



## Your Meeting

### For Business, Outside of the Business Setting

The DCA Meadowlands has a variety of functional spaces to suit your conference or business needs. The Garden Wing offers a large space for product launches, awards ceremonies, and lectures. Welcome cocktails and evening get-togethers can be orchestrated within the formal garden, followed by dinner in the elegant McKitterick Room. Our boardroom is designed for smaller meetings, presentations and corporate retreats.

A range of audio visual equipment is available. Rental of the Garden Wing includes use of a built-in sound system that plays music from your iPhone or CD, and a 12 foot mounted screen with projector and laptop for presentations. Throughout the mansion, a portable screen with projector/laptop for presentations is available. Free wireless Internet is also accessible throughout the first floor.

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# Welcome



The Darien  
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## Catered Events at the DCA Meadowlands



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## Your Wedding

### An Elegant Estate for Your Special Day

As you consider the ideal setting for your wedding, we invite you to make the historic mansion and gardens of the DCA Meadowlands your own.

Our Regency-style estate is situated on eight acres of land, with appealing lawns and borders. The historic formal garden, with fountain and colorful flower beds, provides a gorgeous stage for your ceremony. A secret garden is a special retreat for a small gathering, or wedding party photos. Inside the mansion, a private, second floor bridal suite offers an oversized mirror, and a glimpse of guests in the formal garden below. The grand staircase lets photographers capture the perfect shot as you descend. Light-filled first floor rooms with unique period details have views into the garden, while the Garden Wing offers a stage and ample seating space for your formal dinner and celebration.

Imagine your wedding at the DCA Meadowlands.



## Your Celebration

### From Cocktails in the Garden to Formal Dinners

Lush landscape, beautifully-appointed rooms with garden views, and a stately mansion make an elegant backdrop for a wide variety of events, from casual to formal.

Outdoor cocktail parties are gorgeous affairs when held in the formal garden; this enchanting space is also ideal for your anniversary or birthday party. The Garden Wing offers a built-in stage for dance or musical performances, and is frequently used for formal dinners. The McKitterick Room is a favorite for afternoon teas, as well as bridal showers and smaller gatherings. Rent the entire house for a larger event, to expand into a variety of rooms: perfect to showcase an assortment of activities, a holiday boutique, or fundraiser, with separate areas for a silent auction, cocktails and entertainment.

Need help envisioning where your celebration fits best? Our Catered Events Coordinator can help.



## Our History

### From Another Era

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the DCA Meadowlands has a charming history. It was built in the late 1800s, a Victorian-style mansion nestled atop 52 acres of farmland, by a New York City wholesale grocer and his wife, Frank and Mary Green. In 1930 the property was purchased by James and Alice Stark, who remodeled the home in the elegant Regency style that exists today. At the same time they commissioned Ellen Biddle Shipman - a premier landscape architect of the early twentieth century - to design a classic formal garden.

The house remained a private residence until 1949, when it and the surrounding eight acres were purchased by the Darien Community Association (DCA), a non-profit established in 1923. Over the years the DCA has expanded the mansion, adding the Garden Wing and commercial kitchen to accommodate large groups, updating decor in line with its history, and renovating facilities.

## Property Features

### Offering a variety of options

The DCA Meadowlands is a 15,000 square foot Regency-style estate on eight acres of land.

### Features include:

- Air-conditioned Garden Wing accommodating up to 150 seated guests, with attached commercial kitchen
- Enclosed historic formal garden with graceful fountain and colorful borders
- Light-filled dining room with hand-painted murals in line with the building's history, and adjacent auxiliary kitchen
- Lillian Gade boardroom with space for 24 attendees in comfortable chairs
- Several other beautifully-decorated room options for smaller gatherings or meetings
- Bridal suite for wedding parties
- View of the formal garden from all rooms
- Newly-renovated bathrooms
- Secret Garden for smaller events or photos
- Four acre bird sanctuary with easy walking trails for an afternoon stroll

### Catering

Clients have a choice of caterer; a list of preferred caterers is available upon request. Catered events include the use of DCA-owned tables, chairs, china, flatware and coffee urns (inventory details are available). Only one event is held each day when the entire house is rented.

### Contact us

For further information or a tour of the estate, please contact our Catered Events Coordinator at [events@dariendca.org](mailto:events@dariendca.org) or 203-655-9050 extension 12. View additional photos and testimonials at [dariendca.org](http://dariendca.org).