“THE CLEARING”

The Clearing is an acre, park like setting, entirely surrounded by a thirty-acre hardwood woodlot. Along the north end there are woodchip paths, perfect for picture opportunities or a simple enjoyable stroll for guests. It is located 2.5km south of the 401 Hwy, just west of London on the Vachon Wedding Farm.

For a wedding ceremony it is rented out at $1900.00 plus hst. $900.00 plus hst is due when the date is booked and the remaining $1000.00 plus hst is due two months prior to the wedding. This includes three hours for the ceremony and picture taking, a 10 ½’ high church window frame, set up as a backdrop for the ceremony, chairs for front row seating, and 8’ flat bench seating for all other guests. All of which accommodates approximately 200 people, and all of which is painted white. When set up it gives the appearance of an outdoor country church. As well there is a custom washroom trailer with handicap access, and access to a 20 x 20 or 10 x 20 tent if needed.

As a wedding ceremony and reception venue, The Clearing is rented out at $5200.00 plus hst. $2000.00 plus hst is due when the date is booked and the remaining $3200.00 plus hst is due three months prior to the wedding. Because of your tent set up and clean up needs you have access to the area from the Thursday prior to, until the Sunday after, your wedding date. It also includes the wedding ceremony set up as mentioned above, as well as string, and spot lighting, rustic chandelier over the outdoor dance floor, electricity for all your needs, an outdoor oak, live edge covered bar and stone patio, two oak wine barrels and two whiskey barrels, permanent outdoor stone dance floor/ patio area, a custom built washroom trailer with handicap access, and plenty of parking.

Booking afternoon ceremony/dinner garden party style weddings that do not include a dance going late into the evening are 4200.00 plus hst, 2000.00 plus hst due at the time of booking and the remaining 2200.00 plus hst due three months prior to the event.

Reception only bookings are also 4200.00 plus hst, with 2000.00 plus hst deposit, and 2200.00 plus hst due three months prior to event date.

For an outdoor reception it would be necessary to rent a tent, sized proportionately to your needs, tables, chairs, linens etc. Choosing a caterer and D.J. are your choice and responsibility. We have names and numbers of local businesses that can provide you with these provisions should this be helpful. Because this is private property, one day, event liability insurance in the amount of 2 million $ is your responsibility as well and must include your name as well as ours. Your caterer or a licenced bartending service must be in charge of the bar as they carry with them their own liquor licensing and licenced servers as we are not licenced for alcohol. Last call for the bar and music is 12:00 a.m. Our freezer holds 30, 3K bags of ice. When planning an outdoor wedding the number one worry, of course, is inclement weather. If the ceremony and reception are to be held on the same grounds, the ceremony could take place under the reception tent if weather necessitates, or a secondary tent can be rented to accommodate the ceremony area. There is no fire pit, and fireworks, and sparklers are not allowed due to the woodlot and adjacent farmlands.

All deposits are non-refundable.

Within The Clearing there is nothing to interfere with the personal touches, colours, flowers etc., you wish to bring in for your special day. It is the perfect setting for a quaint, down home country affair. It is an ideal contrasting background for the most formal of fairy tale weddings. It is nowhere, but here in The Clearing! Mother Nature has provided us with this spot and our intent is to leave it as natural and untouched as possible, while accommodating your family and friends for a day to remember. A wedding is only one day in the life of a marriage. However, it is the day you take your first step, and that’s a day we never forget! Our hope is to help you to make that day as memorable, personal, and genuinely yours, as all the days ever after.

JEFF and SANDY VACHON, (THE WEDDING FARMERS)

Tents, tables, chairs, dance floor, etc.

A and B Party rentals, phil@a-bpartyrental.com

Big Top 1170 York St. London, 519-661-860

Raymond Bros. London,

Wedding Planner , Alicia Robson, 519-636-3489

In Home Chef, [theinhomechef@theinhomechef.ca](mailto:theinhomechef@theinhomechef.ca) 519-200-6332 26779 Talbot Line, Wallacetown, ..North Moore Catering, [info@northmoore.ca](mailto:info@northmoore.ca), 519-850-5111, Jessica Jazey-Spoelstra

The Catering Company 226-663-3423, 1184 Frances Street, London

Kathy’s Catering, 241 Ross St., St.Thomas, 519-633-0101

Paul at The Belmont Town Restaurant, 14139 Belmont Road, 519- 644-1726

Pineridge BBQ Co., Dan Taylor, 519-262-3409

Culinary Catering, (George) Spring Bank Drive, London, 519-641-4725

Blackfriars , 46 Blackfriars St., London, 519-667-4930, blackfriarsbistro.com

David’s Bistro , 432 Richmond St., London, 519-6670535

Jack’s Fries, (poutine trailer) Randy McCurdy, 519-317-1429 or 519-520-8897

DUOO-Insurance [devon@duuo.ca](mailto:devon@duuo.ca) 437-215-5286 (one day liability insurance)

One day event liability Insurance – [info@palcanada.com](mailto:info@palcanada.com)

Bartending services – Candice [Ross-519-808-6786-theross-s@hotmail.com](mailto:Ross-519-808-6786-theross-s@hotmail.com) (10 yrs experience)

Flowers…..Harris Family Flowers, 519-668-9537, 42488 Ron McNeil Line, StThomas

Petals of Love, 1258 Talbot St., St.Thomas, 519-637-5777

Videographer – Adrian D’Alessandro – [adraincdalessrr@gmail.com](mailto:adraincdalessrr@gmail.com)

Toogood Studios, St.Thomas

Ash Ruckle Photography/Videographer, Facebook

Jenn Eggleston Photography, St.Thomas

Bus Service – First Canada Charters-Colleen [Walters-Colleen.walters@firstgroup.com](mailto:Walters-Colleen.walters@firstgroup.com) - 226-219-9091

DJ -Yeotime – Zach Yeo 519-870-4773

A+M Sounds, 519-633-2218

TC’s, 519-471-9772

Music Central, Rob Aitken, 519-680-0698

Live Band, Wrif Wraf, Randy Dawdy, 519-902-1921 (or ceremony vocalist)

Possible house for rent about 10 minutes away- Kim Devries, [kadevries@rogers.com](mailto:kadevries@rogers.com) - 519-854-0787

Inn on the Harbour, Port Stanley 519-582-7623, (many accommodation options)

Best Western Hotel, 6675 Burtwhistle Ln, 519-652-6022

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