

FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN

PRIVATE EVENTS

GROWING MEMORIES FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS

Staff Retreats Parties Weddings Showers
Meetings Ceremonies Memorials Workshops Lectures



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Fernwood is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to enrich people's lives by awakening and deepening their appreciation of nature and the possibilities of harmony between people, plants, gardens, and wildlife.



Share the beauty of nature with your guests and create lasting memories at one of the most scenic venues in Southwestern Michigan. Fernwood's mission is to enrich people's lives by awakening and deepening their appreciation of nature and the possibilities of harmony between people, plants, gardens, and wildlife.

Reservation fees include admission for all guests. Your guests have access to Fernwood's Gardens, Nature Preserve, and Educational and Art Exhibitions.

A refundable security deposit of \$150-\$1000, depending on the size and nature of your event, is required to reserve your date.

All reservations require a minimum 3-hour rental fee.

Listed rates apply for operational hours only. Rental of Fernwood Facilities are available outside of operational hours at an additional \$250 per hour until 9 pm. Additional time can be added for a fee at Fernwood's discretion.

Discounts may be applied for Century-level members and above at 10% and for nonprofit organizations at 10%.

Food must be catered. Bringing in your own food is not allowed.

Alcohol must be dispensed by a licensed bar service.

Fernwood Botanical Garden | 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, MI | 269.695.6491 | fernwoodbotanical.org

RENTAL FACILITIES | INDOOR

All indoor rentals include tables and chairs for a predetermined number of guests. Rooms equipped with audio and visual equipment are available at no additional charge.



THE EDUCATION CENTER – FLORA OR FAUNA WING

\$125 per hour, excludes library

\$175 per hour, full wing (availability is limited)

Partial Wing, excluding the library

Maximum Capacity 120

Maximum Capacity for seated dining 100

Full Wing

Maximum Capacity 180

Maximum Capacity for seated dining 150

THE FLORA WING

Located on the north end of the Sims Education Center, the venue is a short walk from the Visitors Center. Equipped with high tech presentation tools and modern furnishings. Large windows provide views to the gardens. Direct access to the private North Courtyard with fire pit make the space a relaxing setting for a party or retreat. Two handicapped parking spaces and modern accessible restrooms on site. Adjustable room divider separates the Library and event space. Rental includes tables and chairs.

THE FAUNA WING

Located on the south end of the newly constructed Sims Education Center, the venue is a short walk from the Visitors Center. Equipped with high tech presentation tools and modern furnishings, the Fauna Wing is ideal for lectures and workshops. Large windows provide views to the Nature Preserve and bird feeders. Direct access to the South Courtyard situated across from the Japanese Garden. Adjustable room divider separates the Children's Library and event space. Rental includes tables and chairs.

RENTAL FACILITIES | INDOOR

THE CLARK GALLERY

\$100 per hour Tuesday–Friday
\$125 per hour Saturdays and Sundays
Maximum Capacity 135
Maximum Capacity for seated dining 100

Centrally located in the Visitors Center with rotating art exhibitions on display. Convenient access to all Fernwood gardens and facilities. Direct access to the Bauer Terrace. Fully equipped for slide/video presentations. Fully accessible. Open and flexible floor layout with raised stage and carpeting throughout. Perfect for a formal affair, group meeting, or presentation. Rental includes tables and chairs.

THE CHASE CLASSROOM

\$50 per hour
Maximum Capacity 35
Maximum Capacity for seated dining 25

Conveniently located in the Visitors Center with excellent view of the gardens. Capability for slide and video programs. Whiteboard and podium for classroom style use. Attached prep area with sink for easy clean-up. Best for small lectures, group meetings, and workshops. Rental includes tables and chairs.

THE SUMMER HOUSE

\$100 per hour
Maximum Capacity 50
Maximum Capacity for seated dining 46

Historic summer home of Fernwood founder, Kay Boydston, this rustic and secluded gathering space is a 3-4 minute walk from the Visitors Center. Expansive main room for guests with a large farm table and a preserved sitting room for exhibition purposes only. Building is equipped with accessible private restrooms, prep kitchen, and excellent views of the surrounding woodlands. Vehicle access can be arranged in advance. Great for parties and retreats.

Additional Rentals:

Wedding Ceremony Arch \$100
Sound Equipment \$150
String Lights \$200

Decorative Hurricane Lanterns \$20 each
High-top Tables \$15 each
Fire Pit \$100

RENTAL FACILITIES | OUTDOOR

All outdoor rental spaces are available at an hourly rate by guest count range.

Guest count range	<i>Hourly Rental Fee</i>
1 – 25	<i>\$100</i>
26 - 50	<i>\$125</i>
51 – 100	<i>\$200</i>
101 - 150	<i>\$275</i>
151 – 200	<i>\$350</i>
201 – 250	<i>\$425</i>
251 – 300	<i>\$500</i>

Tables and chairs for outdoor events must be rented from an outside rental service. Labor for set-up and strike of tables, chairs and other outside rentals must be arranged by the lessee through a rental service.

Fernwood does not close any portion of its grounds to the public for private events. Garden visitors are permitted to walk along the sidewalks that may border your event.

An indoor bad weather back-up location for up to 150 guests can be arranged for an added fee of \$150, pending availability.

Fernwood requires the use of tents for most outdoor events. Placement of tents will be subject to Fernwood approval.

THE GREEN

Maximum Capacity 400

Located directly North of the Visitors Center, the Green is bordered by the picturesque Dovecote, Herb and Sensory Garden, and Cottage Perennial Border Garden. Wheelchair access via ramp or elevator.

THE SOUTH VISTA

Maximum Capacity 450

A sunny expansive lawn South of the Visitors Center with manicured borders and entry through the elegant Bauer Terrace. Each side of the lawn has a unique backdrop. Wheelchair access via ramp.

THE NORTH VISTA

Maximum Capacity 400

A grassy woodland clearing surrounded by shady borders, ornamental grasses, and tall trees in the heart of Fernwood's grounds. A 2-3 minute walk from the Visitors Center, this is the ideal space for a more private atmosphere.

RENTAL FACILITIES | OUTDOOR



THE BOXWOOD GARDEN

Maximum Capacity 50

A quiet, intimate space, this vintage garden near the Summer House is bordered by boxwood shrubs. The entrance features a cedar gazebo marked with motifs of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

THE WEIR LILY POND & LILAC GARDEN

Maximum Capacity 65

Situated alongside a picturesque water feature and bordered by lilacs in the spring. Near the Summer House. Private and shady.

THE BAUER TERRACE

Maximum Capacity 30

Available during non-business hours only, this visitor favorite provides a shady place to sit under a vine covered arbor and a sunny section of lavender, boxwoods, and trellis work. At the south end of the terrace, a copper roofed gazebo provides a panoramic view of the South Vista.

FERNWOOD CAFÉ DECKS

Maximum Capacity 35

Available during non-café hours only, our café decks offer a bi-level platform conveniently located off of the Visitors Center facing the Green.

PICNIC PAVILION

Maximum Capacity 40

This open-air pavilion is tucked away between the Summer House and North Vista with picnic tables throughout.

UNIQUE RENTALS UPON REQUEST

There are a wide variety of potential gathering areas among Fernwood's 105 acres. Most areas can be arranged for a private rental with the coordination and approval of Fernwood staff.