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D L English Design ‘Comes up roses’ with new Rose Garden Tea Room interiors project at The Huntington.

[SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, 04-24-23] D L English Design (DLE), a woman-owned multi-disciplinary design and fabrication firm in Pasadena, California, was selected to design and decorate the interiors of the iconic Rose Garden Tea Room at The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens.

D L English Design provided interior design, custom furnishings design, and procured and installed furnishings for all the public areas of the newly renovated Rose Garden Tea Room. *“We were asked to design spaces that provide an experience unique from the other restaurants on property, befitting the honored tradition of ‘Tea at The Huntington,’”* said DLE founder and president Deborah English.

DLE’s work included all key public spaces, including the Tea Room, the Herb Room, The Shakespeare Room, connecting concourse/common areas, and restrooms. Guided by the context of the tea room’s historical architecture and beloved rose gardens, DLE weaved a story of color, materials, patterns, contextual furnishings, and space. A new design language was developed by carefully selecting modern versions of traditional trims and moldings used throughout. Each area has a signature color that works alone or with the color palettes of the other rooms and the gardens they face.

The Tea Room (1,071 SF) pulls its floral connection and uplifting sensibility from the 100-year-old rose garden to the south. DLE appropriately designed the room to show reverence for tradition while allowing for comfort and accessibility to hosting various events and diverse guests. Rich and textured fabrics are exhibited throughout the space, including the central 17-foot-long Morris & Company upholstered settee showcases a pattern from The Huntington’s historical collection.

The Herb Room (614 SF) faces the curated herb garden on the west. The garden is a functioning, structured garden that provides the herbs for the tea room's kitchen. The finishes used throughout this space have a more ordered look with the rigor of paneled walls and larger trims referencing storage and organization. The area is designed to be flexible, allowing for separate executive meetings or private events to run concurrently.

The concourse includes the common area spine and restrooms (1,906 SF). The open space has high ceilings that allow natural light to enter and are intentionally designed to be transitional as guests move from one dining space to the next.. The span connects the Tea and Herb Rooms to the Shakespeare Room (1,394 SF outdoor covered space) at the opposite end of the concourse. The new Shakespeare Room is an outdoor dining pavilion facing the Shakespeare Garden and Fountain and museum grounds beyond. . The space includes potted citrus trees and substantial wood tables and chairs selected for their exterior scale and functionality.

D L English curated overall finishes, fixtures, and furnishings throughout the building in collaboration with The Huntington and the Project Architect, ARG. Finishes were selected to functionally modernize the facility without sacrificing the legacy and tradition of The Huntington, preserving the experience of tea for a new generation of guests.

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ABOUT D L ENGLISH:

D L English is a multi-disciplinary design and fabrication firm focusing on innovative, consumer-driven experiential spaces. Founded in 2001, our architects, designers, artists, project managers, master artisans, and installation teams take pride in collaborating with clients to create unique and successful venues.

Our expertise is wide-ranging, encompassing all aspects of the spaces we design, from the initial concept ideation to the final build and installation of the experiential consumer environment. Core competencies include brand strategy, concept ideation, space planning, food service design, architecture, custom furnishings, interiors, fabrication/installation of décor, furniture, casework, and environmental graphics.

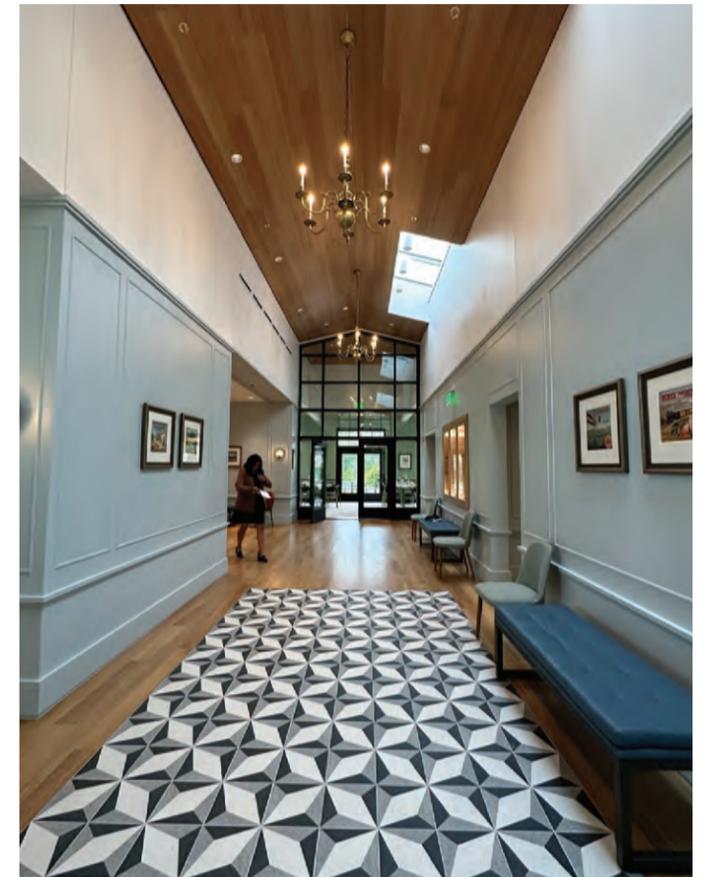
Over the past several decades, our firm has completed hundreds of projects for pioneering companies. We are Los Angeles based, with global reach - over the past twenty years; we have worked with clients throughout the greater United States, Mexico, the Caribbean, Australia, and the Middle East.

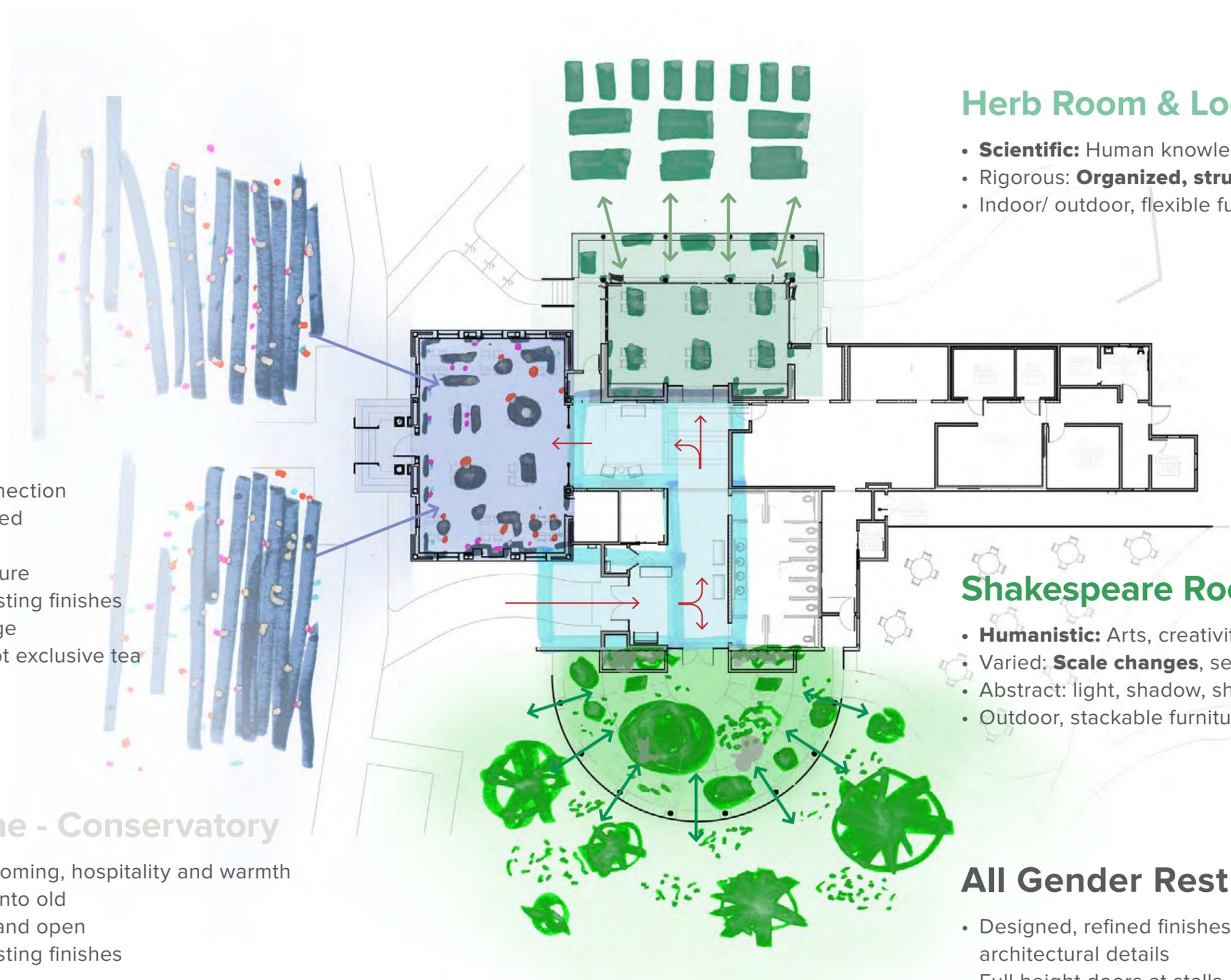
Our award-winning firm capitalizes on a free flow of diverse talents, experiences, and insights to create superior solutions for every design and build challenge.

ABOUT THE HUNTINGTON AND TEA ROOM:

Affectionately known as The Huntington, The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens are located on the former grand estate of Henry and Arabella Huntington in San Marino, California. The Huntington is a collections-based educational and research institution established in 1928. It includes over 120 acres of specialized botanical landscaped gardens, one of which is the beloved "Rose Garden," home to the Rose Garden Tea Room (6,964 GSF).

Originally built as a billiards room and bowling alley in 1911, the space was later converted into the Rose Garden Tea Room in 1928 when the estate opened to the public. The tearoom remained open until COVID shuttered it in March 2020. The space reopened briefly and closed in 2021 for an 18-month major renovation. The iconic tearoom is due to reopen in late May 2023.





Tea Room

- **Rose Garden** connection
- **Detailed** & accented
- Prim & proper
- Indoor, fixed furniture
- Restore select existing finishes
- Huntington heritage
- Exceptional but not exclusive tea experience

Lobby - Spine - Conservatory

- **Transitional:** Welcoming, hospitality and warmth
- Connective: New into old
- Indoor, yet bright and open
- Restore select existing finishes

Herb Room & Loggia

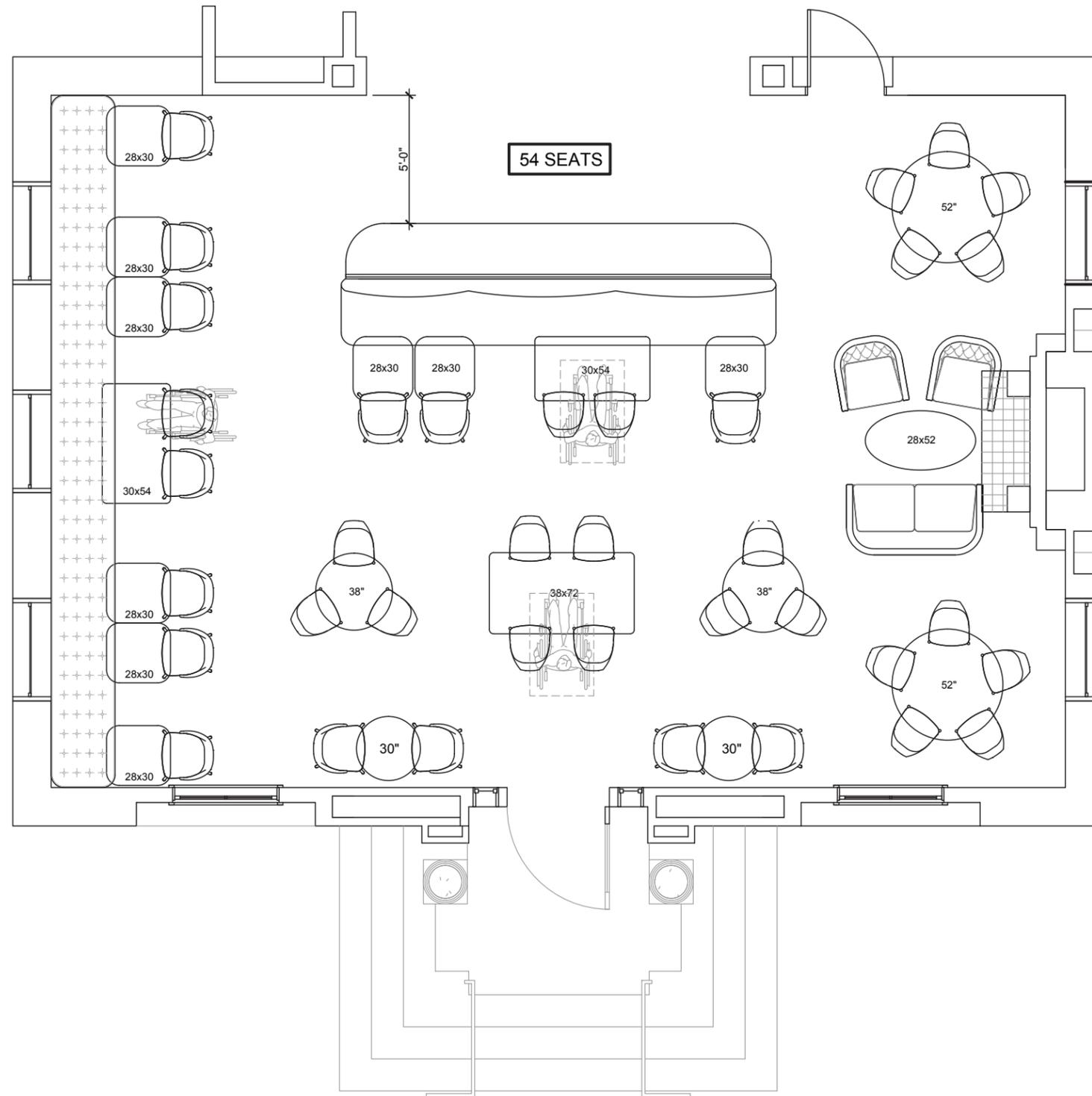
- **Scientific:** Human knowledge inspired
- Rigorous: **Organized, structure**
- Indoor/ outdoor, flexible furniture

Shakespeare Room

- **Humanistic:** Arts, creativity, theater
- Varied: **Scale changes**, seating types/areas
- Abstract: light, shadow, shade
- Outdoor, stackable furniture

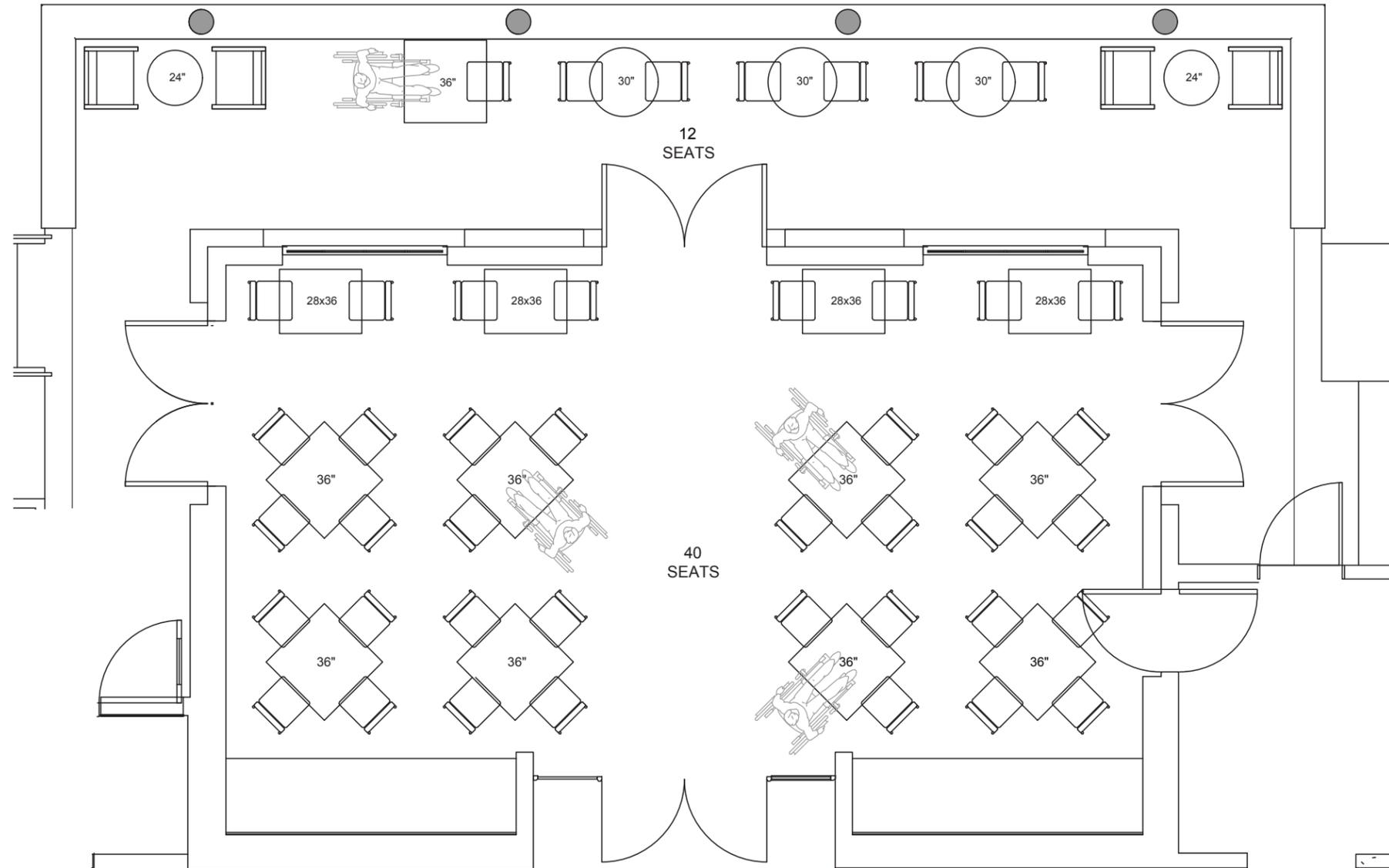
All Gender Restrooms

- Designed, refined finishes & architectural details
- Full height doors at stalls, how to differentiate entry doors



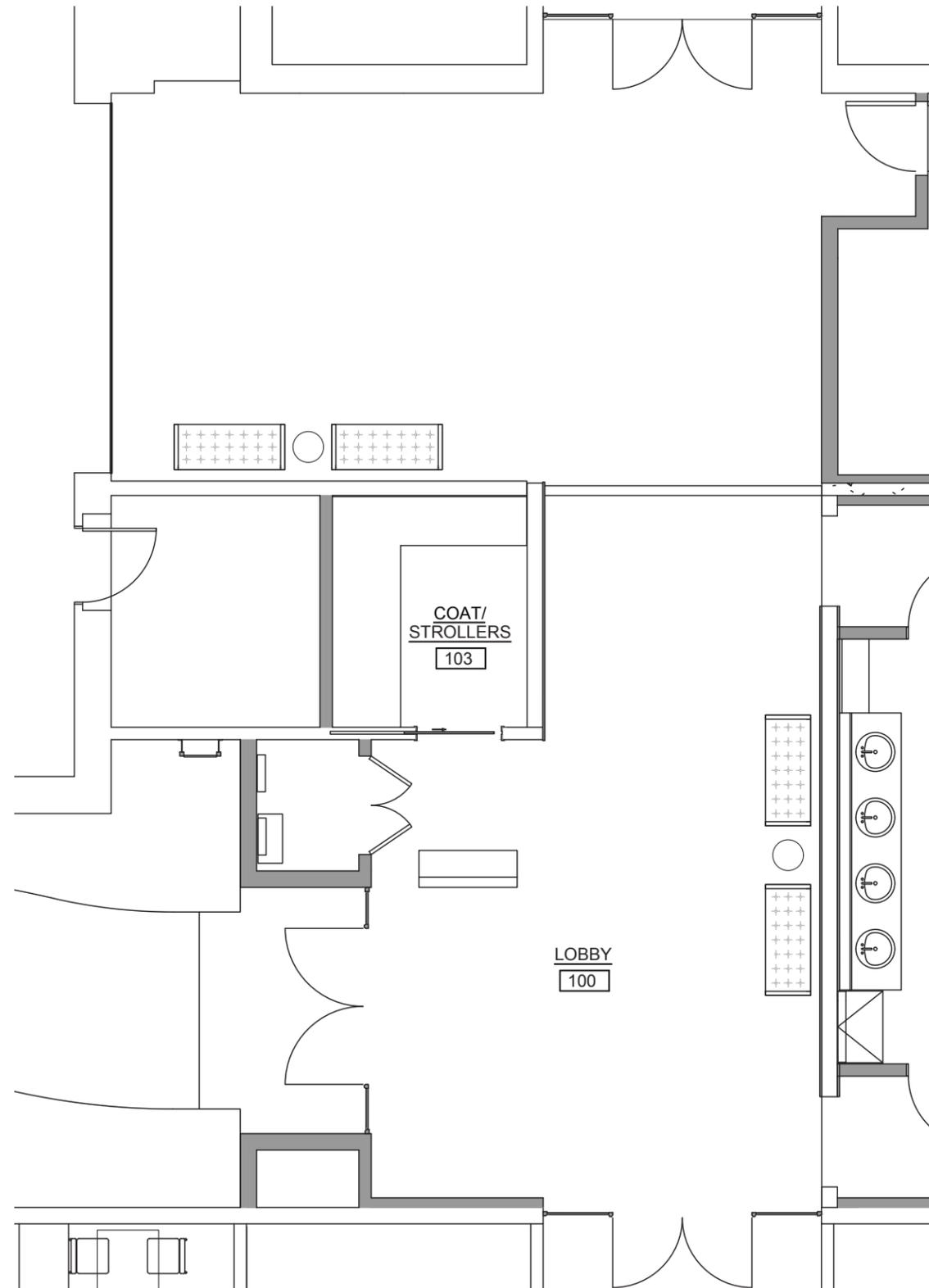
TEA ROOM: FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: N.T.S.



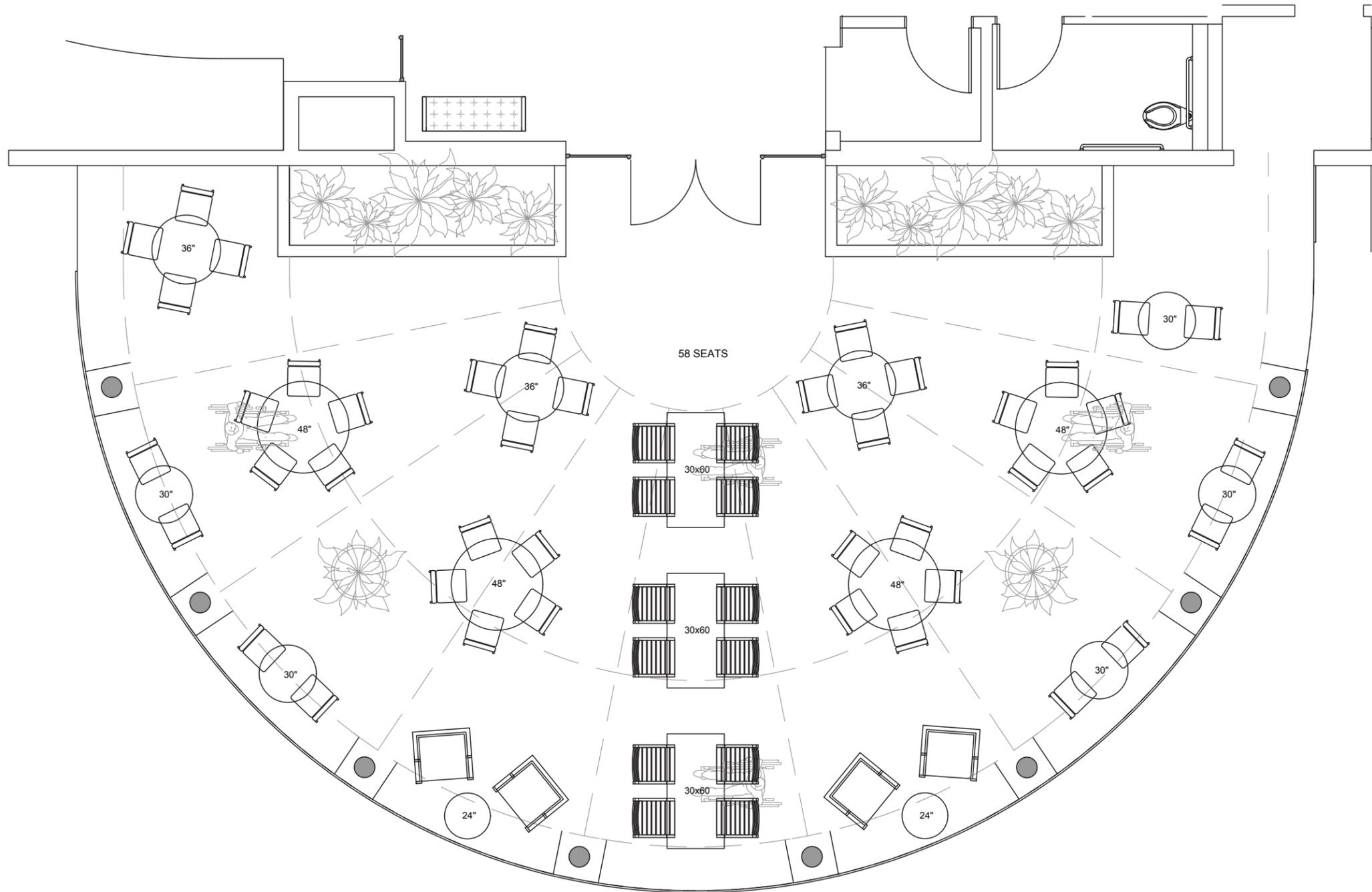
HERB ROOM: FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: N.T.S.



CONSERVATORY & SPINE: FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: N.T.S.



SHAKESPEARE ROOM: FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: N.T.S.

All Gender Restroom

- 1. RESTROOM VANITY
- 2. RESTROOM STALL DOORS
- 3. RESTROOM ENTRY VESTIBULE

