

For those couples looking to host a small, intimate vow exchange, the Dixon Gallery & Gardens offers a vast collection of beautiful garden spaces, from the small and intimate Formal Gardens to the shaded Woodland Gardens, and every leafy space in between. Our grounds offer you a unique and lovely place to say "I do" in front of your closest family and friends.

Guidelines

- Total time not to exceed 1 hour.
- The couple is given a choice of garden locations. Selection will vary based on the weather and garden projects (mowing, watering, etc.). Inside locations are not available or guaranteed, but there are some covered locations outside that may be used.
- The group may have up to 15 people, including the couple and their officiant. Additional charges apply for guest lists over 15 people. Larger parties cannot qualify as a vow exchange and must follow our ceremony-only rules and pricing, which are available on our website or via the Venue Rental Coordinator.
- The vow exchange must take place during museum hours. Any exceptions must be approved by the Venue Rental Coordinator.

Pricing & Availability

- The total fee to reserve a garden space for a vow exchange is \$275.00, which includes a required \$125.00 Sponsor level membership, for one hour of time on property. No deposit is required.
- In the event of a cancellation, the full fee, except for the membership fee, will be refunded.
- Reservations are required and must be made at least three (3) days in advance. Payment must be made in advance and a signed agreement is required.
- When making your reservation, please include the date, time, number of guests, and preferred garden location(s).

Locations

- The couple may choose from any of these six garden locations:
 - 1) Picnic Area
 - 2) South Lawn Stage
 - 3) South Lawn
 - 4) Venus Allée
 - 5) East Lawn (no chairs may be used in this area)
 - 6) Whispering Bench Allée

The couple may use the Cutting Gardens, Council Ring, or other garden areas, pending approval by the Venue Rental Coordinator. Please note that work in the gardens, as well as weather and temperature, may impact availability of your preferred location and/or may impact the overall look of the location.

Important Notes

- Food and beverages are not allowed.
- Music is allowed; musicians will count as part of the guest list. Music should be played at a reasonable volume.
- The Dixon cannot provide chairs, a podium, or other equipment. Any items brought in by the client must have prior approval.
- The Dixon cannot guarantee a private space, i.e. we cannot prevent museum visitors from walking through or near your space. We will inform guests about a vow exchange when possible, and we may post a sign to encourage visitors to explore an area other than your location, if possible.
- Group may use museum restrooms, but they do not have access to the galleries.
- In the case of inclement weather, we cannot provide an indoor space. The Residence Porch and small porch near the Stout Gallery are covered and either may be used as a vow exchange location.