

# SECOND ANNUAL CENTRAL ONTARIO SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Saturday, August 24, 2019

FRIENDS HOUSE

60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

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Sunday, August 25, 2019

DETWEILER MEETINGHOUSE (1855)

*–the only surviving meetinghouse built by Mennonite pioneers in Ontario–*

3445 Roseville Road, North Dumfries, Ontario

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day

*–9:30 a.m. registration and midday dinner on the ground–*



## Singing School

Friday, August 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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with special guest teacher

Lauren Bock (Decatur, Georgia)

## Evening Social

Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

RSVP to Pleasance Crawford

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There will be food at the social, but snack and beverage contributions are welcome.

**Toronto**, although the fourth largest city in North America and possibly the world’s most multicultural, is a city of neighbourhoods. The Friday-night singing school and the Saturday singing and social will be in The Annex: a central neighbourhood near a wide variety of museums, shops and restaurants. Free on-street parking is limited, but there are several parking lots close by, marked in green on the map below. The St. George subway station is also just a few minutes’ walk from both venues.



**Detweiler Meetinghouse**, in the Town of North Dumfries in the Regional Municipality of **Waterloo**, is 105 km (66 mi.) southwest of Toronto (**from Highway 401, take exit 268**). Although surrounded by the cities of Waterloo, Kitchener, and Cambridge, its immediate countryside remains primarily agricultural. Theatre fans might want to explore the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, which are nearby and will have shows on this time of year. To learn more about the Province of Ontario, visit [ontariotravel.net](http://ontariotravel.net).



We are offering limited housing accommodations for out-of-town singers and arranging carpools for travel to Detweiler on Sunday. Please contact **Frank Griggs** [bfgthefourth@gmail.com](mailto:bfgthefourth@gmail.com) or **Christopher Taylor** [christaylortes@gmail.com](mailto:christaylortes@gmail.com) for more information.

As hotels and Airbnbs in Toronto’s downtown core can be expensive, budget-conscious travelers might consider an Airbnb in a nearby neighbourhood. If you search “Midtown Toronto” on Airbnb, there are units available for reasonable rates. Midtown is a safe and quiet neighbourhood not far from the singing location with good transit accessibility and plenty of parking. If you prefer to stay in a downtown hotel, consider the Super 8 at 222 Spadina Avenue (647) 426-8118 or the Marriott Yorkville (416) 961-8000. In the Waterloo region near Detweiler Meetinghouse there are many hotel options, but the Kitchener Inn and Suites (519) 650-6090, Comfort Inn Cambridge (519) 658-1100, and Holiday Inn Kitchener (519) 893-1211 come recommended by singers.

For any other convention questions, please contact co-chairs **Lloy Cook** [lloy.cook@gmail.com](mailto:lloy.cook@gmail.com) and **Heather Schramm** [heather.schramm@gmail.com](mailto:heather.schramm@gmail.com). For information about shape note singing in Ontario, please visit [torontoshapenote.org](http://torontoshapenote.org) or [facebook.com/groups/torontoshapenote](https://facebook.com/groups/torontoshapenote)