

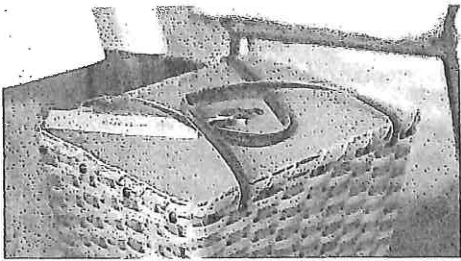
# Saying 'I do' with just a few

**Eight places to  
celebrate your big  
day with style,  
social responsibility**

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Cue the music and be prepared to throw flowers (or blow bubbles): Weddings are on in the Lower Hudson Valley. Yes, they've been adjusted and cut back on (only 50 guests allowed), thanks to the coronavirus pandemic, but they are going on. • As with everything wedding related, there are lots of factors that need to be considered to make sure you, your family and your soon-to-be-family are comfortable and following proper safety protocols.

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A picnic basket is part of the new wedding experience at Blue Hill at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills. ELENA WOLFE

### Peter Pratt's Inn, Yorktown Heights

There's plenty of outdoor space at this historic property with a sizeable lawn and a tented area on their back terrace. There's also plenty of room inside.

The 1700s farmhouse restaurant, with the cozy ambience of a New England inn, has recently been renovated; it was taken over March 11 by Kujtim (Tim) Lajqi and his wife, Liridona. Tim grew up in the area and has a deep love and affinity for the property. He and Liridona are happy to work with couples and figure out what works best for their bud-



Traditions 118 in Granite Springs, set up for an outdoor wedding. SUBMITTED

### Valley Rock continued

early 19th century houses, barns and a meeting house, has been designed like a private village, giving couples plenty of privacy, as well as accommodations for guests.

Weddings - outdoors only - can be held in the Shade Garden, the Cantina or the Great Lawn, though the team is happy to work with couples to customize

options. There's also the choice of the Rose Garden courtyard with its center fountain and 10-foot rose-covered walls.

The timeline for bookings is flexible and based on availability.

**Book it:** 27 Mill St., 845-618-9123, valleyrockinn.com

*Jeanne Muchnick covers food and dining.*

### Traditions 118, Granite Springs

Traditions 118 has been the site of many weddings - they've done them for the past 15 years - but because of the pandemic there's now a huge uptick in demand for smaller, more intimate weddings. The restaurant has done three so far, with five more on the books.

According to owner Michael Lubic, they only book one private event at a time. Because they're not open for lunch on weekends, Saturday and Sunday afternoons are perfect. In the event of a late afternoon or night event, their indoor space has designated private sections. They also have a large tent.

To keep everyone safe, there are no longer buffets or passed hors d'oeuvres, and masks are required when not seated. They also abide by the six-foot social distancing requirements.

**Book it:** 11 Old Tomahawk St., 914-248-7200, traditions118restaurant.com

### Valley Rock Inn & Mountain Club, Slootsburg

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