



# EMPIRE OF THE SEED

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

*Venue Information and Rental Opportunities*



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## About the HISTORIC PROPERTIES



Something Blue Cottage

### Historic Cash & Carry Building c. 1936

The Cash & Carry Building is a faithfully restored, 9,600-square-foot warehouse that was originally built in the 1930s to house what has been described as a “Sam’s Club of yesteryear” for small grocery businesses. Designed by Dunn & Quinn—well-known architects who designed nearly 2,000 schools, banks, churches, and public facilities—its original plans called for a sturdy, utilitarian building featuring a clerestory (skylight) for light and ventilation.



Cash & Carry

### Paramount Room c. 1928

*(Booking through 12/31/2024)*

Capture a time of underground jazz and optimistic growth with this responsibly revitalized 1920s-era historic property, the Paramount Room. Its essence—and name—is in honor of the city’s elegant Paramount Theatre, and just like the beloved, long-lost theatre, the Paramount Room is a favorite gathering place for fun in the heart of downtown Lake Charles. Its indoor and outdoor spaces offer an intimate celebratory setting while connecting directly to downtown life.



Paramount Room

### Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank c. 1928

*(Booking through 12/31/2024)*

The Calcasieu Marine National Bank is one of a group of buildings in Lake Charles designed by the acclaimed New Orleans architectural firm of Favrot and Livaudais. This prominent, quite prolific, firm received numerous major commissions beginning in the wake of the Great Lake Charles Fire of 1910. Their extant work includes the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse, Historic Lake Charles City Hall, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, and multiple schools as well as residences.



Calcasieu Marine Bank

### New! Something Blue Cottage c. 1909

Borrow the charm of this vintage 1909 home nestled in the Garden District. Something Blue Cottage offers an array of experiences that are sure to hit the checklist of something old, new, borrowed and blue! This indoor and outdoor space is the perfect host for a bridal shower, baby shower, a gathering of your bridal party, and your wedding-day makeup and hair preparation. The cottage also has a first-floor master bedroom below and upstairs bedroom accommodations.

## Coming soon: Chadwater and Iris Hall *Opening 2024-2025*



**Chadwater** will be a one-of-a-kind waterside retreat for personal getaways, corporate functions, and artistic and celebratory gatherings. The waterside setting and elegance of the facilities will make it a first choice for special occasions.

**Iris Hall** in downtown Lake Charles will be the re-imagining of a diocesan chancery and surroundings as a multi-use event space.





## Historic Cash & Carry Building

801 Enterprise Boulevard, Lake Charles, Louisiana

### *Daily Rates* (reception only)

- Monday through Thursday \$2,000 daily
- Friday or Saturday \$4,500
- Sunday \$3,500
- Holidays \$5,000
- New Year's Eve \$6,000
- Ceremony fee \$400
- Half-hour ceremony \$150
- Tent fee \$100
- Setup day \$250
- Rehearsal hour \$150

*A non-refundable \$2,000 is due at signing, with the balance due one month before.*

***In addition to the rental rate***, a \$1,000 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided house rules are followed by the Group and their vendors.

### *What You Get*

- Main Hall, 80' x 98'
- Restrooms
- Commercial kitchen
- Parking lot
- Cleaning
- Cross-back chairs (300)
- 6' Round tables (30)
- 4' Round tables (10)
- 8' Rectangular tables (10)
- Cocktail tables (10)
- Built-in bar
- Complimentary table and chair setup
- Bridal room

*Access begins at 8 a.m. and ends one hour after the event ends.*

*Events are limited to four hours except for events with a ceremony, where an extra hour is covered by the ceremony fee.*

### *What To Know*

- Cash, check, and money orders are accepted. All major credit cards are accepted.
- Only approved, licensed, outside catering is allowed on the property.
- The Group handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors. All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of The Group with final approval by EOS.
- 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays and holidays.

### *Requirements*

- A \$1 million Certificate of Liability Insurance naming EOS and Flavin Realty as the additional insured interest is due one month in advance.
- A minimum of two security officers is required. Sgt. Scott Dougherty of LCPD handles security at a rate of \$50 per hour. No exceptions.
- A fireguard is required if there are open flames at a rate of \$40 per hour. This is a city ordinance.
- Next-day re-entry to collect personal items is limited to 8 a.m. to noon as long as the building does not rent.



## Paramount Room

104 West Pujo Street, Suite C, Lake Charles, Louisiana

(Booking through 12/31/2024)

### Daily Rates (reception only)

- Monday through Thursday \$2,000 daily
- Friday or Saturday \$3,000
- Sunday \$2,500
- Holiday \$3,500
- New Year's Eve \$4,000
- Ceremony fee \$200
- Half-hour ceremony fee \$150
- Tent fee \$700
- Setup day \$250
- Rehearsal hour \$150

A non-refundable \$1,800 is due at signing; balance due one month before.

**In addition to the rental rate, a \$1,000 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided House Rules are followed by the Group and all vendors.**

### What You Get

- Main Hall, 44'9" x 55'
- Courtyard
- Restrooms
- Commercial kitchen
- Parking lot
- Cleaning
- Chiavari chairs (150)
- Wooden chairs (150)
- White chairs
- 5' round tables
- 4' round tables
- 8' rectangular tables
- Cocktail tables
- Pedestal tables
- Complimentary table and chair setup.
- Bridal room

Access begins at 8 a.m. and ends one hour after the event ends. Events are limited to four hours except for events with a ceremony, where an extra hour is covered by the ceremony fee.

### What To Know

- Cash, check, and money orders are accepted. All major credit cards are accepted.
- Only approved, licensed, outside catering is allowed on the property.
- The Group handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors. All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of The Group with final approval by EOS.
- 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays and holidays.

### Requirements

- A \$1 million Certificate of Liability Insurance naming EOS and Flavin Realty as the additional insured interest is due one month in advance.
- A minimum of two security officers is required. Sgt. Scott Dougherty of LCPD handles security at a rate of \$50 per hour. No exceptions.
- A fireguard is required if there are open flames at a rate of \$40 per hour. This is a city ordinance.
- Next-day re-entry to collect personal items is limited to 8 a.m. to noon as long as the building does not rent.



# Historic Calcasieu Marine National Bank

844 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana

(Booking through 12/31/2024)

## Daily Rates

(reception only)

- Monday through Thursday \$3,000 daily
- Friday or Saturday \$6,000
- Sunday \$4,000
- Holiday \$7,000
- New Year's Eve \$8,000
- Ceremony fee \$700
- Half-hour ceremony \$150
- Setup day \$250
- Rehearsal hour \$150

A non-refundable \$3,000 is due at signing, with the balance due one month before.

**In addition to the rental rate**, a \$1,000 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided that the House Rules are followed by the Group and all vendors.

## What To Know

- Cash, check, and money orders are accepted. All major credit cards are accepted.
- Only approved catering is allowed on the property.
- The Group handles all alcohol through EOS's alcohol vendors. All other vendors can be chosen at the discretion of The Group with final approval by EOS.
- 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to charge entry and are afforded a 10% in-kind discount except on Saturdays and holidays.

## What You Get

- Main Hall, 36' x 110'
- Foyer
- Rotunda
- Main vault
- Courtyard
- Restrooms
- Commercial kitchen
- Parking lot
- Cleaning
- 5' round tables (30)
- 4' round tables (10)
- 8' rectangular tables (10)
- Cocktail tables (8)
- Pedestal tables (4)
- Chivari chairs (300)
- White chairs (300)
- Complimentary table and chair setup
- Bridal room

Access begins at 8 a.m. and ends one hour after the event ends. Events are limited to four hours – except for events with a ceremony, where an extra hour is covered by the ceremony fee.

## Requirements

- A \$1 million Certificate of Liability Insurance naming EOS and Flavin Realty as the additional insured interest is due one month in advance.
- A minimum of two security officers is required. Sgt. Scott Dougherty of LCPD handles security at a rate of \$50 per hour. No exceptions.
- A fireguard is required if there are open flames at a rate of \$40 per hour. This is a city ordinance.
- Next-day re-entry to collect personal items is limited to 8 a.m to noon if building is unrented.



## Something Blue Cottage

1030 Louisiana Avenue, Lake Charles, Louisiana

*Now booking for brides!*



### *What To Know*

- Something Blue is the latest addition to the Empire of the Seed portfolio of fine properties. It's ideal for brides and wedding parties as they prepare for their special day, bridal showers, and baby showers. This longtime local residence on a Garden District corner lot has been transformed and modernized while retaining its original character and appeal.
- Cash, check, and money orders are accepted. All major credit cards are accepted.

Nightly rental \$250 | Day Event Rental - \$500

**In addition to the rental rate**, a \$100 damage deposit is collected one month before the event. It is 100% refundable within 10 business days of the event provided that the House Rules are followed by the Group and all vendors.





## Pre-Approved Caterers

### 1910 Restaurant & Wine Bar

Andrew Green, owner  
(337) 602-6278

### Bayou Boards by Gabrielle

Gabrielle and John Wainwright, owners  
(337) 317-3600  
bayouboardsbygabrielle@gmail.com

### Brickhouse Catering and Events

James and Mari Bittner, owners  
(337) 433-3108  
mb@brickhousecateringandevents.com

### Cajun Cafe Catering

Ryan Fogleman, owner  
(337) 302-4607  
ryanfogleman@yahoo.com

### Cousin's/Homsi's

Georges Homsi, owner  
(337) 437-1144 work  
(337) 540-2615 cell

### Derrick and Paul Entertainment Design

Derrick Guidry and Paul Picheloup, owners  
(337) 853-9348  
derrickandpaul@gmail.com



### Events by Elliot & Patricia

Elliot Bushnell, owner  
(337) 499-9637

### Marilyn's Flowers and Catering

Rusty Dawdy, manager  
(337) 477-3553  
info@marilynscatering.com

### Mazen's

Mazen Hijazi, owner  
(337) 477-8207

### Occasions

Roderick Stutes, owner  
(337) 540-4045

### Pujo Street Cafe

Dan Schaad, house manager  
(337) 439-2054  
info@pujostreet.com

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