

Portraiture Photography/Video Policy

Fees and Contact Information

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the enjoyment, understanding, and appreciation of gardens, sculpture, the natural environment and the arts. Our grounds and facilities are popular locations for photography, videography and social media sharing, and you are welcome to photograph them as outlined in this policy.

Guests (who are not professional photographers) may take photos **for personal use only** according to the photography/video policy. General admission payment is required (visit MeijerGardens.org for current admission and membership fees). A signed Photography Agreement is not required. Photos must be taken during regular operating hours.

The quality of the Meijer Gardens' guest experience and the safety of our visitors are of the utmost importance. To that end, photography must not disrupt Meijer Gardens' operations or limit the accessibility of exhibitions or facilities. We reserve the right to refuse permission to shoot in our indoor sculpture galleries during temporary exhibitions or if it is not in the best interest of guests, donors or artists represented in our collection or conflicts with Meijer Gardens' mission. Please comply with the etiquette guidelines outlined in the Visitors' Map and Guide. Due to artist copyrights, no professional photography or video may show any part of any sculpture or artwork without express written consent by Meijer Gardens. Violations of this policy may result in further actions. These rules are subject to change without prior notice at the discretion of Meijer Gardens.

Portraiture Photography

(portraits, family pictures, engagements, weddings, prom, senior pictures, etc...)

By appointment only. Please contact Facility Rental at (616) 975-3146 to schedule a shoot and to enter into a **Photography Agreement**. A fee of \$300, for two hours or less, will provide non-exclusive use of Meijer Gardens. Depending on staff availability, the nature of the shoot and size of the group, a security guard may be assigned (additional fees may apply) to oversee the shoot and guide you to approved locations.

Portrait Photography Fees: 10 people or less \$300

- By appointment only and subject to availability.
- The site fee will provide non-exclusive use of Meijer Gardens at approved locations for 2 hours or less during normal business hours.
- No transportation is provided.
- Please refer to the policies in the Photography Agreement.
- Signed Photography Agreement and full payment is required to secure availability.

Portrait Photography Fees: More than 10 people, \$400+—includes a security escort.

- By appointment only and subject to availability.
- The site fee will provide non-exclusive use of Meijer Gardens at approved locations for 2 hours or less during normal business hours.
- No transportation is provided.
- Please refer to the policies in the Photography Agreement.
- Signed Photography Agreement and full payment is required to secure availability.
- A maximum of 10 additional guests may be added at the rate of \$10 per person. No more than 20 participants total.
- The security guard will provide an escort to approved locations.

Special Requests. You may request, for an additional fee, the use of a room, securing assistance, food/catering and/or AV or technical needs.

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Meijer Gardens Rules of Etiquette

Please do not touch or climb on any sculpture. Climbing on or touching the artworks can result in injury to our guests or damage sculpture structure and surfaces in many ways. Artwork surfaces (metal, stone, other) can be damaged by zippers, buttons, jewelry, shoes and sneakers—even oils secreted by our skin.

Stay on pathways and mowed lawn areas. Do not wade, swim or attempt to cross any ponds, streams or waterfalls. Picking flowers or other vegetation is not allowed.

Supervise children at all times. Children must be accompanied by an adult and be within reach at all times for their safety.

Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.

No food or drink may be brought in the sculpture galleries or indoor gardens.

We are a smoke-free environment, including vaping.

No pets. Guide or service dogs are welcome.

Do not feed or handle wildlife.

No bicycling, rollerblading, jogging, skiing, etc.

Signs and Décor

Due to potential damage to Meijer Gardens' property or danger to guests, the following items are not permitted for use:

- **Confetti, glitter, rice, birdseed, bubbles or plant bed décor**
- **Lighting devices using open flames, such as lanterns, torches and tiki lamps**
- **Tape, nails, putty, staples or tacks**
- **Any signs/banners or other items hung on walls, windows or from the ceiling**
- **Flammable materials such as sparklers, straw, hay and evergreens**
- **Aerosol cans such as spray glue, spray paint etc.**

Upon completion of the photo shoot, the client is responsible for removing all articles brought into Meijer Gardens.

Risk of Loss

Meijer Gardens does not assume responsibility for damage or loss of any merchandise, equipment or personal articles left in the facility prior to, during or following your event.

Insurance and/or Indemnification

In using Meijer Gardens for your shoot, you agree to assume complete financial liability and responsibility for any damage or loss of property (including plant material) belonging to Meijer Gardens, and for any personal injury incurred during or as a result of such use.