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## Photography at Beech Creek Gardens

We are delighted that you are considering Beech Creek Botanical Garden (BCBG) as the location for your photos. The guidelines outlined below are intended for all guests, but a reservation is necessary for those who wish to use BCBG as a backdrop for posed or directed photography. We ask all photographers to please help us to maintain the integrity of the Gardens by honoring these policies.

Beech Creek Botanical Garden defines photography in three different ways:

### **Guests/Visitors Photography**

Photographs are a wonderful way to remember your visit. For your own enjoyment, visitors and members are welcome to take snapshot photographs of plants, individuals and subjects that capture the events of your visit. BCBG defines a snapshot as an informal photograph that is shot spontaneously and not for future sale. Guests/Visitors should still observe our photography guidelines. You may share your photos of the Gardens on social media outlets, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### **Portrait / Professional Photography**

BCBG defines portrait/professional photography as: wedding, engagement, family, maternity, portfolio, prom, graduation, and any other posed portraits of individuals by professional photographers (a professional photographer is defined as someone paid for their services). BCBG reserves the right to further define portrait/professional photography on a case-by-case basis. All photo-shoots must be scheduled in advance with BCBG.

### **Commercial Photography**

BCBG defines commercial photography as fashion shoots, advertisements and promotions. Please contact us for further information and to schedule your photo-shoot.

## **Professional Photography Requirements, Guidelines, Fees**

### **Membership Required**

The Garden requires all professional photographers, shooting portrait or commercial photos to be a "Friend" level member. This is an annual membership and will need to be renewed every 12 months to keep your Photography permit active at BCBG. Photography members enjoy unlimited photo-shoot opportunities throughout the year and have access to the grounds from dawn to dusk daily.

### **Fees**

- \* Per photo-shoot \$20.00, maximum 14 people (contact us if your shoot is larger than 14).
- \* General Admission required for everyone in your photo-shoot who is not a part of your BCBG Membership (anyone not living in your house). The general admission changes with the season and ranges from \$3 to \$6 per person, ages 0-2 yrs is free.

### **Reservations**

Please schedule your photo-shoot with us in advance. Photographers who do not pre-schedule may be approached by staff members during their photo session regarding scheduling and payment.

**All photographers must** report to our Visitor Center to check-in and purchase general admission passes for all those in their photo-shoot party prior to beginning their shoot.

## Photography Guidelines

- \* Please do not enter flowerbeds, plant displays, or mulched areas.
- \* Remain on the pathways and grassy turf at all times.
- \* No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Garden.
- \* Do not disturb or remove plants, plant labels, or containers.
- \* Do not move benches, displays, fences, etc.
- \* Do not block entrances, pathways, or Garden areas for use by others in any way.
- \* All cords or wires must be placed and guarded in a way that doesn't alter the pathways and put Garden visitors at risk.
- \* For the safety of others, Drone photography is not allowed on the grounds.

The Garden reserves the right to restrict access to certain areas, or revoke this permit if its conditions are not met. Remember that the Garden is a public place where visitors are welcome in all public areas, and that regular business continues during normal operating hours. Some festivals and special events draw exceptionally large crowds, BCBG's events calendar can be found online at [beechcreekgardens.org](http://beechcreekgardens.org).

Photographers will be held liable and be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement if they, their clients, crew members, or models damage Garden facilities and property.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the guidelines/policies as contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Friend Membership \$100

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment:

Check payable to Beech Creek Gardens

Visa

MasterCard

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ Code# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Includes

- \* Free general admission for a full year  
(includes anyone living in your house, and if applicable, extends to your grandchildren).
- \* Discounts on special events and education workshops
- \* 10% off on Plant and Gift Store purchases
- \* 10% discount on rental sites
- \* Invitation to member-only activities
- \* Subscription to our newsletter

