



**EVENT
RENTALS**
at The Bishop

2026/2027 VENUE PRICING & INFORMATION



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South Courtyard

The historic South Courtyard provides a lovely outdoor space for ceremonies and receptions. This Spanish-inspired setting is ideal for celebrations big and small. Overhead string lighting lends a romantic and elegant feel to a night filled with love. The Spanish columns and a lighted water fountain add a touch of class and sophistication. There is a capacity to host up to 225 guests with a dance floor. The courtyard space shares a glass wall that allows visitors to view the manatees in our care in the Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat. The habitat is also viewable from the Jeannie Kirkpatrick Boardroom, which can serve as a preparation sanctuary on the morning of the wedding. It is conveniently located off the Courtyard.

**Please note that the manatees are here for rehabilitation and are typically released in January/February. There may not be manatees in the habitat during this time.*

SOUTH COURTYARD PACKAGE

Amenities for 120 guests

Boardroom 12pm-12am
Bridal Suite or Bridal Party Lounge

(120) White Garden Chairs

(15) 60" Round Tables

Auxiliary Banquet Tables

Cocktail Hour Space (your choice!)

Cocktail Tables

Linens and Napkins

Tierney Lane (NEW for 2026 and Beyond!)
Bridal Suite for Bridal party

Max Capacity of space is 225 with a dance floor

Courtyard Package is a savings of \$1100 vs a la carte pricing!

Saturday \$9,000

Friday/Sunday \$8,000

SOUTH COURTYARD RENTAL ONLY

Saturday \$6,000

Friday/Sunday \$5,000

Monday-Thursday \$3,000



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Photo Courtesy of The Geigers Co.

The Bishop Museum is Proud to partner with Tierney Lane Events!

Tierney Lane is a curated boutique bridal suite designed to elevate the pre-ceremony experience for couples. It adds an element of luxury to getting ready and enhances the wedding experience!

This fantastic space is a short 4-minute drive from the Museum and allows your bridal party to relax and get ready in their various bridal suites. There is one for gentlemen and one for the ladies, but if you are concerned with being too close without seeing each other, the Museum offers our Boardroom option as well!



Up to (30) guests

Seven hours of time included

No overnight items left on site

The kitchen is available for use

Speakers throughout the space

Men's and women's quarters available





A LA CARTE OPTIONS

Tables \$10 each

Chairs \$3.50 each

Cocktail Hour \$400

Cocktail Tables \$8 each

Linens \$19 each

Napkins \$1 each

Boardroom from Noon-Midnight \$1000

Uplighting \$25 per canister

Ceremony Arch \$150 setup (bringing in own décor)
\$300 for setup with draping and floral

Décor pieces available. Inquire more for pricing!
Chargers, centerpieces, florals, etc.



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Jeanie Kirkpatrick Boardroom

The Jeanie Kirkpatrick Boardroom is just off the South Courtyard and has an underwater view of the Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat. The space can be used for couples to get ready for a wedding, baby, or bridal shower, as well as luncheons and meetings for all your business needs. It's the perfect solution for an intimate gathering, equipped with a projector and screen, a kitchenette, and spacious bathrooms. There is direct access from the main sidewalk in front of the Museum for easy load in and out.



Jeanie Kirkpatrick Boardroom

Kitchenette
Projection Screen
Restrooms

Venue Space

1/2 Day 3pm-Midnight \$800

Full Day 10am-Midnight \$1000

A La Carte Rental: \$100/hr

*Capacity 75 standing/50 Seated
Tables and Chairs included.*



Riverside Plaza

Breathe in the smell of the waterfront while your eyes take in the beautiful scenery of the Riverside Plaza. This is our largest space with a capacity of 400, making it perfect for galas, large weddings, or corporate family event days. Entice your employees with a corporate family fun day here with outdoor games perched on the West Garden. This space also includes the inside use of private, clean, large restrooms. The large, wood-planked wall is the perfect canvas for innovative design choices, and café bulbs are included to light up the night!

Riverside Plaza Package

Amenities for 150 guests

Cocktail hour space

Your choice of any of our cocktail hour spaces!

Indoor Gallery Restrooms

(150) White Garden Chairs

(19) 60" rounds

Up to (8) Cocktail Tables

Auxiliary Banquet Tables

Tierney Lane Bridal Suite

Linens & Napkins

Venue Space:

3pm-Midnight

Capacity 400

Package Price \$7,000

Riverside Plaza Rental Only

Saturday \$4500

Friday/Sunday \$3800



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Planetarium Theater & Lobby

The Planetarium Theater sets a cosmic scene for ceremonies, proposals, company gatherings, and more. Take your event to the next galaxy with dome options, including an open night sky or a pre-made planetarium show with a capacity for 110 in theater-style seating. The Theater also allows for the projection of provided photos or slides. The Planetarium lobby, with a celestial painted ceiling, is excellent for an upscale cocktail hour, pre-ceremony parties, and showers. An open floor plan allows guests to wander through stationed exhibits and socialize. Restrooms are located within the space and are adjacent to the gallery space, which can be added to make a combined experience at the Museum even more out of this world!



Planetarium Theater & Lobby

Cocktail hour Space \$400 with (5) cocktail tables

Theatre Ceremony \$700

Lobby Event - \$1000 (4pm-Midnight)

Planetarium add-ons Starting at \$350

Inquire for more information on pricing and customization!

Capacity 100 Seated in Planetarium/125 in Lobby Tables and Chairs Additional.



Cocktail Hour Spaces

Treat your guests to a fabulous cocktail hour experience in spaces throughout the Museum during the courtyard's transition from ceremony to reception! Indoor and outdoor options are available; you can select any of the options below.

Cocktail Hour Spaces: **\$400**/hour

5 cocktail tables included. Linens are an additional fee.

Gallery 2



West Garden



Loggia

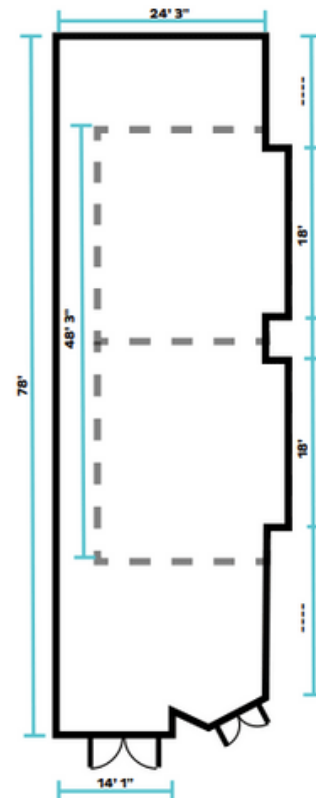


Mosaic Backyard Universe



Inside Museum Gallery 2

Our newest additions are the indoor galleries, Gallery 2 and Gallery 3. These flexible spaces are perfect for intimate indoor gatherings such as rehearsal dinners, intimate receptions, or company parties. Gallery 2 has access to projectors to display slideshows for your event and glass pull-out walls to create divided areas for guest speakers or breakout sessions. Large spacious restrooms and a prep kitchen space are conveniently located within this space.



Gallery 2 & Gallery 3

Projector System in Gallery 2

Restrooms

Prep Kitchen

3pm-Midnight

Gallery 2 \$1,500

Gallery 3 \$1,800

Both Galleries \$2,500

Inside Museum Gallery 3

Gallery 3 boasts an ample open space with floor-to-ceiling windows allowing natural lighting from the West Garden. Blank wall spaces allow for uplighting, projection, and imaginative decor design. Gallery 3 is perfect for photo booths and welcome tables and, when paired with the Mosaic Backyard Universe, is an ideal combination of wonder and discovery.



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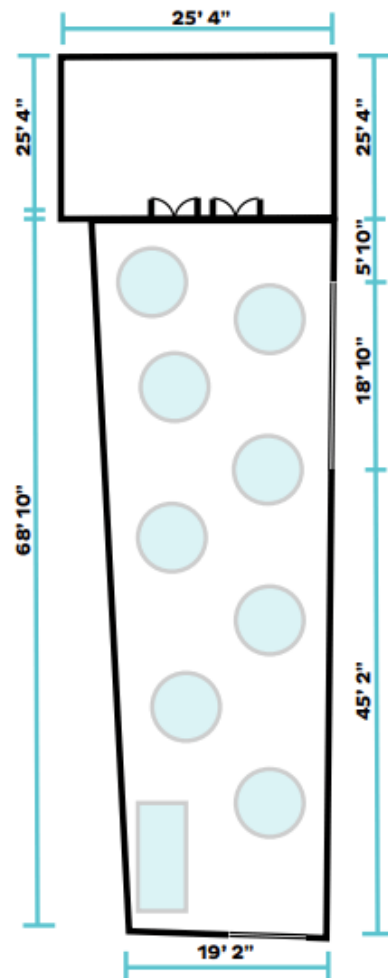


Capacity

Gallery 2 - 75

Gallery 3 - 100

Both Galleries - 175



Mosaic Backyard Universe

Create joy and wonder amongst your guests in the Mosaic Backyard Universe. Whether with an intimate ceremony under the life-like mighty oak surrounded by stars and planets or a cocktail hour to surprise and delight your guests, this space is designed for groups to explore and discover and is perfect for groups of all ages. The backyard atmosphere creates a space for your next book club, baby or bridal shower, speaking engagement, or even a surprise proposal. Your guests will never forget this space that mixes the outdoors with the indoors while exploring the interactive, hands-on exhibits highlighting the world around us.



Mosaic Backyard Universe

Indoor Restrooms

Capacity 120

Tables & chairs additional

Cocktail Hour \$500

Add-On to Any Gallery \$500 for Both Spaces

Exclusive Caterers

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature has created an Approved Caterers program to ensure that regulations, policies, procedures, and best practices are followed to provide a safe and responsible experience. The Bishop works only with caterers from this list who have agreed to adhere to our event policies.

Our Premiere Caterers are featured caterers who are here quite often and have worked with us to offer exclusive pricing for our couples!



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Preferred Caterers

3 C's Catering	813.486.2671	3cscatering.net
Bluewater Catering	941.518.0571	bluewatercatering.com
Sarasota Catering Co	941.927.7675	sarasotacateringcompany.com
Simply Gourmet Catering	941.929.0066	simplygourmetcaterers.com
NOM Catering	813.553.4945	nomcateringco.com
Innovative Dining	941.899.3352	innovative-dining.com

Additional Approved Caterers

Curated Catering	941.321.6812	curatedcateringevents.com
Delectables Catering	727.781.1200	delectablescatering.com
Exotic Gourmet	941.341.8290	exoticgourmet.com
Harry's Continental Catering	941.383.0777	harryskitchen.com
Mattison's Catering	941.921.3400	mattisons.com
Milan Catering	941.312.0000	milancatering.com
Morton's Gourmet Catering	941.955.9856	mortonsmarket.com
Pier 22	941.748.8087	pier22.com
Pink Cloud	941.217.6425	pinkcloudcatering.com
Popi's Place Catering	941.721.8205	popisplace.com
Puff N' Stuff Catering	407.604.2239	puffnstuff.com

Bar Service Only Companies

Bar Artistry	407.252.3293	barartistry.com
Buzzed and Beyond	813.335.7670	buzzedandbeyond.com
Hook, Line & Drinker	727.314.6400	hldrinker.com
Spunky Spirits	913.431.7131	spunkyspirits.com
Tap and Toast Mobile bar		tapandtoastmobilebar.com
The Wandering Whale	941.650.9950	thewanderingwhale.com

All caterers are required to pay a 10% facility fee to the Museum



Frequently Asked Question

HOW DO I SECURE MY DATE?

\$1000 non-refundable deposit

Goes towards your rental proposal total.

Contracts must be signed to complete the booking.

Deposits can be made via cash, check, or card.

Credit card authorization form required.

WHAT IS EVENT INSURANCE?

We do require liability insurance from the client.

You will need to secure a **\$1,000,000** policy naming The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature as the certificate holder. You may use the following websites to obtain it:

www.eventhelper.com | www.wedsafe.com

HOW LONG IS MY FACILITY RENTAL?

Facility rentals are from 3pm-Midnight, Including set up and break down time. The Jeanie Kirkpatrick Boardroom can be reserved from 10am-Midnight. The Planetarium Lobby is available from 4pm-Midnight.

WHAT DEADLINES SHOULD I BE AWARE OF?

The following are due 30 days prior to your event:

Final rehearsal and walk-through request.

Adding early set-up time.

Confirmed vendor list provided.

WHAT ARE SOME BEST PRACTICES?

A planner or event coordinator is required to ensure your day runs smoothly.

Guests are allowed inside the event space starting at **5:15pm** due to safety protocol and Museum procedures.

Events and alcohol cannot start/be served until after **5:30pm**.

Manatees may not be present and are typically released between January and March.

Lights in the manatee habitat will turn off at 5pm when the Animal Care staff leave.

Exhibits change and spaces can be impacted; notice will be provided accordingly.

WHAT SORT OF RESTRICTIONS DOES THE MUSEUM HAVE?

Due to our manatee rehabilitation exhibit the following items are prohibited:

Balloons

Subwoofers

Noise must be 75 Decibels or lower from the habitat

Other Restrictions:

Faux flower petals (real ones are great!)

Confetti (unless it is bio degradable)

Open Flame (LED candles are great!)

Subwoofers

Noise must be 75

Suggested Vendor List

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO/PHOTO BOOTHS

Alera Weddings – Alexis Bedenbaugh

aleraweddings.com

Carrie Wildes Photography

chiphotography.com

727.481.5737

info@carriewildes.com

Chi Photography

carriewildes.com

813.480.0324

paul.chiphoto@gmail.com

Garry and Stacy Photography

garryandstacy.com

863.370.2730

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K&K Photography

kandkphotography.com

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info@kandkphotography.com

Feedlebee Photography

feedlebeephotography.com

541.979.7103

feedlebeephotography@icloud.com

Heather Lauren Photography

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Jennifer Arnold Photography

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becky@loveandstylephotography.com

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Ruth Terrero Photography

ruthterrero.com

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Sanaa's Photography

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The Geigers Co

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PLANNERS

★ **Precious Moments Events – Michelle Borerro**

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michelle@preciousmomentseventsllc.com

★ **Shy Chic Boutique – Cheyenne Weiss**

facebook.com/shychicboutique

941.350.1371

Brittany Bauer Events

brittanybauerevents.com

813.380.0523

brittanybauerevents@gmail.com

Janova Events

janovaevents.com

727.209.7945

planning@janovaevents.com

Popped Event Planning

poppedeventplanning.com

813.833.0976

sydney@poppedeventplanning.com

Sashi Baez – BB Weddings & Events

bbweddingsandevents.com

941.586.1629

hello@bbweddingsandevents.com

Taylor Falcon Events – Taylor Falcon

www.taylorfalconevents.com

813.777.7549

DJS

Celebrations 24

celebrations24.com
727.289.1684
dave@celebrations24.com

DJ Lira - Karolina Lira

djlira.com
941.284.7027
dj.lira@yahoo.com

First Class Entertainment

tampadj.com
813.714.5476
info@tampadj.com
Gabrielle Events
gabrielle-events.com
516.426.7551
info@gabrielle-events.com

Grainger Entertainment

graingertainment.com
844.933.5001
info@graingertainment.com

Grant Hemond & Associates

granthemond.com
727.376.8770
Info@grantthemond.com

Jam All Day Entertainment - Jamaal

jamallday.com
941.321.4663
info@jamallday.com

TLS Entertainment

tlsentertainmentfl.com
941.302.4430
info@tlsentertainmentfl.com

BAKERIES

Cakes By Ron

cakesbyron.com
941.365.2991
ron@cakesbyron.com

Sapore Della Vita

saporedellavita.com
941.914.4256
sales@saporedellavita.com

Stackd Cake Studio

stackdcakes.com
941.465.8108
stackdcakes@gmail.com

Sweets Bakehouse

sweetsbakehouse.com
941.704.3700
sweetsbakehouse@gmail.com

FLORISTS

Flowers by Fudgie

flowersbyfudgie.com
941.363.6886

Oneco Flowers

onecoflorist.com
941.756.1556

Shy Chic Boutique

facebook.com/
shychicboutique
941.350.1371

EVENT RENTALS

A Chair Affair

chairaffairrentals.com
863.698.7830

A's Rentals

aseventrental.com
941.485.6775
As_rental@verizon.net

Gabro Event Services

gabroeventservices.com
877.870.9193
gabroeventservices@gmail.com

So Staged Event & Design

sostaged.com
941.870.8089
hello@sostaged.com

Stella Rose Events

stellaroseevents.com
941.212.0416
info@StellaRoseEvents.com

US Tent Rental

ustentrental.com
888.334.8368
info@ustentrental.com

WeberScenic Productions

weberscenicproductions.com
941.251.9444
weberscenicproductions@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

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941.301.9509
michelle@preciousmomentseventsllc.com

Hampton Inn & Suites Bradenton Downtown Historic District

hilton.com
941.746.9400

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Bradenton

marriott.com
941.226.2200

MOBILE SERVICES

Kombi Keg Sarasota

kombikeg.com/united-states/
sarasota
941.993.3515
steph@kombikegsarasota.com

Snack Time Now

snacktimenow.bigcartel.com
813.909.5778
team@snacktimenow.com

Storii Coffee Mobile Bar

linktr.ee/storiicoffee
storiicoffee@gmail.com
941.400.9400



EVENT
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MENU

APPETIZERS

House Specialty Mix with Balsamic Glaze

ENTREES

Chicken Parmesan
Three Cheese Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce

SIDES

Mashed & Creamed Potatoes
Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce
Cooked Italian Green Beans

BEVERAGES

Water
House Wine
House Coffee
House Soft Drinks