

To Whom it May Concern,

I first met Trudy Logan in the spring of 2013 while shopping for a wedding venue with my daughter. As we explored her property that day I remember being struck by her passion for wanting to help my daughter make her wedding day perfect. Trudy takes great pride in her property & is equally proud to be able to share that with others. Trudy's love & concern for making my daughter's wedding day went far beyond offering a venue, she made sure every second of the planning and the day went perfect. (Including, counseling the bride & groom the night before the wedding during an argument.) She "loves" and cares for people in a way that is far to uncommon, we were so very fortunate to have found this perfect wedding spot – and even more fortunate to have met such a extraordinary woman.

From our very first visit with Trudy she stressed to us the importance of respecting the neighbor's privacy. It was obvious that it was something that she felt very strongly about and wanted to be sure we all knew it. Trudy's concern became ours, but not due to threats or worries that she wouldn't be able to continue her business, it was evident that she valued her neighbors & felt it only natural to respect their space. Trudy wanted us to be mindful of the neighbors because, they were HER NEIGHBORS & she cared about them. I live in Eugene and have had 2 daughters get married within the past 3 years. I have spent numerous hours looking on the internet, talking with friends & going through bridal magazines looking for outdoor wedding venues in the area. What I can say is, there aren't nearly enough! Some of the wedding venues are scheduled out 2 years in advance.

I commend Trudy Logan for stepping forward and offering her home for this purpose. The upkeep is enormous, the commitment overwhelming, but to those of us who reap the benefits – we are immensely grateful. Trudy has numerous weddings & other events scheduled throughout the year. I know specifically for weddings, there are usually several out-of-town guests who attend. This brings in business not only to the hotels/motels in the Springfield area, but also local restaurants. This seems like a win-win situation to me!

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I would also like to comment regarding Mr. Jim Donovan. During my daughter's wedding planning he made a comment to her, at her place of employment, about him trying to get her venue "shut down". This not only stressed out my daughter beyond imagine, but it was HIGHLY UNPROFESSIONAL and defamatory for him to make these statements in public.