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The Historic Heritage House Gardens

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Thank you for your interest in hosting an event at the Heritage House Gardens.



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The Heritage House was built in the late 1800's and was acquired by the South County Historical Society in 1997 when it was renovated to become a visitor's center and museum. The picturesque white gazebo and garden were added to provide a beautiful setting for weddings and social gatherings. Today, with help from volunteers, residents, and local businesses, the Heritage House and Gardens are maintained and preserved for the enjoyment of future generations.

Wedding & Reception Package

When booking your ceremony and reception at The Heritage House Gardens, the garden and Victorian dressing suite at Ruby's House are yours for the day. The outdoor garden accommodates up to 200 guests.

The following is included:

- ♥ Heritage House lawn and garden with lighted gazebo
- ♥ Victorian dressing suite at the historical Ruby's House, adjacent to the gardens
- ♥ Replica 17th century white carriage- great for photos!
- ♥ Overhead soft white garden string lights
- ♥ 12 round 60" tables seat 8 people each
- ♥ 4 rectangular banquet tables 60"
- ♥ 200 white folding chairs- padded
- ♥ Outdoor electrical connections
- ♥ Waste receptacles



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Pricing

Valid for events booked in 2025. Please inquire for 2026 and beyond...

- ♥ Tier 1 Up to 100 guests: \$2,000.00
- ♥ Tier 2 100 to 200 guests: \$2,500.00

Until full payment and a signed contract are received, all prices and availability are subject to change without notice.

Additional Information

- ♥ Full venue fee is due upon booking (non-refundable)
- ♥ \$500.00 security deposit (refundable upon satisfactory inspection of facility)
 - Due upon booking
- ♥ Heaters are recommended for evening events taking place during cool weather and are not included.
- ♥ Complimentary 3-hour on-site rehearsal the day before the event is included
- ♥ There is a \$1,000.00 facility use fee to hold the rehearsal *dinner* on the property, which includes use of tables and chairs.
- ♥ Optional use of white carriage for additional fee of \$100



Heritage House Gardens Policies

In order to maintain the highest level of quality and service, the following policies have been established.

Catering

We invite you to bring in a caterer of your choice. There are no kitchen facilities on the property and all caterers must be licensed and fully self-contained. Use of the kitchen in Ruby's House is not permitted.

Alcohol

You are welcome to provide your own beer, wine and champagne. Hard alcohol is not permitted. If you choose to sell alcohol at your event, you will be responsible for securing necessary permits and licensed bar service.

Music

All music must cease by 9:45 PM sharp as part of a city ordinance and out of respect for our surrounding neighbors. A representative from the venue will be on site to ensure that music does not play past 9:45pm.

Dance Floor

Depending on the number of guests, you may choose to use the inside of the gazebo as your dance floor. If you prefer to rent a dance floor from an outside vendor, it must be completely removed by noon on the following day to ensure eligibility of return of full security deposit.

Victorian Suite "Ruby's House"

Ruby's House is for the exclusive use of the wedding party ONLY. This is traditionally where the bride gets ready or puts on finishing touches. The plumbing in this historical house is very delicate, please make sure that all other guests are using the portable restrooms. Please keep in mind that you do not want to have a plumbing emergency on your hands on your special day! Any plumbing expenses incurred by the violation of this policy will be paid for out of the security deposit.

Restrooms

Guest restrooms are not present on-site and portable restrooms must be rented. You must coordinate your own restroom rental and delivery. Please ensure that you rent the appropriate number for your party. You may have the restrooms delivered one day before your event and picked up no later than two days after your event. Please forward the invoice for your restroom order to us no later than 120 days prior to the event.

Carriage

If requested, we will stage the white carriage on the right side of the gazebo. This is a great place for photo opportunities or wedding gifts. Please remind your guests to treat it gently and to leave food and beverages outside of the carriage.

Lighting

The gazebo is well lit with white lights and the garden is strung with white string lights overhead, providing ample evening lighting. If desired, you may bring in additional lighting. Tiki torches and other large open flames are not allowed.

Parking

There are a few on-site parking spaces behind the Heritage House. This is also where the portable restrooms must be set up. We encourage you to instruct guests to park on the street in front of the venue.

Confetti, etc.

No birdseed, rice, confetti, or artificial “scattering” products may be used; we suggest natural flower petals or bubbles. (By city ordinance, sparklers and other fireworks are not permitted.)

Clean Up

- ♥ Clean up is not included. Anything brought onto the property must be removed by the conclusion of the event.
- ♥ All tables and chairs must be returned to the storage room by the end of the evening. Stack chairs 25 at a time. Property must be returned to the condition in which it was found to receive a full refund of the security deposit.
- ♥ Please use the provided trash containers only. They are the four green receptacles located in the Karriage Garage at Ruby’s House. At the

conclusion of your event, the bagged trash should be placed in the large dumpsters on the north side of the Heritage House, and the green receptacles returned to the Karriage Garage.

- ♥ Check in with the Historical Society's contact person for inspection prior to vacating the event grounds. They will be onsite at the conclusion of your event to lock up. Your security deposit will be returned as a check by mail upon satisfactory inspection of the event spaces.

On-Site Staff

We do not provide on-site staff. We highly encourage you to hire a coordinator to direct set up, break down, and all the other important details of your event.

Security

Security is not provided. You are welcome to provide your own licensed security, if desired.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is permitted only in designated outside areas. Any smoking litter or damage costs will be deducted accordingly from the security deposit.

Insurance

A one-million-dollar general liability policy is required of all events. This can be secured through your homeowners' insurance or through Eventhelper.com. (Please click the link to visit their website and use our prefilled application: <https://www.theeventhelper.com#fotj1j>.) The insurance policy must be in the name of the responsible party signing the event contract and is due no later than 120 days prior to the event.

Weather

Please note that the event space is an outdoor garden and does not offer overhead covering. It is not possible to install event tents at this location. Please consider the elements when booking and planning your event.

Event Hours

Set up may begin as early as 9:00 AM on the day of your event. Your event may begin any time after 9:00 AM. The property must be vacated by all guests and all clean up must be completed by 10:30 pm.

Please note that Farmer's Market is held across the swinging bridge on Saturday from Noon until 2:30pm so there may be more foot traffic than usual during that time. The Heritage House Museum which is on the same property as the event venue is open on Saturdays from 12:00-3:00pm. It may be arranged for the Heritage House Museum to close early if your event starts before 3:00 PM.

Payment Terms

A non-refundable, non-transferrable full payment is required to reserve your date. A date is not considered booked until we have received your signed contract and payment.

Have a Great Time!

It is the wish of the South County Historical Society and its volunteers to assist you in the success of your wedding. Please let us know how we can help you create your perfect day!