New England Botanic Garden
AT TOWER HILL

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

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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 *Limonaia Conservatory.* Cocktail Hour may be held in the *Winter Garden, Great Hall, or Reservoir Room.* 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. **NEBG is a nut-free facility**. All food and beverage served or brought onto the property must be nut-free. Products may be sourced from facilities that process nuts.

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
- Event Insurance**

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* - $10,000
Saturday/Holiday Evening Reception* - $12,750
Sunday/Weekday Evening Reception* - $9,000
On-Site Ceremony* - $1,500

Security Deposit: $500, refundable
Optional Extension Fee - $800*
Additional ½ hour Rental, added to end of Reception (up to 1 hour)

**Rates are subject to current State and Local sales tax and do not include food and beverage.*

***Event insurance is included in the rental cost and is provided through a third-party in conjunction with the venue. Coverage includes general liability ($1,000,000 minimum) and property damage.*

Securing a Date: In consideration for the use of New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, a signed contract and non-refundable deposit of $6,500 is due.

Final Payment: The final payment will be comprised of the remaining venue fee plus current Local and State 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.

Ariel Grondin Photography

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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

Ariel Grondin Photography

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.

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

Addie Roberge Photography

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

Ariel Grondin Photography

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

Accomodations

Homewood Suites I Tammy Burns	Berlin, MA	(978) 838-9940	tammy.burns@hilton.com
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Hampton Inn / Courtyard I Linda Costello	Worcester, MA	(860) 391-6151	linda.costello@aimbridge.com
AC Hotel Worcester I Sarah St. Germain	Worcester, MA	(774) 530-6670	sstgermain@claremontcorp.com
Residence Inn I Jessica Jimenez	Worcester, MA	(508) 753-6300	jessica.jimenez2@marriot.com

Cakes & Desserts

CakeART I Peppers Artful Events	Northborough, MA	(508) 393-6844	cakeART@peppersartfulevents.com
Gerardos Bakery	West Boylston, MA	(508) 853-3434	www.gerardosbakery.com
The Crafted Cookie Company	Worcester, MA		www.thecraftedcookiecompany.com
Bean Counter Bakery	Worcester, MA	(508) 749-5700	www.beancounterbakery.com

DJ & Entertainment

Fine Tune Entertainment I Joe	Boston, MA	(857) 244-0707	finetunedj@gmail.com
Make a Mark Events I Kevin	Worcester, MA	(508) 617-8280	kevin@makeamarkevents.com
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Greg Bedard DJ I Greg	Auburn, MA	(508) 795-3311	greg@djgregb.com
JAM Event DJs I Mark	Worcester, MA	(508) 667-8895	info@jameventdjs.com
Beat Train Productions I Kara	Boston, MA		kara@beattraindjs.com
Sound Choice Events I Peter	Natick, MA	(617) 909-4700	info@soundchoiceevents.com
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Bell Brook Farm I Emily Day	West Brookfield, MA		www.bellbrookfarm.com
Semper Virens Flowers I Mary B. Hayes	N. Chelmsford, MA	(978) 758-9924	mbh@sempervirensflowers.com
Danielson Flowers I Judy Danielson	Shrewsbury, MA	(508) 842-8992	weddings@danielsonflowers.com
Mugford's Flower Shoppe I Terry	Westborough, MA	(508) 836-5554	mugfordsflowers@gmail.com

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Recommended Vendors

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Vintage String Music	Violin, Cello, Guitar	(978) 414-5341	vintagestring@gmail.com
Shelly Otis	Harpist	(774) 454-7525	shelly.otis@gmail.com
East Coast Soul	Full Band		www.eastcoastsoul.net
Fenway String Quartet	Violin, Cello, Viola		gavon@fenwayquartet.com

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