

# The Barbara Pym Society

## 2012 North American Conference Details

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### VENUES

**Friday night: [The Church of the Advent](#)**, 30 Brimmer Street (corner of Mt Vernon), Beacon Hill, Boston. [[map](#)] We will gather for drinks at 6:30 p.m. with a lavish buffet dinner to follow at 7:00; the cost is \$50 per person inclusive and reservations are required. After dinner those who wish to will go up into the church for a hymn sing, accompanied by the famous pipe organ. Copies of “The Pymnal” will be available and we will conclude like the Last Night of the Proms, with “Land of Hope and Glory” and “Jerusalem”.

♿ The church sanctuary, parish hall and restrooms are fully accessible; ramp access to the church is through the parish house entrance at 30 Brimmer St.

**MBTA subway Red Line:** Exit at Charles/MGH, turn left when you leave the station and cross the street towards the CVS pharmacy. Keep the CVS on your left and proceed down Charles Street to the third set of lights, which is Mt Vernon Street. Turn right onto Mt Vernon and proceed past the Charles Street Meeting House one block to the church; the main entrance is around the corner on Brimmer Street.

**MBTA subway Green Line:** Exit at Arlington Street station, turn left when you pass through the turnstiles and proceed north on Arlington St with the Arlington Street church on your left and the Public Garden on your right. Continue past the Taj hotel to the end of Arlington St, where it meets Beacon Street. Cross to the far side of Beacon St and turn right; proceed two blocks to Brimmer St (Greek consulate and Cheers pub on the corner) and turn left onto Brimmer. The church is at 30 Brimmer St.

**Parking** at the nearby Boston Common Garage after 4 p.m. is \$11. Meters on Charles and Beacon streets are in effect until 8:00 p.m., so if you park after 6 and put in \$2 for 2 hours you will be fine. **Warning:** Most spaces on side streets around the church are for neighborhood residents only and require a special sticker, and parking regulations are vigorously enforced.

**Saturday and Sunday: Harvard University, Barker Center for the Humanities**, 12 Quincy Street (at Harvard Street), Harvard Square, Cambridge [[map](#)]. Use the ramped entrance in the courtyard.

♿ The Barker Center is fully accessible. If you have HP plates or a placard, there are a very limited number of HP parking spaces adjacent to the building; let us know if you need one.

**MBTA subway Red Line:** Go to Harvard Square station and use the main exit. When you leave the station you will be facing the Harvard Coop store; make a U-turn, cross Dunster Street towards Au Bon Pain and then cross to the opposite (Harvard campus) side of Mass. Ave. Proceed down Mass Ave, keeping Harvard Yard on your left. At the fork in the road, bear left; the Barker Center will be across Quincy Street on your left and the Inn at Harvard across the street on your right.

**Parking** is available at the Inn at Harvard, directly across the street from the Barker Center, for \$15 per day; you can call 617 491 2222 on Saturday morning to check availability. If their garage is full try the Holyoke Center parking garage: Proceed down Mass Ave to Dunster Street, just before Mass Ave bears right. Turn left onto Dunster Street one block, then left onto Mt Auburn Street one block, then left onto Holyoke Street to the garage entrance. They charge \$23 to park until 6:00 p.m. and \$28 max for all day.

On Sunday parking meters are not in effect, so you may be able to park nearby on Harvard Street, Quincy Street, or Massachusetts Avenue for free.

**A word of warning:** The chairs in the Barker Center conference room are mostly of the stackable, hard plastic variety, so you might want to bring a cushion with you.

**Saturday evening dinner:** [John Harvard's Brew House](#), 33 Dunster Street, Harvard Square [\[map\]](#) , 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$38 per person. Dunster Street runs off of Mass Ave near the Harvard Square T station, and it's about a ten-minute walk from the Barker Center. We will have a private room this year; it is a pub, and it will be St Patrick's Day, so some noise is unavoidable, but we hope it will be less hectic than last year's venue. Also, the price is \$10 less.

**Sunday Lunch:** [Grafton Street Pub](#), 1230 Mass Ave in Harvard Square, across the street from the Barker Center, 12:30 p.m., \$23 per person. The conference weekend always goes by too quickly, and this casual lunch is a chance to spend a bit more time with fellow Pymians before you head home.

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## Bring-and-Buy Sale

On Saturday afternoon we will have a traditional Bring-and-Buy sale. Suitable items to bring include used books, homemade preserves or candy, tea cozies and other handcrafts, small *objets d'art*, Pymish CDs and DVDs, etc. Nothing will be priced over \$5 – this is meant to be a fun event, not a fund raiser. Please **do not** donate clothing or items with significant damage. Unsold items will be returned to the donor or given to charity. And you need not bring anything in order to buy!

We will also have Pym mugs, coasters, bookmarks, note cards, and copies of *No Soft Incense* available for purchase on Saturday.

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