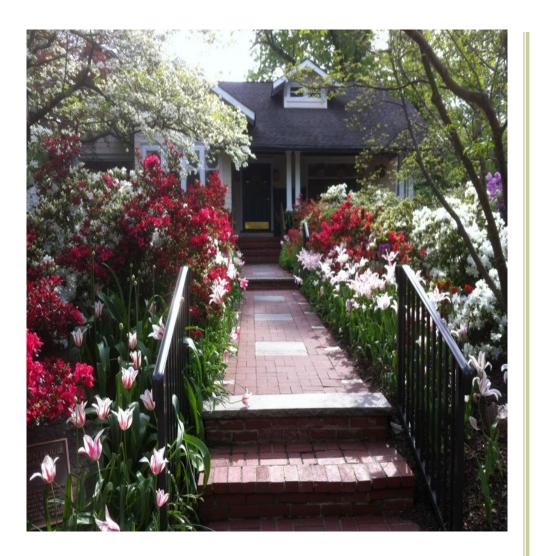


SAYEN HOUSE & GARDENS



A House Uncommon....an intimate alternative to traditional rental venues



"A little hour well filled, a little field well tilled.....are great riches"

-Frederick Sayen

Weddings

Showers

Birthday Parties

And much more!!

Special points of interest:

- Beautiful setting amongst
 30 acres of picturesque
 botanical gardens
- Charming 1912 Bungalow style home
- Conveniently located in central New Jersey just minutes from major highway



(609) 890-3874



Welcome to the Sayen House & Gardens

The Sayen House & Gardens was created by Frederick Sayen, an avid gardener who traveled the world. In 1912, he purchased a 30 acre parcel of land not far from the family rubber mill in Hamilton Square, NJ. He built a bungalow style home and surrounded it with plants and flowers acquired while he traveled the world. His collection includes species from China, Japan, and England, many of which are still flourishing today!! There are more than 1,000 azaleas and nearly 500 rhododendrons thriving under the vigilant care of the dedicated Sayen Gardens groundskeepers. Spring unveils a magnificent display of color and beauty with more then 250,000 flowering bulbs, as well as dogwood trees, heirloom azaleas and rhododendrons. Mother's Day marks the Sayen Garden's Annual Azalea Festival. Throughout the year, annual and perennial displays fill the gardens with splendor, highlighting the many walking trails, fish ponds and gazebos that permeate the grounds.

Situated in historic Hamilton Square, Sayen House & Gardens provides a welcomed sanctuary for nature lovers, garden enthusiasts and history buffs alike. With nature's background providing breath-taking surrounding scenery, the Sayen House is available for a variety of functions and gatherings, including; wedding receptions, bar & bat mitzvahs, private parties, holiday parties, showers, luncheons, and business meetings. The Sayen House can accommodate up to 98 guests for your event. Caterers are available to accommodate the most discriminating palate.



The Sayen House













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The Gardens



















Sayen House Rental Fees

Thank you for your interest in the Sayen House and Gardens for your next event! The nearby ponds, bridges and gazebos make the grounds an ideal location for your outside ceremony and innumerable photo opportunities!

Weddings (5 hours):

Hamilton Township Resident: \$550.00

Non Resident: \$1,000.00

The rental fee is for one hour in the Temple Gardens for your

Ceremony & Photos and a 4 hour Reception. Please contact caterers for menu options.

Showers (4 hours):

Hamilton Township Resident: \$400.00

Non Resident: \$450.00

All Other Events (4 hours):

Hamilton Township Resident: \$450.00

Non Resident: \$550.00

Ceremony | Wedding Photos Only-Permit Fee (1 Hour):

Hamilton Township Resident: \$125.00

Non-Resident: \$200.00

Wedding Photos Only - Permit Fee (1 Hour):

Hamilton Township Resident: \$100.00

Non-Resident: \$150.00

SAYEN HOUSE CATERING SERVICES

The Sayen House is excited to offer you two exceptional catering services. These vendors are dedicated to providing the highest quality of food and the highest level of professional service to our clients. They will work with you to customize your menus that reflect your tastes and budget!

Please contact them directly for menu options and to set up your taste testing today!

D & D Catering:

Www.dndcaters.com

Phone: (609) 586-0883 Ask for Debbie or Don

Email: danddcatering@aol.com

Mafalda's Restaurant:

Www.mafaldasrestaurantandcatering.com

Phone: (609) 587-5800

Email: Donna Severino, Catering Manager at

Sevie01@msn.com or (609) 915-6131

NJ Weddings & Events:

 $www. NJWeddings And\ Events. com$

Phone: (609) 585-2461 Ask for Rosa or

Email: Beth Giglio, Catering Manager at: bethgiglio@gmail.com







Frequently Ask Questions....

The following list of questions and answers will help you navigate through your location search for your special event:

Q. What is included in the rental fee?

- A. Tables (6/per table, 48 inches in diameter), padded resin chairs, basic white linens, choice of color napkins, all dinnerware, glassware, silverware and two high chairs if needed. We also have a ice machine for your beverages!
- Q. When is the payment due?
- A. Once you have decided on the Sayen House for your event, payment in full is required in order to reserve your date. When payment is received, a contract will be mailed out to you. Please read, sign, make a copy for your records and return the <u>original</u> to the Sayen House Program Coordinator.
- Q. Do you except cash?
- No. Payment is only accepted in the form of a
- A. personal check or money order. Make checks payable to the: "Township of Hamilton" and mail directly to the Sayen House at: 155 Hughes Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690. In the memo part of your check, please put the date of your event. Please DO NOT send the check "certified".
- Q. Is my payment refundable?
- A. If your event is canceled, you will be refunded the total amount if notified in writing 90 days <u>prior</u> to your event. If you cancel <u>less</u> than 90 days, then you will forfeit the entire reservation payment. Deposit/Rental fee is non-transferable.
- Q. Do I have to utilize one of your caterers?
- A. Yes. They are in a contractual agreement with Hamilton Township.
- Q. Can I bring my own cake/desserts?
- A. Yes, or you can go through the caterer that you have chosen. If bringing your own cake, it must be dropped off the day of your event.
- Q. How many guests can the Sayen House accommodate?
- A. The maximum amount of guests is 98. However, 80-85 fit more comfortably.
- Q. When can I see the Sayen House?
- A. Appointments to view the Sayen House are by appointment only on Wednesday afternoons with the Program Coordinator

FAQ's Continued...

- Q. Is there an outdoor location for my ceremony?
- A. Yes! Directly behind the house is the beautiful Temple Gardens. That area is exclusive to you when you rent the Sayen House. There is an electrical outlet if needed.
- Q. What happens in the event of inclement weather?
- A. If you are renting the house, your ceremony would take place inside the Sayen House in the location you desire.
- Q. How many hours do I have to rent the Sayen House & Gardens?
- A. If you are having your wedding ceremony/reception at the Sayen House & Gardens, you have a total of five (5) hours. One hour for your ceremony and photos and a four (4) hour reception. For all other events, the rental period will be for four (4) hours.
- Q. Can I take additional photos by the Brown Gazebo and Fountain?
- A. Yes. However, this must be arranged by the Sayen House Program Coordinator to ensure another ceremony is not taking place during this time.
- Q. What time can I start my event?
- A. Your start time is entirely up to you; however, all events must be over by 11:00 p.m.
- Q. Is there room in the Sayen House for a DJ/Band and dancing?
- A. Yes! There is small dance floor with room for a DJ or small band. The dance floor is approximately 15 x 18 feet long.
- Q. Does the Sayen House already own a sound system with adequate speakers?
- A. Yes! The sound system can be hooked up to your CD's, IPads and IPods.
- Q. Is the Sayen House Handicapped Accessible? Do you have an elevator?
- A. Yes. The Sayen House is handicapped accessible with a 2-person elevator in the back of the house. The bathroom however, is not.
- Q. If I have a guest that is Handicapped, do they have to walk to the house?
- A. No. You may have someone drop them off in front of the house using the access road.

 After your event, they may be picked up in the same manner.
- Q. Where can my guest park?
- A. Your guest may park in the Sayen Gardens parking lot or along Hughes Drive.
- Q. How many events do you host a day?
- A. One!!

FAQ's Continued...

- Q. Does the Sayen House have a Bridal Suite?
- A. No, not at this time.
- Q. Who is responsible for set-up and clean-up?
- A. Set-up and clean-up is the responsibility of the caterer you have chosen.
- Q. When do I have access to the Sayen House to decorate, etc.?
- A. Your caterer will be on-site approximately 2 hours prior to your start time. It is during this time that you, and anyone making deliveries, will have access to the house.
- Q. What can I decorate in the Sayen House?
- A. You may decorate the 3 fireplace mantels, credenzas, & bathroom. Please do not tape, hammer or nail anything on the walls. There are ample hooks throughout the house for your decorations. The fireplace dimensions are: <u>Main Room</u> (Blue & White): 6 1/2 feet width, 8 inches in depth straight across; <u>Library Room</u> (Next to Main Room): 6 feet, 3 inches in width, sides are 6 inches in depth and middle is 13 inches in depth. <u>Day Room</u> (Room of back of house); 4 feet, 4 inches in width, 12 inches in depth.
- Q. Are candles and tea lights allowed in the Sayen House?
- A. Yes. You may light the candles (not included) in the two fireplaces for a total of 19 pillar candles; size of candles would be your preference. Tea lights may also be displayed along the ledges.
- Q. Can I have a dress rehearsal prior to my wedding?
- A. Yes. Rehearsal is done on certain days. (Please contact Program Coordinator to arrange date).
- Q. Does the Sayen House have heat and air conditioning?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Can I decorate the walking path and the Temple Gardens?
- A. Yes. However, after your event, please make sure any decorations are cleaned up.
- Q. Can I have candles on the outside?
- A. No. Only battery operated candles may be used outside.
- Q. Where can my guest smoke?
- A. Your guests may smoke on the front porch of the Sayen House where a cigarette butt receptacle is provided.

FAQ's Continued...

- Q. Can I throw, rice, confetti, bird seed or light sparklers after my ceremony?
- A. No. For the safety of others and the botanical gardens, please refrain using the above. Bubbles are an acceptable option.
- Q. Do you offer bartending services?
- A. Yes. Please contact Sayen House Program Coordinator for vendor information.
- Q. Is the Officiant provided for my ceremony?
- A. No. You must provided your own Officiant. You may contact the Sayen House Program Coordinator for the current list of potential officiants.
- Q. Can I hire my own vendors such as DJ, Band, Photographer and Florist?
- A. Yes! You may chose the vendors that meet your needs.
- Q. Will there be visitors in the park while my event is taking place?
- A. Yes. The Sayen Gardens is open to the public 7 days a week during daylight hours.
- Q. What security services do you offer?
- A. For each event at the Sayen House, Security Guards are scheduled.
- Q. Is there a hotel in Hamilton for my guest to stay?
- A. Yes. The Hilton Garden Inn-Hamilton is located on Rt. 130, Hamilton, NJ 08690., (609) 585-6789, Homewood Suites by Hilton, 960 US Highway Rt. 130, Hamilton, NJ 08690, (609) 689-1260, Hampton Inn & Suites, 153 W. Manor Way, Robbinsville, NJ 08691, (609) 259-0300, and Residence Inn Marriott, 559 Rt. 130 North, Hamilton, NJ 08620, (609) 585-2111.
- Q. Is the Sayen House convenient to public transportation?
- A. Yes. The Hamilton Train Station is located at 800 Sloan Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Their main phone number is 1-973-275-5555 and the parking garage's direct number is (609) 584-7703.



If you have any questions pertaining to your menu, or table set-up, please refer ALL questions to your caterer. Let your caterer know what color napkin you prefer.

Directions to Sayen House & Gardens



<u>From Princeton:</u> Route 1 South to Quakerbridge Road East. Go approximately 2 miles, make a left onto Hughes Drive and take to the end. Pull into the parking lot on right.

From North Jersey: Take NJ Turnpike South to Exit 7A. Take 195 West to Route 130 North. Go approximately 1 mile and make a left at 2nd light. Take Route 33 West approximately 1 mile to the fork in the road, and bear right onto Nottingham Way for about 1 mile. At first light, make a right onto Mercer Street. Take 3rd left onto Hughes Drive and turn into parking lot on left.

<u>From South Jersey:</u> Take NJ Turnpike North to Exit 7A. Follow directions from North Jersey.

<u>From Hightstown:</u> Take Route 130 South to Route 33 West. Go approximately 1 mile to the fork in the road and bear right onto Nottingham Way for about 1 mile. At first light, make a right onto Mercer Street. Take 3rd left onto Hughes Drive and turn into parking lot.

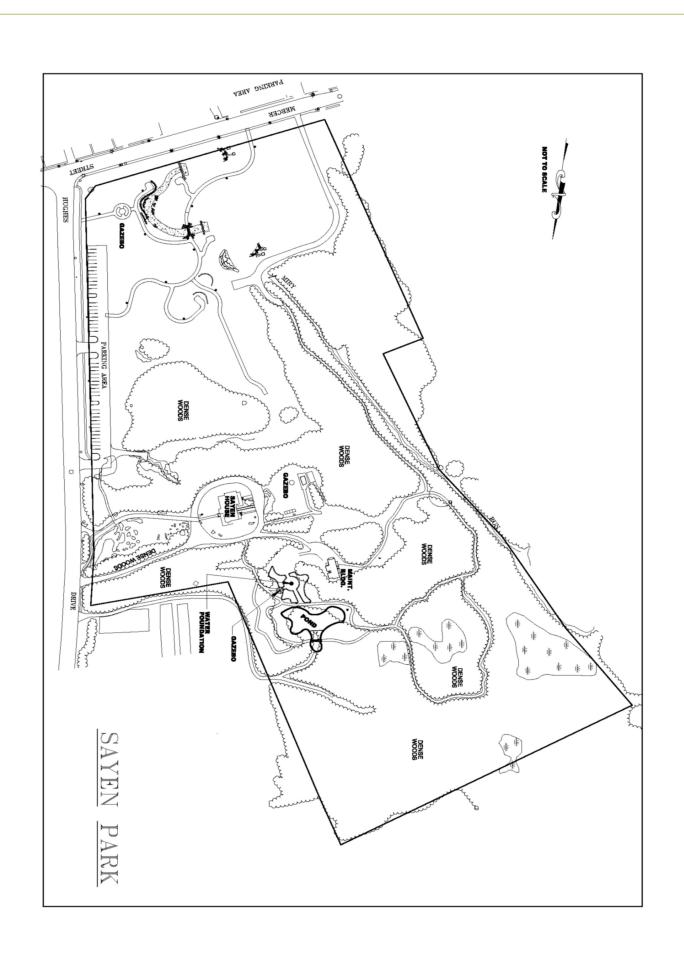
From Pennsylvania: I-95 North to 295 South. Take Sloan Avenue exit crossing over Quakerbridge Road continuing onto Flock Road; take left onto Edinburg Road, make a right onto Hughes Drive and turn into parking lot on right



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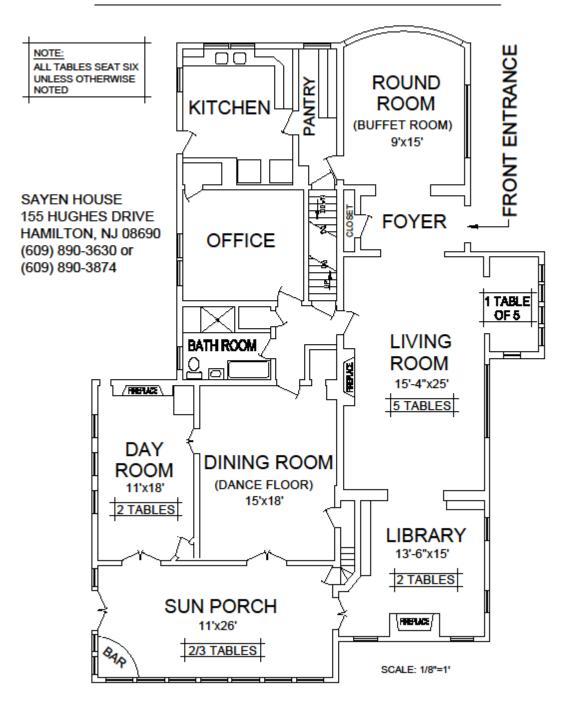
155 Hughes Drive ~ Hamilton, NJ 08690

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SAYEN HOUSE FLOOR PLAN





Sayen House Reviews:



**** 5.0

"Patti is great and will answer all your questions. Very nice venue for a small wedding. Their caterers are fantastic to work with."

Keven, 9/14/19

***** 5.0

"This venue could not have been more perfect. The grounds are absolutely gorgeous, and the house is perfect for the amount of guest that we had. It was a dream come true to get married in the Temple Gardens! Patti and Jackie were so helpful through every step of the way, and with every single question I had!"

Taylor, 11/18/17

***** 5.0

"It was a little difficult to schedule a time to come take a look at the place since we live in NYC but Patti made it work! Because they're owned by the township they have a select group of caterers that they work with. I thought it would be limiting but it made everything so much easer! Can't wait until the day!"

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*****5.0

"Loved the venue. Great atmosphere! Perfect for smaller weddings (guest list no larger than 75 people)."

Melissa, 8/13/16

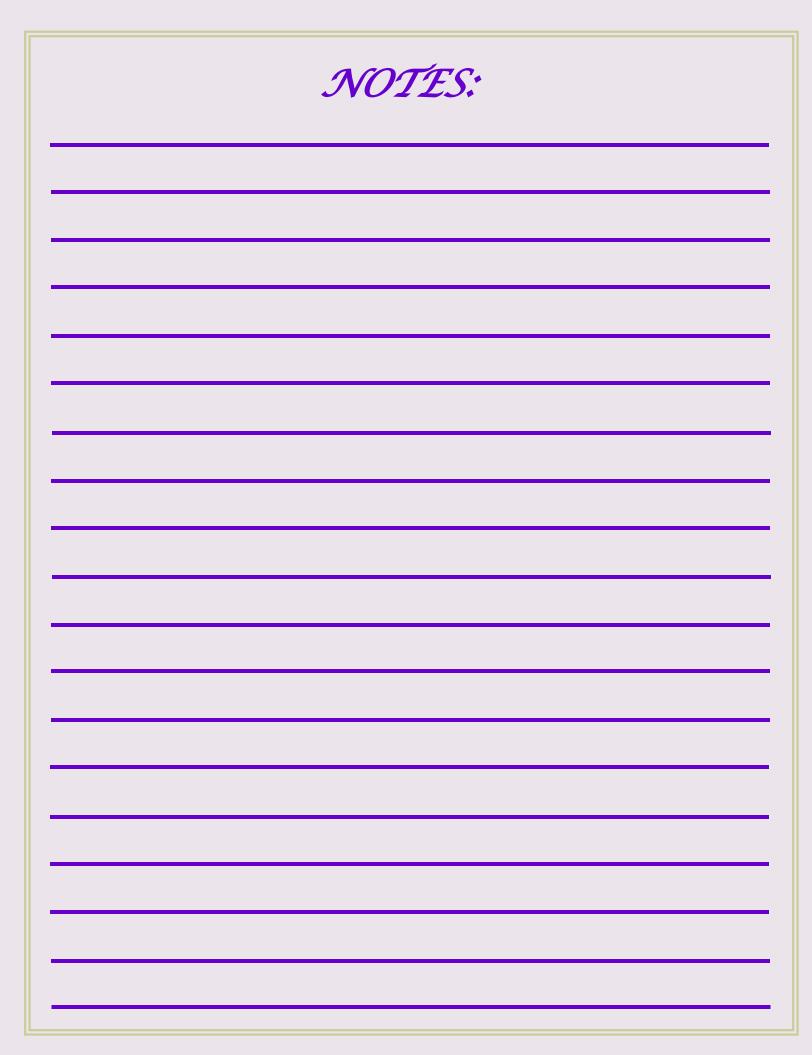
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"This location is so great for an outdoor wedding. There are beautiful ponds, bridges, flowers and trees around every corner. Any questions I had were answered quickly and thoroughly. They helped suggest vendors for chairs and catering. Such a great location. The house wasn't large enough to accommodate all of our guests so we had our reception at a different location close by."

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