

The Mendel Art Gallery's Wedding Policy

Filming

Filming for commercial purposes is not permitted within the galleries of the Mendel Art Gallery or within the Civic Conservatory. Filming of the plants within the conservatory for individual use or research is permitted. Filming of any exhibit in the galleries for individual use or research must have approval in advance from the Director or his designate.

Wedding Ceremonies

Wedding ceremonies are not permitted to take place inside the Mendel Art Gallery and Civic Conservatory at any time. Wedding ceremonies are permitted on the grounds of the Mendel Art Gallery and Civic Conservatory.

Wedding Photography and Other Group Photography Conditions

Consistent with the long-standing practice, wedding photography and other forms of group photo shoots (e.g. ad and modeling agencies, grad pictures and the like) may be permitted in the Civic Conservatory on a restricted basis.

1. No advance bookings are to be accepted for group photography sessions by either the Parks Branch or Mendel staff. However, as a courtesy, Civic Conservatory and/or Mendel staff may indicate which dates the Conservatory is planned to be closed for maintenance, etc., so that photo groups stay clear of those dates. Also, Mendel staff should also provide notice of dates of special functions at the Mendel (e.g. receptions or other large group, etc.).
2. Setting up of lighting and electrical equipment (including extension cords), photo backdrops or other props is not permitted.
3. Group photography sessions will not be permitted during:
 - a) special events taking place in the Mendel (e.g. official openings or other special receptions);
 - b) peak attendance periods from 10 am to 3 pm daily;
 - c) school tour periods – 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, September through June).
4. Access to the Civic Conservatory for group photo sessions will only be accommodated when the space is open to the public (e.g. not while temporarily closed for floral show changes, fumigation, repairs, etc.) Mendel and Civic Conservatory staff will not discontinue their regular work activities in order to accommodate a photo shoot, e.g., watering, cleaning, etc.
5. Photo shoots must not restrict the general public from accessing or leaving the Mendel's entrance lobby and/or the Civic Conservatory. Photo sessions should be approximately 30 minutes in duration.
6. Electrical cords are not be permitted to be strung across the floors.

7. Public washrooms may not be used as 'change rooms' or 'dressing rooms' during photo shoots. The public must always have access to washrooms during public hours.
8. No confetti or rice, etc. is permitted to be thrown/scattered anywhere within the facility.
9. Everyone involved in a group photo session must remain on the Civic Conservatory's balcony and/or on the tiled floor perimeter walkway. No one is permitted to stand among the planted materials.
10. Access to the Mendel Art Gallery and Civic Conservatory will not be permitted beyond public closing times of 9 pm to accommodate photo shoots.
11. No one involved in a photography session at the Mendel Art Gallery and Civic Conservatory is permitted to move or in any way alter the display of art objects and/or plant material, equipment and furniture in order to accommodate their photography needs.