

# Ceremony and Reception Sites

The Morton Arboretum

## RECEPTION AND CEREMONY VENUE RATES

LOCATIONS (East Side)	Friday Evening	Saturday Daytime	Saturday Evening	Sunday Daytime	Sunday Evening
<b>Visitor Center</b>					
Ginkgo Room <i>includes Ginkgo Terrace</i>	\$7,000	n/a	\$9,000	n/a	\$5,000
Sycamore Room	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
<b>Firefly Pavilion</b>	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
<b>*Grand Garden</b>	\$1,800	n/a	\$1,800	n/a	\$1,800
<b>*Meadow Lake Point</b>	\$1,200	n/a	\$1,200	n/a	\$1,200
LOCATIONS (West Side)	Friday Evening	Saturday Daytime	Saturday Evening	Sunday Daytime	Sunday Evening
<b>Thornhill Education Center</b>					
Arbor Room and Founder's Room	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>*Fragrance Garden</b>	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600

\* Ceremony sites

Ceremony chairs are an additional \$5 per chair for all outdoor venues.

Rates are subject to availability. Sunday evening weddings over Memorial and Labor Day weekends are charged at Saturday evening rates. Revised August 2023.

### NOTES:

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The Grand Garden



Fragrance Garden



Firefly Pavilion



Ginkgo Room



Founder's Room



Arbor Room



Sycamore Room

## OUTDOOR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITES\*

### The Grand Garden – East Side

This magical garden creates an elegant celebration space. With a central lawn for seating, a terrace for wedding ceremonies, and delightful water features, it is a place to make lifelong memories.

### Meadow Lake Point – East Side

This picturesque location encircled in trees provides an exceptional view overlooking the beauty of peaceful Meadow Lake.

### Fragrance Garden – West Side

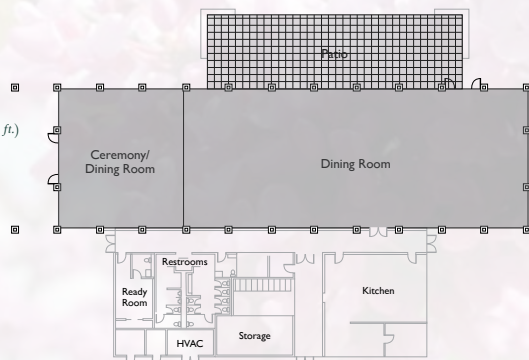
Seats 50

Captivate guests with the refined elegance of the Fragrance Garden. This intimate garden, accented with a charming trellis, fountain, and pond, has vivid colors, alluring textures, and fragrant plants that enhance its beauty and grace. The Fragrance Garden is a perfect location for small ceremonies.

Firefly Pavilion  
(East Side)

#### Legend

- open pavilion area (8,250 sq. ft.)
- ▨ patio area (2,125 sq. ft.)
- support area (4,840sq. ft.)



Thornhill Center  
(West Side)



\* For ceremony-only events, indoor backup space is not offered.

## INDOOR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITES

### Ginkgo Room – East Side

Seats 300

With floor-to-ceiling windows, the Ginkgo Room offers breathtaking four-season views of Meadow Lake. Guests can enjoy cocktails in Orientation Hall, dinner and dancing in the Ginkgo Room, and a picturesque lake view from the outdoor terrace.

### Sycamore Room – East Side

Seats 60

Located in the Visitor Center's West Pavilion, the Sycamore Room has expansive glass walls overlooking the lovely Ground Cover Garden. This warm and inviting space is perfect for intimate events.

### Firefly Pavilion – East Side

Seats 240 (ceremony and reception)

Seats 300 (reception only)

This breathtaking three-season pavilion is located just south of The Gerard T. Donnelly Grand Garden. The open-air event space can accommodate a wedding ceremony, dining, and dancing. The outdoor patio is perfect for cocktail hour that is in full view of The Grand Garden.

### Founder's Room – West Side

Accommodates 100 for ceremony or 130 for pre-dinner reception

Host your ceremony or pre-dinner reception in the Founder's Room, formerly the library of the Morton family mansion. The room features ornately carved woodwork, a marble fireplace, and stained glass windows that provide an elegant setting.

### Arbor Room – West Side

Seats 130

Celebrate your special day with an outdoor ceremony on The Morton Terrace followed by an indoor reception in the Arbor Room overlooking an expansive landscape and beautiful stone terrace.

Visitor Center  
(East Side)





# Preferred Vendors

## The Morton Arboretum

### CATERING

Ginkgo Catering, our exclusive caterer  
630-719-2457 | [ginkgocatering@mortonarb.org](mailto:ginkgocatering@mortonarb.org)

### CEREMONY OFFICIANTS

Dr. Dana Landin  
847-648-0223 | [weddingsbylandin.com](http://weddingsbylandin.com)

Anne Styx  
708-752-0165 | [revforwhatev@yahoo.com](mailto:revforwhatev@yahoo.com)

Reverend Jeannie Walton  
708-691-0756 | [waltonweddings.com](http://waltonweddings.com)

### DÉCOR

Atmosphere Events Group | AEG Productions  
Floral, Decor and Production Company  
847-378-8586 | [aegproduction.com](http://aegproduction.com)

Satin Chair Event Décor  
630-504-2009 | [satinchair.com](http://satinchair.com)

### EVENT COORDINATOR

Effortless Events | Cindy Shanholtz  
630-416-5056 | [effortless-events.com](http://effortless-events.com)

LOLA | Michelle Kurinec  
708-307-2903 | [lolaeventproductions.com](http://lolaeventproductions.com)

Sarah Kathleen Events | Sarah Kathleen  
630-947-9421 | [sarahkathleenevents.com](http://sarahkathleenevents.com)

### FLORISTS

Floral Wonders  
630-945-6559 | [floral-wonders.com](http://floral-wonders.com)

Shamrock Garden Florist  
630-629-4412 | [shamrockgardenflorist.com](http://shamrockgardenflorist.com)

Town & Country Gardens  
847-742-1135 | [eventsbytgc.com](http://eventsbytgc.com)

Walden Floral Design Company  
630-353-0570 | [waldenfloral.com](http://waldenfloral.com)

Wallflower Designs  
630-747-0674 | [wallflower-designs.com](http://wallflower-designs.com)





## HOTELS

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Chicago Marriott Naperville  
630-505-4900 | [chicagomarriottnaperville.com](http://chicagomarriottnaperville.com)

DoubleTree Hilton Lisle/Naperville  
630-505-0900 | [hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

Hotel Arista  
630-579-4100 | [hotelarista.com](http://hotelarista.com)

Hyatt Regency Lisle  
630-852-1234 | [lisle.hyatt.com](http://lisle.hyatt.com)

Sheraton Lisle  
630-505-1000 | [sheratonlisle.com](http://sheratonlisle.com)

The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center  
630-719-8000 | [westin.com/lombard](http://westin.com/lombard)

## MUSIC – Disc Jockeys

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Crestline Entertainment  
630-935-8552 | [crestlinedj.com](http://crestlinedj.com)

Just Press Play Productions  
224-232-7822 | [justpressplaypro.com](http://justpressplaypro.com)

Nicky Avalo Studios  
630-901-8036 | [nickyavalostudios.com](http://nickyavalostudios.com)

Spin Productions  
773-622-9052 | [spin-chicago.com](http://spin-chicago.com)

Third Coast Live!  
630-634-2366 | [3rdcoastlive.com](http://3rdcoastlive.com)

Toast & Jam  
773-687-8833 | [toastandjamdjs.com](http://toastandjamdjs.com)

## MUSIC – Live

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Dawn Bishop  
630-291-9090 | [dawnbishop.com](http://dawnbishop.com)

Jim Perona  
630-853-9182 | [jimperonaguitar@gmail.com](mailto:jimperonaguitar@gmail.com)

Tri-L-Co.-Music  
630-941-9418 | [tri-l-comusic.com](http://tri-l-comusic.com)

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

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Artisan Events  
877-227-9333 | [artisanevents.com](http://artisanevents.com)

Elan Photography  
630-960-1400 | [elanphotography.com](http://elanphotography.com)

Golden Hours  
630-913-0875 | [goldenhoursweddings.com](http://goldenhoursweddings.com)

Katherine Salvatori Photography  
630-456-5764 | [katherinesalvatori.com](http://katherinesalvatori.com)

TWA Photographic Artists  
630-271-1737 x705 | [twphoto.com](http://twphoto.com)

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# Winter Weddings

## The Morton Arboretum

**WINTER WEDDING PACKAGES** Available January through April

Choose from reduced-rate winter wedding packages:

### Ginkgo Package

\$5,000 room rental, plus catering

Exchange vows in the Ginkgo Room overlooking Meadow Lake, followed by cocktails in Orientation Hall, and enjoy dinner and dancing in the Ginkgo Room. *Catering price includes table linens, china, glassware, and flatware.*

### Thornhill Package

\$3,000 room rental, plus catering

Say “I do” in the Founder’s Room, formerly the library of the Morton family mansion, complete with stained glass windows, ornate bookcases, and fireplace. Ceremony is followed by cocktails in the foyer, dinner in the Arbor Room, and dancing in the Founder’s Room. *Catering price includes table linens, china, glassware, and flatware.*





## NOTES



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**CHAMPION**  
of TREES



# Wedding Menu

The Morton Arboretum



  
GINKGO CATERING

at THE MORTON ARBORETUM

**CHRIS MARKS** | Executive chef   **ED PRATSCHER** | Chef de cuisine

**CATERING OFFICE** | 630-719-2457   **EMAIL** | [ginkgocatering@mortonarb.org](mailto:ginkgocatering@mortonarb.org)

## THIS WEDDING PACKAGE INCLUDES:

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- Five and a half hours of food and beverage service
- Champagne or sparkling grape juice toast
- Four-hour premium bar package
- Wine service with dinner
- Gourmet coffee and hot tea
- Three-course dinner including a plated salad with artisan bread service, choice of entrée with vegetable and grain sides, and a custom wedding cake
- Tableware including classic white china, glassware, flatware, and poly-cotton full-length linen in an array of colors

## BUTLER-PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

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🌿 <b>Beet and Goat Cheese Crostini (V)</b> Arugula, balsamic truffle vinaigrette	<i>\$3.25 per piece</i>
<b>Bacon-Wrapped Date (GF)</b> Mint mojito glaze	<i>\$3.50 per piece</i>
<b>Mini Lump Crabcake</b> Spicy avocado mousse	<i>\$3.75 per piece</i>
<b>Avocado Toast (VG)</b> Herb toasted crostini, avocado, roasted red pepper, sea salt	<i>\$3.25 per piece</i>
<b>Chicken Spring Roll</b> Sweet Thai chili dipping sauce	<i>\$3.50 per piece</i>
🌿 <b>Tequila Lime Shrimp (GF)</b> Bacon, tomatoes, cilantro, tequila lime butter sauce	<i>\$4 per piece</i>
<b>Smoked Salmon Mousse</b> Dill, lemon, cream cheese, rye crostini	<i>\$3.25 per piece</i>
🌿 <b>Caprese Skewer (V) (CN) (GF)</b> Cherry tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, basil, pesto sauce	<i>\$3.50 per piece</i>
<b>Ricotta Prosciutto Honeycomb</b> Peppercorn and honey-infused ricotta, prosciutto	<i>\$3.50 per piece</i>
<b>Mini Potato Croquettes (V) (GF)</b> Truffle aioli, chives	<i>\$3.25 per piece</i>
🌿 <b>Bourbon Barbecue Plant-Based Meatballs (GF) (VG)</b> Whiskey Acres bourbon sauce	<i>\$3.25 per piece</i>

**Menu Specifications:** 50-piece minimum order.

State tax and 23% administrative charge apply.

(CN) contains nuts, (GF) gluten free, (V) vegetarian, (VG) vegan

🌿 Chef recommends this item.



## APPETIZER STATIONS

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- 🌿 **Artisan Cheese Board (V)** *\$13 per guest*  
Imported and domestic cheese to include: cheddar, Boursin, smoked Gouda, herb-crusted goat cheese, and manchego cheese. Served with dried fruit, preserves, flatbreads, and crackers.
- Arbordale Charcuterie** *\$18 per guest*  
Imported and domestic cheese to include: cheddar, Boursin, smoked Gouda, herb-crusted goat cheese, and manchego cheese. Served with dried fruit, preserves, flatbreads, crackers, Genoa salami, mortadella, prosciutto, and soppressata.
- Trio of Tapenades (V)** *\$12 per guest*  
Roma tomato bruschetta, Mediterranean olive tapenade, and red pepper hummus, served with artisan breads.
- 🌿 **Chilled Shrimp Cocktail Bar** *\$16 per guest*  
Poached tail-on gulf shrimp, zesty cocktail sauce, lemon wedges (Pricing estimate is based on 3 pieces per guest.)
- Vegetable Crudités (V) (GF)** *\$8 per guest*  
Seasonal raw vegetables, red pepper hummus, and ranch dipping sauce

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# SALAD AND SIDE SELECTIONS

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## PLATED SALAD COURSE

### **Mixed Field Greens (V) (GF) (CN)**

Poached pear, candied pecans, blue cheese, champagne vinaigrette

### **Caesar Salad**

Romaine hearts, Parmesan cheese crisp, garlic croutons, creamy Caesar dressing

### **🌿 Artisan Baby Greens (V) (GF) (CN)**

Dried cranberries, goat cheese, cucumber knot, candied spiced walnuts, poppy seed dressing

## VEGETABLE SELECTIONS

### **Roasted Baby Carrots (GF)**

### **🌿 Asparagus with Garlic-Roasted Red Peppers (GF)**

### **Haricots Verts with Shallots (GF)**

## ROOTS AND GRAINS

### **Roasted Rosemary Red Potatoes (GF)**

### **Rice Pilaf (GF)**

### **Truffle Mashed Yukon Potatoes (GF)**

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## ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

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<b>Chicken Asiago (GF)</b> Artichokes, black olive tapenade, asiago cream	<i>\$105 per guest</i>
• <b>Chicken Limone (GF)</b> Sautéed garlic, shallots, lemon jus	<i>\$105 per guest</i>
<b>Filet Mignon (GF)</b> Roasted shallots, natural jus	<i>\$120 per guest</i>
• <b>Short Rib (GF)</b> Port wine natural jus	<i>\$112 per guest</i>
<b>Herb-Crusted Salmon (GF)</b> Parsley, oregano, rosemary, thyme, dill cream sauce	<i>\$112 per guest</i>
<b>Seasonal Vegetable Napoleon (Vegan) (GF)</b> Roasted red pepper coulis, rice pilaf	<i>\$98 per guest</i>
• <b>Zucchini Cakes with Rice Pilaf (V)</b> Shredded zucchini, garlic, onion, bread crumbs, lemon vinaigrette	<i>\$98 per guest</i>
<b>Filet Mignon and Choice of Chicken (GF)</b>	<i>\$115 per guest</i>
• <b>Short Rib and Choice of Chicken (GF)</b>	<i>\$110 per guest</i>
<b>Herb-Crusted Salmon and Filet Mignon (GF)</b> Dill cream sauce and natural jus	<i>\$118 per guest</i>
<b>Children's Meal</b> Seasonal fruit cup (V), breaded chicken tenders with ketchup, macaroni and cheese	<i>\$35 per child</i>
<b>Boxed Vendor Meal</b> Boxed turkey sandwich or grilled vegetable wrap, bagged chips, fruit salad, cookie	<i>\$25 per vendor</i>
<b>Plated Vendor Meal</b> Same as guest entrée selection	<i>\$60 per vendor</i>

**Menu Specifications:** When choosing multiple entrees, a \$5-per-guest fee applies to all guests. State tax and 23% administrative charge apply.

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## DESSERT

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### **Ice Cream Sandwich Station (CN) (V)**

*\$10 per guest*

Vanilla and chocolate ice cream with the following warm cookies: chocolate chip, sugar, and macadamia nut

### **Deluxe Coffee Bar (CN) (V)**

*\$8 per guest*

Gourmet coffee and hot tea served with the following: chocolate shavings, sugar sticks, biscotti cookies, caramel syrup, whipped cream, and white chocolate syrup

### **🍀 Gourmet Sweets Buffet (CN) (V)**

*\$13 per guest*

Assorted petits fours, fresh fruit mini-tarts, French macarons, dessert bars, chocolate mousse cups, chocolate-dipped strawberries, and truffles

*(Pricing estimate based on 2.5 pieces per guest)*

### **Deluxe Sweets Buffet (CN) (V)**

*\$16 per guest*

Includes all the gourmet sweets buffet options plus cream puffs, mini-eclairs, cannoli, and mini-cupcakes

*(Pricing estimate based on 4 pieces per guest)*

### **Wedding Cake**

Custom wedding cake included in the package.

**Menu Specifications:** 50-guest minimum.

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## LATE NIGHT SNACKS

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- Build-Your-Own Sliders** \$8 per guest  
Mini Angus beef burgers served with ketchup, mustard, pickle chips, cheese, house-made chips
- 🌿 **Arbor Street Tacos** \$10 per guest  
Shredded chipotle chicken, carne asada, and fire-roasted vegetable tacos, flour tortilla, cojita cheese, sour cream, salsa verde
- Warm Pretzel Station (V)** \$6 per guest  
Salted soft pretzel nuggets, whole-grain mustard, cinnamon icing, warm cheese sauce
- Traditional Connie's Pizza** \$9 per guest  
Cheese, vegetable, and pepperoni pizzas  
*(Portioned as 3 pieces per guest)*
- 🌿 **Mini Chicago Hot Dogs** \$7 per guest  
Served with mustard, relish, tomato, pickle spear, celery salt, onion, sport pepper, house-made chips

**Menu Specifications:** 50-guest minimum.

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## BEVERAGE SELECTIONS

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### PREMIUM BRANDS LIQUOR PACKAGE *(included in wedding package)*

Amaretto Disaronno, Tito's Vodka, Beefeater, Bacardi, Jose Cuervo Gold, Dewar's, Jack Daniels, Whiskey Acres Bourbon, Korbel Brandy, Baileys,

**Beer selections:**

Miller Lite, Corona Light, Blue Moon, Seasonal Arboretum Beer

**Choose two premium wine selections from Canyon Road:**

Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir

### PRESTIGE BRAND LIQUOR PACKAGE *(additional \$12 per guest)*

Amaretto Disaronno, Captain Morgan, Jose Cuervo Gold, Jack Daniels, Maker's Mark, Johnny Walker Black, Ketel One, Hendrick's, Korbel Brandy, Baileys

**Choose any five beer selections:**

Miller Lite, Corona Light, Blue Moon, Seasonal Arboretum Beer, Leinenkugel Seasonal Beer, Revolution Anti-Hero, White Claw Hard Seltzer (assorted flavors)

**Choose two prestige wine selections from The Hess Collection:**

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir

**Choose white or red seasonal sangria.**

*Upgrade the champagne toast to Santa Margherita Sparkling Rosé or Torresella Dry Prosecco for an additional \$5 per guest.*

**Menu Specifications:** *Ginkgo Catering will not serve liquor to any person under 21 years of age and reserves the right to request identification from any guest before serving an alcoholic beverage. Ginkgo Catering also reserves the right to cease alcohol service to any person whom staff believes is intoxicated.*