



**APOSTLE ISLANDS BOOKSELLERS**  
We Are Your Local Bookseller  
BAYFIELD, WISCONSIN

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## Come to Bayfield and the Apostle Islands for MIBA Spring Meeting 2020!



Apostle Islands Booksellers would like to formally invite the Midwest Independent Booksellers Association to Bayfield, Wisconsin for the 2020 MIBA Spring Meetings. Apostle Islands Booksellers will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are so proud of the successes of our store and community. We have learned so much from our attendance at previous Spring Meetings, and think we have something unique to offer and would be honored to share this place with the organization.

Our store's location on the shores of Laker Superior maybe a bit off the beaten path, as are many of the most beautiful places in the world. Yet it is easy to get to, and we would love to work with all attendees to make transportation as simple as possible.

### Drive Times:

- Duluth: 1.75 hours
- Minneapolis/St. Paul: 3.75 hours
- Madison: 5 hours
- Milwaukee: 6.5 hours
- St. Louis: 10 hours

### Airports:

- Minneapolis/St. Paul (with many car rental options)
- Duluth International (Daily flights from Chicago O'Hare and MSP)
- Gogebic Iron County Airport (Daily flights from Chicago O'Hare)
- We are happy to arrange for pickups/shuttles from Duluth or Ironwood





We propose hosting the Spring Meeting 2020 at the [Wild Rice Retreat](#) located just a mile south of Bayfield. This venue would serve for both a Sunday evening event, and meetings all day Monday. The Wild Rice Retreat offers ample meeting space along with food services and a bar right on site. They work with an incredibly talented chef who creates his delicacies with as many local ingredients as possible.

Wild Rice Retreat is also the perfect venue for a literary event the evening folks arrive in Bayfield. We are proposing a **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for Apostle Islands Booksellers with special guest host Peter**

**Gey**. Peter's latest novel, *Northernmost* will be released in March of 2020 and Peter is a huge lover of both our shop and the Lake Superior region. This evening will also include a spoken word event facilitated in part by our local non-profit theatre organization The Groundlings. This entire evening would be open to the public and Wild Rice Retreat would open their bar and provide a small menu of appetizers and plates to share.



Rates for the Wild Rice Retreat are attached. Please note their proposal is for an estimated 50 people, but the space can accommodate more.

Apostle Islands Booksellers would also like to host a closing reception with wine and locally made hors d'oeuvres at the shop to close out a successful event.

A room block will be available at The Bayfield Inn; Bayfield's premier lodging establishment located on the shoreline of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Their exclusive downtown location is central to restaurants, shops and attractions and just a one-minute walk to Apostle Islands Booksellers. The rate being offered at the Bayfield Inn is \$99.00 per night. There is a myriad of other lodging options available to attendees, and we are happy to make suggestions, or visit [www.bayfield.org](http://www.bayfield.org).

Apostle Islands Booksellers Store Manager Kristen Sandstrom will serve as the main contact and facilitator for all scheduling and planning.