

Western Mass

HISTORIC MEETING SITES IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

So you're a meeting planner looking to offer your group a more...inspiring setting for their next gathering? If western Massachusetts suits your logistical needs, then we can also help you with a number of meeting spaces that are sure to help your own great thinkers thinking!

For groups on the larger side, consider CityStage & Symphony Hall. Symphony Hall opened in 1913 and is known for its excellent acoustics and Greek Revival architecture. The elegant 2,611-seat Symphony Hall typically schedules Broadway-style theatre, speakers, concerts and performances. Its auditorium offers a classic atmosphere that will elevate any gathering. The beautifully-paneled Mahogany Room, ideal for pre-event receptions or break-out use, was fully renovated in 2004 and provides a second elegant setting under one roof.

The Springfield Museums collection of four (and soon to be five) museums provide imaginative locations for more modestly-sized receptions, lectures, film showings and more, all in one conveniently-walkable campus. The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, Springfield Science Museum, Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, and the Lyman and Merrie Wood Springfield Historical Museum – each built in the early 1900's - house stimulating collections sure to facilitate networking, along with flexible meeting rooms and theater spaces where groups can also quickly get down to business.

North of Springfield but still close by, the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke is another excellent site for those seeking sites distinctively different for their meetings. The beautifully-restored one-time home of silk magnate William Skinner was built in 1848 and is a much-sought-after wedding venue, which is also available for receptions, lectures and other assemblages.

Travel a few miles north of Holyoke and discover the venerable Hotel Northampton, built in 1927, and one of the Historic Hotels of America. Set just one mile off the highway, its Grand and Junior Ballrooms provide a classic ambience. In nearby Amherst center is another grandly historic property, the Lord Jeffery Inn, built in 1926. It provides a new 2,360 s.f. ballroom accommodating functions for up to 160 guests.

With so much history in one compact area, Western Massachusetts is sure to offer your group a place where reflection and innovation come with the territory!