



**THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
RIVER FARM GARDEN WEDDING CEREMONY ONLY CONTRACT**

To reserve a date and time for your event, please complete this contract and mail or fax it in with non-refundable payment in full.

**Date of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Event Start/End time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 hours)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2-Hour Garden Rental; during AHS open hours (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Friday)  
50 or fewer guests \$500                      76-100 guests \$1000                      126-150 guests \$1500  
51-75 guests \$750                                  101-125 guests \$1250

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2-Hour Garden Rental; weekday evenings (after 5:00pm), and weekend mornings (9:00am to 1:00pm).  
50 or fewer guests \$1000                      76-100 guests \$1500                      126-150 guests \$2000  
51-75 guests \$1250                                  101-125 guests \$1750

**I agree** to the terms of ATTACHMENT A, items 1-9.

**I agree** to hold the AHS harmless from any liability resulting from acts of omission of the AHS, their agents, employees, independent contractors, visitors or other persons acting on their instruction or with their consent.

**I understand** that *multiple events may be held* at the River Farm on any given day and that The American Horticultural Society makes no guarantee of which garden will be available for my ceremony or the appearance of any given garden.

**I understand** that every effort will be made to make the estate house or tent available to me in the case of inclement weather. *However, this may not be possible* due to conflicting events, etc.

**I understand** that if the scheduled event is cancelled by me or anyone associated with my event, *the rental fee of \_\_\_\_\_ that has been paid is non-refundable.*

**I understand** that no food or drink can be served at this event.

**I understand** that there can be no set-up other than chairs, that chairs are *not* included in these rates, and that if I wish to have them, I must contract that with an outside vendor. Managing set-up and take-down is my responsibility and *shall occur within the rental time frame.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone (H/O/C)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By signing below, The American Horticultural Society acknowledges receipt of the tenant's payment of \_\_\_\_\_ and agrees to reserve the date of \_\_\_\_\_ and the time \_\_\_\_\_ for the ceremony listed above. The payment is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of AHS Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## *ATTACHMENT A*

### **Standard Rules and Policies for Garden Wedding Ceremony Only Rentals at River Farm Headquarters of the American Horticultural Society**

The following rules and policies are standard for all River Farm rentals and become binding upon executing the Rental Agreement. The Tenant must adhere to the following guidelines to preserve the grounds of River Farm in their present condition.

**1. Legal Obligations**

Fairfax County regulations require strict compliance by Tenants with the Rental Agreement, and this attached document.

**2. Fee Schedule**

Reservations for a garden wedding ceremony only event are assured upon written contract and payment in full of the rental fee when the contract is signed.

**3. Parking**

No parking is allowed on East Boulevard Drive. Designated guest parking areas are the paved lot and the right-hand side of the circle.

**4. Smoking**

No smoking is permitted at River Farm.

**5. Role of AHS Staff**

An AHS Staff member will be on site throughout the Event. The duties of the AHS Staff member concern the security and interpretation of the property and helping to ensure a successful event. **The vendors under contract for the event must announce their arrival to the AHS events/rentals staff member.**

**6. Music**

**Amplified or electronic music is not allowed outdoors at River Farm.**

**7. Candles/Sparklers**

Only battery-operated candles and battery operated votives are allowed at River Farm. Guests may not carry lighted candles or use sparklers.

**8. Children**

Children must be under adult supervision at all times.

**9. Confetti, Balloons, Rose Petals, Etc.**

NO rice, confetti, glitter, balloons, or birdseed is permitted in the house or on the grounds. Real or freeze-dried rose petals may be used on the grounds if swept up at the conclusion of the event. Synthetic petals are not allowed.

**10. Street Signs**

No signs or decorations are allowed on the George Washington Parkway, per the National Park Service.