

Michigan One-room Schoolhouse Fall Conference September 30, 2023

On behalf of the 'Wooden' Old Stone Schoolhouse Association, I want to welcome everyone to Onsted, MI, as we host the 2023 Michigan One-room Schoolhouse Association conference.

The Saturday, September 30th conference will be held in the Onsted Elementary School, 10109 Slee Road, Onsted, Mi 49265.

It is very fitting to hold this year's conference at this site since Onsted Community School District exists **because** of the 30 one-room schoolhouses that now comprise it.

The 'Wooden' Old Stone Schoolhouse sits on the original site of the first log schoolhouse built there in 1837, the year Michigan became a state. That original structure burned, and the current building, built in 1850, was made of field stones gathered from neighboring farmers' land.

This year the Third-Grade students had their 'lessons' in this one-room schoolhouse. They were given a map of these thirty one-room schoolhouses to prepare them for their visit and asked to identify which one would be closest to their current home. Many of these sites have been torn down or are residential homes or houses of worship. One is now a winery! Perhaps during your visit to our community, you would like a map and check them out for yourself.

A highlight at this year's MORSA Conference will be the viewing of our oral history project, where individuals who attended one-room schools were interviewed. This is a most impressive twelve-minute DVD presentation. We plan to have some of these interviewees present at the conference.

For those new to our area, there are various sites you may wish to visit while you are here.

Historic Walker Tavern Site/Cambridge State Park, 3220 M-50, Brooklyn, MI.

Lenawee County Historical Museum, 110 E. Church Street, Adrian, MI 49221.

Tecumseh Historical Museum, 302 E. Chicago Ave, Tecumseh, MI 49286

Hidden Lake Gardens, 6214 M-50, Tipton, MI 49287 *the 65-foot-high, Canopy-Walk in Michigan's Irish Hills is now open to the public.

Overnight accommodation includes but is not limited to the following:

Greenleaf Mansion Bed & Breakfast, 247 S. Main St, Onsted, MI, 49265

Hideaway Cove Log Cabins & Resort, 11560 Breyman Hwy, Tipton, MI 49287

Heart Wood Place Bed & Breakfast & Day Spa, 3723 Wisner Hwy, Adrian, MI 49221

Super 8 by Wyndham Brooklyn, 419 S. Main St. M-50, Brooklyn, MI 49230

Comfort Inn & Suites Adrian, 425 Industrial Dr, Adrian, MI 49221

Hampton Inn & Suites Adrian, 1335 S. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221