

2024

Arch Street Meeting House



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Wedding Rates & Details

About the Property



The Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakerism, was founded in England in the mid-1600s as a sect of Christianity. William Penn converted to the faith as a young man and established the Quaker settlement of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1683. The land on which Arch Street Meeting House sits was deeded to the Quakers by Penn in 1701 and was used as a burying place until 1872.

Our Georgian-style meeting house was constructed in stages from 1803-1811 after the need arose for a larger Quaker meeting place. Today, the site is still an active place of Quaker worship in addition to being used as an educational museum space, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2011.

Our Spaces

West Room

Capacity 300 guests

This large historic worship space contains dozens of the original benches for seating. The space is equipped with a built-in sound system, exterior doors to the grounds, and an upright piano. No food or beverages permitted.

Monthly Meeting Room

Recommended for fewer than 100 guests

Constructed in 1968 and currently used for weekly worship by the ASMH Quaker community. Although more modern and intimate than the West Room, this space is air conditioned and contains the historic benches.

Reception Room

Capacity 100 guests

Alternatively known as the "Large Committee Room", this space is at the heart of the building and part of the original 1804 construction. More informal in appearance, this space is recommended for cocktail hours and contains a fireplace surround, ambient lighting, and moveable 20th century furniture.

East Room

Capacity 150-200 guests based on arrangement

Completed in 1804, this space now houses the museum exhibits for ASMH. Modern lights, treated floors, and an updated adjacent kitchen make this space ideal for receptions with food and dancing.

All spaces are wheelchair accessible.

Site Use Fast Facts



- Private use of interior spaces for your reserved date.
- Photos permitted throughout.
- All ceremony types are happily received.
- Marriage bench and certificate table provided for Quaker ceremonies if desired.
- Please note the West and East Rooms are not air conditioned.
- Building is equipped with complimentary wifi.
- Conference rooms on the second floor may be utilized upon request.
- Events must conclude no later than 11 PM.
- Limited onsite parking available.
- 2-hour rehearsal the day prior included.
- No open flame is permitted on site.
- Reasonable decorations are welcome.

Portions of your day can be enjoyed on our grounds, which are a mix of grassy tree-covered spaces and open brick pathways. No dogs permitted. Gates close to the public at 5 PM; additional fee added for earlier closure.

Rentals include any furniture and technology that is property of ASMH at no additional cost. Tables and chairs are provided; linens, glassware, and dishes must be rented. Portable speakers, television, projector and screen available for use if desired. Recommended vendors list provided upon request.



Rates & Fees

Ceremony Only	\$2,000
Ceremony & Cocktail Hour	\$2,500
Ceremony, Cocktails & Reception	\$4,000

\$300 deposit required to hold the date, deducted from final costs.

Additional Fees:

Exclusive use of the grounds (2 hours minimum)	\$250/hour
Excessive clean up/Additional time after 11 PM	\$100/hour
Federal Holiday weekends	\$250 flat

No rentals permitted Thanksgiving weekend or between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.



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Inquires should be directed to the Education & Museum Manager
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