



CALLING ALL TEACHERS!!

PLEASE COME TO TORONTO: 18-21 JULY, 2017

FLY IN ON MON 17 JULY...

WE HAVE SO MUCH PLANNED FOR YOU!! See coupon below where you can send in your payment and sign up for our special events NOW.

Now that we have substantial sign-ups and know that for sure these events are a "go", we are extending the early-bird sign-up to March 20, 2017 for all our special hospitality events. Please sign up and send in your checks right away.

TUESDAY, JULY 18: 9 am - 3 pm Drive to Kleinburg, ON, ½ hr north of where we will be staying in downtown Toronto.

HAVE A GUIDED TOUR OF THE FAMOUS McMICHAEL COLLECTION. A VERY WELL KNOWN ART GALLERY OF CANADIAN ART, MOST FAMOUS FOR THE "GROUP OF SEVEN" ARTISTS.

Enjoy some free time exploring the beautiful grounds and enjoy a delicious lunch before returning to the city. The entire venue is well-worth seeing.

The Group of Seven are among Canada's most famous artists. For many, their works have come to symbolize what is the distinctly Canadian identity.

The original Group of Seven artists were: Lawren Harris, J.E.H. MacDonald, Arthur Lismer, Frederick Varley, Frank Johnston, Franklin Carmichael and A.Y. Jackson. Several others joined the group, including A.J. Casson and Tom Thomson.

There is also an extensive collection of First Nations (Native American) and Inuit art at the McMichael Collection.

Price for the day: \$75.00 Can \$ or \$58.00 US

EARLY BOOKING PRICE IF YOU PAY BY MARCH 20, 2017. which includes the chartered air-conditioned coach to get us there, tour admission and lunch in the restaurant at the Gallery.

Pay after March 20: \$100.00 Can \$ or \$75.00 USD

On Tuesday late afternoon and evening, Convention events will be planned by your executive.

WED. JULY 19: Enjoy a packed day of exciting speakers at ABTA Convention.

LUNCHEON OUT WITH THE GROUP @ 12 noon:

BADALI'S RESTAURANT: 156 FRONT ST WEST

Enjoy lunch out with your fellow teachers.

We are really hoping that everyone who attends the ABTA Convention will make an effort to come to this luncheon. **It is a three course meal for \$25.00 Can including tax and grats: \$20.00 USD. EARLY BOOKING PRICE IF PAID BY MARCH 20, 2017.** Badali's is known for its Italian cuisine at delicious prices.

Pay after March 20, 2017: \$35.00 CAN or \$27.00 USD

NOTE: No handicapped or wheelchair access at
Badali's.

WED. 19 JULY: The fun continues!!

5 pm: DINNER OUT AT "FRED'S NOT HERE" RESTAURANT
@ 321 KING ST WEST. Excellent dining and good service.

We will be picked up and taken to the restaurant and have a **three course dinner.**
NOTE: Five steps up to dining area so no wheelchair access.

Then we will be picked up in buses and taken a short way to

ED MIRVISH THEATRE @ 244 Victoria St (Yonge & Dundas).

8.00 pm: ED MIRVISH THEATRE:

SEE THE NEW PLAY TAKING BROADWAY BY STORM

BEAUTIFUL: THE STORY OF CAROLE KING'S RISE TO STARDOM

BEAUTIFUL tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than **BEAUTIFUL** music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

These are some of her songs:

BEAUTIFUL
TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY BABY
WILL YOU STILL LOVE ME TOMORROW
I FEEL THE EARTH MOVE
IT'S TOO LATE
YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

Join us for this fun-packed evening!!

COST FOR DINNER & THEATRE PACKAGE

\$175.00 CAN or \$135.00 USD if paid before MARCH 20, 2017

\$200.00 CAN or \$155.00 USD if paid after MARCH 20, 2017

THU 20 JULY: Enjoy a packed day of exciting speakers at ABTA Convention.

THU EVENING: A.B.T.A. BANQUET

FRI 21 JULY: MORE SPEAKERS FOR ABTA Convention until 11 am or so.

Please pass this on to all other teachers you know. They do not have to be a member of ABTA to attend the ABTA Convention. Send also to interested, keen students, in hopes they may consider learning to teach and may attend! This may help to bolster our membership.

PLEASE SIGN ME UP NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING

Send payment for above entertainment only to Barbara Seagram

and send payment for convention itself to Kathy Rolfe.

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED (no credit cards please)

Mail checks (**made out to Barbara Seagram**) to:

Barbara Seagram
220 Lawrence Ave East
Toronto ON M4N 1T2
Canada

Postage from USA is \$1.20 US

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TEL. NO: (_____)_____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH EVENT YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

TUESDAY July 18: McMichael Art Gallery: 9 am-3 pm

WED July 19: Lunch at Badali's: 12 noon

WED July 19: Dinner at Fred's Not Here & Theatre: BEAUTIFUL

SPEAKERS AT OUR TORONTO ABTA CONVENTION

**Linda Green has lined up an impressive list of speakers for our convention next year. Have a look at this list!!!
Most are confirmed.**

**Bob Hamman
Zia Mahmood**

**John Rayner
Audrey Grant
Jerry Helms
Augie Boehm
Corey Krantz
Fred Gitelman
Jerry Clerkin
Chris Moll
Jeff Schuett
Robert Todd
Bob Morris
Julian Laderman
Gene Davidson
Rosemary Boden
Brenda Manning
Leslie Shafer**

As well, we will have our annual

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

sponsored by MASTER POINT PRESS

Tell your students about this award. Contact Joyce Penn at abtaTOY@gmail.com

for more information about this excellent award for GRASSROOTS teachers.

and our Book of the Year and Software of the Year awards.

Contact Pat Harrington at mrsbridge@embarqmail.com

for more information.

and our MASTER TEACHER award program. Apply for this prestigious upgrade to your teaching status.

Contact Betty Starzec lstarzec@comcast.net for more information on how to do this.

Submit an article with your favorite teaching tip. ABTA has an Award called the Apple Basket Award. Submit your ideas for the Apple Basket to Brenda Montague bestbridgeteacher@yahoo.com

SHARE A ROOM



If you are needing someone with whom to share a room, Wendy Dewell, one of our ABTA members, has volunteered to help with this.

You may reach Wendy at
wendy_dewell@yahoo.com

408-807-4596

**TORONTO NABC
(NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS) STARTS ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

**NABC EVENTS WILL ALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONVENTION
CENTRE ON FRONT STREET**

ACBL HOST HOTELS:

**ROYAL YORK HOTEL
WESTIN HOTEL (further away than the others)
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL**

**HOTEL RATES AT THESE HOTELS WILL BE \$159.00 CAN PER NIGHT (APPROX.
\$122.00 USD PER NIGHT)**

**To book your ACBL Host Hotel: Contact
ACBL Housing Bureau
@ 1-855-742-9185**

**ABTA IS HOLDING SPACE WHICH YOU CAN BOOK NOW
(ASK BARB SEAGRAM FOR INFO)**

**AT STRATHCONA HOTEL (A 4 MINUTE (2 blocks) from
CONVENTION CENTRE @ \$139.00 CAN \$ PER NIGHT
(APPROX. \$106.00 USD PER NIGHT)**

This is a boutique hotel.

NOTE: ROOMS ARE VERY SMALL AT STRATHCONA.

**To book STRATHCONA HOTEL
(you can book this hotel now)**

Internet Booking Instructions:

1. Click on this link:

**[https://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?
hotelid=10245&identifier=abta](https://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?hotelid=10245&identifier=abta)**

This will take you to the reservations page for The Strathcona Hotel.

1. Select the desired dates and proceed with the reservation.

Internet Booking Instructions (written instructions):

If you need written instructions, please use the following instructions:

Go to www.thestrathconahotel.com.

1. Click on the "RESERVATIONS" tab at the top of the page.
2. Chose your arrival and departures dates, number of rooms and number of adults/children.
3. Click "Enter your access or promotional code", click "Promo/Corporate Code" and enter the code "abta".
4. Click "Continue" and then choose the "American Bridge Teachers' Association" rates to complete your reservation.

Telephone / Email Booking Instructions:

Guests may call the Hotel directly to make their own reservations.

Please call toll free at 1-800-268-8304 or 416-363-3321. Guests may also send an email request to reservations@thestrathconahotel.com to reserve their rooms. Ask for the rates for the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

This hotel is directly across the street from Royal York Hotel and is where we will have breakfasts and our banquet dinner.

AT TIME OF PRINTING, \$100.00 USD BUYS YOU \$130.00 CAN \$

BUY SOME CANADIAN DOLLARS NOW!!!

e.g. Go out for a \$40.00 Can dinner and it costs you only \$30.00 USD

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO NOT COME TO TORONTO!!

BOOK YOUR AIR TICKET SOON!!

AMERICANS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT WILL BE VALID. YOU NEED A PASSPORT TO ENTER CANADA.

We welcome you to our country which is celebrating our 150th anniversary of independence in 2017.

It is a good idea to always travel with a passport that is good for six months after the end of your stay. Many countries fuss about this. I do not think that Canada is one of these countries but be on the safe side.

When you book online, there is one airline that will not come up on the regular roster. That is Porter Airlines. Their rates are often better and they are an excellent airline. They come and go from our ISLAND AIRPORT in downtown Toronto which is also more convenient for you.

www.flyporter.com

They fly to and from

Boston, Chicago, Myrtle Beach, New York City, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Washington and Burlington, Vermont.



We really hope you will also stay and play in the excellent NABC that follows. The NABC continues on for 10 days 21-31 July, 2017. Stay for some or all of this!

There are many opportunities for taking more courses at the NABC.

**CLUB & DIRECTOR COURSE
RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS & CLUB MANAGERS
TEACHER ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (TAP)
LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE IN A DAY**

You can become an accredited teacher for this excellent new program

**ZERO TOLERANCE PROGRAM
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION FOR TEACHERS & CLUB OWNERS
CLUB DIRECTORS REFRESHER COURSE**



**American Contract
Bridge League**

**QUESTIONS: EMAIL BARBARA SEAGRAM
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