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Picture-perfect backdrops

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The Belvedere Inn, Saugatuck

Its name is Italian, meaning "beautiful view," and the lavish prairie-style building definitely lives up to that name.

The impeccably manicured grounds, equipped with luxurious gardens and fountains sits, on five-acres of land and is the perfect wedding location for couples with a taste for the extravagant.

Couples and their families come from all over the world to state their vows at the spot that is described as having a "Chicago-style elegance" -- upscale and pristine.

The current structure was built in 1913 as a summer home for a well-off Chicago family, to replace their previous home that was burned-down when lightening struck it the previous year. As a result, the family made it a point to build a virtually fire-proof building. Today, The Belvedere, equipped with 10 guest rooms, is noted as sturdier than most structures built today. It still has most of its original framing, floors, staircases and windows.

August through September is a popular time for weddings. Then the leaves are changing to fall colors and the vigor of the summer gives way to a more subdued time. Owners say many who hold their weddings at The Belvedere are from big cities who are in search of a tranquil get away.

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