

# Photography & Videography Policy



## Personal/Professional Sessions - \$75

The fee of \$75 includes 1 hour for 5 people, including photographers, assistants, and clients. You may use any outdoor garden space for your photographs. If your needs exceed 1 hour or 5 people, or you require the use of the Farmhouse, please contact the Venue Coordinator for pricing/information.

### Examples of Personal/Professional Sessions:

1. Any paid photographer taking photos of the Garden or of a person/family for personal use
2. Family portraits/photoshoot - even if taken by an amateur photographer or family member

## Photography Memberships

Those who wish to use the grounds for photography are encouraged to join as Photography Members for a yearly rate of \$250. This will eliminate per session fees. Membership must be current and renewed annually. Sessions must still be reserved by calling venue coordinator or scheduling online.

## Commercial Sessions

Contact Venue Coordinator for Commercial Photography information **(706) 412-5307** or [rentalscbg@gmail.com](mailto:rentalscbg@gmail.com)

## Reservations

**Reservations are required for photography sessions.** Sessions may be rescheduled but refunds are not permitted. *Receipt of payment for a one-time session must be available to show CBG staff at the time of the photography session, should staff request.*

No unauthorized photography sessions are allowed at any time on Garden property. As stated above, a fee is required for all personal, professional and commercial photography sessions that are not part of a contracted private event taking place at the Garden. This includes, but is not limited to, homecoming and prom photos, engagement photos, wedding/bridal photos, business marketing, headshots, and family portraits that are not part of an event booked at the Garden. All contracted Columbus Botanical Garden brides are welcomed and encouraged to take photos at the garden free of charge prior to their wedding to include engagement, save the date, and bridal portraits so long as the session is scheduled and approved in advance.

## Photography during Private Events

Photography sessions are not scheduled during private events. Photography sessions of any type are not allowed during private events. CBG reserves the right to deny access to the grounds for photography purposes to anyone (including members), if the photography session conflicts with scheduled events. Those renting the grounds for special events receive priority.

**To book a Photography Session, call (706) 327-8400**

**ext. 00 or email [visitorservicecbg@gmail.com](mailto:visitorservicecbg@gmail.com)**

## PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

- Entry into flowerbeds or plant displays is not allowed. Do not block entrances, pathways, or Garden areas for use by others in any way. **Please remain on pathways and grassy turf at all times. This includes photographer, equipment, client(s), and props**
- Props must be pre approved at time of scheduling the photography session. Any prop must NOT cause damage to the garden grounds in any way.
- **NO GLITTER, BALLOONS, CONFETTI, SMOKE BOMBS, DRONES** or anything that leaves debris and/or causes damage. Photographers will be charged a cleanup fee of no less than \$75 for any damage caused by them or their clients.
- Re-location of benches or any outdoor furniture/fixtures is prohibited. Do not disturb or remove plants, plant labels, or containers.
- **All of the above rules and guidelines are applicable to videography as well as photography.**

*By booking a photo session with Columbus Botanical Garden you acknowledge that you have read and will comply with our policies.*

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