

The Barbara Pym Society

2018 North American Conference Details

V E N U E S

Friday night: [The Church of the Advent](#)

30 Brimmer Street (corner of Mt Vernon) at the foot of Beacon Hill in Boston. [\[map\]](#) We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for drinks, with a lavish buffet dinner to follow at 7:00; the cost is \$55 per person including wine, and advance reservations are required. After dinner we will present the winning entries in the Ellen Miller Memorial Short Story Competition, and will adjourn by 9:00 p.m. with the singing of “Land of Hope and Glory,” “Jerusalem” and “Unsuitable Things.”

♿ The church, 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 toward the CVS pharmacy. Keep 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 parish house 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 Street, where it meets Beacon Street. Cross to the far side of Beacon and turn right; proceed two blocks to Brimmer Street (Cheers pub on the corner) and turn left onto Brimmer. The church is at 30 Brimmer Street.

Parking at the nearby [Boston Common Garage](#) after 4 p.m. is \$14 for 3 hours. Meters on Charles and Beacon streets are in effect until 8:00 p.m., so if you park after 6:00 and pay \$2.50 for 2 hours you will be fine. **Warning:** Most spaces on side streets around the church are for Beacon Hill residents only, a resident sticker is required and parking regulations are vigorously enforced.

Saturday and Sunday: Harvard Law School, Austin Hall

Located behind the Hemenway Gymnasium at 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, near Harvard Square [\[map\]](#).

♿ Austin Hall is fully accessible; use the entrances at the rear of the building. If you have HP plates or a placard, there are HP parking spaces adjacent to the building; let us know if you need one.

MBTA subway Red Line: Exit at Harvard Square station. If you are able to climb stairs, use the Church Street exit and turn left when you pass through the turnstiles. When you leave the station you will be facing Harvard Yard; turn left and proceed down Mass Ave, keeping Harvard Yard on your right. [To avoid climbing stairs, use the main exit, turn right when you exit the station, walk past the Out of Town Newsstand, then turn right to face Harvard Yard and cross the street; turn left and proceed down Mass Ave, keeping Harvard Yard on your right.]

At the fork in the road, bear right to the pedestrian overpass and cross. Walk into the Law School quad, with the modern Science Center on your right and the gray granite Littauer Center on your left. Austin Hall is the Romanesque stone building on your left across the parking lot.

Parking is available outside Austin Hall, \$16 for both days. You can pay online when you register, and we'll send you a map and detailed instructions.

Meals on Saturday

Lunch and dinner on Saturday will be on the second floor of **Wasserstein Hall** at the Law School, 1585 Mass Ave, a short (350 yards, 5-10 minutes) walk from Austin.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

Sunday Brunch

We will have a lavish Sunday brunch at the Sheraton Commander Hotel's [Nubar restaurant](#) immediately after the conference adjourns, at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$32 per person including gratuity, with wine and cocktails available for purchase at the bar. The hotel is a 5-10 minute, 0.2 mile walk across Cambridge Common from Austin Hall. The conference weekend always goes by too quickly, and the brunch is a chance to spend a bit more time with fellow Pymians before you head home.

Sunday Afternoon

The [Harvard Art Museums](#) at 32 Quincy Street, a short walk from the Law School, are open until 5:00 p.m. The museums house outstanding collections of Western, Germanic, Asian, Islamic, and Indian paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photographs, prints, and drawings, as well as special exhibitions.

At 4:30 p.m. there will be an **organ recital** at the Church of the Advent, Boston, followed at 5:00 p.m by a high-church choral service of **Solemn Evensong & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**. Both are free and open to the public, an offering will be taken.

Sunday Evening

At 7:00 p.m. a group will gather for a relaxed **dinner** and a final bit of post-conference Pym fellowship at [Harvard Gardens](#) restaurant, 316 Cambridge St at Charles Circle in Boston, a short walk from the Church of the Advent. You do not need to pay in advance, but we need to know if you plan to attend so we can reserve enough places.

PYM MERCHANDISE

On Saturday we will have a variety of Pym merchandise for sale, including mugs, refrigerator magnets, tote bags, and 100% linen tea towels with our "cat and teapot" graphic, as well as copies of *Barbara in the Bodleian*, *No Soft Incense* and *The Pymnal*. Purchasing these items at the conference saves you several dollars per item in shipping charges compared to buying online. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. (Note: merchandise will not be available on Sunday!)