Portraiture Photography/Video Policy

Fees and Contact Information
Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is a nonprofit 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 it conflicts with the Meijer Gardens mission. Please comply with the etiquette guidelines outlined in the Guest Guide & Map. 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 photos, engagements, weddings, prom, senior pictures, etc.)
By appointment only. Please contact Culinary Arts & Events at 616-975-3146 to schedule a photo shoot and to enter into a Photography Agreement. A $300 fee, for two hours or less, will provide nonexclusive use of Meijer Gardens. Depending on staff availability, the nature of the photo shoot and size of the group, a security guard may be assigned to oversee the photo shoot and guide you to approved locations; additional fees may apply.

Portraiture Photography Fees
10 people or fewer | $300
- By appointment only and subject to availability.
- The site fee will provide nonexclusive use of Meijer Gardens at approved locations, for two hours or less, during normal business hours.
- No transportation, dressing area, or event coordinator services are provided.
- Please refer to the policies in the Photography Agreement.
- Signed Photography Agreement and full payment are required to secure availability.

More than 10 people | $500: Includes security escort
- By appointment only and subject to availability.
- The site fee will provide non exclusive use of Meijer Gardens at approved locations for two hours or less for a group of 11–20 individuals during normal business hours.
- Groups cannot exceed 20 persons total.
- A security guard will escort you to approved locations.
- No transportation, dressing area, or event coordinator services are provided.
- Please refer to the policies in the Photography Agreement.
- Signed Photography Agreement and full payment is required to secure availability.

Special Requests. For an additional fee you may request the use of a room, security 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 guests or damage sculpture structure and surfaces in many ways. Metal, stone, and other artwork surfaces 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. For their safety, children must be accompanied by an adult and be within reach at all times.

Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.

No food or drink may be brought into the Sculpture Galleries or indoor gardens.

We are a smoke-free environment. This includes no vaping.

No pets allowed. Guide or service dogs are welcome.

Do not feed or handle wildlife.

No bicycling, rollerskating, 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, on 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 for the session.

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 photo 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.