



Smithsonian
National Postal Museum

HOST YOUR EVENT



About The Venue

Make your next event a historic occasion at National Postal Museum. You and your guests can explore our exhibits devoted to the colorful and engaging history of the nation's mail service and the largest and most comprehensive collection of stamps and philatelic material in the world. Located adjacent to Union Station, the museum offers ease of arrival and departure for guests via cab service, metro, or bus line. Just steps away from Capitol Hill, the National Mall, and many downtown hotels, the National Postal Museum is the ideal location in Washington, D.C. to entertain.

The National Postal Museum allows private corporate and non-profit receptions, fundraising galas for organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and personal social events for adults such as weddings and receptions, memorials, anniversary celebrations and birthday parties.



Architectural History

The Smithsonian's National Postal Museum is located in the historic City Post Office Building, which was constructed in 1914 and served as the Washington, D.C., post office through 1986. The architectural firm of D.H. Burnham & Co. designed this building in classic Beaux Arts style. The National Postal Museum opened on July 30, 1993 and occupies 100,000 square feet of the building with 35,000 square feet devoted to exhibition space.



William H. Gross Stamp Gallery

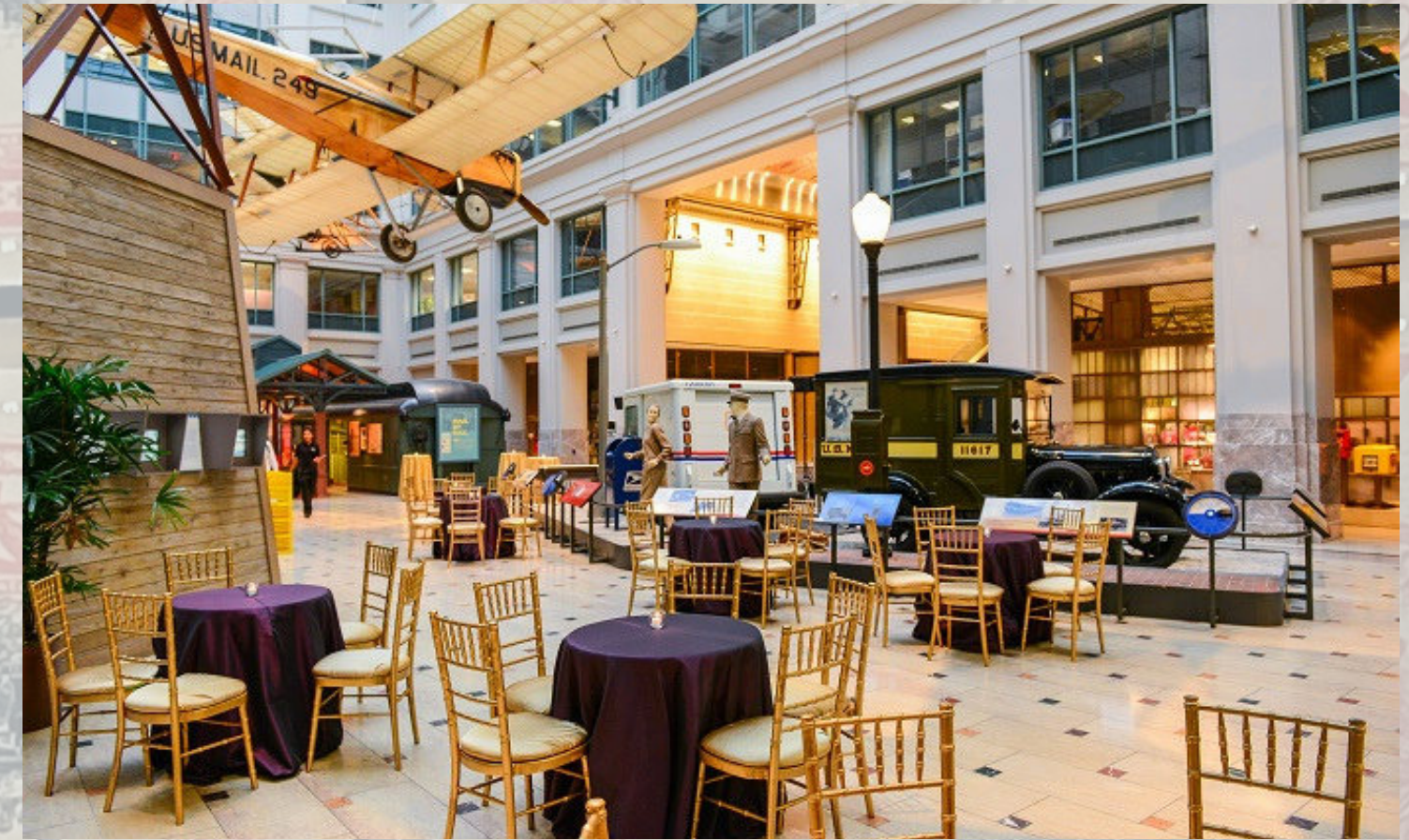
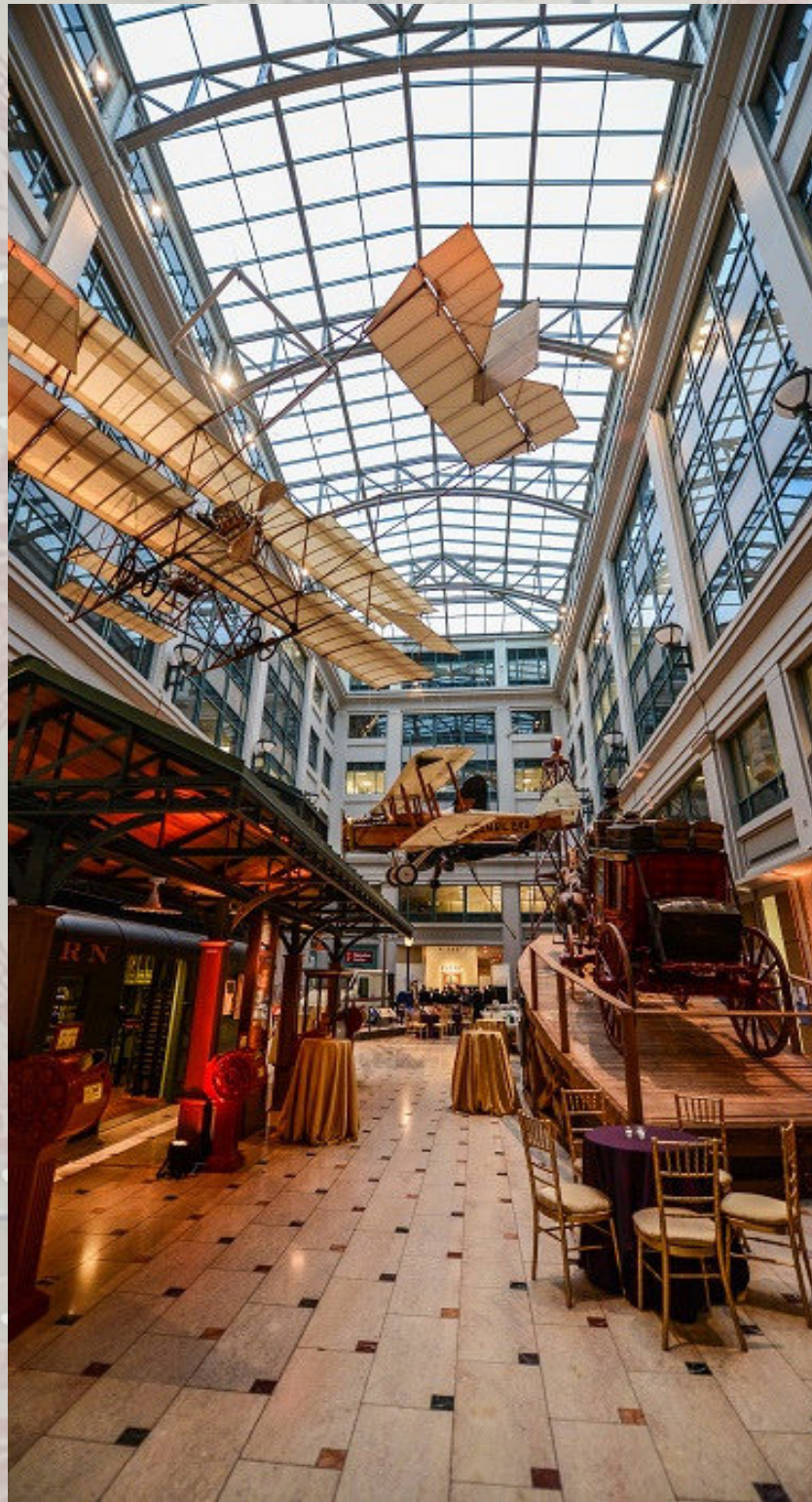
Named after its primary benefactor, the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery is the world's largest gallery dedicated to philately. Guests may explore the gallery and view hundreds of pullout frames containing more than 20,000 objects, and even make a digital postage stamp with their own image. Galleries provide engaging learning experiences for guests and enrich any special event.



Windows into America

The museum's front exterior features an outside terrace and a glowing wall of windows with reproductions of 54 historic U.S. stamps. The windows light up at dusk providing a stunning backdrop for any event. The terrace can be used in conjunction with the Historic Lobby.

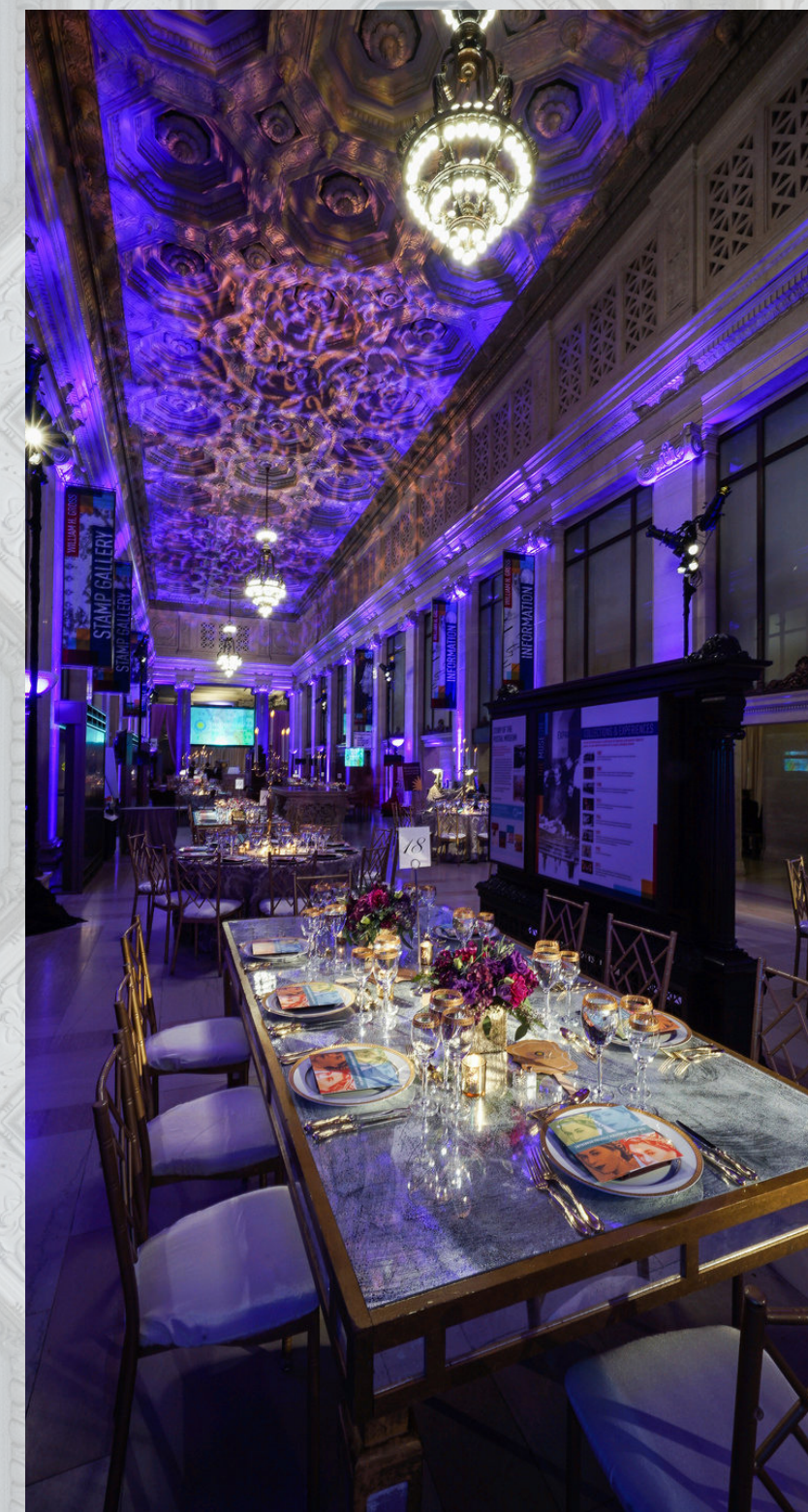
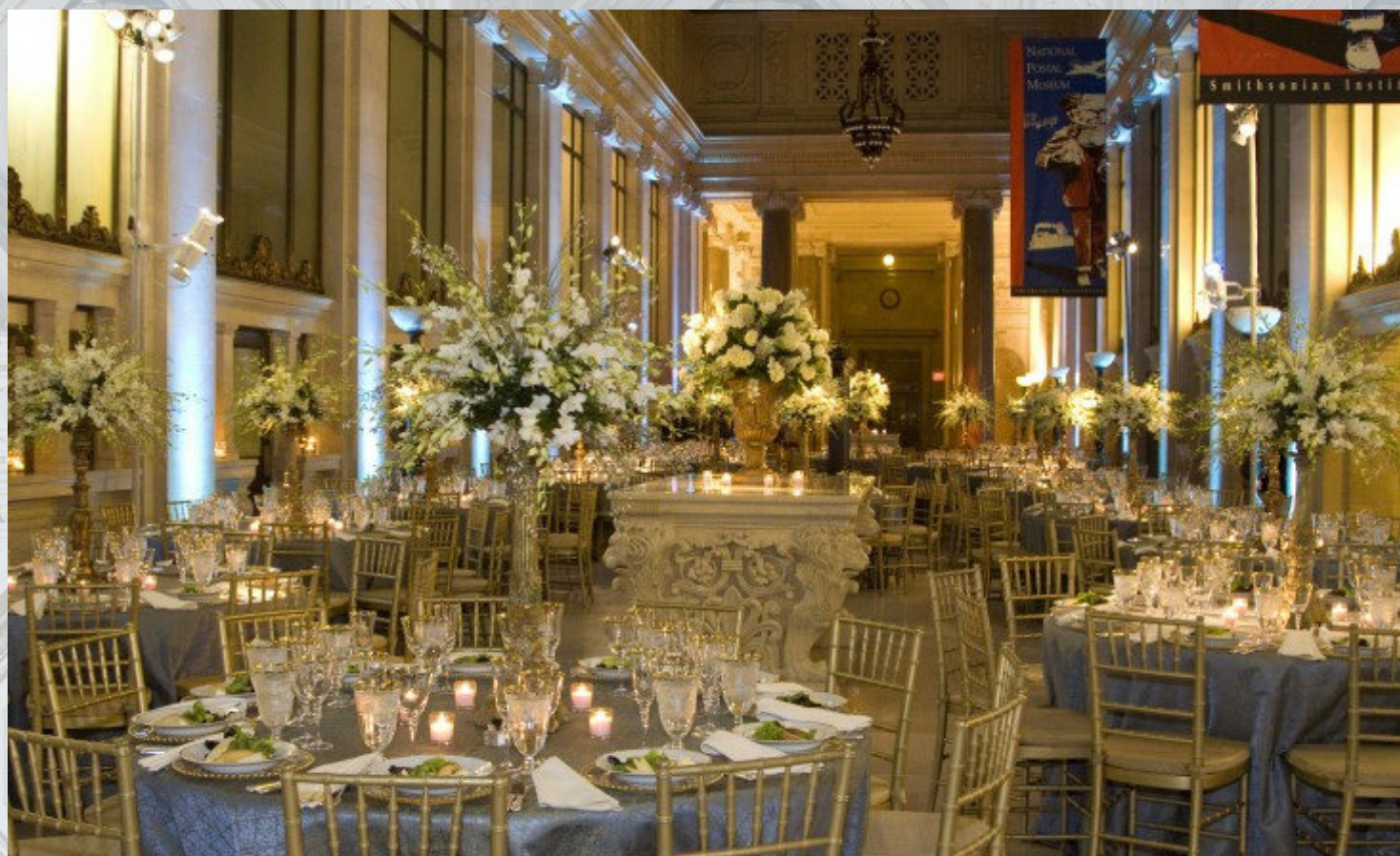




Atrium

Rounds: 100
Standing: 300

The atrium has a 90-foot-high ceiling with three vintage airmail planes suspended overhead, a reconstructed railway mail car, an 1851 stagecoach, a 1931 Ford Model A postal truck and a contemporary Long Life Vehicle postal truck. Among its permanent exhibitions are: “Binding the Nation,” “Systems at Work,” “Moving the Mail,” “Mail Call,” and “Customers and Communities.”



Historic Lobby

Rounds: 225
Standing: 600

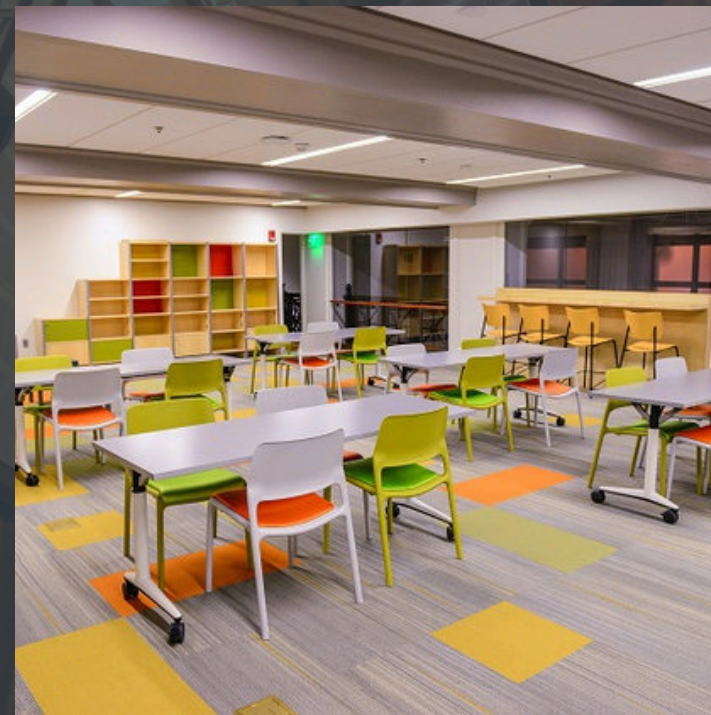
The Historic Lobby - with its grandiose rosette ceiling, stunning chandeliers, elegant marble floors, and classical columns - is one of the most magnificent and illustrious spaces in Washington. The iconic post office's original marble tables and brass P.O. Boxes remain from the 72 years it served as the main post office for the District of Columbia.

Meeting Space



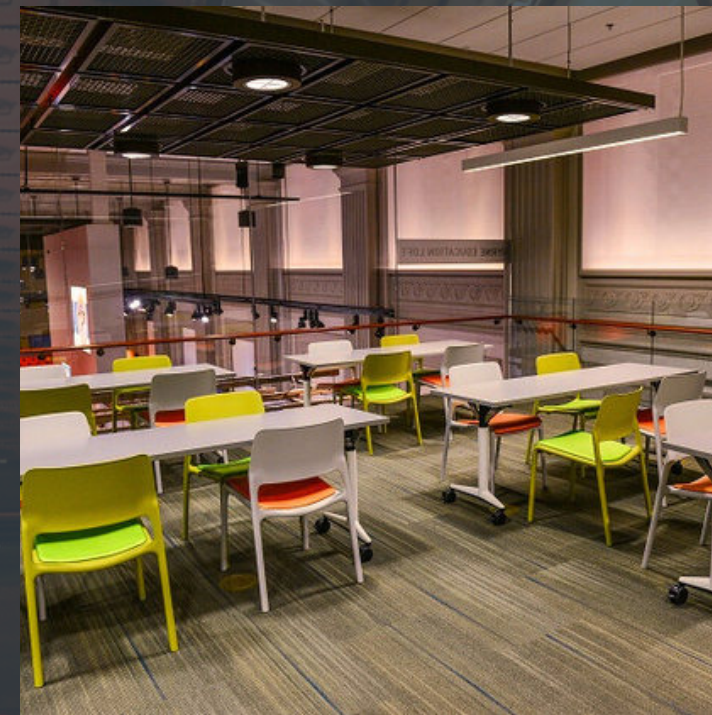
Blount Center

Board room: 24
Classroom: 36
Theater : 50
Standing: 60



Byrne Classroom

Classroom: 24
Theater : 54
Standing: 70



Byrne Overlook

Classroom: 16
Theater : 34
Standing: 46



Discovery Center

Classroom: 36
Theater : 70
Standing: 100
U-Shape: 25

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