Gearing up to gather again in Ozaukee County

Local event spaces and caterers that can help with your next event

Submitted by the Ozaukee County Tourism Council

It's been a long year, but the flowers are blooming, school is almost out for the summer and people are cautiously optimistic about getting back into the normal swing of things! As restrictions for gatherings are being lifted, many of us are looking to reschedule events we had to cancel over the past year. When you're ready to book an event space or caterer, look no further than Ozaukee County — we have a number of event venues and caterers who will work with you to accommodate any size party and every budget!

The Barn at Buechler Farms in Belgium is a seasonal venue that has rental space for all different types of events and weddings. The barn is located on 54 acres with paths and a beautiful pond with a peninsula and pergola where many couples choose to get married. The venue can accommodate everything from smaller events to 400+ guest weddings, and allows planners to work with their favorite caterer. The barn is very spacious and has several large doors that can be opened for fresh air. It offers a large walk-out deck with a beer garden on one side and new large patio for seating on the other.

The Luxembourg American Cultural Center in Belgium is a beautiful venue for smaller special events. The museum is housed within the Mamer-Hansen Luxembourgian built stone barn, originally built in 1872, then rebuilt several miles from its original homestead in Port Washington, providing a one-of-a-kind historic site immersed in Luxembourg heritage and culture. You'll be surrounded by beautiful indoor and outdoor amenities such as the stunning Peche-Leider Luxembourg Gardens, and guests will appreciate full handicap accessibility and free parking. The facility accommodates 96 guests outdoors and 32 indoors.

Memories Ballroom in Port Washington is professionally decorated seasonally, meaning one less "to-do" on your plate, and a warm, welcoming ambiance that invites your guests to relax and settle in for the night. Described as "rustically elegant," the stunning 2,500-square-foot tamarack log ballroom, with a real 1930s maple hardwood dance floor, offers seating for up to 400 guests and banquet and reception as well as beverage packages to make planning easy.

With a rustic barn and 75 glorious acres, Sandhill Tree Farm in Grafton is a great venue for weddings, company picnics, retreats, showers, family reunions, photoshoots and more. As if row after row of lush green Christmas trees — 10,000 trees to be exact — isn't stunning enough, there's a spring-fed pond and the majestic Milwaukee River running alongside the property. They can accommodate up to 250 guests on this picturesque property.

Built in 1907, the Port Exploreum in Port Washington is a unique historical venue. While maintaining many of the original features such as the flooring, exposed cream city brick and beautiful woodwork, this lakeside museum offers a modern flair sure to impress your guests. From weddings to showers and anniversaries, this historic and elegant venue can nicely accommodate 50 to 150.

The Ozaukee Nonprofit Center located in Grafton offers spaces for up to 250 people, and is a great spot for weddings, large training events, job fairs, wellness or fitness classes, and so much more. In addition to the largest special event space, it offers a number of smaller meeting rooms perfect for small teams or meetings of up to 30 people.

Even more venues

Take a step back in time with an event at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts in Cedarburg. From the beautifully restored Barn Gallery to the intimate Classroom and Gathering Room, guests will enjoy gorgeous spaces with fully modern amenities, ample free parking, and prices to fit every budget. Capacity ranges from 75-150. The grounds of the museum are also available for rent without a capacity limit.

Located in historic downtown Cedarburg, the Cedarburg Art Museum offers an incredibly versatile venue, perfect for everything from a small business meeting to a large wedding reception. The charming mansion features original woodwork and stained glass, hand-painted ceiling canvas and a grand staircase. In the outdoor courtyard you'll find a full stage, carriage house bar and beautiful sculpture garden.

The Cedarburg Cultural Center's facilities can be configured in a multitude of ways to accommodate your event and 200 dinner guests (or 300 auditorium style). During the warm months, the Center makes available the beautiful gardens at its historic Kuhefuss House Museum as an alternative to an indoor event.

Our local college campuses, such as MATC's Mequon campus and Concordia University, are good places to look for spaces like classrooms, lecture halls and courtroom areas.

Ozaukee County has a number of hotels that offer event rentals. The Country Inn & Suites in Port Washington is conveniently located off of I-43 and offers everything from a 5,400 square foot ballroom to a boardroom for 12. Tailored catering by LePanto Catering will meet your budget and exceed your expectations, and plenty of parking is available onsite.

The Harborview in Port Washington offers vibrant spaces with views of the harbor and access to the seasonal outdoor Garden Patio, as well as state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment and first-rate catering from the on-site Beacon Restaurant. The Harborview can accommodate groups up to 100 people, and can even offer access to the pool for up to 10 at kids' birthday parties.

The Hampton Inn & Suites in Grafton, as well as Grafton's TownPlace Suites, each have a room that can hold up to 40 guests, perfect spots to host a bridal or baby shower, teach a class, or meet with colleagues, as well as smaller meeting spaces.

A number of local breweries and restaurants offer small spaces for private parties. Inventors Brewpub in Port Washington offers an indoor event space with a buffet for up to 75 guests, and a special catering menu for groups of more than 25. The Fermentorium and Rebellion Brewing in Cedarburg, and Sahale Ale Works in Grafton, all offer private spaces for you to reserve for your guests.

Caterers

Ozaukee County also offers a number of great caterers — and restaurants that cater — to provide local service and a local flair for your guests.

Ferrante's Signature Catering is a full-service caterer specializing in crafting a signature event that captures the spirit of the hosts. In addition to offering amazing foods like thin crust pizza, broasted chicken, lasagna, shrimp scampi and Friday night fish fries, the staff at Ferrante's can provide event planning assistance from start to finish, staffing and even rentals from tents to linens.

Looking for a delicious crowd pleaser? Kyote's Bar & Grill in Belgium caters everything from tried and true American favorites like wings and sliders to their wontons of the week and amazing bacon and parmesan brussels sprouts. John's Pizza in Grafton offers catering of pizza, pasta dishes (including lasagna, fettuccini alfredo, spaghetti and baked ziti), salads and garlic bread for your gatherings of any size. And Atlas BBQ in Grafton offers off-site catering — select from menu items to build your perfect buffet of amazing BBQ, wings, sides and starters, and it will be delivered hot to your home or event. They can even offer fully staffed buffet service if that's what you need!

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An artistic charcuterie boardscape from the Union House Cedarburg.

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Out & Out in Cedarburg offers a fun and varied menu for all your catering needs! Your guests will love noshing on Out & Out's delicious appetizer and dessert platters, popular and unique mac & cheese offerings, sandwich platters or salads. For convenience consider their boxed lunch options as well — prepackaged meals built with wraps, sandwiches, salads, chips and desserts.

If you are looking for unique change to classic catering, consider an artistic charcuterie boardscape offered by the Union House Cedarburg. Charcuterie meats such as salami, prosciutto and capicola are artistically arranged around rivers of cheeses like Manchego, Red Wine Goat and Smoked Gouda, along with fresh-baked artisan bread, crackers, fresh fruits, chocolate, nuts, sauces and spreads. The Union House also offers unique craft cocktail spreads like their Bloody Mary bar, and for smaller gatherings, to-go charcuterie boxes.

Another less traditional take on catering would be party trays from Le's Pho in Cedarburg. Le's Pho offers delicious appetizer and buffet-style trays of Vietnamese favorites like spring rolls, crab Rangoon and spicy wings, plus entrees like salads, rice and noodle dishes, delivered to your event for an experience everyone will enjoy.

For an outdoor alternative, how about hiring a food truck for your event? They're fun, trendy and sure to draw a crowd! Consider Smokin' C's BBQ & Rotisserie and That Taco Guy — both bring piping hot, amazing food and great photo opportunities right to your event!

This is just a sampling of the catering and event venue opportunities available in Ozaukee County — we encourage you to call your favorite places as well to see if they can help make your event special! We're so excited to see people getting back into the swing of things, and are thrilled with all Ozaukee County has to offer.

For more party planning inspiration, visit ozaukee-tourism.com, follow us on Facebook and Instagram or pick up the Ozaukee County Tourism Visitor's Guide at one of the local chambers of commerce/visitor centers.