



# Rental Information for Weddings and Receptions

Chesterwood is a beautiful and memorable backdrop for a Berkshires wedding. Daniel Chester French masterfully combined the elegance of his Italianate gardens with the natural rural landscape. There are many locations at Chesterwood for wedding ceremonies, receptions and dinner parties from small, intimate gatherings up to 560 guests.

After the ceremony, perhaps during a cocktail reception while photographs are being taken, we invite your guests to have their own private viewing of the Studio where Daniel Chester French created monumental sculptures from May to October for over 30 years.

For out-of-town guests, or for the bride and groom, please consider renting the Meadowlark, Daniel Chester French's second studio on the Chesterwood property, now managed as a unique B&B by the Red Lion Inn. It is a convenient country cottage for the bride and her bridesmaids, or others in the wedding party to stay during the wedding weekend. There are photographs and descriptions of the Meadowlark at The Red Lion Inn's website:  
[www.redlioninn.com/rli/meadowlark.html](http://www.redlioninn.com/rli/meadowlark.html).

An application is enclosed along with a price list, detailed descriptions of locations at Chesterwood for weddings and some important guidelines you need to know. Chesterwood is an entirely outdoor venue. You supply the tent and other services. After we have received your application, a further package will be sent that includes a contract, approved vendor list and *Policies and Procedures for Events at Chesterwood*. A non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your wedding date.

Only *Friends of Chesterwood* members at the Benefactor Level of \$250 are eligible to rent the Chesterwood grounds. You may become a member as part of your application deposit. All proceeds help to support this great American treasure of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for future generations.