AQUATOPIA

# Celebrations of Life 2023

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Celebrations
of Life

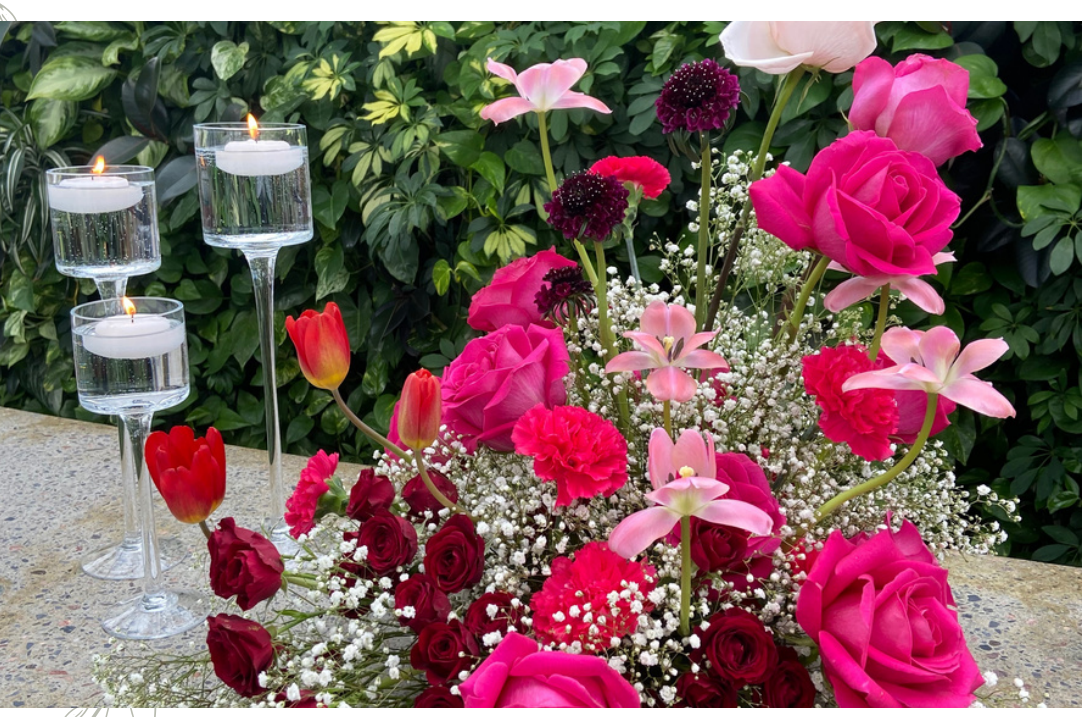
# What is a celebration of life?

A celebration of life is an event that focuses primarily on the life a loved one, and the legacy that they leave behind. The focus is on happy memories of the deceased rather than on the sad fact that they're no longer with us.

While there are often tears, these events tend to be creative, and focus on joy and laughter. Truly celebrating a life well lived allows people to transition through their grief and move into a place of healing and peace.

A celebration of life can be a graceful warm gathering for tea & conversation, an evening cocktail-style party with friends, or an intimate family dinner with great food and love.

The element of ceremony and memorial are sometimes part of the experience, but seldom include a full funeral. The one constant is that a celebration of life is always an expression of how much the world is such a better place because of a life well lived.



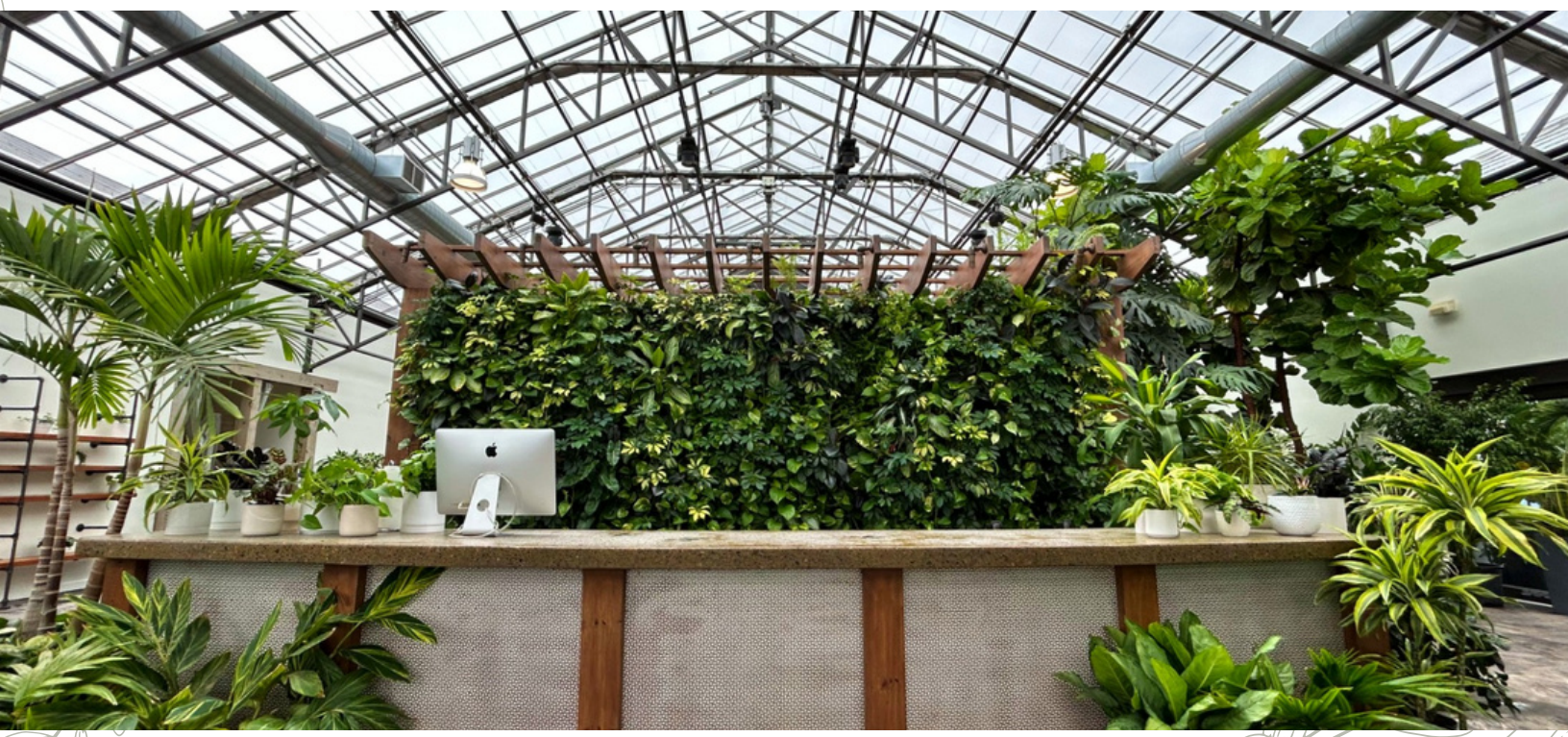
# The Conservatory

# The conservatory

Aquatopia Conservatory is a venue where you and your guests can escape to a warm indoor tropical paradise any time of year, immersed in a living, breathing ecosystem filled with lush greenery and water gardens.

With such a positive sense of place, Aquatopia is the ideal space to honour and celebrate the life of your loved one.

Our facility affords friends and family of the deceased a place of natural serenity, where they can connect with one another, and venerate the joy and happiness of their loved one's legacy.



# Our Planning Team

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While celebrations of life are not burdened with expectations, it is important to realize that the event you are planning should meet the emotional needs of your guests.

With so many decisions to make upon the passing of a loved one, it can become overwhelming for survivors of the deceased to even think about planning a social gathering.

Aquatopia's professional events team appreciate this reality, and can assist you in creating a beautiful, meaningful celebration of your loved one's life story, and free you from the trammels of playing host.

Our talented event coordinators, floral & décor artists, AV technicians, and chefs are experts in social kinetics. They are always passionate about their craft and work in complete service to the meaningfulness and success of every event they produce.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can I make changes to my estimate?

Absolutely! Your preliminary estimate is designed to allow you to secure a date for your event before all the details are finalized. If there is anything you would like to change or add, we are happy to update your estimate as many times as required throughout the planning process.

## What is included in my floral & decor budget?

Your floral & decor budget is designed as a place holder to give you a clearer sense of the overall cost of your event. Specific pricing is provided after a design consultation with our floral & decor team, who will give you a custom quote based on your requirements and preferred style.

## Do you allow pets?

Domesticated pets are permitted to participate in a ceremony or presentation. Pets are required to be leashed or caged and under the care of a responsible handler at all times. Following the ceremony or presentation and once the food is being served, pets are required to leave our premises. In the event that the pet damages or soils the facility or merchandise, the client will be responsible for the clean-up costs and/or repairs. Service animals are welcome anytime at Aquatopia.

## Will the Conservatory be too warm or cold?

Aquatopia is heated and maintains pleasant temperatures throughout the winter months. In the summer, the Aquatopia greenhouse is openly ventilated to the exterior, maintaining a temperature that is typically no warmer than the outdoors, while the Aquatopia atrium is partially air conditioned. For summer events held during warm weather, guests are encouraged to dress appropriately as if the event they are attending was being held outdoors. We recommend that events held in June, July or August start no sooner than 5:00pm.

## Do you do off-site planning?

Yes, on occasions we will do off-site planning. If you need our services at another location for a short period of time, like an off-site ceremony or service, please notify our events team.

## What are the minimum and maximum capacities for guests?

Our maximum capacity is 150 guests and our minimum is 25 guests. We do reserve certain dates and times to accommodate smaller events. For further information regarding guests capacities, please speak to our events team.

## Are there accommodations close by?

There are several major hotels within a 12-minute drive from our facility. In addition, beginning in January 2023, Aquatopia will also be able to offer a gorgeous rental property, Lone Meadow Ranch by Aquatopia, to our clients who are seeking a spacious group accommodation setting. Our events staff can speak to you about arranging the best accommodations for you and your guests.

## Can you hold preferred dates for my event?

We do not place soft holds on dates. To reserve a date we would require a signed event agreement along with your $4,000 retainer payment to secure your preferred date.

## How do I arrange catering for my event?

Our executive chef will work with you to discuss guest counts and appropriate selections for your event. Aquatopia is the exclusive provider for food & beverage services at our facility.

## May I provide my own floral & greenery for my event?

The interior of Aquatopia is an organic working eco-system with a valuable plant collection. We practice a strict biological protocol for managing all plant material coming into our facility. As such, our expert floral team are the exclusive suppliers for all floral & decor elements for all events held at Aquatopia.

## How does purchasing alcohol work?

If you choose to offer a bar service for your event, as part of our standard bar service fee, our food & beverage team will purchase any alcohol for your event on your behalf at LCBO cost under a Special Occasion Permit. Any unused alcoholic beverages will be returned to you following your event

## Can the remains of the deceased be present during a celebration of life?

Due to health regulations, only cremated remains of the deceased in a sealed vessel or container are permitted in our facilities.

# Included in Your Package

# Facility Fee

We are pleased to offer the following services when you book Aquatopia Conservatory for a celebration of life for your loved one. Our facility fee includes:

### Monday-Thursday
$2,495

### Fridays & Sundays
$3,495

### Saturdays & Holidays
$4,495

- Up to six (6) hours exclusive use of the Aquatopia Conservatory Atrium & Greenhouse for groups up to 150 guests.
- A personal event coordinator to assist you with all planning aspects of your event held at our facilities including memorial ceremony and reception.
- Services of our event design team to help you create & stylize all of your floral & decor elements and create the perfect commemoration of your loved one.
- Up to 150 vintage lime washed Chiavari chairs & cushions.
- A selection of square 5' x 5' dining tables with classic floor-length linens & napkins.
- A variety of contemporary lounge sofas, chairs, ottomans & side tables.
- An assortment of cocktail tables with floor length linens
- A variety of steampunk weathered pine & wrought iron tables & gunmetal grey Tabouret chairs.

Private access to our gallery lounge for the immediate family.
On-site management staff for the duration of the event.
Labour for event set-up & clean-up.
Complimentary coat check service.
Ample free parking.
Hi-speed Wi-Fi internet access..

*All facility fees are subject to 13% HST.*

# Celebration of Life Menus

# Grace
## Celebration of Life

A lovely, stylish event to honour your loved one in the warm sunshine and greenery of our conservatory, in the classical style of the bygone era of English garden parties. The food is light and whimsical, highlighting the sweet and savoury delights of traditional Bedford tea service.

## $78 Per Guest
### (50 Guest Minimum)

*A selection of classic tea sandwiches*
*Selection of four (4) different savoury delights*
*Coffee, Tea & Sweet Treats*

All food and beverage services are subject to a 15% service charge and 13% HST.

Note:
*Our executive chef can also design customized menus & pricing for a wide variety of cultural celebrations, and vegan & vegetarian dietary preferences. For more information, please contact our culinary team at catering@aquatopia.world.*

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# Bedford Tea Menu

## Tea Sandwiches

Classic Watercress & Egg Salad (v)
English Cucumber & Creme Cheese (v)
Tomato, Basil & Buffalo Mozzarella Caprese Sliders (v)
Curried Chicken Salad on Harvest Bread
Croque Monsieur Ham & Gruyere on Sourdough Triangles
BLTea Rondelles
Sun-Dried Tomato & Hummus Pinwheels (v)

## Savoury Delights

Chicken Salad & Arugula with Spiced Figs & Buffalo Mozzarella
Cubed Watermelon & Feta Salad Cups (v)
Springhill Cricket Club Spicy Lamp Lollipops
Mini Maple-Bacon & Gruyere Quiches
Pear, Brie & Roasted Walnuts on Pumpkin Seed Bread & Honey-Mustard Glaze
Demi-Ciabatta Pesto Chicken & Roasted Red Pepper & Goat Cheese (v)
Hot & Cold Smoked Salmon Campagne & Mixed Greens with Grainy Mustard Drizzle

## Sweet Treats

Light & Buttery Madeleine Cookies with Citrus Zest
Lavender Shortbread Cookies
Ginger & Wild Berry Scones with Devonshire Cream & Homemade Jams
Tropical Bajan Rum Fruit Salad

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# Soirée
# Celebration of Life

A cocktail style celebration filled with love and laughter where family & friends even laud & toast the deceased and the positive legacy left in their slipstream. Typically an evening affair, a Soirée Celebration of Life features fine food & drinks, music, and venerating presentations. Sadness is acknowledged but wrapped in a spirit of joy and appreciation.

## Hors D'œuvres Style

**$96 Per Guest**
**(50 Guest Minimum)**

*Selection of five (5) different hors d'oeuvres*
*Cheese & Charcuterie Station*
*Chef's Selection of Fine Pastries*

## Plated Tapas Style

**$149 Per Guest**
**(50 Guest Minimum)**

*Selection of five (5) different hors d'oeuvres*
*Selection of six (6) different tapas plates*
*Chef's Selection of Fine Pastries*

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# Hors d'œuvres Menu

Kale and Blue Cheese Dry Aged Mini Beef Wellington / Shiitake Broth
Curried Chickpea Lamb Wonton / Blood Orange Honey
Hoisin Braised Short Rib Mini Stuffed Yorkies / Fresh Horseradish
Local Jalapeño Cheese Curd Sausage + Blackened Prawn / Giardiniera Relish (gf)
Jalapeno Fire Bites + Hickory Smoked Cheese Curds / Sweet Maple Bacon (gf)
Golden Potato Latke / Candied House Smoked Habanero Salmon Gravlax / Lime Crema / Caviar / Fresh Dill
Tuna Crudo / Mango + Ginger + Chilies / Soy Sesame Citrus Dressing / Endive (gf)
Heirloom Tomato Bruschetta / Herbed Burrata / Balsamic Glaze / Focaccia Crostini (v)
Tofu Ceviche / Grapefruit + Jalapeno + Melon / Fresh Cilantro / Mini Radicchio (gf,ve)
Thyme Herbed Gruyere Stuffed Mushroom / White Balsamic / Fresh Mint (gf,v)
Babaganoush / Mini Naan / Smoked Olive / Pomegranate Syrup / Herbs (v)
Asparagus Fig Jam Stuffed Pretzel Bites / Spicy Honey Mustard Glaze (ve)
Caprese Salad Skewers / Great Extra Virgin Olive Oil / Sea Salt / Basil (gf,v)
Tofu Kimchi Vegetable Dumpling / Soy Garlic Glaze (v,ve)
Mini Spinach Feta Clusters Wrapped in Golden Crispy Phyllo Pastry / Mint Garlic Yogurt (v)

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# Plated Tapas Menu

Roasted Cauliflower Clusters / Tahini / Toasted Pistachio / Balsamic Glaze (v,ve,gf)

Grilled Sesame Bok Choy / Ginger Chilli Oil (v,ve,gf)

Herbed Tofu Stuffed Baby Pepper / Arrabiata / Capers (v,ve,gf)

Mushroom Toast / Fresh Herbs (v)

Caramelized Halloumi Cheese Taco / Fennel Slaw / Mango Chutney (v)

Tortilla De Papas / Charred Brussel Sprouts / Gruyere / Dijon Aioli (v)

Buttery Pretzel Bites / Kosher Salt / Grainy Mustard Dip (v)

Birria Short Rib Bao Bun / Pickle Slice / Lime Crema

Flank Steak / Black Bean Garlic Sauce / Shishito Pepper / Soy Honey Glaze

Meatballs / Fire Roasted Tomato Sauce / Basil / Parmesan (gf)

Local Chorizo Sausage / Sweet Red Apples / Honey (gf)

Smoked Jalapeño Cheese Curd Sausage / 2-Bite Potato Roll / Spicy Jam

Mini Lobster Roll / Caviar / Everything Bagel Seasoning / Pickled Onion

Tempura Scallop Pop / Sweet Soy Sauce / Scallions

Chicken Souvlaki Skewer / Yogurt Dressing (gf)

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# Family Repast
# Celebration of Life

A more intimate dinner style gathering where close family & friends share a scrumptious meal together away from the public eye of a funeral & reception. It creates a space where loved ones can unwind and focus on each other rather than the sometimes hundreds of guests who have come out to honour the deceased. Family members no longer need to play host, because it is at this moment in dealing with your loss that our events production and culinary team assume this role allowing you to focus on sharing the moment with one another.

## Gourmet Seated Dinner Menu
### (25 Guest Minimum)

Clients will be invited to meet with our executive chef to design and price a personalized menu to suit you and your guest's preferences.

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# Beverage Services

# Customizable Host Bar

## $995 Up to Four (4) Hours

## $1,995 Up to Six (6) Hours

- Coordination of a No-Sale Special Occasion Permit from the AGCO.
- Service for the purchase, delivery, storage, and cooling of all LCBO listed beverages.
- Unlimited standard bar rail mixes, soft drinks, juices, cordials, condiments & garnishes.
- Freshly brewed organic, fair-trade coffee and tea.
- SmartServe certified and uniformed bar/service staff for the duration of your event.
- All required titanium crystal barware, stemware, and service equipment.
- On-site ice maker & storage.

NOTE: Cost of alcohol & specialty non-alcoholic beverages are not included in this service, and will be invoiced separately at LCBO and/or retailer list prices. No alcohol returns.

# Non-Alcoholic Bar

## $29 per guest

- For Soirée Celebration of Life events where no alcohol is served.
- Unlimited standard soft drinks, juices, cordials, condiments & garnishes.
- Freshly brewed organic, fair-trade coffee and tea.
- Uniformed bar and service staff (up to 6 hours) for the duration of your event.
- All required titanium crystal barware, stemware, and service equipment.
- On-site ice maker & storage.

NOTE: Cost of specialty non-alcoholic beverages are not included in this service and will be invoiced separately at list prices.

# Espresso & Specialty Tea Service

## $495 Two (2) hours

## $695 Four (4) hours

- Fully staffed & equipped barista service.
- Specialty teas, espresso, cappuccino, & lattes.