

HISTORY INSPIRED ROMANCE

Imagine award winning Old World Gardens of manicured lawns surrounded by ancient oaks dripping in Spanish Moss. Massive magnolia trees, vibrant camellias, azaleas and roses explode into riots of color throughout the year.

IN A SETTING OF BEAUTY AND GRACE

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European urns filled with cypress and cascading flowers flank the massive Corinthian columns of the majestic historic Mansion.

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A DESTINATION WEDDING IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD



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Family and friends gather together on the shaded verandas sipping cool drinks as a quiet breeze carries the light splash of water falling from the garden fountain. Birds are singing and darting about while the sound of a horse drawn carriage draws near. Guests assemble on either side of the aisle which is elegantly accentuated with shepherd hooks bowing with glass globes of bouquets and strewn with rose petals. The attendants align the staircase beneath the evergreen garland of ribbons and flowers as the beautiful music suddenly swells and all eyes turn to watch as the bride steps delicately from the carriage.



The celebration carries the guests through the gardens to the decorated tent where tables have been set with varied tantalizing offerings and waiters stand at the ready to carve and serve. Inside the Gazebo are the refreshments and bartender ready to serve champagne and other beverages.



World famous Southern Hospitality is the signature of the Herlong Mansion where guests feel welcome to make themselves at home. You'll enjoy personal attention without intrusion, service without feeling rushed.

We are wonderfully suited for outdoor celebrations of all kinds. Corinthian columns provide a dramatic backdrop for your wedding, while our gazebo lends an air of garden tranquility.



Music for dancing is now playing and laughter can still be heard coming from the horse drawn carriage where rides through the quaint town are being given. As the stars begin to appear overhead and the twinkle lights come on in the garden the dream of a fairy tale wedding comes true. The bride and groom and all their guests dance the evening away finding it hard to believe that all this old world elegance is just minutes away from modern day Gainesville. **WR**

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