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PARK MCCULLOUGH HOUSE

There's a 35-room mansion in North Bennington where bridal couples and their guests can not only drink in the grandeur of French Second Empire Style architecture, but also sample the extravagant lifestyle of a bygone era. Known as The Park-McCullough House, the landmark can be traced back to the wealth obtained during San Francisco's Gold Rush. The property was subsequently enhanced through business dealings in finance, railroads, steamship lines, and speculation. Built in 1865 as a summer home for Bennington attorney Trenor Park and his wife, Laura, the spectacular estate makes a superb backdrop for matrimonial ceremonies, receptions, and, of course, portraits of the wedding party. Guests celebrate under a regal wedding tent or in the historic Carriage House with its elegant wainscoted

Above: Meg and Scott's garden ceremony at the Park McCullough House in North Bennington.

walls and hardwood floors that are perfect for dancing. Stroll the formal gardens or simply take in the country ambiance on the spacious wraparound veranda.

Adding to the property's allure is the fact that the mansion's furnishings and decor have gone nearly unchanged for decades. Fourteen-foot ceilings open onto a gracious central hall with a sweeping staircase. Fine interior details include oak and walnut paneling, parquet floors, and bronze chandeliers—originally supplied with gas from an ingenious gas-making machine. The picturesque grounds feature rose gardens, a playhouse, and a Carriage Barn, the latter of which houses a collection of horse-drawn carriages, buggies, and sleighs as well as vintage firefighting equipment.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1972, the estate is currently owned and operated by the non-profit Park-McCullough House Association. Wedding guests may also enjoy educational tours of the mansion—in between toasts and dances, of course! For more information, call (802) 442-5441 or visit www.parkmccullough.org. ■

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