



SEMINARY HILL



WEDDING

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# WELCOME

Seminary Hill is an all-season flexible space that offers a distinctive venue to host your weekend wedding. Located 2 ½ hours northwest of New York City, our holistic apple and pear orchard and working cidery provide breathtaking views of the Catskills and the Delaware River Valley. As Conde Nast Traveller remarked, the setting evokes “James Fenimore Cooper’s America, with a dash of Tuscany.”

We offer both indoor and outdoor settings. You may stage your ceremony on a high ridge overlooking the Delaware River or nestled among the apple and pear trees. You may serve lunch or dinner in our award-winning Tasting Room or our elegant Wedding Tent. Our Executive Chef Jack Tippet has created seasonal catering menus that pair perfectly with our ciders.

Included in the wedding package is the Mountain House and Cottage, sleeping ten guests. Additional lodging for 40 guests is available at the Boarding House and House on Upper Main in Callicoon, the small town just down the hill that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Seminary Hill’s warm professionalism makes this the ideal setting for your wedding!



## A NOTE FROM THE OWNERS



### “Reinventing Tradition”

The inspiration for Seminary Hill comes from Doug’s love for this small corner of the Catskills, where his family on both sides settled five generations ago. They planted apple trees to make their own cider and lived off what they could produce on their small farms. In the summers they welcomed boarders and served them “farm to table” meals decades before the term became fashionable. Doug courted Susan by taking her on visits to his grandparents, and now they together invite you to explore this special corner of the world and to host your friends and families for a wedding as spectacular as the views from the Tasting Room and Mountain House.

**susan & doug**

# ORCHARD



Our 1,500-tree orchard overlooks a former seminary nestled at the bottom of the hill.

In spring, the trees blossom in varied hues of white and pink. In summer, our 60+ varieties of apples and pears ripen on the branches. In fall, vibrant foliage provides a gorgeous backdrop to harvest time.



# CIDERY & TASTING ROOM



Overlooking the orchard, the cidery combines a ground-floor production facility with a top-floor tasting room and event space. The wood inside and outside the cidery is larch reclaimed from the underwater pilings of the old Tappan Zee Bridge.

Distinctively shaped table tops throughout the tasting room are made from oak cleared from the land while building the cidery. Nestled next to the Tasting Room is our 250 person event tent. Whether you stage your event indoors or outdoors, you will have spectacular views of the Delaware River Valley. We can organize special tours of the orchard and cidery for your guests, or you can present your guests with bottles of ciders as mementos of your event.

# MOUNTAIN HOUSE & COTTAGE



Just around the corner from the Orchard and Cidery sit the Mountain House and Cottage (5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms) with stunning views in all directions. Built from timber felled on the property, the houses are simply furnished, with kilim rugs covering the wood floors, a vaulted living room with a fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, washer and dryer, and an herb and vegetable garden. Sitting atop a ridge, the Mountain House & Cottage encompass 65 acres of private land. The winding Delaware River and the rolling hills of the Catskills converge to form breathtaking scenes for photographs and vows. The stone fire pit is the perfect place to watch the sunset.



# MICRO WEDDING

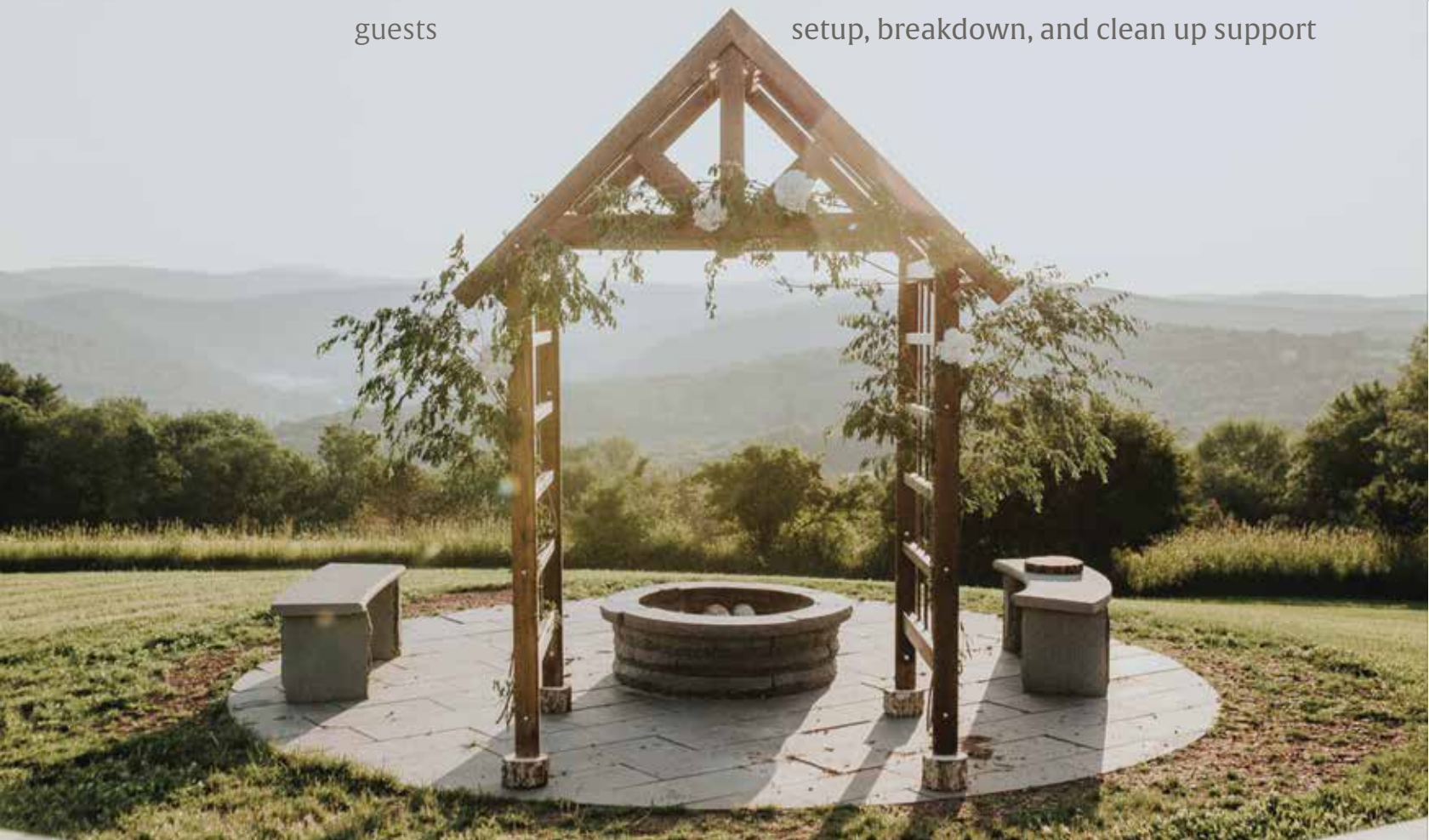
50 person maximum.  
Takes place at the Mountain House and Cottage

## decor & design

- ~Cedar-wood arbor (65”w, 10”h, 65”d)
- ~Ceremony benches for up to 50 guests (8” long fits 5-6 people)
- ~Wood Folding Reception tables 9”x40” and Wood Cross back chairs for up to 50 guests

## other amenities

- ~Two-night stay at The Mountain House & Cottage
- ~Complimentary Bottle of Seminary Hill Cider
- ~Signs and tiki torch lighting
- ~Firepit with extraordinary views
- ~Property Manager to help facilitate setup, breakdown, and clean up support





# TASTING ROOM WEDDING

100 person maximum.

Tasting Room available day of ceremony & reception for a 6 hour event window.

Public will visit lower barn. For total privacy consider buying out the entire property.

## other amenities

- ~Two-night stay at The Mountain House & Cottage
- ~Complimentary Bottle of Seminary Hill Cider
- ~Signs and tiki torch lighting
- ~Lawn Games
- ~ADA accessible bathrooms
- ~Use of baby grand piano
- ~Property Manager to help facilitate setup, breakdown, and clean up support

## decor & design

- ~Cedar-wood arbor (65”w, 10”h, 65”d)
- ~Ceremony benches up to 100 guests (8” long fits 5-6 people)
- ~Wood Folding Reception tables 9”x40” and Wood Cross back chairs for up to 100 guests
- ~Outdoor cocktail tables & Chairs



# TENT WEDDING



## venue

250 person maximum

- ~Tasting Room from 9am to midnight the day of your event, including outdoor stone patio & wooden decks
- ~Reception tent 60'x100 with French window sidewalls, tent lighting, heating/cooling and gray flooring, seating up to 250 guests
  - ~24x30 Dark Maple Dance Floor
  - ~100-amp outlet
  - ~Wireless Internet and Phone Access
  - ~Designated on-site parking
  - ~Use of baby grand piano in Tasting Room
  - ~ADA accessible restrooms

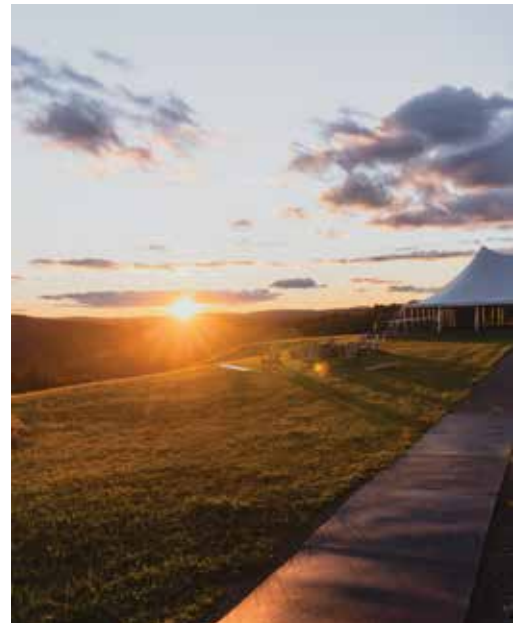
## decor & design

- ~Cedar-wood arbor (65"w, 10"h, 65"d)
- ~Ceremony benches for up to 250 guests ( 2-7" long fits 4-5ppl 36-8" long fits 5-6ppl)
- ~Wood Folding Reception tables 9"x40" and Wood Cross back chairs for up to 250 guests
  - ~8 Wine Barrel Cocktail Tables w/ wooden tops
  - ~10 Auxillary Tables 8"x30"
  - ~4 Auxiliary tables 48"x30"
- ~2 Rectangular Bar Stations with Bar Top 8"x30" with Table Skirting

## other included amenities

- ~Two-night stay at the Mountain House and Cottage
- ~Complimentary Bottle of Seminary Hill Cider
- ~Signs and tiki torch lighting
- ~Lawn Games
- ~Property Manager to help facilitate setup, breakdown, and clean up





# WEDDING RATES

## micro wedding

50 Guests or Less

Peak Season (May-October)	\$7,500+tax
Off Peak (November-April)	\$5,250+tax
Weekday (Mon-Thurs)	\$5,250+tax

## tasting room wedding

100 Guests or less

Peak Season (May-October)	\$12,500+tax
Off Peak (November-April)	\$10,000+tax
Weekday (Mon-Thurs)	\$10,000+tax

## 100-150 guests

Peak Season (May-October)	\$20,000+tax
Off Peak (April)	\$16,000+tax
Weekday (Mon-Thurs)	\$16,000+tax

## 151-200 guests

Peak Season (May-October)	\$23,500+tax
Off Peak (April)	\$18,800+tax
Weekday (Mon-Thurs)	\$18,800+tax

## 201-250 guests

Peak Season (May-October)	\$27,000+tax
Weekday (Mon-Thurs)	\$21,600+tax



\*Professional Wedding Planner Required For All Weddings



# ADD THAT EXTRA SPECIAL TOUCH

Extended Tour of the Orchard and Cidery **\$250++**

Bonfire **\$500++**

Additional night stay **\$700**

## **Party Favors:**

**Bottles of Cider** - Offer your guests our premier cider as a parting gift **\$20 per bottle or a sixtel keg for \$350++**

**Talk to your Wedding Coordinator about a specially designed cocktail for your wedding.**

**Cidery Day of Event Buyout** - Tasting room business will still be open to the public, but will be relocated to our lower barn during your event. This should in no way impact your wedding. Couples who wish for complete closure to the public, have the option to buyout the entire property for an additional **\$5,000++**



# BAR PACKAGES

Seminary Hill has a New York State Farm Winery License so all of our Ciders, Wines, Beers, and Liquors are made and bottled in New York State.

\*Please speak with your Wedding Coordinator to setup your complimentary tasting two weeks prior to your wedding.

## classic

\$30 per person

### SEMINARY HILL CIDERS

Choose 2 from seasonal selection

### WINE

Choose 2 from seasonal selection

### BEER

Choose 2 from seasonal selection

## luxury

\$60 per person

### SEMINARY HILL CIDERS

Choose 2 from seasonal selection

### WINE & BEER

Choose 2 wines and beers from seasonal selection

### LIQUOR

Choose 1 of each seasonal selection

## BAR STANDARDS

Club Soda, Tonic  
Lemons, Limes  
Cranberry & Orange Juice  
Ginger Beer, Coca-Cola  
Products

## LIQUOR STANDARDS

Vodka  
Gin  
Bourbon  
Whiskey

Add A Speciality Cocktail for \$12pp

Non-alcoholic beverages including coffee and tea.  
Pricing does not include 8% Sales Tax or 20% gratuity.



# DELAWARE

This menu is for fall and subject to farm availability. Spring and summer menus will take advantage of seasonal ingredients.

## stationed cocktail hour

Fried Chicken Skins, Buttermilk Dressing

Kohlrabi and Apple Salad

Charcuterie and Cheese

Chicken Liver Mousse, Preserved Cranberries

Crispy Sunchokes, Aioli

## family style dinner

2 Seasonal Vegetable Sides

Market Greens, Honey Vinaigrette

Snowdance Farms Chicken, Chicken Skin Gravy

Grilled Cabbage, Herbs, Mushroom Rouille

Baked Apples, Vanilla Custard

\$70 Per Person

Pricing does not include 8% Sales Tax or 20% gratuity.  
All menus are subject to farm and seasonal availability.

# ORCHARD

This menu is for fall and subject to farm availability. Spring and summer menus will take advantage of seasonal ingredients.

## stationed cocktail hour

Fried Chicken Skins, Buttermilk Dressing

Kohlrabi and Apple Salad

Charcuterie and Cheese

Chicken Liver Mousse, Preserved Cranberries

Crispy Sunchokes, Aioli

## family style dinner

3 Seasonal Vegetable Sides

Market Greens, Honey Vinaigrette

Snowdance Farms Chicken, Chicken Skin Gravy

Vension Sausage

Roasted Squash, Brown Butter, Pumpkin Seeds

Grilled Cabbage, Herbs, Mushroom Rouille

Baked Apples, Vanilla Custard

\$90 Per Person

Pricing does not include 8% Sales Tax or 20% gratuity.

All menus are subject to farm and seasonal availability.



# SEMINARY

This menu is for fall and subject to farm availability. Spring and summer menus will take advantage of seasonal ingredients.

## stationed cocktail hour

Fried Chicken Skins, Buttermilk Dressing  
Kohlrabi and Apple Salad  
Charcuterie and Cheese  
Chicken Liver Mousse, Preserved Cranberries  
Crispy Sunchokes, Aioli  
Sourdough Fritters

## family Style dinner

5 Seasonal Vegetable Sides  
Market Greens, Honey Vinaigrette  
Snowdance Farms Chicken, Chicken Skin Gravy  
Steelhead Trout, Melted Leeks, Whey  
Grilled Pork Collar, Onions, Cider Jus  
Roasted Squash, Brown Butter, Pumpkin Seeds  
Grilled Cabbage, Herbs, Mushroom Rouille  
Baked Apples, Vanilla Custard

\$120 Per Person

Pricing does not include 8% Sales Tax or 20% gratuity.  
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# OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

## boarding house

Our Boarding House is a modern interpretation of a classic Catskills Boarding House. Two painstakingly restored buildings encompass 8 units ranging from one to four bedrooms.



Nov. 1 - Apr. 30

May 1 - Oct. 31

1 Bd Apt3	\$240	\$275
1 Bd Apt6	\$300	\$345
2 Bd Apt1	\$325	\$375
2 Bd Apt5	\$325	\$375
2 Bd Apt2	\$355	\$405
2 Bd Apt4	\$355	\$405
3 Bd Apt8	\$485	\$555
4 Bd Apt 7	\$535	\$610

# HOUSE ON UPPER MAIN



The House at 52 Upper Main has all the signature Seminary Hill touches--wood floors, old kilim rugs, its own library, linen sheets and comforters, and superb coffee! The recently updated house has an eat-in kitchen and dining room, living room, and full bath downstairs, with three bedrooms (queen- or full-size beds) and another full bath upstairs. The back yard has its own fire pit, a dog run, and a beautiful stone wall. Next door is the old school house, and the Boarding House and downtown Callicoon are within walking distance.

Nov. 1 - Apr. 30  
\$535

May 1 - Oct, 31  
\$610



# PREFERRED VENDORS

## accommodations

### Within Walking Distance of Boarding

#### House:

A & R Hacienda in Callicoon  
Martin Hermman House  
Red Cottage (Gables)

#### Within 10 Miles

Bethel Pasture Farms B & B  
Riverbend House  
Paradise in the Catskills  
Silent G Farm  
Old Campbell Place  
The Hubert House  
The Inn at Tyler Hill  
Old Cambell Place Red Cottage  
Villa Roma Resort

#### Over 10 Miles

Cranberry Pond House  
Resorts Worlds Catskills

NOTE: The wedding business in the Catskills is growing quickly, and we encourage you to book your rooms as soon as possible, since guests from other venues nearby will be competing for the same bookings.

## beverage/bar rentals

Hudson Trailer Co  
Le Grand Triage

## cakes

The Neon Croissant  
The Bakery

The Cakery  
Newburgh Flour Shop

## catering

Early Bird Cookery  
Family Farms Northeast  
Harvest Real Food Catering  
Hickory BBQ  
Neversink General Store /  
Nosh Food Truck  
Peppino's  
Victoria's Catering

## dj's

74 Events  
Adam Morehouse / DJ  
Concrete and Water  
DJ Tommy B  
Laces  
Much Music by DJ Larry Mulligan

## event lighting & av

Collaboration Productions

## floral

Earth Girl Flowers  
Hillside Greenhouse  
Ohanah Event Styling & Floral Design  
Sugar Blossom Flowers  
Willow Wisp Farm

## hair & makeup

Karen Neblun & Annette Leight  
KMR Makeup  
Patricia DiPaolo

# PREFERRED VENDORS

## officiant

H. John Kramer

## party supplies

Events Unlimited

H Smith & Co

Rent E-vent

Rustic Charm Vintage Rentals

Rhineback Party Rentals

## photo / videography

Peter Crosby Photography

Jerome Jakubiec

Erik Christian Photography

Skye Conner

Daphne Laput Photography

Wedding Click

Wanderbus Photo Both

Le Image Inc.

## transportation

Callicoon Taxi

Catskill Carriage

Coach USA

Rolling V

## weekend activities

Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting

Callicoon Walking Tours

Resorts Worlds Gaming &

Casino Resort

Yoga -Rebecca Rosa

## wellness & nutrition

Bride & Bliss Hannah Sender

## wedding planners

\*Required

Bethany Pickard

Kayce Drasher

Kelley Ward

Stacey Thorp

## QUESTIONS

### **what is the timing for my wedding?**

Amplified music must be turned off by 10pm. Wedding must end by midnight.

### **do you have any guidelines concerning departures?**

We love seeing final departure photos. However, to ensure the safety of your guests and our environment we do not allow fireworks of any kind, sparklers, confetti, glitter, streamers, sky/wish lanterns.

### **do you allow pets on property?**

Yes. All guests bringing pets must sign the Seminary Hill Pet Agreement, affirming that they agree to all pet policies and are personally responsible for their pet, including any liability arising from their pets' actions. Please note Seminary Hill has the right to refuse any pet at its discretion for any reason excluding certified service dogs/pets. Only certified service dogs are allowed in our Tasting Room.

### **do i need event / vendor insurance?**

Seminary Hill will provide event insurance. However, your vendors will need to provide proof of their own liability policies.

### **do you allow decorations?**

Yes. We welcome decorations. Speak to your wedding and event coordinator for more details.

### **can we bring our own alcohol?**

No, you can choose from our bar services or inquire with your licensed caterer for purchasing and serving alcohol.

### **can our caterer use the tasting room kitchen?**

Please speak to your wedding coordinator. If your caterer will need to use the kitchen, we require an additional \$500 security deposit for kitchen use.

### **will the tasting room be open to the public on the day of our wedding?**

The tasting room business will remain open to the public, but will be relocated to our lower barn as to not interfere with your wedding. If you wish to have the lower barn closed, you must pay an additional \$5,000. Please note the maximum capacity of the tasting room is 100 guests for the tasting room and it closes at midnight during weddings.



# QUESTIONS

## **how much time is allowed for set up / clean up?**

You can begin setting up as early as 9am on the day of your event, unless other arrangements are agreed upon prior to the event.

All items must be removed / picked up by 10am the day after your event, unless other arrangements are agreed upon prior to the event. A fee will be applied if this rule is not followed.

## **what is the timing for a ceremony rehearsal?**

A ceremony rehearsal can be hosted prior to your wedding. All rehearsals must be completed by 5:00pm.

## **what is the payment schedule?**

You will have 10 days from the date the contract is issued to sign and return the agreement along with the refundable security deposit \$500 and initial 25% deposit. The remaining balance is due 6 months prior to the event.

## **what is the security deposit?**

This is to cover potential damage by your guests and will be refundable in ten (10) business days following the event. If any damages have occurred, you will be notified and we will bill you for any repairs over and above the deposit.





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