



WELCOME TO THE
15th annual
WEDDING
EXPO



MARCH 8, 2026

HISTORIC 
ST. MARY'S CITY

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY VENUES

There's no place in Southern Maryland quite like Historic St. Mary's City. From the waterfront to our history and beauty, you have a picture-perfect wedding venue with several options for a rehearsal dinner, ceremony, and reception.

The State House

The State House lawn can accommodate parties of more than 500 people. Inside is a perfect location for your cocktail party, small ceremony, or reception. It is the perfect location to blend beauty and history for your wedding, rehearsal dinner, or other private event. Breathtaking!

Maryland Dove Dock

Plan your event at the dock of our tall ship!

Margaret Brent Pavilion

With its beautiful lighting, fans and location that is parallel to the St. Mary's River, the pavilion is an amazing location for your reception, private party, reunions, contractor parties—almost anything!

The Margaret Brent Gazebo

A beautiful gazebo for hosting smaller events overlooking the St. Mary's River.

The Chapel

An incredible place for a wedding ceremony.





Margaret Brent Gazebo,
Laura Elizabeth Photography



The State House
Megan Bennet Photography



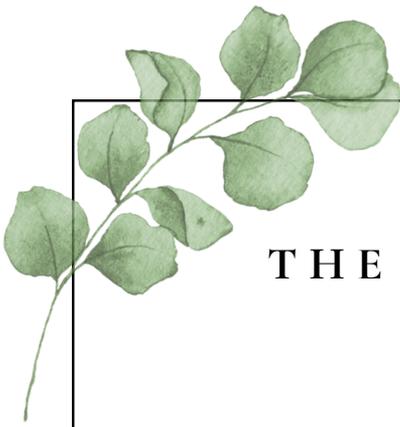
The Brick Chapel provides a stunning backdrop
Southern Maryland Wedding Photographers



The State House Lawn
Megan Bennet Photography



Margaret Brent Pavilion
The Patuxent Partnership



THE WEDDING EXPO

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The Wedding Expo is open to the public

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING & BOOTH SPECIAL

Be sure to visit each booth to sample or sign up for door prizes!

THE MUSEUM SHOP

Open for business & selling home goods.
Located at the HSMC Visitor Center.

MARGARET BRENT PAVILION

DJ Dave - Announcements

SPECIAL THANKS

Bailey's Party Rentals
Mission BBQ catering
Hicks Family Creations
Big T's Entertainment
DJ Dave

linens, heaters and tent
vendor lunches
vendor breakfast
music and photo booth
Master of Ceremony

VENDORS

(in alphabetical order)

STATE HOUSE

Calvert Crabs Coastal Catering
Crow Entertainment
Dawn on the Chesapeake
Fairfield Inn by Marriott Lexington Park
Homez Suites by Hilton Lexington Park
Jax Photography
Mary's Hope on Church Cove
Natural Looks by Victoria
Row House SOMD
Simply Q Barbeque
TownPlace Suites by Marriott Lexington Park
Untamed Spirits, LLC
Weddings by Dale

TENT/LAWN

Arthur Murray Dance Centers Prince Frederick
Bailey's Catering
Bailey's Party Rentals
Big T's Entertainment & Party Rentals
Copper Reins
Sip & Klatsch

MARGARET BRENT PAVILION

As You Wish by Lynsey LLC
Big Kahuna Cruises
BotanicAlly Yours Events
Canards Catering and Event Production
Club Pilates SOMD
DJ Dave Entertainment
Elite Beatz Entertainment
Eucalyptus Rain Photography
Grayt Times 360
Hair Day Salon
Hicks Family Creations
Historic St. Mary's City
Ian Tresselt Design
Mary Kate Davenport Photography
Michelle Lee Photography
Mickey's Tux Taxi
Mission BBQ
Notary Nexus & Solutions
Patuxent Transportation
RCT Media
ShortStudioS Boudoir Photography
Sierra Beauty LLC
Tippy Spirits LLC
Wind Chime Travels. LLC



WEDDING EXPO VENDORS

ACCOMMODATIONS

**Home2 Suites by Hilton, Fairfield & TownePlace Suites by Marriott
Bailey Casselman**

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301.866.1416

Make your wedding weekend effortless with Fairfield by Marriott, TownePlace Suites by Marriott, and Home2 Suites by Hilton. Your guests will love our spacious rooms, modern amenities, and prime location near local venues. We also offer custom wedding welcome bags and a shuttle partnership so you can relax knowing your guests are taken care of.

BARTENDING/BEVERAGE SERVICES

Copper Reins

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Copper Reins is a family-owned mobile bartending business founded in 2024, bringing charm, class, and family-friendly service to weddings, corporate events, and private parties. Our signature feature is a beautifully restored horse trailer transformed into an elegant mobile bar that serves as a stunning centerpiece for any venue. We also offer customizable add-ons including a vintage lounge area, hydration station, rustic whiskey barrel bar, and a partnership with Wild Willy's Seafood's mobile oyster bar. At Copper Reins, we pride ourselves on exceptional hospitality and creating a personalized experience for every event.

Sip & Klatsch

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Sip & Klatsch is a specialty coffee truck serving up handcrafted espresso drinks and fun seasonal lattes. We're all about quality beans, house-made syrups, and creative flavors that match the vibe of the season. From cozy fall drinks to fresh spring matchas, we bring good coffee, good energy, and a little café magic wherever we park.

BARTENDING/BEVERAGE SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Tipsy Spirits LLC

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We are a mobile bartending and beverage catering service that offers certified bartending and mocktail stations. We also have a coffee cart.

Untamed Spirits, LLC

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Untamed Spirit is a professional bartending service dedicated to fulfilling all your event beverage needs. With a collective 15 years of experience, we prioritize streamlining your special day. Your responsibility is to provide the Alcohol, while we manage the logistics. We can provide guidance on selecting the appropriate beverages for your event, but you will need to purchase and transport them to the venue. Our diverse packages are designed to accommodate your specific needs.

CATERERS

Bailey's Catering, Inc

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Bailey's has over 60 years in the catering industry. Come to our location or yours. Full service to help make your vision a reality. We have everything you need for your special day.

Calvert Crabs Coastal Catering

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Calvert Crabs Coastal Catering is a preferred caterer throughout SOMD, delivering fresh, Southern Maryland-inspired cuisine for weddings. Known for award-winning seafood and diverse menu options—including beef, chicken, vegetarian, vegan, and cultural dishes—we are fully licensed and insured, offering plated dinners, buffets, charcuterie boards, desserts, linens, and alcohol service, from casual setup-and-go to professional service. We provide complimentary tastings so you can experience our authentic flavors before ordering.

CATERERS (CONTINUED)

Canards Catering and Event Production

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Canards Catering and Event Production offers decades of experience executing events throughout southern Maryland in the wedding, corporate and social catering arena. We cater small groups to major events and have catered hundreds of weddings at several dozen event facilities throughout the area. Historic St. Mary's City amongst our favorites!

Hicks Family Creations LLC

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Artisan Charcuterie | Grazing Tables | Elevated Entertaining

Hicks Family Creations is a family-owned artisan cheese and charcuterie company based in Leonardtown, Maryland, specializing in beautifully curated grazing experiences for weddings and special events across Southern Maryland, including St. Mary's County, Calvert County, Charles County, and Anne Arundel County.

Mission BBQ Catering

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From weddings to tailgates, business events to picnics, MISSION BBQ makes it easy to make everyone happy. You can rest assured we'll take care of every detail from setup to staffing. And we're just a quick call away to customize everything your way. You can't say "I DO" without BBQ!

Simply Q Barbeque

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Our business is based on barbecue; we build our menus with care and time, producing succulent plates and bold flavors. Most of our foods are cooked low and slow to incorporate a gentle smoky finish.

DANCE LESSONS

Arthur Murray Dance Centers Prince Frederick

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Let us take the stress out of Wedding Dancing! We will prepare you for your First Dance, Parent Dances, Wedding Party Dances, and General Dances!

Whether you're the wedding couple, the parents, or the friends, we can help you feel comfortable dancing the night away at the reception and beyond!

ENTERTAINMENT/DJ'S

Big T's Entertainment & Party Rentals

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Big T's Entertainment & Party Rentals provides professional Wedding DJs, MC services, and interactive photo booth experiences across Southern Maryland and the DMV area. With over 20 years in business and a full team of experienced DJs, we specialize in creating packed dance floors, seamless timelines, and unforgettable wedding celebrations. We offer DJ & MC services, Mirror & 360 Photo Booths, Audio Guest Books, uplighting, and our exclusive LoveStory Experience™. Fully licensed and insured, we're committed to delivering high-energy entertainment and lasting memories for every couple we serve.

Crow Entertainment LLC

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Crow Entertainment is a full-time, fully insured, and employee-operated company specializing in weddings. Services include professional DJs, Lighting, and Photo Booths. We have a fully digital studio for video and are the winners of The Best of Southern Maryland 2022-2023, as well as the 2023 Best of Weddings and Hall of Fame for *The Knot* and *Wedding Wire*.

ENTERTAINMENT/DJ'S (CONTINUED)

DJ Dave Entertainment

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DJ Dave Entertainment is committed to providing the highest-quality, most professional & courteous service to each and every client. We are a fully insured, award-winning DJ service specializing in weddings, formal or casual, ceremony & receptions. We believe in face-to-face meetings to individualize & personalize all aspects of your special day. Ask about our lighting options to energize the dance floor!

Elite Beatz Entertainment

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Providing Disc Jockey, Photo Booth & Party Rental Services for all of Southern Maryland since 1998.

FITNESS

Row House SOMD

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Build cardio endurance and muscular strength all in one rowing workout. With a challenging combination of classes that incorporate resistance training on and off of the rowing machine, you will get the most out of a Row House workout. Everyone can be, and is part of, the Row House experience. Come meet your crew!

Club Pilates SOMD

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We believe that Pilates is the path to a fuller, more satisfying physical existence. We believe that being in control of your body helps you to be in control of your life. And best of all, we believe that you can start anytime.

FLORAL DESIGN

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BotanicAlly Yours Events is a boutique floral and event design studio, built on family values, creative excellence, and a love for botanical beauty. With more than two decades of experience in floral retail and event production, our team brings both technical mastery and artistic vision to every design.

Ian Tresselt Design

Ian Tresselt

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Drawing inspiration from the natural world, ITD offers seasonal designs sourced from flower growers in the region and flower farms in the U.S. We offer full-service and a la carte offerings. ITD has a floral studio in Prince Frederick. We're open by appointment and around major holidays. Whether your event is big or small, you deserve your flowers!

FORMAL WEAR

Mickey's Tux Taxi

Mickey Ramos

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Father daughter team with over 50 years experience. We specialize in renting tuxedos, suits and accessories for all your wedding, prom or black tie events. All services given in the convenience of your home or office.

HAIR AND MAKEUP

Hair Day Salon

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Bridal and hair extension daily rental service combining professional styling and aromatherapy, giving you a pure well-being experience.

HAIR AND MAKEUP (CONTINUED)

Natural Looks by Victoria

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Victoria brings over 15 years of experience in the bridal industry, with a passion for helping every client feel confident and beautiful. Her approach is all about enhancing your natural beauty—so you still look and feel like yourself, just your best version. With a "less is more" mindset, she ensures you'll love your look, both in the mirror and in the memories.

Sierra Beauty LLC

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Michelle Sierra is a salon-trained makeup artist and owner of Sierra Beauty LLC, established in 2018. She provides professional makeup artistry in the Southern Maryland area using only industry-grade products. Michelle strives to make you look and feel your best on your special day

OFFICIANTS

Notary Nexus & Solutions

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Notary Nexus & Solutions provides professional notary and life-event services with a dedicated focus on engaged couples and newlyweds. From beautifully personalized wedding ceremonies to essential legal documentation, we offer comprehensive support during one of life's most meaningful transitions. We create romantic and thoughtfully crafted ceremonies — including elopements, traditional, religious, and non-religious celebrations — designed to reflect each couple's unique love story. Beyond the ceremony, we assist with the notarization of important marital documents such as prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, powers of attorney, name change documents, affidavits, and other legally required paperwork. Our mission is to provide a sound, seamless, and stress-free experience — ensuring that both your vows and your vital documents are handled with professionalism, discretion, and care. At Notary Nexus & Solutions, we are honored to support couples not only in saying "I do," but in building a secure foundation for their future together.

OFFICIANTS (CONTINUED)

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Weddings by Dale provides personalized non-denominational wedding services, customized specifically for the perfect wedding ceremony. For 19 years, Rev. Dr. Dale P. Farrell has performed hundreds of wedding ceremonies throughout Southern Maryland. Services include crafting the perfect wedding ceremony, assisting with writing vows, performing the wedding, and submitting the necessary documentation to the Clerk of the Court. Weddings by Dale can perform traditional or same-sex wedding ceremonies in the State of Maryland.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS

Eucalyptus Rain Photography LLC

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I capture weddings with a warm, moody style that highlights emotion, connection, and the in-between moments. Through intentional, story-focused photography, I create timeless images that feel rich, romantic, and true to your love story.

Jax Photography

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JAX Photography offers soulful, real documentary-style wedding coverage with a touch of editorial glamour- elegance. We serve couples who value real moments, emotional truth, and timeless legacy. Based by the Chesapeake Bay, we photograph weddings across Maryland, DC, Virginia—and wherever your heart leads.

Mary Kate Davenport Photography

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Mary Kate Davenport Photography creates timeless, artful imagery for couples who value elegance, emotion, and authenticity. Based in Southern Maryland and serving the DMV, Mary Kate blends a refined, film-inspired aesthetic with a warm, personal approach, capturing your day with genuine connection.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS (CONTINUED)

Michelle Lee Photography

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Michelle Lee Portraits is a Southern Maryland based wedding photographer serving DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Specializing in timeless, light-filled wedding photography, Michelle captures genuine moments, emotional storytelling, and elegant details for couples who value connection, authenticity, and beautifully documented wedding days.

ShortStudioS Boudoir Photography

Crystal Short

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ShortStudioS Boudoir Photography is a full service boudoir photo session experience located in beautiful St. Inigoes, MD, with a private studio and property allowing for both indoor and outdoor photos. Each client receives dedicated space to feel comfortable and empowered to create stunning art. Our boudoir experience includes professional hair and makeup, access to our client closet, exceptional and unique products with clear communication to ensure you have an incredible time.

RCT Media - Videographers

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Memories fade, but film doesn't. As a local couple who truly believes in love, we'll capture your day in a way that feels authentic, heartfelt, and beautifully you.

PLANNERS

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As You Wish by Lynsey LLC provides professional day-of-wedding coordination to ensure your special day runs smoothly and stress-free. From managing timelines to coordinating vendors and details, we handle it all so you can fully enjoy every moment. Relax and celebrate, we'll take care of the rest!

RENTALS

Bailey's Party Rentals

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Welcome to Bailey's Party Rentals, a full-service party rental company located in Southern Maryland. Since 2001, we have built our reputation by offering superior equipment and professional service. In a world of changing markets, we have succeeded in diversifying our inventory to suit various tastes and needs. Whether you are planning a backyard picnic for fifty or a lavish seated dinner for five thousand, we have the equipment and the expertise to assist you with your rental needs. From the beginning, our goal has been to provide the best-maintained equipment in the industry.

Grayt Times 360

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Grayt Times 360 is your go-to source for unforgettable, high-energy event experiences! We specialize in 360 photo booth rentals that capture every angle of your special moments — creating dynamic, share-worthy videos that your guests will love.

TRANSPORTATION/CHARTERS

Big Kahuna

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Fun, tiki themed boat tour aboard our 30 passenger pontoon. We offer a full bar, comfy seating and even a restroom on board. Fun music, beautiful views and yummy craft drinks!

Patuxent Transportation

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We provide fun, unique transportation services for private events. Our fleet includes: Two 30-passenger trolleys and one 13-passenger luxury limo van.

TRAVEL

Wind Chime Travels, LLC

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Travel advisor specializing in destination weddings, honeymoons, All-inclusive getaways, Cruises and much more! Sublimated travel and wedding-related items are designed and sold in addition to the travel and wedding services.

VENUES

Dawn On The Chesapeake, LLC

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Dawn on the Chesapeake is a private waterfront wedding venue nestled along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay in Southern Maryland. This elegant estate offers panoramic water views, manicured grounds, and exclusive-use access for your special day. Designed for couples seeking a romantic, intimate, and unforgettable celebration, Dawn on the Chesapeake blends natural beauty with personalized hospitality to create a wedding experience as extraordinary as your love story.

Mary's Hope

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Pleasantly rising along the banks of Church Cove off the St. Mary's River, Mary's Hope is an elegant events location, serving as the perfect venue for indoor and outdoor weddings, receptions, parties, and other special events. Located in beautiful St. Inigoes, Mary's Hope provides an amazing location for any type of celebration in Southern Maryland. Beautiful vistas and glorious sunsets await you here at the heart of St. Mary's County. The house, built in a Victorian style was constructed in 1893. It has indoor spaces available for intimate weddings, receptions and parties. Acres of spacious outdoor grounds, unique in Southern Maryland, will accommodate larger celebrations. With locations inside the house, on the waterfront, or on the grounds, Mary's Hope is the perfect Southern Maryland wedding venue.

WEDDING DAY NOTES

USE THIS TO FILL IN YOUR INFORMATION
AS YOU PLAN FOR YOUR DAY.

DATE

LOCATION

BRIDAL PARTY

ATTENDEES #

OFFICIATE NAME

CEREMONY VENUE

COCKTAIL VENUE

RECEPTION VENUE

CATERER

CAKE

BARTENDER

CEREMONY MUSIC

PHOTOGRAPHER

GIFT TABLE LOCATION

FLORIST

DECORATIONS

PROGRAM

SPECIAL NEEDS

A SUGGESTED WEDDING CHECKLIST



- **NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE**
 - Set the date and time
 - Determine your budget
 - Secure the ceremony site and officiant
 - Select a reception site
 - Establish your guest list
 - Select a caterer if not provided by the reception site
 - Announce your engagement
 - Start meeting with other wedding professionals - photographers, bakers, florist, musicians

- **SIX TO NINE MONTHS BEFORE**
 - Make hotel arrangements for guests-secure blocks of rooms
 - Select your wedding party
 - Choose your attire and that of the wedding party
 - Start planning the honeymoon
 - Register for gifts

- **FOUR TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE**
 - Legal – marriage license, change of name, etc.
 - Choose or design your invitations and save the date notices
 - Assist the mothers with their dresses
 - Finalize honeymoon arrangements
 - Shop for any accessories and honeymoon attire
 - Secure your rehearsal dinner site

- **TWO TO FOUR MONTHS BEFORE**
 - Finalize reception menu
 - Create your wedding program
 - Go over details with all your wedding professionals
 - Send your save-the-date card/letter with details and hotel information
 - Hire your transportation for the wedding

- **SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE**

- Mail invitations
- Send an announcement to the paper
- Shop for your attendant's gifts
- Shop for your fiancé's gift
- Schedule trial runs with your hairdresser and make-up artist

- **FOUR TO SIX WEEKS BEFORE**

- Schedule your final dress fitting
- Make sure your attendants have been fitted for their attire
- Purchase any additional items - ex. guest book, toasting glasses, etc.

- **TWO TO FOUR WEEKS BEFORE**

- Confirm honeymoon plans
- Give musicians or DJs your playlist

- **ONE TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE**

- Finalize the seating chart
- Finalize plans with all your wedding professionals
- Finalize rehearsal dinner arrangements
- Give the caterer the final head count
- Prepare any special items - any special seating arrangements, etc

- **ONE DAY BEFORE**

- Manicure, pedicure, and massage
- Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Get some rest!



THANK YOU

HISTORIC 
ST. MARY'S CITY

We hope you have enjoyed your day at Historic St. Mary's City. Please contact katie.dixon@maryland.gov to schedule a private tour or call 240.572.0926.

Here at Historic St. Mary's City, we pride ourselves on the unique outdoor spaces located on the serene St. Mary's River. We look forward to hosting your next event.

To learn more,
visit our website HSMCdigsHistory.org/the-experience/weddings-rentals
or scan the QR code



Wedding on the State House bluff overlooking the St. Mary's River
Jill Christine Design and Photography