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the carolina inn 211 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill; (919) 918-2755; CarolinaInn.com

Having trouble deciding on your theme? Your best bet is to choose a venue, like The Carolina Inn, that's classic, but also flexible. Its Old Well Room, which was the largest ballroom between the nation's capital and Atlanta when the inn was built in 1924, has a black-and-whitetiled terrazzo floor that works for a black-tie event or a trendy Art Deco affair. Pair it with the surrounding parlors for extra space. In addition, the inn has two other ballrooms and two outdoor courtyards.

the hudson manor 908 Moulton Rd., Louisburg;

(919) 219-9139; The Hudson Manor.com

If you shy away from older venues because you think they may be outdated, think again. The Hudson Manor, a plantation home built in 1911, has been renovated and expanded, making it both classic Southern and distinctly modern at the same time. Say your vows in the climatecontrolled on-site chapel (a must during the summer), then host a seated dinner in the Greek Revival-style Grand Ballroom. Bonus: If you're planning to shoot postceremony photos, this venue's 23 acres of land and five-acre lake are the perfect way for your guests to pass time while you do so.

the balcony on dock street O 33 S. Front St., Wilmington;

(901) 342-0273; BalconyonDock.com

For a wedding that's both urban and chic, there's The Balcony on Dock Street. This space, located in a renovated building in downtown Wilmington, boasts exposed-brick walls and hardwood floors, creating a blank slate for any theme you choose. You can host up to 150 guests for a seated dinner and as many as 200 for a cocktail reception. Rental of this third-floor "balcony" includes one-hour use of the furnished ground-floor courtyard, a hospitable setting for you and your guests to enjoy cocktails before dinner.



millennium center 101 W. 5th St., Winston-Salem;

(336) 723-3700; Millennium Center.net

Like many North Carolina wedding venues, the Millennium Center in downtown Winston-Salem is steeped in history. The venue, once a federal building, now has multiple event spaces for weddings. While the Millennium Ballroom, which can accommodate up to 500 guests, is the most popular, there's also the Grande Lobby, The Speakeasy, The Courtroom and Grand Jury Room.

the grove park inn

290 Macon Ave., Asheville;

(800) 438-5800; GroveParkInn.com

Do you want a venue with a view? The Grove Park Inn may be just what you have in mind. This hotel's Skyline Room has floor-toceiling windows and views of the Blue Ridge Mountains as does its Mountain View Terrace. Together, they can accommodate 275 guests. If you're worried about the weather, the Grove Park Inn has got you covered: All of its outdoor spaces come with a back-up plan, just in case.

the o.henry hotel the o.nem y note: 624 Green Valley Rd., Greensboro;

(336) 854-2000; OHenryHotel.com

Couples going for an intimate English-garden theme on their wedding day will like the O.Henry Hotel. The venue's Pavilion, which has walls of windows and an airy color palette, and the Don Rives Cloister Garden, with a trellis and lots of foliage, will only enhance a outdoors theme. Additionally, the Social Lobby is the perfect spot for guests to mingle.

the 1927 lake lure inn & spa 2771 Memorial Highway, Lake Lure;

(828) 625-2525; LakeLure.com

Add Hollywood to your wedding with the Lake Lure Inn. Situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains, this is the place where Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey stayed while filming Dirty Dancing. Its Tanner Dining Room, Veranda Terrace and Poolside can accommodate up to 215 guests.

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