

ST. MARY'S



ART CENTER



Photograph by Joe Curtis

2025 WEDDING & SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS BROCHURE

A PICTURESQUE COMSTOCK HISTORIC LANDMARK



Photograph Courtesy of Lauren Jaslow

The historic 1876 former hospital is a thriving art center with many different ways to enjoy the venue.

Relax at picnic tables, enjoy the views and shade, or taking a turn playing horseshoes.

Enjoy views of Sugarloaf Mountain, wildlife, and beautiful views of historic Virginia City.

Stunning wildlife, including birds, deer, and wild horses, often choose to grace St. Mary's Art Center.



Photograph Courtesy of Mary Donaldson

HISTORIC INDOOR & OUTDOOR VENUE



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A GRAND FRONT PORCH

The shaded front porch is a charming and welcoming covered location for a ceremony, grand walk to a wedding on the front grounds, or as a relaxation space.

The porch is located on the west side of the second floor with views of the grounds and upper streets of town and Mount Davidson.

Watch the sun set, town lights sparkle, and enjoy refreshments, lounging, live music, and ceremonies.



Photograph Courtesy of Pura Vida Sierras Art



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ELEGANT FRONT GROUNDS

Tucked away from the main street with a stunning background of Virginia City and Mount Davidson, our venue offers a view unlike any other in town. The open front grounds offer flexibility for the perfect ceremony or event.

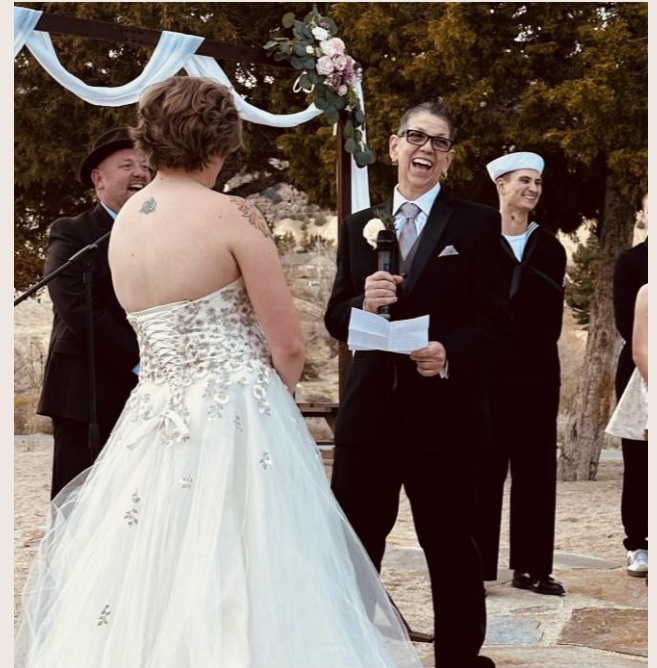
This beautiful property offers ample acreage while still close enough to enjoy the thriving historic landmark district.



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FLAGSTONE WALKWAY & CEREMONY CIRCLE



Photograph Courtesy of Pura Vida Sierras Art

A grand flagstone path leads the wedding party and guests to a ceremony circle with a beautiful Virginia City backdrop. The seating arrangements may be adjusted to create different focal points or scenes, as desired.



Photographs Courtesy of the Gould Family



STUNNING BALCONY VIEWS

The balcony accommodates up to 28 people for an intimate ceremony, tossing a bouquet, romantic dance floor, lounge area, or the perfect photo opportunity.

Tables and chairs or patio furniture provide options for different functions.



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Photograph Courtesy of Beth Gambrall Day

A ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE

Walk down the main staircase for a regal entrance straight onto the balcony for an intimate ceremony, or from either staircase for an indoor ceremony in the art studio. We offer officiating services and multiple places throughout the property for an intimate microwedding.



Photograph Courtesy of Pura Vida Sierras Art



Photographs Courtesy of Paula Burris



UNIQUE INDOOR CEREMONY, CELEBRATION & ENTERTAINMENT SPACES



- ❖ 6 ART GALLERIES
- ❖ ART STUDIO
- ❖ THEATRE
- ❖ LIBRARY
- ❖ GRAND STAIRCASE



ART STUDIO & EVENT SPACE

This is the largest indoor space and has beautiful eastern, southern, and western lighting.

The art studio is warm and welcoming with original floors, customizable party lighting, and eclectic, artsy décor and patina.

Occupancy ranges based on use, with a maximum capacity of 53 depending upon use and layout.



Photographs Courtesy of Pura Vida Sierras Art and the Gould Family



Photograph Courtesy of the Gould Family

VERSATLE CHARM



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Photographs Courtesy of Storey County

LAYOUT OPTIONS

Outside of the art studio is a long hallway showcasing the Nevada Gallery which features a portion of our permanent art collection. This is a great space for catering, drink stations, and mingling.

Grandma Tootsie's dining table is also located at the end of this space for a small or extended serving area or gift table.

A piano alcove leads to the balcony offering space for a gift or cake table, musicians, or warm entrance to a balcony ceremony, bouquet toss, lounging, or photo opportunities.



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Photograph Courtesy of Storey County



Photograph Courtesy of The Bailey Family

FINE ART GALLERIES

St. Mary's Art Center is filled with fine art, including contemporary seasonal exhibitions and our diverse permanent collection.

Our collections and exhibitions provide unique ceremony and photo opportunities, adding color and inspiring conversation and reflection.

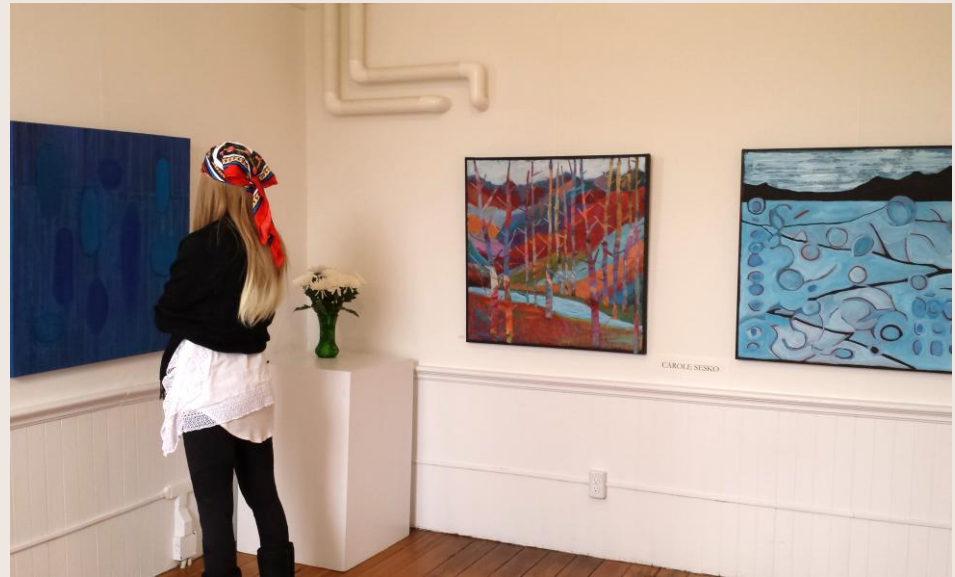


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Artwork by Nancy Good*

FOUR FLOORS OF FINE ART & HISTORY

With 13,000 square feet and four levels, St. Mary's Art Center showcases an impressive collection of art and historical exhibition. The first floor has seasonal exhibitions while the others feature our permanent collection and historical exhibitions.

Wander the halls and galleries and experience the history and 61 years of creativity throughout the building.



*Photograph by Pura Vida Sierras Art
Artwork by Carol Sesko*



*Photograph by Pura Vida Sierras Art
Artwork by Larry Williamson & Others*



Photograph and Artwork by Nancy Good

RELAX SURROUNDED BY ART & ANTIQUES

There are a variety of spaces to enjoy conversation or step away for a moment to relax throughout our four floors. Along with the Mimi Patrick Library and seating vignettes throughout the building, the Post Gallery also provides a charming lounge space.



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Artwork by Nancy Good*



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Artwork by Pam Brekas*



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HISTORIC STAIRCASES

The 4-story property has two staircases for traversing between the floors. Make a grand ascent or descent from the main staircase or create an intimate scene from the smaller staircase and charming stair landing vignettes.

The stairs are a wonderful photo opportunity for intimate captures or larger groups.



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THE INTIMATE LOUISE CURRAN THEATRE

Seating 23 people, this charming theatre includes vintage loveseats and stunning 1938 theatre seats from the former Virginia City Theatre.

Get married, renew your vows, sing karaoke, watch personal streaming services, movies, or share personal slideshows to commemorate the occasion.

- ❖ Speakers
- ❖ Projection Screen
- ❖ Projector
- ❖ Television w/DVD Player
- ❖ Computer with Internet Access to Personal Streaming Services, Slideshows, and Videos



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RELAX IN THE MIMI PATRICK ART LIBRARY & LOUNGE

A warm, inviting space with a vintage 1876 quilt and an eclectic collection of arts-related books located on our top floor, the library and lounge offers space to relax, read a book, or perhaps listen to a beautiful acoustical performance.



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AN EXCLUSIVE DESTINATION EXPERIENCE

Experience a one-of-a-kind historic venue to enjoy your wedding ceremony, reception, or party with 15 charming guest rooms and multiple entertainment spaces.

Private parking and other amenities offer a truly rare opportunity for privacy and convenience.

- ❖ 7 Queen Single Rooms
- ❖ 3 Full Single Rooms
- ❖ 3 Full Double Rooms
- ❖ 2 Twin Double Rooms

Please Note: The property currently does not have an elevator at this time. An ADA ramp is available.

As a former 1876 Hospital, our guest rooms do not have ensuite bathrooms.

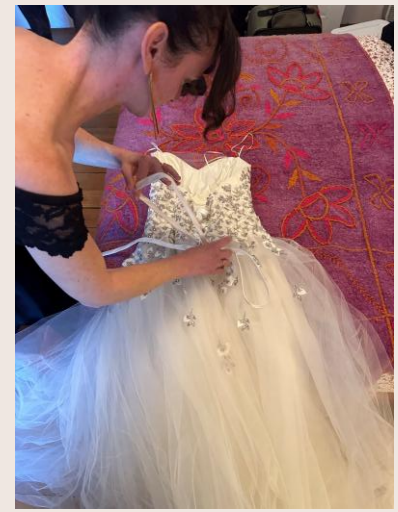


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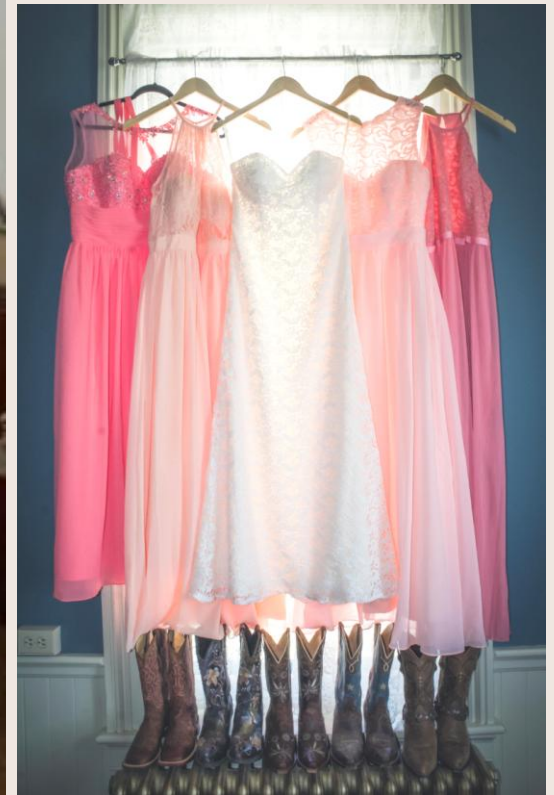
PRIVATE GUEST ROOMS & CHANGING SPACES



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CREATE YOUR VISION

Our venue is a beautiful historic location with open areas to create your own vision.

A two-piece copper-colored arch and variety of centerpieces are available for use and decoration, or couples are welcome to bring their own.

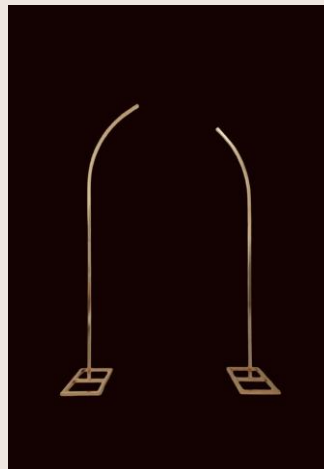
We offer matte gold folding chairs and light grey fabric chair covers, avoiding the need for off-site rentals and deliveries.

Caterers are welcome at the art center and may use the south kitchen to store and prepare the servings. This is not a commercial kitchen for actual cooking but does have a large refrigerator.

Food trucks with generators are allowed on-site in specific locations, please inquire.



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Arch Frame



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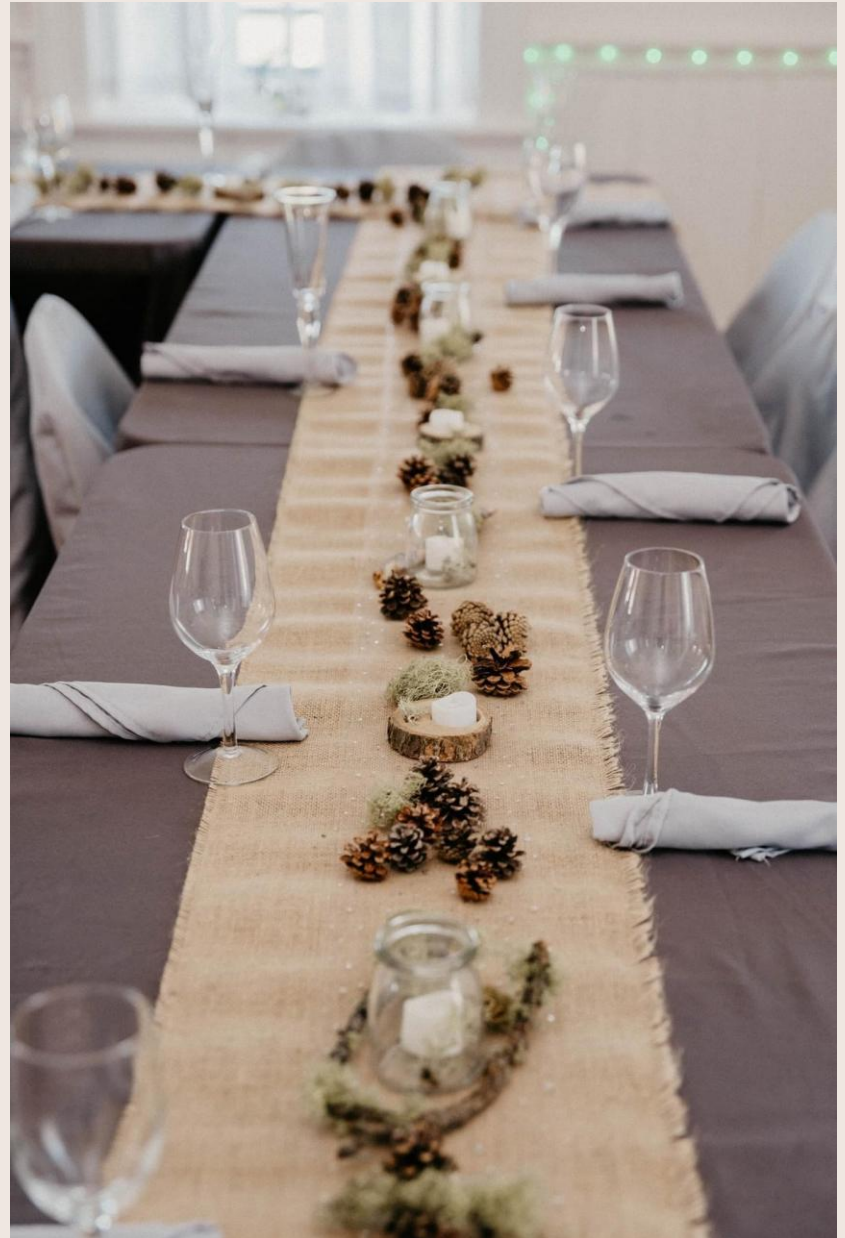
FURNISHINGS, LINENS, SERVING, & TABLEWARE

As a nod to our heritage in Nevada as the “Silver State” and our incredible history of the Comstock Lode, we offer light gray café tablecloths, seat covers, and napkins. Dark gray tablecloths provide interest and contrast for larger rectangular tables. The neutral yet complimentary color pallet is as a great backdrop for your personalized décor.

Clear vintage glass plates, punch bowls, cups, wine glasses, and mixed flatware provide simple, warm convenience for serving your guests.

Large-capacity beverage dispensers, chafing dishes, white and silver serving platters, and more are also available.

Inquire about included and add-on options.



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MULTIPLE KITCHEN & DINING OPTIONS

Two Kitchen Options Available for Catering or Self-Prepared Meals:

- ❖ South Kitchen - Ideal for catering and food storage with large cooler, residential microwave, range, oven, small appliances, and everyday cookware, dishes and flatware.
- ❖ North Kitchen – Ideal for Serving and Dining, including residential refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, oven, and range.

Multiple Dining Options Available on three floors: Kitchens, Front Porch, Art Studio, Balcony, Grandma Tootsie's Dining Table, or Annabelle Shelly Gallery



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GUEST SUPPORT & ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We are a small team offering inclusive, welcoming hospitality, taking great pride in our historic property and own diversity.

Enjoy a private and charming experience with family and friends. Our Caretakers reside in the cottage behind the main building and will provide daily support to our guests and the property.

Please inquire about specific guest services offered.

We offer the following additional services:

- ❖ Changing Rooms for Day Rentals
- ❖ Licensed Officiant Services
- ❖ Parking Control
- ❖ Additional Cleaning Services
- ❖ Art Instruction
- ❖ Private Tours
- ❖ Private Paranormal Investigations

While we do not offer event planning, set up and take down services, we do have lists of local or area businesses which may be just the right fit for your needs, including:

- ❖ Officiants
- ❖ Photographers
- ❖ Caterers
- ❖ Musicians
- ❖ DJs
- ❖ Local Restaurants & Bars



*St. Mary's Art Center Executive Director & Optional Wedding Officiant
Photograph by Paula Burris*

OTHER AMENITIES

TECHNOLOGY:

A complimentary Sonos system provides speakers to play music throughout the four floors and may be operated by individuals.

Free WIFI is available onsite along with internet access in the theatre for streaming services, presentation access, or playing personal slideshows.

GAMES:

Play a game of horseshoe in our horseshoe pit or games in the library. Enjoy a picnic or outdoor catered meals at our picnic tables or enjoy the sun in colorful beach chairs.

ART:

Interested in creating a bit of art with an instructor or on your own? Please inquire.

SHOPPING:

Fancy a souvenir or one-of-a-kind special gift? In addition to the 1st floor art exhibitions which are for sale, we also offer access to our Artisan Gallery & Gift Shop with beautiful items, many exclusively available, by local and regional artisans.

Artisan Gallery & Gift Shop

PRIVATE TOURS:

Please inquire if you would like a private tour of this former hospital for you and your guests.

PARANORMAL:

Private investigations with Women Investigating Ghost Sightings may be available for an additional fee.

SHUTTLE:

The Virginia City Shuttle operates within town Friday-Sunday on a regular schedule (some exceptions apply). St. Mary's Art Center is one of the stops. The shuttle is typically redirected during our private rentals but may be included if desired. There is no fee for utilizing the shuttle.



2025-2026 RATES

A Stunning Sanctuary & Venue for
50 Person Maximum Weddings & Celebrations



Photograph by Honey Coughlin

- ❖ Overnight Property Rentals: \$3,000.00/Night + 10% Storey County Room Tax
- ❖ 12-Hour Day Property Rentals: \$2,000.00/Day
- ❖ Cleaning Fee: \$250 Minimum
- ❖ Additional Hours for Late Check-In/Out: \$150.00/Hour
- ❖ On-Site Parking Control: \$40/Hour Per Person

Excluded: (may not be an exhaustive list)

- ❖ Security Deposit
- ❖ Private Event Insurance
- ❖ Bar or Catering Services
- ❖ Event Set Up/Break Down
- ❖ Add-On Serving Equipment and Wine Glasses: Please inquire
- ❖ Other Add-On Items
- ❖ 3% Credit Card Convenience Fee for Deposits and Rental Fees

WHO WE ARE



*Louise Curran, Founding Director of St. Mary's Art Center with the vision to convert the former hospital into a thriving art center.
Article by Willa Oldham, Nevada Appeal*

OUR MISSION:

“To build upon our art and cultural achievement by nurturing and supporting artists, strengthening existing cultural programs throughout the region and introducing new ventures that will enable us to continue as a vibrant arts destination with strong links to our unique history.”

St. Mary's Art Center is a welcoming arts and culture cornerstone in Northern Nevada. The magical historic former hospital property is full of life and stories, 61 years of which have been dedicated to our own work and home to hundreds of art and writing retreats, private rentals, and events.

Our women-led staff and board manage all aspects of the business, property, and programming as a small but mighty team. The dedicated 4-person staff and 5-person board of trustees, along with amazing volunteers, work diligently to provide exceptional arts and culture programming and preserve the historic property.

The diverse team is also a family with a deep commitment to fulfilling our mission to advocate for the arts and artists. The artists, writers, and many creatives in Nevada and surrounding area are phenomenal and it is our pleasure to help the public experience their work through our programming and ventures such as our private rental program.

Thank you for supporting the arts and preservation of this historic property. We welcome everyone to experience the wonder of St. Mary's Art Center.

MEMBERSHIPS & OFFERINGS



Liz Huntington Photography

Celebrating 61 years of service, we are the longest operating 501(c)3 nonprofit in Storey County. Your support enables us to continue our mission elevating the arts and preserving this majestic 1876 property.

Please support the arts, historic preservation, and learn about the benefits and perks of a St. Mary's Art Center membership.

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Our programs are funded in part by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, Storey County, Google Ad Grant, other grant opportunities, and the support of our donors and members.



CONTACT US

Thank you for considering St. Mary's Art Center as a destination venue.

Our historic venue is unlike any other and we look forward to meeting you.

Please contact us with questions or to book a tour.

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For additional photographs of the property, please visit our Gallery of Spaces page [here](#).



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