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Transportation. The nearest major airport is Charlotte, NC. It takes about 2 hours to drive to Biltmore Estate from the airport. Asheville has an airport that is about a 30-minute drive to Biltmore Estate. The Atlanta Airport is about a four-hour drive to Biltmore Estate. I-26 and I-40 intersect near Asheville. For those who really like a scenic drive, the Blue Ridge Parkway passes Biltmore Estate.

For local transportation you will have to rent or use Uber or Lyft. Asheville has a ride service called AVL Ride. They have an app. This is their site:

https://www.avltaxi.com/

If you wish to hire a limousine our planner recommends Blue Ridge Limousine

Welcome - Blue Ridge Limousine

Biltmore Estate has resumed shuttle service but not to the pre-pandemic extent. As of this writing they are only offering rides from The Inn to Biltmore House.

Gifts and Cards. The ancient bride and groom would prefer not to receive gifts or cards. Your presence is the greatest gift and the most handsome card. In lieu of gift and card please consider donating in honor of our fiftieth wedding anniversary to one or more of the following charities. The tribute should be CWO Robert and Ann Easter Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

The Wounded Warrior Project

https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=11585&ovr acv id=16151&cam paignSource=ONLINE&source=BS22009AAABRXAA&gclid=EAlalQobChMI Ye24dTf9glVDgilCR2T hQUhEAAYASABEgJESvD BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation

https://marineheritage.secure-donor.com/donate

American Cancer Society

https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=search&utm\_source=google&utm\_medium=cpc&utm\_campaign=%5BB%5D+American+Cancer+Society+-

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## **AMIKids-Beaufort**

https://give.amikids.org/give/240326/#!/donation/checkout

Vow Renewal Ceremony. The ceremony will be on The Vista, a grassy field behind The Inn adjacent to an area of The Inn called the Veranda. There will be seating. A large white tent will be provided should inclement weather threaten. The ceremony will not be elaborate or lengthy. Despite the opulent setting, the ceremony will reflect our straightforward marriage. The ceremony will include an opportunity for the guests to participate.

Reception and Dinner. The Pre-dinner reception is in The Gallery, which is the area outside of the dinner venue, Vanderbilt Ballroom. There will be butler served Canapés and a full open bar. The dinner format is a stations reception. Five serving stations will be positioned around the ballroom.

Misc. In the RSVP be sure to tell us the names of adults and the names and ages of any dependent children who will be attending. We will also need to know about any dietary restrictions.

We envision this gathering as an opportunity for our friends and family to come together in a comfortable and hospitable venue to celebrate our good fortune and enduring love. We chose The Vista and The Gallery, because, as the names suggest, with a little luck, we should have a great view of the sun setting behind the Blue Ridge Mountains during the vow renewal ceremony and pre-dinner reception. (Sunset is 7:25 PM on 23 September 2022)

Lately we have been asked a few times; how did you make it to fifty years? We do not know. It is obviously not a secret. We are not the only ones. You should not ask this question at the celebration. Nor should you wish us fifty more. Attend with a celebratory heart, kindness and consideration for all and moderation in all endeavors.