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**Oh Joy!** So glad you decided to sign up for our newsletter! This month we've got the inside scoop on an awesome (and FREE) wedding ceremony site in Santa Barbara and some great new features coming soon to our website, [VenturaWedding.com](http://VenturaWedding.com), that are sure to make your browsing experience more convenient & enjoyable!

***Fabulous & FREE Wedding Ceremony Site***

Our featured venue this month is the [Sunken Gardens](#) at the Santa Barbara Courthouse (you can view our featured venues at the top of our home page). For years the Courthouse has honored its policy of not charging for small wedding parties (parties of 15 or fewer participants) at specific locations along the perimeter of the Courthouse grounds. These areas along the Anacapa and Figueroa Street Lawns offer the same beautiful backdrop of the courthouse architecture and are available on a first come first serve basis. FOR FREE, NO RESERVATION REQUIRED. While you are there be sure to visit the inside of the courthouse and the bell tower for some great photo ops!

There are, of course, larger areas available if your wedding exceeds 15, but these require a reservation and fees. You can view a list of available sites with guest capacity and price [here](#). The largest area available for rent accommodates 200 people and costs \$750 plus a \$200 reservation fee.

Visit the [Sunken Gardens page on VW](#) for video samples and image gallery or their [website](#) for more information on reserving a site for your ceremony. All reservations for the courthouse grounds and garden are made through the Santa Barbara County Parks Department, please call (805) 568-2461 or email [contact@sbparks.org](mailto:contact@sbparks.org)

***Coming Soon to VW***

At VW we try to make wedding planning fun and convenient. We bring you some of the best local wedding venues with sample videos, image galleries, and facts you need to know before scheduling a tour of potential sites. In May we plan to launch a Venue Locator with a map showing all our featured ceremony and reception sites. With this new tool, you can browse according to zip code or simply look for the venue closest to home or your favorite beach!

*If you have an idea on how we can make [our website](#) better, please let us know. We love to hear [your feedback](#)!*