



## *Weddings at the Gardens*

Thank you for your interest in Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens for your upcoming wedding. July, August, September, and October are the Gardens busiest months due to our mild coastal weather and the gorgeous blooms in the Gardens. However, we can have beautiful weather year round and there is always something in bloom in our 47-acre garden by the sea.

Exchange your vows surrounded by dramatic dahlias, enjoy an elegant affair swaying under the stars on the Event Lawn, or say “I do” on a bluff overlooking the Pacific... Our Gardens can be where all your wedding day dreams come true! We encourage you to take a self-guided tour of the Gardens and discover each of the eight venues available for a wedding ceremony or reception.

All of our event sites are available seven days a week—the time of day that each site is available varies by location. While we do our best to accommodate all requests, please note that some dates, times and spaces may not be available due to numerous factors. All occasions at the Gardens include complimentary admission and parking (up to 150 cars) for all guests for the duration of your event. A mobility scooter can be made available to help your guests in need of walking assistance reach your celebration with ease. So that you can continue making memories at the Gardens... all of our couples receive a complimentary one-year Household Membership.

Please keep in mind that the Gardens is a venue only—we do not provide event coordination, catering, chairs, tents, linens, etc. (with the exception of our Winter Wonderland Package, see more information on page 7). To ensure that you and your guests have the best possible experience, we have found it useful to have you work with an event coordinator. This is a requirement for having a wedding ceremony or reception at the Gardens.

**Please find the enclosed:**

- Site Descriptions & Pricing
- Winter Wonderland Wedding Package
- Wedding Site Map
- Recommended Local Wedding Vendors

*\* Sample wedding contract available upon request*

# *Site Descriptions & Pricing*

***We love making memories!*** Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens is home to a stunning array of intimate and elegant settings, each with their own unique appeal. With 47-acres of natural beauty, the Gardens offers a perfect backdrop for your big day. The Gardens is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 100% of wedding site fees support the growth and well being of this beautiful natural treasure.

## *Ceremony*

The ceremony site fee includes access for you and your guests to the reserved site for up to 2 hours\* on the day of your wedding ceremony. In addition, you and your wedding party may use the site for a 1-hour rehearsal (available times vary based on site) the day prior to your wedding ceremony.

## *Reception*

The reception site fee includes access for you and your guests to the reserved site for up to 6 hours\* on the day of your wedding reception.

*\*\$350 will be charged per additional hour if your event exceeds the allotted time. Vendors and event coordinators may arrange with the Gardens for additional set-up time at no additional cost.*

## **‘The Green’ (Event Lawn)**

Our large, manicured lawn surrounded by native coastal trees is perfect for large celebrations and is ideal for receptions. A short walk from the Dahlia Garden, this site has a small view of the ocean and is steps away from the ocean bluffs. ‘The Green’ is suitable for large events up to 350 people.

**‘The Green’ Ceremony: \$1,200**

**‘The Green’ Reception: \$3,000**

- 350 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Tents and canopies are allowed at this site
- This site has access to electrical outlets

## **Courtyard**

The possibilities are endless in our large outdoor Courtyard on the south side of the Gardens' entrance. The site overlooks our Perennial Garden and is just steps from the Heritage Rose Garden and Display House, home to our Fuchsia and Begonia Collections. This site is adjacent to the entry Plaza, which serves as a perfect terrace for a greeting area or cocktail hour with a stunning view.

**Courtyard Ceremony: \$1,200**

**Courtyard Reception: \$3,000**

- 200 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Tents and canopies are allowed at this site
- This site has access to electrical outlets

## **Dahlia Garden**

Celebrate the most important day of your life in a spectacular garden surrounded by brilliant flashes of color. With hundreds of dahlias in bloom July through October, this is our most popular site for wedding ceremonies and photographs. Adjacent to rows of towering eucalyptus trees, the formal manicured lawn has a covered stage and offers glimpses of the ocean through the coastal pines. The Dahlia Garden is suited for ceremonies with up to 250 guests.

### **Dahlia Garden Ceremony: \$2,000**

- 250 guests at maximum
- Site available from 3:00pm to sundown
- Site available for wedding ceremonies only
- Site includes a manicured lawn, large rustic gazebo, and access to electrical outlets
- No tents or canopies allowed in the Dahlia Garden

## **Perennial Garden**

Imagine the sun setting behind a silhouette of towering trees surrounding a picturesque formal garden. Exchange your vows amidst a stunning floral display with striking color combinations and variations in form and texture. The Perennial Garden is alive with bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds; bursting with blooms spring through autumn. This site is able to accommodate up to 200 people for an outdoor ceremony.

### **Perennial Garden Ceremony: \$1,800**

- 200 guests at maximum
- Site available from 4:00pm to sundown
- Site available for wedding ceremonies only
- Site includes a manicured lawn and access to electrical outlets
- No tents allowed in the Perennial Garden
- Free-standing canopy is allowed in the Perennial Garden

## **Orchard Garden**

This delightfully rustic site abounds with decorative fencing and arbors, lush lawns, herb and vegetable gardens where flowers bloom year round. The apple orchard, small greenhouse and drying shed complete this country setting. This area is suited for events with up to 125 guests.

**Orchard Garden Ceremony: \$1,000**

**Orchard Garden Reception: \$2,000**

- 125 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Site includes a manicured lawn
- One electrical outlet available at this site
- Free-standing canopy is allowed at this site
- No tents allowed in the Orchard Garden

## **Meadow Lawn**

The Meadow Lawn offers an intimate and picturesque setting encircled by rhododendrons that bloom from mid-April through May and other plantings in bloom through summer. The Meadow Lawn includes a manicured oval-shaped lawn, small stage, and seating wall sheltered by surrounding trees. A free-standing canopy (20' x 20' max) is allowed for your ceremony.

**Meadow Lawn Ceremony: \$600**

**Meadow Lawn Reception: \$1,200**

- 60 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Site includes a small stage, stadium style benches on the east end of a manicured lawn, and access to electrical outlets
- No tents allowed on the Meadow Lawn
- Free-standing canopy (20' x 20' max) is allowed at this site

## **Ocean Bluff**

The crashing surf and misty sea air provide a dramatic backdrop for an intimate wedding ceremony. This ocean side bluff setting boasts unobstructed views of the Pacific, dappled with native coastal wildflowers in the spring, and whale hugging the coastline December through April.

### **Ocean Bluff Ceremony: \$1,500**

- 60 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to sundown
- Site available for wedding ceremonies only
- This site is available in its natural state, no mowing or major disruption in the Coastal Bluff and Marine Zone
- No tents or canopies allowed on the Ocean Bluff area, we appreciate your mindful wandering through our native coastal grasslands
- No electricity or electrical outlets available at this site
- For safety reasons, Ocean Bluff events must conclude before sundown

## **Cliff House**

This unique viewing cottage is perched on a bluff overlooking the ocean and coastline. It provides a cozy place to view the bluffs and ocean through large picture windows. This site is perfect for small, intimate weddings.

### **Cliff House Ceremony: \$400**

### **Cliff House Reception: \$600**

- 25 guests at maximum
- Site available from 9:00am to sundown
- Site available for wedding ceremonies and receptions
- Enclosed historic building with white water ocean views
- No tents or canopies allowed
- No electricity or electrical outlets available at this site
- For safety reasons, Cliff House events must conclude before sundown



## *Winter Wonderland Wedding Package*

Our spectacular Winter Wonderland Wedding Package is a one-of-a-kind holiday wedding experience unique to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. You and your guests will have exclusive use of our spectacularly lit Perennial Garden, Plaza, Mediterranean Garden, Display House, and tented Courtyard for your wedding day. This package also includes use of the heated tent on the evening prior to your wedding for an elegant rehearsal dinner. If you have dreamed of a cozy yet unforgettable winter wedding this package is for you!

### **Winter Wonderland Wedding Package: \$6,000**

- 120 guests at maximum
- Special event package offered during our annual Festival of Lights; Monday—Thursday between Thanksgiving and Christmas with the exception of our Gala benefit night (this year's event date: TBD)
- Site and tent available from 9:00am to 10:00pm

#### Package includes:

- Private access to view the entire Festival of Lights display garden
- Beautifully decorated heated tent for a wedding rehearsal, ceremony, and reception
- Plenty of lighting inside of the tent
- Stage with sound system
- Bar area
- Tables and chairs for 150 guests
- Access to electrical outlets

# *Recommended Local Wedding Vendors*

These fantastic wedding planners, catering services, musicians, and other service providers are available to help make your wedding at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens perfect.

## **Event Coordinators**

**Zoë Braga Events** | Zoë Braga | 707.357.1015 | [www.zoebraagevents.com](http://www.zoebraagevents.com)

**Fern Foot Events** | Madeline Hurst | 831.419.9730 | [www.fernfootevents.com](http://www.fernfootevents.com)

**Mendocino Weddings & Events** | Sonya Houston | 707.937.3109 | [www.mendocinoweddings.com](http://www.mendocinoweddings.com)

## **Wedding License**

**Mendocino County Clerk's Office** | 707-463-4370 | [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/MLicense.htm](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/MLicense.htm)

## **Event Rentals**

**Matt Rowland Events** | 707-357-2222 | [rowland@mcn.org](mailto:rowland@mcn.org) | [www.mattrowlandevents.com](http://www.mattrowlandevents.com)

**The Rental Place** (Fort Bragg Rent-All and Party Works) | 707-964-6661 | [www.fortbraggrental.com](http://www.fortbraggrental.com)

**Wine Country Party & Events** | 707-940-6060 | [www.catalogue/winecountryparty.com](http://www.catalogue/winecountryparty.com)

## **Photographers**

**Tammie Gilchrist Photography** | 707.813.8164 | [www.tammiegilchrist.com](http://www.tammiegilchrist.com)

**C Young Photography** | 707-202-4622 | [mendocinoweddingphotographer.com](http://mendocinoweddingphotographer.com)

**Mariea Rummel Photography** | 530-391-2266 | [www.mariearummel.com](http://www.mariearummel.com)

**Victoria Rodrigues Photography** | [www.vrphotographs.com](http://www.vrphotographs.com)

**Emily Semans** | 707-535-9664 | [www.esphotog.com](http://www.esphotog.com)

**J. Perlman R. Lutge Photography** | 707-937-0690 | [jperlmanphotography.com](http://jperlmanphotography.com)

**Mendocino Photo** | 707-397-5557 | [www.mendocinophoto.com](http://www.mendocinophoto.com)

**John Birchard Photography** | 707-937-4809 | [www.birchardweddingphotography.com](http://www.birchardweddingphotography.com)

## Flowers

**Harvest Market** | 707-964-7000

**Mendocino Floral Design** | 707-937-9990 | [www.mendocinofloraldesign.com](http://www.mendocinofloraldesign.com)

**LR Farm** | Rosa Wyglendowski | 707-937-3322 | [www.lrfarm.com](http://www.lrfarm.com)

**Village Florist** | 707-937-0907 | [www.mendocinoflowers.com](http://www.mendocinoflowers.com)

**Safeway Floral Shop** | 707-964-1045

## Wedding Officiants

**Vanna Kay Freeburg** | 707-925-9125 | [ElopeMendocino.com](http://ElopeMendocino.com)

**James Sibbet** | 707-937-0760 | [www.jamessibbet.com](http://www.jamessibbet.com)

**Nansee New** | 707-964-6841 | [www.weddingsinmendocino.com](http://www.weddingsinmendocino.com)

**Rose Barboza** | 707-548-2825 | [weddingsbyrosebarboza.com](http://weddingsbyrosebarboza.com)

## Bakeries & Catering

**Harvest Market** (cakes, catering, and more) | 707-964-7000 | [www.harvestmarket.com](http://www.harvestmarket.com)

**A Sweet Affair Patisserie** | 707-813-7255 | [www.asweetaffairpatisserie.com](http://www.asweetaffairpatisserie.com)

**Assaggiare Mendocino** | 707-961-6000 | [www.assaggiare.com](http://www.assaggiare.com)

**Karina's Catering** | 707-962-0630 | [www.karinascatering.com](http://www.karinascatering.com)

**Orsi Cakes** | 707-813-7684 | [www.facebook.com/Orsi-Cakes](http://www.facebook.com/Orsi-Cakes)

**Oui Cook** | Amy & Rocco | 707-937-3945 | [www.ouiCook.com](http://www.ouiCook.com)

**Safeway Bake Shop** | 707-964-4509

**Shani's Sweet Creations** | 707-397-5552 | [www.shanissweetcreations.com](http://www.shanissweetcreations.com)

**S Squared Productions** | Sharon Garner | 707-877-3988 | [www.ssquaredartproductions.com](http://www.ssquaredartproductions.com)

## Music & Entertainment

**Kevin and the Coconuts** | Paul Schulman | 707-962-0164

**Mendocino String Quartet** | 707-961-0230

**Richard Cooper Trio** | 707-964-6196

**Flute** | Mindi Rosenfeld | 707-937-1232

**Guitar** | Sergio Bassehes | 707-964-8427 | [bassehes@earthlink.net](mailto:bassehes@earthlink.net)

**Guitar** | Robert Burns | 707-964-9361

**Golden Harp of Joel Andrews** | 707-964-6740 | [goldharp@jps.net](mailto:goldharp@jps.net)

**Harp** | Roberta Belson | 707-937-3978

**Harp** | Jessica Schaeffer | 707-489-3006 | [www.jessicaschaeffer.com](http://www.jessicaschaeffer.com)

**Garnd Slam DJs** | 707-277-2042 | [grandslamdjs@aol.com](mailto:grandslamdjs@aol.com)

**Sonatina Flute & Strings** | Marcia Lotter | 707-884-4827

**Celtic Wedding Music** | Mickie & Elizabeth | 707-964-4826