



MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



A Wedding at the Moravian Historical Society

A wedding on the lawn of the Moravian Historical Society's historic grounds is a unique experience. The combination of a historic and natural setting will make your special day even more memorable for both you and your guests!

Because the site is on the National Register of Historic Places it has some limitations for large or involved weddings. Looking over these recommendations may help you decide if the Moravian Historical Society fits your needs.

Reserving the Moravian Historical Society

The wedding date should be reserved as far in advance as possible, so that other events and programs are not scheduled at the same time. The couple should be aware that the museum is open every day from 1–4 p.m., and will not be closed for your wedding. You should also discuss any details with the museum staff when you reserve the date.

All weddings will be scheduled at the discretion of the museum staff. To discuss your wedding or reserve a date, contact the Moravian Historical Society at 610-759-5070 or events@moravianhistory.org.

Moravian Historical Society Wedding Fees

The cost of using the property varies depending on the membership of the wedding couple or their parents. Upon reserving the date, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 will be charged. On site photography and rehearsal time is included in the package.

General Public

Wedding on Lawn \$400

Event Staff Honorarium per hour \$50

Member of Moravian Congregation

Wedding on Lawn \$200

Event Staff Honorarium per hour \$50

Moravian Historical Society Member

Wedding on Lawn \$100

Event Staff honorarium per hour \$50

Additional charges will be arranged individually, depending on need and request.

An Outdoor Wedding on the Lawn

The recommended site for an outdoor wedding is on the south side under the trees with the congregation facing the porch in the center of the building. The porch can be used as the chancel of a church, with the pastor or officiant and bridal couple standing on the porch and attendants on both sides of the porch. This site can handle up to 150-200 people comfortably, more if the congregation spreads out to both sides.

Chairs: The wedding party is responsible for renting or arranging for chairs, tents, etc. Location of set up and drop off/pick up time should be confirmed with the MHS event manager.

Music: Arranging for music and musicians is the responsibility of the bridal couple. Any keyboard or musical instruments must be brought in, since there is none available on-site. An outdoor electric outlet is available if necessary.

Rain Location: In case of inclement weather, there is no indoor space available. We recommend that you have an indoor back-up location or alternate plans if necessary.

Flowers, Decorations, Etc.: Any flower stands, decorations, kneeling pads, or other equipment must be brought or arranged for by the bridal couple, since none are available at the Moravian Historical Society. Flowers or ribbons may be tied on to columns or railings of the porch, but not nailed or stapled. The use of lighted candles is not allowed. A white runner for the bride is permitted, but discouraged because it makes walking across the grass difficult.

Amplification System: No sound system is available, though you may bring your own.

Restrooms: Units may be rented by the couple. Staff will advise where they should be placed.

Dressing Rooms: It is recommended that the bridal party dress at home or elsewhere, since there are no adequate facilities in the historic structures. A bathroom with a small mirror is available for use before the ceremony, and a room where the groom and his party can wait until the bride arrives can be arranged.

Reception: No indoor reception or catering facilities are available. The couple will arrange for all catering.

Set up/clean up: The couple may set up 1 business day prior to event and with pick up within 1 business day following event. All items must be removed from the site including trash.

Parking: Limited on-site parking is available. Free street parking is very close.

Insurance: A rider listing Moravian Historical Society is required.

Smoking: Smoking is not permitted on the historic site.

Museum: The Museum will remain closed for your event unless prior arrangements have been made.

*Only certain areas of the Property are **handicapped/wheelchair accessible**.