

Monica Saraga & Brendan McNulty: Saturday, October 3, 2026

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Notes:

175 Guests

- 6:10 PM intros/welcome/blessing may be tight if guests are just sitting at 6:00 PM.
- Need confirmation if speeches happen before or after salads.
- Need to confirm if steak/chicken pre-selection system will be escort cards, place cards, or table counts.

Venue: Whispering Woods

14518 O'Brien Rd, Harvard, IL 60033

Catering: Elegante Cuisine (\$22,483.93)

Trisha Ullrich:

- Deposit of \$5,537.74 paid
- Second payment of \$8,540.91 due 4/3/2026
- Remaining balance due 20 days before the wedding
- Final guest count due 14 days prior.
- Setup details due 14 days prior.
- Menu finalized 30–45 days prior.
- Full Service Plated Dinner
- 2PM Arrival | 11:30PM Departure
 - 4:30PM Start - 10:30PM End
 - Staff arrives: 2:00 PM
 - Ceremony: 4:30 PM
 - Cocktail hour: 5:00 PM
 - Dinner call: 6:00 PM
 - Entrees served: 6:30 PM
 - Desserts/coffee: 8:00 PM
 - Event ends: 10:30 PM
 - Staff out: 11:30 PM
- Passed Appetizers
 - Bacon wrapped dates + Marinated Tortellini Skewers
- Dinner

- 87 Chicken Asiago
- 88 Ribeye Steaks
- TBD - vegetarian/vegan meals
- TBD - vendor meals
- Dessert
 - Brownies, assorted bars + coffee station
- Late Night Snack:
 - Slider station
- Rentals include: Gold rim china, Flatware, Glassware, Black napkins, Black linens, Coffee station equipment

Photography: Earth Below Photo (\$5,660)

Amanda Warda: earthbelowphoto@gmail.com (847) 542-0924

- Deposit of \$2,830 paid
- Remaining balance of \$2,830 due (TBD)
- 10 hours of coverage
- 1 photographer
- Delivery includes 500 professionally edited high resolution images + GIF collection + Photo story video
- Overtime is \$600 an hour

Florist: Fabbrini Flowers (\$5,093.70)

- Deposit of \$1,018.74 paid
- Remaining balance of \$4,074.96 due 3 weeks before wedding
- Aesthetic: Moody woodland / whimsical garden, Mushroom + feather accents with Earth tones with butter yellow + burgundy, Heavy candlelight emphasis, Organic greenery textures
- Floral elements: Leonidas roses, Burgundy disbud mums, Butter yellow stock, Mauve mums, Seeded eucalyptus, Italian + Israeli ruscus, Dried mushrooms, Peacock feathers
- Personal florals include a dramatic garden-style bridal bouquet with seeded eucalyptus, mushrooms, and peacock feathers, 11 coordinating bridesmaid bouquets wrapped in bridesmaid dress fabric, groom and groomsmen florals, flower girl crown, ring bearer florals, and family flowers for a total of \$1,362
- Ceremony Florals: Ceremony décor includes asymmetrical florals on the venue's hexagon arch using the same floral palette and textures as the personal flowers for a total of \$600.
- Reception Florals: Reception décor includes 12 guest table centerpieces featuring hurricanes, taper candles, greenery, petals, and repurposed bridesmaid bouquets, 6 elevated gold candelabra centerpieces with hanging pearls, and an elaborate head table installation with four candelabras, greenery, rose petals, and layered candlelight for a total of \$2,805.
- **Nightstrike is the rented items being picked up that night from the venue.**
- Ask about florals/decor for Cocktail tables, Place card table, Welcome/signage area, Cake flowers, Bar, Memorial table, Sweetheart table

