Santa Fe
BOTANICAL GARDEN

Private Events

Thank you for considering Santa Fe Botanical Garden as the setting for your special event.

When you celebrate at the Garden, you are doing more than choosing a beautiful place to gather. Your rental directly supports Santa Fe Botanical Garden by sustaining our work in education, conservation, and community engagement, ensuring that this extraordinary place continues to inspire our community for generations to come.

We are delighted to welcome your celebration to the Garden. Whether you are planning an intimate ceremony, a meaningful life celebration, or a gathering with family and friends, our team looks forward to helping you create an experience that is as memorable as the setting itself.



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Before You Begin

We invite you to visit the Garden and imagine your celebration unfolding among our gardens, art, pathways, gathering spaces, and seasonal landscapes.

Before booking, we encourage you to review this guide carefully so you have a clear understanding of the Garden, what is included with your rental, and our event guidelines.

We would love to hear more about your plans. Please contact anna@visitsfbg.org for additional information or to begin planning your event at Santa Fe Botanical Garden.

About the Garden

At nearly 7,200 feet above sea level and nestled at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the southernmost subrange of the Rocky Mountains, Santa Fe Botanical Garden offers a distinctive setting shaped by both nature and place.

The Garden is located just across the street from four world-class museums, including the Nuevo Mexicano Heritage Arts Museum, the Museum of International Folk Art, the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, and the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian.

Opened in July 2013, the Garden encompasses 19 acres leased from the City of Santa Fe and the State of New Mexico. The Garden is composed of three distinct sections: the Orchard Gardens, Ojos y Manos: Eyes & Hands ethnobotanical garden, and the Piñon-Juniper Woodland.

Private events are welcomed throughout the Orchard Gardens and Ojos y Manos as part of the Entire Garden rental package. The descriptions below highlight some of the distinctive spaces and features you and your guests may encounter throughout your event.

Santa Fe Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our Federal Tax ID is 85-0366754.

Hours & Availability

The Garden welcomes visitors year-round, with a landscape that changes beautifully with each season.

March–October: Daily, 9 AM–5 PM
November–February: Daily, 10 AM–4 PM
The Garden is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Private event rentals are available throughout the year, excluding the holidays listed above and signature event dates. Private events may extend beyond regular public hours, with guests welcome to enjoy the Garden until 9:00 PM. An additional one-hour load-out window is provided following the event, with all guests, vendors, and belongings departing by 10:00 PM.


Alicia Lucia Photography

A Garden All Your Own

Santa Fe Botanical Garden is available for private events seven days a week, year-round. Our rental model offers an experience unlike a traditional venue: rather than selecting a single garden space, you and your guests have the opportunity to experience the Garden as a whole.

From intimate garden paths and tranquil gathering spaces to sweeping views, seasonal plantings, art installations, and our covered pavilion, the Garden offers a variety of settings within one unforgettable venue.

The Piñon-Juniper Woodland is not included in private event access.

Whether you are gathering for a ceremony, cocktail hour, dinner, or a celebration of life, the Garden provides a naturally beautiful backdrop where your event can unfold organically throughout the landscape.


Kevin Guevara Photography

Orchard Gardens

The Orchard Gardens welcome visitors as they enter the Garden and offer an inviting collection of gardens, gathering spaces, artwork, and pathways.

This area encompasses the Welcome Kiosk, Kalenian Welcome Ramada, Roland Meadow Garden, Rose & Lavender Walk, Goede Orchard Garden and Perennial Borders, Dayton-Curless North Ramada, Newman South Ramada, Xeric Garden, Hendricksen Pavilion, and Dayton-Curless Art Trail.

These spaces are all part of the Entire Garden rental experience and may be enjoyed by you and your guests throughout your private event, subject to Garden guidelines and any event-specific arrangements.

Ojos Y Manos: Eyes & Hands

Ojos y Manos: Eyes & Hands is an ethnobotanical garden focused on the shared history of humans and plants in Northern New Mexico.

The Berlin Gathering Place Amphitheater and surrounding agricultural terraces are key features of this distinctive area. The garden also includes López Horno Plaza and Gronquist Arroyo Overlook, Gale Classroom, Learning Ramada, Hanlon Classroom, and several rockeries where small groups can gather.

These spaces are included in the Entire Garden rental, offering additional opportunities to explore, gather, and incorporate the character of this unique landscape into your celebration.



Rental Pricing

Wedding Rental Pricing

Event Type	Maximum Guest Count	Event Time	Monday - Thursday	Friday - Sunday
Ceremony Only	125	5:00 - 7:00pm	$2,000	$2,500
Ceremony + Cocktail Hour	125	5:00 - 8:00pm	$3,000	$3,500
Ceremony + Dinner	125	5:00 - 9:00pm	$4,400	$4,900
Elopements*	10	10:00am - 2:00pm**	$500	$750

All packages include access to the Garden's available event areas, standard staff support, and one hour of rehearsal time during regular Garden business hours within 48 hours of the event.

*Elopement ceremonies take place during regular Garden hours, while the Garden remains open to the public. Couples and their guests are welcome to enjoy the Garden during their scheduled elopement time, with the understanding that other Garden visitors may be present.

**Standing-only elopement ceremonies are scheduled for one hour and may take place between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, subject to Garden availability.

Private Event Rental Pricing

Private events include corporate gatherings, meetings, dinners, family celebrations, milestone events, receptions, and other private functions that do not include a wedding ceremony.

2-Hour Event	125	5:00 - 7:00pm	$2,000	$2,500
3-Hour Event	125	5:00 - 8:00pm	$3,000	$3,500
4-Hour Event	125	5:00 - 9:00pm	$4,400	$4,900

Frequently Asked Questions

Accessibility

Most Garden paths are ADA accessible, and accessible routes are clearly marked on the visitor map. Some natural trails do not meet ADA standards. Motorized vehicles are not permitted onsite except for authorized service-road use. Motorized accessibility scooters are allowed.

Alcohol Service

Alcohol may be served at private events by a licensed and insured caterer and is allowed to be served after hours only. Alcohol sales are not permitted.

Event Appropriateness

All events must align with the Garden's mission and values. The Garden reserves the right to decline events that are not suitable for the space.

Electricity

Electrical outlets are available throughout the Garden. An outlet map can be provided during event planning.

Decor Guidelines

Floral arrangements and enclosed candles are welcome. To protect the Garden's living collections, open flames, glitter, plastic flowers or foliage, confetti, smoke or fog machines, and décor that may damage plants or structures are not permitted. All décor must be approved in advance.



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Catering

All food service must be provided by a licensed caterer. The Garden does not have kitchen facilities, so all food preparation must be arranged through your caterer.

Weather

Santa Fe weather can change quickly, particularly during the summer monsoon season. If needed, events may be moved to the Pavilion when available. Our team will help guide weather-related decisions and discuss options with you.

Insurance

Event liability insurance is required for all private rentals. Details will be provided during the booking process.

Lighting

The Garden offers limited ground and event lighting. Additional vendor provided lighting may be approved depending on the event and must be rented by the client.

Music & Sound

The Garden is nestled within a residential neighborhood, and we ask that all events be mindful of our neighbors and the surrounding community as well as city ordinances.

Unplugged music is preferred whenever possible. DJs and amplified or plugged-in music may be accommodated, provided that sound levels do not exceed 55 decibels (dB) in accordance with applicable Santa Fe County ordinance. All music must end by 9:00pm.

The Garden reserves the right to require adjustments to music or sound levels when necessary to remain within ordinance limits and to protect the experience of our neighbors and Garden visitors.

Parking

Approximately 80 parking spaces are available onsite. Additional parking may be arranged for larger events with advanced notice.

Pets

Only trained service animals are permitted in the Garden.

Photography

Photography during your private event is welcome. Before your session, the photographer and an adult group representative must complete our Portrait Photography Policy and Acknowledgment at the Visitor Center. A parent or guardian must sign for minors in their care.

Rehearsals

One hour of rehearsal time is included with your Garden rental. Rehearsals may be scheduled during regular Garden business hours and must take place within 48 hours of your event start time. Rehearsal time is subject to availability and must be scheduled in advance.

Restrooms

The Garden offers two standard and one ADA-accessible portable restroom.

Seasonality

The Garden is a living landscape, and its appearance changes throughout the year—from spring blooms and summer monsoon skies to autumn color and the quieter beauty of winter.

Because the Garden is constantly growing and evolving, spaces may not appear exactly as they did when originally viewed. Seasonal conditions, weather, horticultural work, and ongoing Garden stewardship all contribute to the unique character of each event.

Art Displays & Exhibitions

The Garden features permanent displays, temporary exhibits, sculptures, artwork, seasonal installations, and horticultural displays that may change, be relocated, or be removed as part of the Garden's programming and stewardship. Specific displays are not guaranteed to be present on the Event date.

Clients, guests, and vendors may not move, alter, cover, decorate, or remove Garden displays, exhibits, sculptures, artwork, plantings, or installations.

Smoking

Smoking, vaping, and recreational drug use are not permitted anywhere in the Garden.

Setup & Breakdown

Your vendors may access the Garden for setup and breakdown by prior arrangement. All setup and cleanup must be completed by the end of your rental period.

Staff Support

A Garden Staff Representative will be onsite for every private event to assist with guest wayfinding and monitor facilities. Vendors are responsible for their own setup, service, and breakdown. Additional staffing requirements, if applicable, will be discussed during the event planning process.

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