

“And now, a rest at mid-Loaf.”

Today's Events

7:30am

Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

8am

Writer's Cramp Race, starts at the Annex

9-10am

Panel discussion: “A Film Scene I Wish I Had Written,” with Amy Hempel, Ted Perry, and Tom Sleigh, Barn 1

12:30pm

Picnic lunch, Frost Farm (featuring John Elder's talk entitled “Robert Frost: Poet as Naturalist”)

4:15pm

Reading: Vestal McIntyre and Arthur Sze, Little Theatre

5:30pm

- Special talk: “Research for Writers: Nuts & Bolts,” with Reeva Hunter Mandelbaum, Barn A
- Blue Parlor reading, Blue Parlor

6:30pm

Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15pm

Reading: Geri Doran and Lan Samantha Chang

9:30pm

Waiver reading, Little Theatre

Wanted: Faculty and fellows ready to serve up Wednesday lunch in the dining hall. Please sign up in the back office.

Bookstore Hours Today

The bookstore will be open today from 10am to 12noon. Tuesday it'll be open from 10am to 12:30pm and 2 to 6:30pm.

Take a Break Today

Time to rest. No workshops today. Relax and recover.

Class Changes

- Claire Harman is unable to visit the conference, so her poetry class, “Comic Verses,” and nonfiction class, “Beginnings,” have been canceled.
- David Haward Bain's nonfiction class, “Handling the Core/The Approach/The Narrative,” has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday. You will find the class sign-up posted tomorrow (8/23).

Picnic Today

Join us at Homer Noble Farm, located about 1.5 miles from the Bread Loaf Inn. Stroll down with us. For those who would like a ride in the Bread Loaf van, meet in front of the Inn at 12:15pm. Following the picnic, John Elder will give a talk entitled “Poet as Naturalist: Robert Frost and the Forests of Vermont.” Afterward we'll tour Robert Frost's summer cabin. For those unable to hike the small hill from the picnic area to the Frost cabin, a minivan will be available for a mini-taxi ride to the top. Don't miss this event—John is one of the most popular teachers at Middlebury College, where he teaches English and environmental studies. He lives in the nearby village of Bristol with his wife Rita. His two most recent books, *Reading the Mountains of Home* and *The Frog Run*, explore the meaning of Vermont's landscape and environmental history for him as a teacher, writer, and householder. He is co-editor of the *Norton Anthology of Nature Writing*.

Three More Bonus Meetings with Editors

- 10am to 12noon - Reeva Hunter Mandelbaum, VP of Story Research at John Wells Production
 - 11am to 12noon - Carol Houck Smith, editor at large at W.W. Norton
 - 11am to 12noon - John Donatich, director of Yale University Press
- If you do not already have a meeting scheduled with these guests, we invite you to stop by the Blue Parlor this morning by 8 o'clock to sign up for a meeting. Locations will be listed on the sign-up sheet. Spots are limited.

Announcements

Visitors: Please join us in welcoming the following guests to the mountain: William Meredith, Richard Harteis, April Ossmann, Esmond Harmsworth, Judy Clain, and Steve Almond.

Lost: Red Sox cap. Blue with B on front, logo on back. Please return to front desk or to Chris Castellani.

Lost: one long-sleeved black shirt, a few days ago. If found, please leave it for Keya Mitra at the front desk.

Update on Craft Class Handouts

If you picked up the reading for G.C. Waldrep’s Tuesday craft class early Sunday morning, your packet may be incomplete. If you lack the David Berman poem and the Surrealist Game excerpt, please by stop the table near the Back Office for a new packet!

Reeva Hunter Mandelbaum...will speak about the nuts and bolts of research for writers today at 5:30pm. She is VP of Story Research at John Wells Productions (producer of West Wing, ER, White Oleander, and One Hour Photo), where she develops new film and television projects. She has delved into a myriad of worlds—hackers, modern maritime piracy, the mob, doctors in war zones, supreme court/politics, DEA/FBI/Military, paranormal, WWII, high level white collar crime—and has worked with a roster of award-winning screenwriters. She has also researched screenplays based on such books as Means of Ascent, Napoleon of Crime, and The Emperor of Ocean Park.

Barn Social Update

Today, Wednesday, and Thursday Barn Social will be open from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Tickets are no longer necessary to purchase wine or beer at these times. Any tickets already purchased will still be honored.

Overheard

- “How’s it going?” “It depends on what the antecedent for ‘it’ is.”
• “I grew up in Philly. We had a hose.” (Talking about pools.)
• “I signed up for Bread Loaf, not Sizzler.” (Near the sundae bar.)

False Advertising!

We led you astray regarding the salad bar at lunch yesterday: our apologies! We’re working on getting this straight. Today is the picnic. We will give you an update about the lunch set-up by Tuesday.