



A geothermal well was installed during the renovation of Barrington's White House.

A sustainable rock garden adds beauty to the landscape.

Something Green

ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY, couples want to make the most of every moment, and many couples also want to make the least environmental impact possible. Making conscious choices while planning can help to reduce your wedding footprint.

According to a recent *Chicago Tribune* article, (“Eco-friendly Nuptials”) one of the decisions helping the environment is selecting a “green” venue. The article suggests choosing a LEED-certified venue, but also said to consider one that is beautiful on its own.

Barrington's White House offers both. It's

GOLD LEED certified and offers elegant architectural details—for gorgeous photo opportunities both inside and out. The house's wide porch and stately pillars provide a beautiful outdoor setting for the new couple and the full wedding party. Inside, refined woodworking, a grand quarter-turn staircase, and graceful chandeliers provide stylish backdrops. The mansion's natural beauty and sophisticated palette means couples need fewer flowers and decorations.

Another “eco” trend is toward smaller, more intimate weddings. Barrington's White House is the perfect-sized venue for weddings from 50-130 guests, offering a private, personal event.

There are other environmental-friendly choices couples can make, too. Design a menu based on seasonal and local food selections. Reduce travel waste by choosing a venue centralized to guests, and picking vendors who are close to your ceremony and reception locations. Select décor that can be reused and floral favors that guests can plant when they get home. Some brides even choose invitation paper with flower seeds embedded, so instead of going into the landfill, the invites can be planted in a garden to create lasting beauty and memories from the newlyweds' special day. (Story contributions by Kelsey O'Shaughnessy Podgorski.) Visit www.barringtonswhitehouse.com to learn more.

Antique Wedding Dresses Exhibit



Volunteer Curator Linda Brown

The Barrington History Museum is featuring a Vintage Wedding Dress Exhibit at its Victorian Applebee House. The exhibit displays 17 dresses spanning from 1870 to 1970. The diverse collection includes various period materials, appliques, and handmade and machine embroidery. Through the presentation “Here Come the Brides”, Curator Linda Brown explains the history of wedding fashion. Group tours are available Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., as well as weekdays by appointment, through November. U



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Above: The details of an 1890 late Victorian white two-piece tulle wedding gown lavishly decorated with French knots of varying sizes.

Left: A (circa 1900) two-piece batiste wedding gown featuring crochet accents and a short train.