

"Pound it out, and send it into orbit."

TODAY'S EVENTS

7:30 A.M.

Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9 – 10 A.M.

Lecture: "The Art of Recklessness,"
with Dean Young
Little Theatre

10:10 A.M. – 12:10 P.M.

Poetry & Nonfiction Workshops

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn
(Please note the later time)

2:30 P.M.

Classes

4:15 P.M.

Reading: Connie Voisine
& Helena María Viramontes,
Little Theatre

5:30 P.M.

Blue Parlor Reading, Barn

6:30 P.M.

Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15 P.M.

Reading: Lynn Freed
& Garrett Hongo,
Little Theatre

9:30 P.M.

Waiter Reading, Little Theatre

CRAFT CLASSES CONTINUE AT RECORD RATES

Locations for today's classes (2:30–3:20 p.m.) are below. Thursday's Craft Classes will be listed in tomorrow's Crumb.

Fiction

- "Goodbye Rising Action, or, Other Ways of Thinking about Plot" with Rachel Pastan, Barn 5
- "The Child's Voice," with Preeti Samarasan, Barn 4
- "The One That Got Away," with Porter Shreve, Barn 6
- "Western Mind vs. Shamanic Writing: Discovering the Intuitive in Crafting *The Hummingbird's Daughter*," with Luis Alberto Urrea, Barn A

Poetry

- "Poetry and Confusion," with Aaron Baker, Barn 2
- "Postwar Polish Poetry," with Ed Hirsch, Barn 1

Nonfiction

- "Get a Life: Using Your Occupation or Career as a Jumping Off Point in Nonfiction," with Rus Bradburd, Barn 3
- "Placing Your Prose," with Ginger Strand, Upstairs Library (back)

WAITER READING, PART DEUX

One night only—your last chance to catch your dedicated waitstaff doing what they do best. Different writers, same free candy. Tonight: Kara Candito, Brian Christian, Victor Ehikhamenor, Farnoosh Fathi, Miriam Bird Greenberg, Jon Hickey, Anna Journey, Loren Kwan, Manjula Menon, Joanna Pearson, Jennifer Percy, Justin St. Germain, and Tiphonie Yanique.

FACULTY & FELLOWS TO GIVE IT THEIR BEST

Lunch will be a sit-down meal, served from 1 to 2 p.m. in the dining hall by faculty and fellows. **Note to Faculty and Fellows serving lunch today:** please arrive at the dining hall at 12:15 p.m. for advanced training in restaurant service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Departure Info

If you have not stopped by the front desk to confirm your departure information today is your **absolute last day to do so.**

Ride-Share Bulletin Board

If you are willing to offer a ride on departure day, note your name on the carpooling sheet posted near the dining hall. Those looking for a ride can then contact you to make a plan.

Proof Your Name Today

Please stop by the Blue Parlor today to check your listing in the directory. We have a master copy there that you can make changes to. We will then revise the listing and put copies in your mailboxes on Friday.

Reminder

If you signed up for a class, take a moment today to take a quick look at the sign-up sheet to be sure you have a handout in advance if required.

Middlebury Reading

You: a Middlebury student, faculty, alumni, staff, or sister-in-law. Us: two Middlebury students looking to read. Our get-together in the Blue Parlor on Thursday will have a handful of two-minute readings. Sign up outside the office.

Leaving by Bus?

If you're leaving by Greyhound Bus, you will want to check their web site for any schedule changes. They've changed some of their route schedules--it's possible that your bus is leaving up to an hour earlier now.

Up, Up and Away (Into the Blue)



Travel and all things travel related are the name of the game in the Blue Parlor today. Tonight's featured readers are Pat Madden, Carolyn Stack, Evan Roskos, Elaine Orr, Anna Evans, GH Smith, Erin Harrington, Melinda Misener, Debbie Benson, and Patricia King.

This morning, a sign-up sheet for the Food reading went up on the bulletin board outside the Back Office.

Sign-up today!

Questions? Feelings on Detours? Contact Blue Parlor Senior Supervisor Nina McConigley

Audio of Readings and Lectures

New this year, many of the 2008 Bread Loaf lectures and readings will be available via the Internet as podcasts. They will be posted either on the Middlebury College website and/or iTunesU. We will send you an update via email this fall, as soon as we have the details in place. (These podcasts will take the place of the usual CD orders.)

Collier Challenge Solved

— *Poissant Crowned Conference Whiz* —

After nearly a full week, The Collier Challenge, issued during the conference's opening night, has finally been solved. Jamie Poissant, a fiction writer hailing from Cincinnati, Ohio, figured out that it was Robert Boswell who wrote in *The Half-Known World*, "I was the most incompetent waiter in Bread Loaf history." Poissant also named the correct page (183), making him the Challenge winner and a total badass. We salute him. Jamie, please see Crumb headquarters for information on your prize.

Bonus Meetings

We invite you to sign up for a bonus group meeting with agent Christina Ward. There will be two group meetings—from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. The two sign-up sheets will be posted in the Blue Parlor on Thursday morning by 8 a.m.

Visitors

Join us in welcoming the following visitors to the mountain:

Louise Glück

Ted Genoways

The Conover Family

Charles Baxter

Jenna Johnson

C. Dale Young

Ellen Bryant Voigt

Beth Bachmann

The following guests are leaving the mountain today:

Fiona McCrae

Miriam Altshuler



Get to Know the Faculty Quiz

Which Faculty rode his or her bicycle across the country during college and is still riding the same bicycle?

(Submit your answers to the Crumb box. The answer will be published tomorrow)

Answer from Yesterday's Quiz

What Faculty or Fellow ran a sub-five-minute mile?

(Answer: Dean Young)

New Work: Excerpts from the Workshops

He was always the one
seduced by stone, in love
with summer's sister, undreaming sleep.

She came wearing promises
like a thin disguise, said
she liked them because they matched

her eyes. Her hands
held moonlight always in a way
that said even evening adored

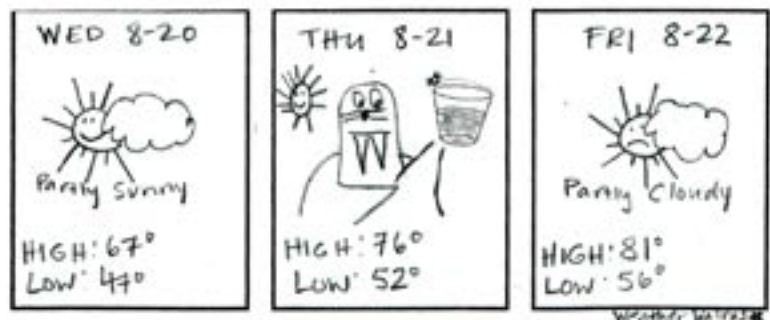
her touch, as if
this seemingly static satellite,
this cold reflection, slow-dancing

with the sea, existed only to invent
the smallest fraction
of her silhouette.

She turned three times in his mind
and he undressed her slowly
word by word.

—“She Turned Three Times,” by Kevin McNulty

Three-Day Forecast



Bread Loaf Paint-By-Numbers

Print #2: "Smells Like Teen Spirit"



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| 1. Loving Green | 9. Back in Black |
| 2. Living Green | 10. Hair (Brown) |
| 3. Party-Going Green | 11. Silver (Hair) |
| 4. Cheese-Cube White | 12. Hair (of the Dog) |
| 5. Loaf-Light (afternoon) Yellow | 13. E.Dermis (Collier, August) |
| 6. Cheese-Cube Yellow | 14. E.Dermis (Cargill, August) |
| 7. Sonny's Blue | 15. Loaf-Crush Blush |
| 8. Wet-Bough Black | 16. Rick Rack |