



MANITOWOC COUNTY
**HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

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SOCIAL AND BUSINESS EVENTS GUIDE





Thank you for considering our Manitowoc County Historical Society Museum and Village for your upcoming event. You can make your day historic with a variety of structures steeped in the past as well as beautiful outdoor spaces.

With our variety of spaces, you'll find the ideal location for any occasion, including wedding and baby showers, anniversaries, birthdays, graduation parties, quinceañeras, family reunions, memorial services, celebrations of life, and more.

Celebrate milestones, engage employees, and educate customers with an event at our Museum and Village. From meeting rooms to our gorgeous outdoor areas, our spaces are perfect for board meetings, business dinners, picnics, seminars, workshops, and so much more.

By sharing your day with our Manitowoc County Historical Society, you're not only making history a central piece of your wedding, you're also supporting our mission to preserve and share the stories of our past.

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HOURLY RENTAL

Hourly rental includes:

- One-hour reservation at \$50 per daytime hour (10 am to 4 pm) and \$100 per evening hour (4 pm to 10 pm)
- Access to electricity
- Tables and chairs customizable set up
- Dedicated staff on site during your rental for venue-related needs
- A chauffeured tram, which holds 5 people, to assist guests with mobility needs to the ceremony venue
- Does not include Museum admission for all your guests the day of your rental – Ask about our Group Tour rates!

GROUP PACKAGE RENTAL

Group package rental includes:

- Four-hour reservation (includes your set up, event time, and tear down)
- Access to electricity
- Tables and chairs customizable set up
- Dedicated staff on site during your rental for venue-related needs
- A chauffeured tram, which holds 5 people, to assist guests with mobility needs to the ceremony venue
- Museum admission for all your guests the day of your rental is included.

RENTAL VENUES



Two Creeks Town Hall

Built in 1893, the Two Creeks Town Hall is a wide open gathering space, perfect for a lecture style set up, a family sit down meal, or a dance. There is a handicap accessible ramp to the front door. The building includes a wood stove for heat, if needed.

Capacity: 80 seated for a plated meal, 60 for a buffet
Availability: May through October
Group Package: \$500



Village Green

Located outside the Niles Church, this rolling green space is bordered by towering trees.

A tent, rented by the organizer, can be put up on the grounds.

Capacity: Tent capacity
Availability: May through October
Group Package: \$400



Niles Community Church

The Niles Church, built in 1896, has been the backdrop for gatherings and wedding celebrations for more than a century. The building features historic pews, a woodstove, and the church bell.

Capacity: 80 seated in the church pews
Availability: May through October
Group Package: \$400



Nennig Dance Pavilion

Built in the 1890s, this century old dance hall features drop down windows and a unique octagon shape. There is a handicap accessible ramp to the front door.

Capacity: 100 seated for a plated meal, 80 for a buffet
Availability: May through October
Group Package: \$700

RECEPTION VENUES—COMING IN SUMMER 2025!



The iconic Meeme House was constructed around 1855 as a stagecoach stop for weary travelers. The building was relocated and restored to resemble its appearance circa 1900. Restrooms can be found inside the space on the first floor. The Meeme House is fully heated and has air-conditioning. The first floor of the historic Meeme House is handicap accessible.



Meeme House – First Floor

The first floor of the Meeme House includes the tavern room and two dining areas: what was considered the public dining room and the family parlor. A catering kitchen can also be found on the first floor.

Capacity: 25 seated plus the bar area
Availability: Year-round
Group Package: \$700



Meeme House – Second Floor

The second floor of the Meeme House features a dance hall and an iconic stage, with hand-painted backdrops. The original bar can also be found in the dance hall.

Capacity: TBD - estimate of 100 seated at round tables, 80 with a buffet
Availability: Year-round
Group Package: \$800



Meeme House Package

Gather at the Meeme House for a full celebration. You'll have access to the first floor tavern room, dining rooms, and the second floor dance hall.

Availability: Year-round
Group Package: \$1,500

Social and Business Rental Contract Information

Rentals may take place from 10 am to 10 pm.

A confirmation of rental venue buildings is due 1 month prior to your rental. A final count and any space layout specifications are due 10 days before the rental date.

Rental Deposit and Fee Payment

A non-refundable rental deposit is required with the signed contract to hold a rental date. The deposit is applicable at the discretion of the Society and is \$100.00. The rental fee is due in full either before or on the day of the contracted event. **Your rental time includes set-up, clean-up, and photography time.** Any outside rented set-up needs may be coordinated outside of this window if approved by Manitowoc County Historical Society staff. There will be a \$25.00 fee assessed for every 15 minutes the rental goes over the rental time, for rehearsal and the day of the wedding. All preparation, decoration, photography, and clean-up must be scheduled to fit in your rental time. Nonprofit organizations may qualify for 50% off the rental costs.

Use of Facilities/Prohibited Activities

The presences of illegal substances, firearms or other weapons on the Society premises are strictly prohibited. The renter, and renter's guests, shall not exhibit or allow nudity, or lewd, lascivious or other behavior that reflects negatively on the Society. The Society reserves the right to cancel any event in which such behavior is exhibited or anticipated, and the renter shall forfeit all fees previously paid to the Society. Any rental equipment, including tables, chairs, linens and/or decorations must be delivered and removed the day of the event unless otherwise authorized. The Society is not responsible for articles left in unattended vehicles. Parking is free and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Smoking is not permitted on the property. Pets are not allowed on the grounds or in buildings at any time.

Decorations

Spreading of real flower petals on the floor is not permitted. You may use fake petals provided they are picked up afterwards. Decorations and aisle runners CANNOT be taped, nailed, thumb-tacked, screwed, pinned or fastened to pews, windows, woodwork, or any church property. Pew decorations such as tied ribbons or hanging bouquets on covered wire are allowed. Confetti or glitter is not permitted. Lit candles or other objects with flames may not be used. Rice, bird seed, flower petals, and other materials may NOT be thrown in or outside under any circumstances.

Guest Transportation

Vehicles are not allowed inside the museum grounds. Guests may park in the main parking lot near the McAllister House Welcome Center. For the convenience of your guests, the Manitowoc County Historical Society will provide a tram golf cart with your rental fee. The cart will be driven by a Manitowoc County Historical Society representative. Cars may not be left at the Village overnight.

Garbage and Recycling

All garbage and recycling needs to be located inside or in a tied bag near a garbage or recycling unit. All boxes need to be torn down and flat for recycling. The green space around the building should be free of any garbage, cans, or recycling materials.

Available Tables and Chairs

The Manitowoc County Historical Society has the following tables and chairs available for you to use during your rental:

100 wooden folding chairs

10 wooden tables (94.5 inches by 29.5 inches)

8 plastic tables (5 feet by 2 feet)

The Meeme House first floor and second floor have separate tables and chairs for rentals.

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