

THE CONSERVATORY



The Conservatory is conveniently located in the heart of Des Moines' East Village. Within blocks of some of the best restaurants, shops, and entertainment. The event center is comprised of a 5000sf ballroom that can be used as a large gathering space for a wedding, corporate event, party or can be made to accommodate executive meetings, classes, and small groups that range in size and setup.

The Conservatory can accommodate events for over 250 guests for a seated dinner or standing/cocktail setup. It provides the comforts of an in-house bar, flexible catering options, creative lighting/decor options, and a staff specially attuned to the unique needs of weddings clients, meeting planners, guests and attendees.

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events@theconservatoryev.com

FAQ:

1. **Where do people park?**

Street parking on East 5th, Locust, and Walnut is available. Meters

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stop charging after 9pm. There is ramp parking behind our building. The entrance is located on East 6th between Locust and Grand (\$3 for the 1st hour then \$1 each hour after that). Please add this to your invitation or event/wedding website. Valet parking available upon request. <http://www.theconservatoryev.com/garage.html>
Prices are set by the garage not The Conservatory and are subject to change.

2. **What are the costs to rent The Conservatory?** For current costs visit this link: <http://www.theconservatoryev.com/book.html>

3. **What hours can we setup and tear down for our wedding or event?**

With Saturday weddings and events, access to the space is coordinated after 1:00 PM for setup. For earlier access please email the Event manager for details. The cost is \$100 per hour.

Event End Time: The very last 'last call' is set for 10:45pm or earlier, with music and bar ending by 11pm, guests all out by 11:30pm – and all vendors out by 11:59pm. Doors close at midnight.

4. **Does The Conservatory typically provide the bar service and bring the alcohol?**

Yes the conservatory provides the bar. You may pick many bar options from hosted, partially hosted, and cash services. We will discuss what is best for you and go from there. Yes, there is a \$500 bar minimum on all Saturday events and case by case on other days. Contact us for details.

5. **Can we bring in our own alcohol?**

You may bring in your own wine for a \$20 corkage fee on standard size bottles of wine and \$30 on larger sizes. (no boxed wine)

6. **Can we use a caterer that isn't on your list or have a friend or family member help make the food for our event?**

We do allow non-listed caterers to caterer at The Conservatory, but we must approve of them before you would book. We have a diverse list of fantastic caterers that can meet your catering needs, for the list visit here: <http://www.theconservatoryev.com/catering>

All caterers need to be licensed and in a licensed kitchen with proof of liability insurance. Neither you nor any other person can make the food. No potlucks either. We do allow another non-approved licensed caterer to serve at The Conservatory, just let us know and we will go from there! *Note: The fee for using a caterer outside of our In-House

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caterer is \$300 for a caterer on our list or \$600 for a caterer not on our last – we must pre-approve this.

7. What tables and chairs are we able to use?

Weddings include tables, chairs, and centerpieces (big savings!). Other events pay \$50 to \$75 per table of 10 for tables, chairs, and linens. Other rental items can be provided for you. Weddings include basic tables, chairs, linens, and a candle-based centerpiece. All other events will require a rental invoice to be created. Please email to request a bid for rentals.

8. What is the capacity for guests?

For a sit-down dinner 250 seated and for a cocktail reception (half standing) you could get 275 in the space. If you wish to have a seated dinner and dancing, we suggest having a guest list less than 250.

9. What about other rental and decor items?

You may plan your own decorations or work with a professional company for centerpieces. We have preferred companies that have a key to The Conservatory and can decorate after hours alleviating potential stress by providing your own décor items. Please no glitter, exposed candles, or feathers.

10. How do I reserve a date?

You can reserve a date by placing a deposit of 50% of the total rental cost. Email us to book. You can place a “soft hold” on any date without a deposit, you would then get first right to book the space if someone else is interested in that date. It is possible that the date you want is on hold right now. If someone already has a hold on a date, then you would be in the second hold position. If you were to want that date the person in the first hold position would have 1 business day to produce the deposit check or it would fall to the person in the second hold position. You would then be required to place a deposit of half the rental amount and that would book the date. A soft hold is good for 7 days and then it expires. You may put another soft hold on that date if you contact The Conservatory before it expires. Visit this link to hold a date: <http://www.theconservatoryev.com/hold.html>

11. Do you offer non-profit or off-season discounts?

We do offer discounts and off-season discounts.. Please email us to request pricing. To request a non-profit discount, please complete the form located in this link: <http://www.theconservatoryev.com/non-profit.html>

12. Do you have a list of bar prices?

We do have a list of all bar prices and helpful calculator to estimate

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how much of your budget will be bar related items. Please email to request the current pricing.

13. How does the bar work?

We can do a mix of hosted and 'cash' bar options to meet your budget needs. We may have a bar minimum depending on when you book, contact us for details.

14. Is security or insurance required?

Yes, when alcohol is being served, The Conservatory will secure security and insurance on your behalf. The cost for security is \$250. The insurance fee is \$200. This will be removed from your damage deposit with the remainder placed on your soda/bar consumption.

INVESTMENTS

INCLUDES

SATURDAY WEDDINGS & EVENTS

January to March: \$3000
April: \$3500
May to September: \$4000
October: \$4500
November & December:
\$4000
+ \$500 bar minimum
Friday/Sunday events are
\$500 less the rental rate.

Tables, chairs, lap
length black or white
linens, & a candle-based
centerpiece included.
Contact us for Holiday
pricing.
*Saturday Weddings without
alcohol are \$5000**

REHEARSAL DINNERS

\$750 + \$2000 food &
beverage minimum
(provides event manager,
table/chair and their
setup/take down)

Includes full access to
the space and use of
inhouse tables, chairs, &
linens. Other rental items can
be provided for an additional
rental fee. Please contact for an
A/V Quote. Non-rehearsal
dinner events – please email for
custom quote.

New Year's Eve Events:

\$4000 rental + Hosted Bar
Minimum of \$5000

WEEKDAY EVENTS (Monday to Thursday)

\$150 Per hour / After
5pm \$200 per hour
(4-hour minimum) +
\$300 service fee
(provides event manager,
table/chair and their
setup/take down)

Monday – Thursday:
Between 7am and 4:59pm
- \$100 per hour. After
5pm - \$200 per hour.

Includes full access to
the space and use of
inhouse tables, chairs, &
linens.

Other rental items can be
provided for an additional
rental fee. Please contact
for an A/V Quote. Non-
profit rates available.
Contact us for pricing.

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PARTNER CATERERS

The list below are not just preferred caterers they are **partner** caterers. They have proven a track record of outstanding service and culinary talents. They are also friendly for private events and weddings. Meaning that they know how to work with individual clients during some of the happiest times of their lives (weddings, engagement parties, showers, and rehearsal dinners to name a few). That being said, **any caterer with current licensing, a flawless inspection record, and insurance may caterer at The Conservatory. Note: All caterers (except for our in-house catering) must pay a \$300 fee for usage of kitchen/wear and tear/garbage.**

In-house preferred catering option:

The Conservatory featuring The Girls Catering

Ashely & Linda

Please email events@theconservatoryev.com for a current menu

Other approved caterers – Add \$300:

Christiani's Catering

Peter Worsham | peter@ChristianisCatering.com

515.287.3169

www.ChristianisCatering.com

The Tangerine Food Company

Susan Madorsky or Cherry Madole

515.720.7510 | info@tangerinefoodco.com

<https://tangerinefoodco.com/>

Taste! To Go

Andrea Williams & Emily Gross | sales@TasteToGo.net

515.277.8646

www.TasteToGo.net

**Have a caterer in mind? No problem!
Emails us to get them approved!**

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INVENTORY

INCLUDED WITH MOST ALL RENTALS

- Sheer drape backdrop with twinkle lights
- Round tables up to 250 with gold chairs
- Black or White lap length bistro linens
- Head table, cake table, cocktail tables, gift tables, etc.
- Complimentary Centerpieces
 - Lantern (10) and/or Bubble Vase (8)
 - Photos: <http://www.theconservatoryev.com/design.html>

UPGRADES & RENTALS

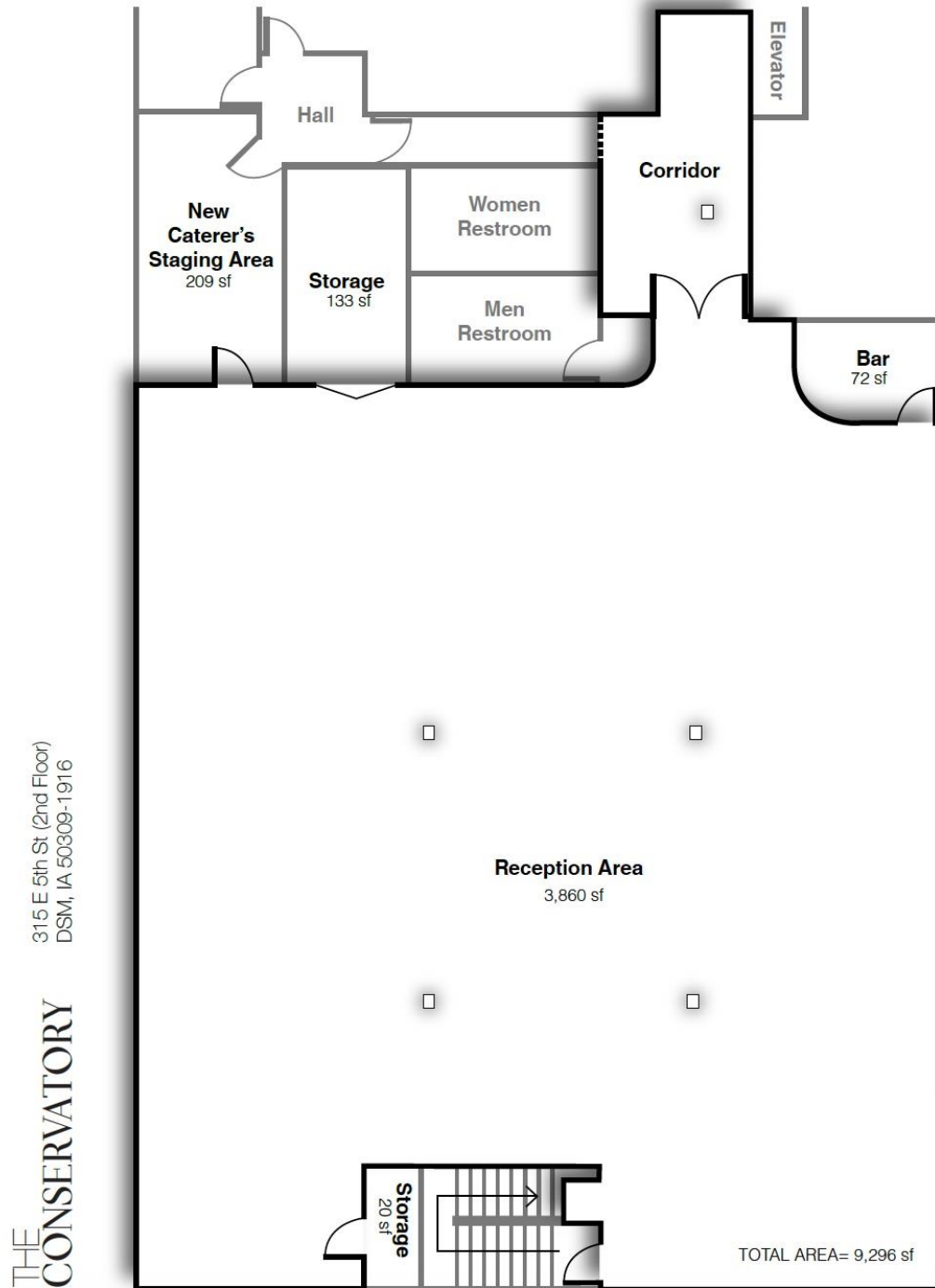
- Linens to the floor (Ivory, Navy, Grey, White, Black): \$25 + tax, delivery, labor
- Floral and greenery for provided centerpieces: \$25 or more depending on flowers and design + tax, delivery, labor
- Custom Centerpieces: \$45 or more depending on design + tax, delivery, labor

UPGRADES & RENTALS LINKS:

Centerpieces, linens, chairs, & more:

<http://www.theconservatoryev.com/upgrades.html>

DIAGRAM



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