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GARDEN VALLEY RANCH

Weddings

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THE GARDENS

Romantic and charming, Garden Valley Ranch offers an idyllic garden setting for your private event.

Spanning five lush acres, Garden Valley Ranch is a working rose farm and cultivates about 6,000 rosebushes for the local floral trade and rose enthusiasts. Garden Valley Ranch field-grown roses are exquisite varieties touched by the sun and rain, giving them an unparalleled aroma and character that cannot be found in today's retail setting. Our roses are used almost exclusively in event florals and we proudly serve some of the Bay Area's most celebrated designers. Garden Valley roses have been featured on Martha Stewart Living and even in Caroline Kennedy's wedding!

Our gardens are home to many rare roses collected over decades by our stewards, making Garden Valley Ranch a living museum for many rose enthusiasts. Landscaped plantings at Garden Valley Ranch feature roses on pergolas, columns, tree-climbers, arches and mixed in with local perennials, annuals and bulbs.

It is with pride that we make our gardens available to a very limited number of happy couples every year celebrating their union and love. Our goal is to provide you with a romantic setting for your event while also making our agricultural programs more widely known and supporting our customers in distributing our beautiful garden roses.





Photo: Anne Claire Brun

EVENT SPACES

Let the enchanting beauty of Garden Valley Ranch be the setting for your special occasion. From intimate elopements to milestone celebrations, Garden Valley Ranch is a uniquely charming and unforgettable locale to create lasting memories.

BELVEDERE + LAWNS

A dramatic stone walkway aisle leads to a center lawn area with a Queen Anne Victorian Belvedere and brick patio, making this space ideal for outdoor wedding ceremonies, receptions and dancing. The view of the rose fields is spectacular.



Clockwise from top left: Ryan Sin Photography, Jessica Layton Photography, Renee Smith Photography, Amanda Callaway Photography, Sheila Johnson Photography

SECRET GARDEN

The Secret Garden is a hidden manicured garden filled with fragrant plants behind the Belvedere. With romantic nooks, benches and a beautiful fountain, it is ideal for cocktail receptions and photographs.



Clockwise from top left: KMR Photography, Holly D Photography, Molly Hansen Photography, Amanda Callaway Photography,

CARRIAGE HOUSE

The Carriage House is a perfect setting for an indoor-outdoor experience. The upper floor has massive ceilings opening to the center cupola and can be used for dining. The ground floor is often used for cocktails, dancing and dining. Restrooms are also located on the first floor and are ADA accessible.

The adjacent wraparound deck is perfect for cocktails and lounge seating.

CARRIAGE HOUSE COURTYARD

The main barn door of the Carriage House opens up to this expansive courtyard lined with poplars, red roses and a 3-tier fountain. A pretty setting for ceremonies, farm table dinners, or large receptions. Bistro lights hang above, lit for evening festivities.



Counterclockwise: Scott and Dana Photographers, Vivian Chen Photography



CHANGING SUITES

Garden Valley Ranch has separate changing suites for bride and groom.

GARDEN COTTAGE

Nestled amidst our birch forest, the Victorian era garden cottage is the perfect setting for bride and her party to do hair and make-up, champagne toasts and photos before the ceremony.

DEPOT SUITE/GROOM ROOM

This former train depot is situated on our historic tree-lined trestle road. On the back side passengers used to load the electric railway that ran between Petaluma and Santa Rosa. The front entrance faces our main growing field which boasts over 5,000 roses. The depot suite also has two guest restrooms.



Clockwise from top left: Amanda Callaway Photography, Renee Smith Photography, Ryan Sin Photography



AMENITIES

Ceremony Rehearsal for up to two hours on a scheduled day during the week preceding your event.

12 hour *rental period* with access to the property starting at 10am. 5 hour event window, additional event time available on \$/per hour basis. Music must be off at 9pm with all vendors and guests off property by 10pm.

Use of our two *changing suites* (Garden Cottage and Depot) for the day of your event.

Use of the *catering kitchen* with refrigerator, freezer, and prep tables. (Located near the Belvedere and Secret Garden)

Use of GVR *reception items including set-up and break-down:*

60" Round Tables (Up to 15)

48" Round Tables (Up to 2)

8' x 30" banquet tables (Up to 10)

6' x 30" banquet tables (Up to 6)

7' Market Umbrellas (Up to 10)

Standing heat lamps (2)

Wine barrels (2)

Crystal chandeliers (2)

White folding chairs, with chair pads (Up to 150)

Bistro overhead *lighting* at both the Carriage House and Belvedere Lawn.

Rose Petals and up to 100 stems of our exquisite *garden roses* (Available seasonally with advance notice) Onsite venue coordinator.

Parking attendant for up to 1 consecutive hour for guests' arrival.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

The Folly Field, Pergola walkways, koi pond, fountains, and spectacular backdrops at every turn.



FREQUENTLY ASKED

Interested in booking with us but still have some questions? If there's anything else you need to know that you can't find on this page, please email us at events@gardenvalley.com.

WHAT IS YOUR SITE FEE FOR A WEDDING OR EVENT?

The site fee is inclusive of all the items listed on the Amenities page and any taxes and service charges. We have a flat fee of \$10,500 for up to 150 guests. Weddings can be held on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

CAN WE ALSO HOST OUR REHEARSAL DINNER?

Yes, absolutely! Rehearsal dinners are considered separate events but we can put together a customized package proposal.

WHAT IS YOUR MAXIMUM CAPACITY?

Our comfortable capacity is 150. We can accommodate more with supplemental bathrooms and shuttles.

WHAT IS THE TIMING FOR EVENTS?

All music must be off at 9pm and guests and vendors must be off property by 10:00pm. Access to the venue for set-up is 10:00am on event day.

DO YOU REQUIRE A WEDDING PLANNER?

Yes, we require a day-of wedding coordinator. If you need assistance selecting one, please inquire for a list of suggested planners.

DO YOU HAVE A REQUIRED VENDOR LIST?

We have a list of approved caterers and you must choose one of the caterers from this list or obtain written approval from us before signing with a caterer not on our list. Additionally we highly recommend using local preferred vendors from our list, though they are not required.

WHAT IS YOUR ALCOHOL POLICY?

You may provide alcoholic beverage for your event (including liquor) without any corkage fees. Properly licensed service staff, through your caterer, is required.

WHERE IS YOUR CLOSEST LODGING?

There are numerous options within a short distance from GVR including Hotel Petaluma, Best Western, Quality Inn, Sheraton, Hampton Inn, Graton Hotel and Casino and many more

IS GVR LICENSED AND INSURED?

GVR's zoning allows for a limited number of events per year that promote and support our agricultural activities. We are a fully insured business.

HISTORY

An early name for this part of the county was Garden Valley.

Harrison Mecham, a cattle rancher acquired 4,000 acres of land, including the site of Garden Valley Ranch. On our site, Mr. Mecham built an extraordinary three-story Queen Anne Victorian mansion in 1888 at Garden Valley Ranch as a wedding gift to one of his daughters, Isabel.

Most of the buildings on the property are originals built in the 1880s, most notably the Carriage House. Other interesting buildings are the train depot for the Petaluma-Santa Rosa Electric Railway, the original belfry, the original bunk house (now the owner's residence) and the caretaker's cottage.



In the 1980s, many of the original buildings, including the Queen Anne mansion, were restored and preserved to reflect the charm of another era by author and rose expert Rayford Reddell. The restored Victorian was intended to be a bed and breakfast inn for visitors, which unfortunately was ravaged by fire soon after its restoration.

However, Mr. Reddell continued to live and cultivate roses at the ranch and planted the many rows of the roses we see today. The blooms and rose cultivation of Garden Valley Ranch attracted visits from rose enthusiasts, including Martha Stewart.

Today, Garden Valley Ranch is family-owned by two siblings. Under the new stewards, Garden Valley Ranch uses natural and sustainable farming practices with a focus on being pollinator, earth and people friendly. We hope to make this special and unique property more widely known and accessible to the community.

Please stop in, and smell the roses!



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