8280	kevin@makeamarkevents.com
Jon Strader DJ   Jon	Worcester, MA	(617) 909-4700	dj@jonstrader.com
Greg Bedard DJ   Greg	Auburn, MA	(508) 795-3311	greg@djgregb.com
JAM Event DJs   Mark	Worcester, MA	(508) 667-8895	info@jameventdjs.com
Beat Train Productions   Kara	Boston, MA		kara@beattraindjs.com
Sound Choice Events   Peter	Natick, MA	(617) 909-4700	info@SoundChoiceEvents.com

#### Floral Design

Petal & Wren   Jamila Mason	Monson, MA	(774) 922-2218	contact@petalandwren.com
The French Bouquet   Jeff French	Worcester, MA	(508) 755-6464	jeff@frenchbouquetflorist.com
Fleur du Jour   Brenda Giambrocco	Leominster, MA	(978) 534-4422	bgiambrocco28@gmail.com
Bell Brook Farm   Emily Day	West Brookfield, MA		www.bellbrookfarm.com
Semper Virens Flowers   Mary B. Hayes	N. Chelmsford, MA	(978) 758-9924	mbh@sempervirensflowers.com
Bluebird Bouquets   Haley Cormier	Somerville, MA	(617) 682-0198	hello@bluebirdbouquets.com
Danielson Flowers   Debby Phelps	Shrewsbury, MA	(508) 842-8992	weddings@danielsonflowers.com

#### Live Music

Kathryn Skudera Haddad	Violinist	(774) 262-2219	theviolinkat@gmail.com
Dorrie Nang	Harpist/Pianist	(860) 974-1450	nangdorrie@gmail.com
The Trillium Trio	Flute, Violin, Cello	(508) 932-5082	thetrilliumtrio@gmail.com
Intermezzo Players	Strings & more	(339) 368-2966	bethannwelty@gmail.com
Gilded Harps	Harpist	(978) 443-0656	felice@gildedharps.com
Blackstone Valley String Quartet   Sylvia	Strings & more	(508) 414-6711	sdicrescentis@blackstonevalleyquartet.com
Neon Lighthouse Band   Ken	Full Band	(617) 763-6131	www.Neonlighthouseband.com
Shelly Otis	Harpist	(774) 454-7525	shelley.otis@gmail.com

### 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	
Lee Asher Photography   Liron Asher	Boston, MA	(978) 888-7511	www.leeasherphotos.com	
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	
Ariel Grondin Photo   Ariel	Springfield, MA		www.arielgrondinphoto.com	
Jessie Marilyn Photography   Jessie			www.jessiemarilynphotography.com	
Wedding Planners				

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Rose and Roma Weddings   Kirsten Romanelli	Boston, MA		kirsten@roseandromaweddings.com	
Core Events   Meagan Wyson	Central MA		meagan@coreeventsco.com	
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Union Stationer   Callie Atchue	Boston, MA	(508) 981-1083	callie@unionstationer.com	
Kate's Calligraphy   Kate	New Hampshire	(603)-845-8479	info@katescalligraphy.com	

#### **Transportation**

Knight's Limousine	Shrewsbury, MA	(508) 839-6252	info@knightslimo.com
Le Limo	Shrewsbury, MA	(508) 842-4790	info@lelimo.com

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#### Videography

Ewings Photography Studio   Erica Ewing	Bolton, MA	(508) 471-7988	erica@the-ewings.com
Mike DeMellia	Haverhill, MA	(978) 476-9018	mike.demellia@gmail.com

#### Officiants

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