



Princeton Class of 1960

*Going Back
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Dear Member of the great Class of 1960,

Are you ready for another Class mini-reunion? This letter follows up on the recent announcement via email, to insure that all Class members have an opportunity to participate.

The Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts are renowned for beautiful scenery - especially autumn color - and for art, architecture and culture. We will gather here next **October 11 - 13, 2017** at the absolute peak of Fall color to enjoy all this together.

Berkshire County forms the western extremity of the state. We will be lodged mid-County to take advantage of the attractions from North to South. At this season The Boston Symphony has gone home, so no Tanglewood opportunities, but our excellent museums and restaurants will be in full swing.

The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, in Williamstown, in stunning new facilities designed by the eminent Japanese architect, Tadeo Ando, opened in 2015 and is home to one of the finest collections of French impressionist paintings in the U.S., as well as other masterworks.

The Massachusetts Museum Of Contemporary Art (Mass MOCA) in North Adams houses a monumental - 3 stories in its own building - Saul Lewitt installation of his conceptual art. Mass MOCA also hosts spectacular large scale exhibits in its 12 acre converted 19th century factory facility - a work of art in itself.

In Stockbridge, Norman Rockwell's home for his last 25 years, the Norman Rockwell Museum is the repository of his own collection, many other of his works, and exhibits of the work of other masters of illustration art of the past two centuries.

The Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, historic Hancock Shaker Village, Edith Wharton's home, The Mount, and numerous art galleries north and south round out the cultural options.

Hiking trails, chronicled by our own Lauren Stevens in *50 Hikes in the Berkshire Hills*, may appeal to the determinedly athletic; driving routes for leaf-peepers will appeal to others.

We will meet on Wednesday night at the historic Lenox Club for cocktails and dinner to greet, catch up, and set out the touring options. We will dine together at another local venue on Thursday night and conclude with a farewell brunch on Friday morning.

Some may want to stay on another day or two - there is so much to see and do. That will be on your own. Everything else will be self-driving, self site-selecting (with some group tours on offer) and breakfasts/ lunches on your own. We will have a comprehensive list of of the dining options in a full range of price and style.

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Three Steps Required:

#1 Indication of interest/intent: Please email Jean Rousseau at jeanj38@gmail.com or call him at 413-298-0238 so that we can determine likely attendance in reserving motel accommodations, group meals and group tours

#2 Reserve your rooms: We have reserved two blocks of 20 double rooms each at the following motels: They are nearly adjacent and their websites describe them well;

Hilton Garden Inn

Lenox/Pittsfield Routes 7 & 20

website: hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com

Special 1960 room rate:

(Wed. - Thurs.) \$135/night, (Fri. and Sat.) \$199/night

Yankee Inn

Lenox/Pittsfield Routes 7 & 20

website: www.yankeeeinn.com

Special 1960 room rate:

(Wed. - Thurs.) \$109.99/night, (Fri. and Sat.) \$189.99/night

Smaller rooms (2 doubles or Queen)

(Wed. - Thurs.) \$89.99/night, (Fri. and Sat.) \$149.99/night

Room reservations will be available "first come" through July 31, 2017.

#3 Stand by to send a check for reservations and group charges as soon as we are able to determine those costs. We plan to do that early in the year. Participation will depend on receipt of that payment (best current guess +/- \$200 p.p.)

Once the size of the group is determined we will send details for each proposed venue (Dates/Hours of operation; Admission Price; any museum/group reciprocity; group tour options; etc.) to all participants and solicit interest in same.

These are very exciting plans, and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Cordially,



Michael Southwell, President

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