

DONALDSON BROWN

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Easy to reach, hard to leave behind



Premier Business Conference Venue

Elevate your next business event at the Donaldson Brown Riverfront Event Center. Located just minutes from Interstate 95, our easy-to-reach conference center in Port Deposit, Md., offers a captivating venue that boasts breathtaking views of the picturesque Susquehanna River, exceptional amenities, and world-class service. We are committed to making your conference, meeting, retreat, learning session, or other business event an unforgettable experience that leaves a positive, lasting impression on your guests.

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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN AN UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCE AT THE DONALDSON BROWN RIVERFRONT EVENT CENTER.

Whether you're hosting a conference, meeting, retreat, learning session, or other business event, our impressive location and excellent service will set the stage for an unforgettable occasion. Our venue, perched atop Mount Ararat in Port Deposit, Md., provides a truly captivating vantage point, offering breathtaking views of the picturesque Susquehanna River. Unlock the full potential of your event with our exceptional on-site catering with ample parking, customizable menus, overnight options, and versatile meeting spaces. These amenities will help create a conducive environment for networking, learning, and collaboration while also ensuring that attendees feel valued and taken care of.

The Mansion

Guests will enjoy the beautiful architecture of the mansion. From floor-to-ceiling windows, ornate moldings, original fixtures, elegant spiral stairways, arched doorways, antique chandeliers, and numerous beautiful entryways, the mansion resonates elegance.

Overnight Accommodations

For those staying the night, there are 17 exquisitely decorated rooms, featuring period furniture and modern amenities. Each room offers top-quality Hilton mattresses and premium bedding for comfort and elegance. For groups needing more than the 24 beds in the mansion, the Carriage House offers eight additional rooms.

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The Estate

The scenic grounds of the estate include manicured lawns, beautiful gardens, an enormous greenhouse, the original carriage house, a sprawling fountain flanked by architectural ponds (with plans to be refurbished to its original working condition in the near future), and a panoramic view of the Susquehanna with tree-lined banks. The property offers opportunities for a variety of lawn games, meeting breakouts, and a stunning backdrop for outdoor team building.

The Staff

Groups can work in the lap of luxury, taken care of by the manor's attentive staff. With a full-time chef utilizing recipes of old along with a mix of new favorites, the staff can create a menu for any palate. They can provide catering for events up to 65 attendees, and welcome outside vendors for larger gatherings. The management is happy to recommend some of the area's best catering professionals.

History

The former estate of renowned industrialist and DuPont executive Frank Donaldson Brown and his wife, the former Greta duPont Barksdale, this stunning manor has presided over the Susquehanna River since 1939. The mansion's red-brick façade is a perfect example of the Georgian-Revival style popular at the time. One of Maryland's most iconic houses, it was bequeathed to the University of Maryland in the 1960s.

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Conference Packages

Day Conference - \$99 per person

Whether you're planning a conference, retreat, or business meeting, Donaldson Brown can help guarantee the success of your event. Annually, the event center provides the serene backdrop for a large variety of retreats for area churches, prominent universities, and local businesses. With a classic style, Donaldson Brown has the experience to help you host your daytime or overnight event with ease and satisfaction. Meeting and sitting rooms can accommodate up to 50 people, with access to the 23-acre grounds. All meals and refreshments are made in-house by our chef.

This package includes features to make your event top-notch:

- Breakfast for all guests
- Morning refreshment break
- Buffet luncheon with two entrees
- Afternoon refreshment break
- Meeting space in one or more of our historic rooms
- Meals served in the Crystal Dining Room
- Multiple sitting rooms
- Requested A/V equipment
- Basic conference room supplies
- Continuous coffee, tea, and water for guests
- Abundant views with possibility to move outdoors along the Susquehanna River

Overnight Conference - \$237 per person

If one day at Donaldson Brown Riverfront will bring your team closer, imagine what an overnight experience can do.

This package includes:

- All amenities from the Day Conference Package
- Buffet dinner with two entrees
- Overnight accommodations in one of our 17 historic bedrooms in the mansion, or eight rooms in the Carriage House
- Additional meeting times
- Game Room use for relaxation, watching 50-inch TV, playing pool, shuffle board, or board games
- Fire pit available for use — relax while overlooking the river
- Bar packages may be added for an additional fee (restrictions may apply).



Yard games available for team building and outdoor fun

All pricing is subject to change.

Room Layout

Susquehanna River

Chesapeake Room
21' x 43'

Billiards Room

South Sunroom

Susquehanna Room
34' x 20'

Sitting Room

Grand Hall

Library
21' x 23'

North Sunroom

Crystal Dining Room
22' x 37'

Breakfast Room
16' x 19'

Pantry

Kitchen

Staff Only

Floor Plan of the Second Floor:

- Frog & Bark Suite** - King
- Bruce Suite** - 3 Queens
- The Oceana** - 1 Full
- Greta Suite** - 2 Queens
- Gallo Suite** - 1 Queen
- Donaldson Suite** - King
- Keene Suite** - 2 Full
- Pineapple** - 1 Queen
- The Map Turtle** - 2 Queens
- Vaughan Suite** - 3 Queens
- The Magnolia** - 1 Full
- The Elm** - 1 Full
- Port Deposit** - 1 Twin
- The France** - 1 Queen
- The Burkett** - 1 Full

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Historic Accommodations

OVERNIGHT

The Donaldson Suite

Frank and Greta's suite measures 27 feet by 22 feet. It features a classic dressing area off the main room with multiple mirrored areas and closet space. The master bath is astounding in size and space. The room also features an antique writing desk, a sitting area, and a fireplace flanked by crystal beaded sconces.



The Frog & Bark Suite

Relax in the room that once belonged to the Browns' two eldest sons. This spacious room features views of the Susquehanna River from six large windows and measures 24 feet by 23 feet.



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17 BEDROOMS

Historic Accommodations

The mansion boasts seven spacious suites with private baths. Each suite belonged to a member of the Brown family in the 1930s, with two offering impressive dressing rooms featuring original cabinetry. Each suite has unique moldings and period furniture with views overlooking the river or the lawns.

Additionally, there are 10 bedrooms in the mansion with shared baths for private groups. All of the 17 bedrooms have recently been upgraded with high-quality Hilton mattresses and luxury linens for premium comfort. If more sleeping arrangements are needed, there are eight rooms available in the Carriage House. *(Overflow guests may be able to reserve rooms at a discounted rate at the Great Wolf Lodge in Perryville, located just 3 miles away. Discounts are based on seasonal pricing and availability.)*



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Allow our chef to spoil your group with classic breakfast options such as a waffle bar, scrambled eggs, French toast casserole, or spinach/sausage quiche. The staff will work closely with you to define a menu that will amaze your overnight guests. Then enjoy chicken marsala and baked ziti for lunch followed by our chef's famous baked salmon and Monterey chicken for dinner.

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DURING THE EVENT

The View

Guests can gaze down upon the waterfront town of Port Deposit or the bridge in the distance and take in an unparalleled view of the Susquehanna River.



Meeting Rooms

With more than 40 rooms in the mansion, there's a place for everyone to meet.



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Relax

The Georgian mansion offers multiple rooms to spread out your group: the classic wood-paneled Chesapeake Room, the game room, the entrance area, the library, the Susquehanna Room, the breakfast room with hand-painted wallpaper, or even outdoors on the lawn. The options are limitless. The bar area in the South Sunroom comes equipped with an ice maker, large refrigerator, multiple shelves, and sink to meet your bartender's needs.



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Our staff is always willing to help you find the perfect meeting options.



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