

ROSS MANSION

SEAFORD, DELAWARE

The Seaford Historical Society always viewed Governor Ross Plantation as a gem in the community. In efforts to attract more people to experience its rich history and beauty, Historical Society members hired Gillis Gilkerson to build a community event facility on the property that dates to pre-civil war.

The banquet hall is built with locally sourced cypress beams, trim and custom cypress exterior doors and shutters. Gillis Gilkerson offered an extensive list of value engineered items that greatly reduced the initial bid amount to meet the organization's budget. The center is used for society functions, educational activities and exhibits, business retreats, weddings, history conferences and other expositions and community events.

"The entire team at Gillis Gilkerson was great to work with from beginning to end," said Maria Heysel, Seaford Historical Society Treasurer. "They took the time to sit down with us and to go through the contract line by line and made suggestions on ways we could trim the cost but still end up with a quality structure in the end. This was huge for us."

Gillis Gilkerson project manager Don Murray and superintendent Danny Disharoon worked closely with the Seaford Historical Society to meet the deadline for completion for a wedding that was booked in the venue before ground was broken.

"We ended up with a building that does exactly what we needed it to."

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