Photography Guidelines

Cheekwood is a cultural arts center and a botanical garden which exists for the benefit of the public. This mission and the collections may place constraints on the property which you may not encounter elsewhere. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these guidelines for your safety and the safety of others to ensure our properties continue to be available for public enjoyment.

- PLEASE NOTE: All use of photography taken on the Cheekwood premises for promotional or commercial use must credit Cheekwood as follows: “Photographed at Cheekwood, Nashville, TN.”
- All professional photography sessions must be booked through the Cheekwood Special Events Office.
  - For non-members, a dual household membership is included in the non-member fee of $300. Current Cheekwood members may use the discounted rate of $200.
  - The photographer is not permitted to gain membership from these shoots.
- Photo session fees include admission for up to 6 people; additional participants must pay admission.
- Photography session hours are 9:00am-5:00pm without an additional fee. Peak month photo sessions are available Monday-Friday only. Peak months include April-June, September, and October. Off-peak months have daily availability for photo sessions.
- During November & December through the end of Holiday LIGHTS in January, all guests must be off the grounds by 4pm. No afterhours shoots will be available at this time.
- Props are not permitted on the grounds, including but not limited to: animals, pyrotechnics/sparklers, candles, bubbles, chalk, glitter, confetti, cake or large food items.
- You may not attach any items to or from any structure on-site, i.e. trees, bushes, railings, statuary, sculptures.
- You may not climb on balustrades, railings, walls, fountains, streams or other areas not generally associated with foot traffic. Please remain on pathways and turf grass at all times; at no time are you permitted to enter the planting beds. All photo sessions are restricted to the grounds; shooting inside buildings is prohibited.
- Please be courteous of Cheekwood visitors: we are open to the public daily until 5:00pm. The client may not monopolize a site or inhibit access to a site or exhibit by the visiting public.
- **No pop-up ceremonies allowed with this photography session.** Please see our Special Events Office if you’re interested in holding an elopement, a ceremony or a reception at Cheekwood.
- We allow one complimentary, non-weather related rescheduling. Each additional is a $20 fee. Weather cancellations/rescheduling can be made no more than 48 hours in advance.
- No plants, art, or other exhibit or Cheekwood property items may be removed, moved, or covered for any reason. Cheekwood cannot guarantee specific vegetation, blooms, conditions of grass or grounds, or the installation of works of art. Cheekwood is not responsible for the impact an exhibition(s), either temporary or permanent, may have on your event including garden statuary.
- No flash photography or tripods allowed in the Museum of Art at any time.
- Drones may not be used without explicit written permission from Cheekwood and permitting.
- All vehicles must remain on paved roads. No vehicle access is allowed for gravel or dirt roads at any time.
- Day of Event photography for Cheekwood brides: For photography on your wedding day, you are allowed to take photography anywhere on the grounds from 9:00am-5:00pm. At 5:00pm, when we close to the public, we ask that your group return to your reserved space or garden. For specific site availability after 5:00pm, you photographer may contact our office to see what area is available for use.
  - For example, if the Museum of Art is booked for a function the Wisteria Arbor is not available for wedding party photographs during that event.
  - All other locations that are accessible are available on a first come, first serve basis the day of your function and cannot be reserved in advance.

Printed Name: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Signature: ______________________________

Please return this form signed to the Special Events Office upon arrival for your photography shoot or via email. Our office is the small stone cottage in Lot A. - 615-354-6377 – specialevents@cheekwood.org