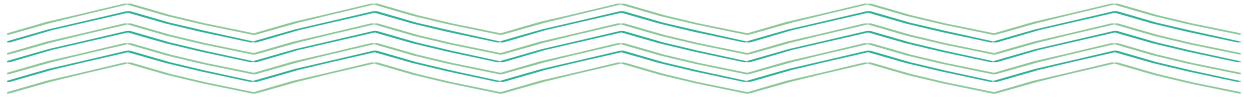




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Luxury Lakeside Resort Pays Tribute to the “New Age of Romance” **Georgia’s Lake Lanier Islands Resort Debuts Three New Exciting Outdoor Wedding Venues and Successfully Launches Wedding Showcase Series**

Buford, March 22 – Georgia’s most visited lakeside retreat, Lake Lanier Islands Resort is pleased to announce this year’s debut of three exciting new outdoor wedding venues. Adding to a veritable cornucopia of current wedding sites throughout the resort, Spring 2010 will mark the introduction of The Carriage House, The Venetian Pier, and PineIsle Pointe at Lanier. Following the wild popularity of Lake Lanier Islands Resort’s first outdoor venue, Legacy Pointe at Lanier (debuted Summer 2007 under the name Summer House Garden) – Resort owner, Virgil Williams, wished to expand on the open air wedding concept to better meet the needs of brides and grooms throughout the Southeast. “We love weddings! There is always a sense of excitement and a palpable surge of electricity throughout the resort whenever a ceremony is about to take place,” reveals Williams. “Because the resort is family-owned and operated, my family and I – along with our extended family of resort employees – all enjoy seeing the blushing bride gracefully gliding down the halls of the Lodge just before she takes her vows, or the newly wedded couple heading to their reception as they prepare to celebrate their union with friends and family. It’s a real privilege to play such an important role in their special day, and we are honored that they have chosen Lake Lanier Islands Resort as the site for their wedding.”

“In keeping with the Resort’s desire to introduce families throughout the Southeast to the NEW Generation of Lake Lanier Islands, we will continue to add special new amenities all over the Islands in the coming years. This year, we are particularly thrilled about the debut of our new wedding venues,” explains Williams. “Each venue has a timeless ‘classic’ flair, but they lend themselves to a beautiful blank canvas where the bride and groom can create their own picture-perfect day. Our Resort Wedding Specialists work closely with each couple to help define and shape their dream wedding, but no two weddings are ever alike at Lake Lanier Islands Resort.

Each has the distinctive ‘thumbprint’ of its bride – from traditional, to ornate, to utterly original. We believe that’s the New Age of Romance.”

The NEW Carriage House at Lanier is an enchanting semi-enclosed pavilion designed to evoke the feel of a 19th century coach house. The bride- and groom-to-be can exchange vows at a lovely lake view gazebo on the outdoor terrace of the Carriage House, then dance the night away in the pavilion in the glow of a crackling fire in the striking stacked stone fireplace. The newlyweds can be whisked away at the end of the reception by a charming horse and carriage – the ideal way to begin any “happily ever after.” The Carriage House is also the perfect site for a rehearsal dinner by the lake, and can accommodate up to 150 guests.

The NEW Venetian Pier at Lanier is inspired by the same romantic notions that must have stirred the hearts and minds of early architects in Venice, Italy. A boardwalk leads from the shore to a majestic pier – sheltered by a billowing white tent. The bride and groom can take their vows with beautiful Lake Sidney Lanier as their backdrop, and then enjoy an elegant reception at any one of the resort’s indoor or outdoor venues. At the ceremony’s conclusion, the happy couple can sail away into their future together on a whimsical Venetian gondola. The Venetian Pier can accommodate up to 150 guests.

The NEW PineIsle Pointe at Lanier is perhaps one of the resorts most scenic venues. Providing panoramic views of both the lake and the immaculately manicured 18th fairway of the renowned PineIsle Golf Course, this stunning pavilion harkens back to another era with its stacked stone columns, cedar-shingled siding, and carriage lamps with flickering gas flames. In the evening, twinkling lights that frame the charming peaked roof will glisten like stars in the night sky. The lovely interior of this semi-enclosed pavilion features an expansive stacked stone hearth and room enough to accommodate a guest list of up to 200 people. A winding walkway leads down a hill to the lakeside gazebo – the ultimate romantic spot to exchange vows and have once-in-a-lifetime photos taken. PineIsle Pointe is a terrific venue for larger weddings, receptions, and rehearsal dinners.

“We have received an unbelievable response to each of our new venues,” says Resort Wedding Specialist, Celita Fritch. “They join a long list of favorite venues – our Grand Ballroom and Plantation Ballroom, our awesome outdoor site at Legacy Pointe and our fleet of yachts, as well as several additional new sites currently under construction, for a grand total of 20 exquisite wedding venues accommodating up to 450 guests. Everyone at Lake Lanier Islands Resort is very excited about all of the different rehearsal dinner, ceremony, and reception combinations we can create!” Lake Lanier Islands Resort, with its wide variety of accommodations and amenities, is also the perfect choice for a destination wedding – when the bride and groom don’t wish to limit their wedding to just one night, but extend it over an entire weekend. A dedicated team of Wedding Specialists is prepared to assist the bride and groom in planning their one-of-a-kind wedding experience. “We recently hosted our first in series of Wedding Showcases here at the resort, where more than 50 wedding vendors – from florists, to photographers, to musicians, and more – were on hand to display their ‘wares’ and individual talents to a large group of engaged couples,” adds fellow Resort Wedding Specialist, Maureen Morris. “The couples were also treated to an exciting tour of our wedding venues and a tasty sampling from our reception menus. It was a lot of fun!”

Additional Wedding Showcases are planned for March 28, July 11, and November 14. Couples can reserve a spot for any one of these dates by calling Rebecca Henderson at (678) 318-2072 or by e-mailing their request to rhenderson@llimail.com. To schedule a personalized tour and consultation with any one of Lake Lanier Islands Resort's Wedding Specialists, couples are encouraged to call the Resort's "Wedding Inquiry Line" at 678-318-2061 or they can e-mail their request to sorr@llimail.com.

About Lake Lanier Islands Resort: Nestled on the southern-most shoreline of Lake Sidney Lanier at the foothills of the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains lies the truly distinctive Lake Lanier Islands Resort. Situated less than 45 miles from downtown Atlanta on 1,100 pristine acres of forests, meadows and beaches, this luxury resort is quickly growing in size, scope and reputation as one of the Southeast's leading lakeside retreats. The Resort's crown jewel – Lake Sidney Lanier encompasses 38,000 miles of surface area and 690 miles of shoreline in Northeast Georgia, and is one of the United States' most popular man-made lakes. The recent additions of Legacy Lodge and Conference Center and Legacy Villas enhance the Resort's broad assortment of accommodation choices and meeting sites – making it the ideal choice for corporate meetings and company retreats. Popular amenities such as Chattahoochee Rapids Beach and WaterPark, the Equestrian Center, and Harbor Landing – offering Lake Lanier's largest fleet of rental boats – make the Resort a terrific choice for families vacationing or "staycationing" in the South. Tranquility – the Spa and the picturesque 18-hole course at Legacy Golf Club are major draws for visitors looking to relax or play, and with more than 20 wedding venues to choose from, it is rapidly gaining favor with brides- and grooms-to-be as a highly sought-after Destination Wedding site. Operated by Islands Management Company, LLC since 2005, Lake Lanier Islands Resort is steadily gaining a solid standing for their unique vision of the future of this luxury retreat, their unswerving dedication to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests, and their signature brand of Southern Hospitality. For more information, schedule a tee time, learn package details or to make reservations, call 1-800-840-LAKE (5253) or visit our website at <http://www.lakelanierislands.com>.

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Artist's Rendering of The Venetian Pier

Photo of Wedding Ceremony at Legacy Pointe at Lanier

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