

THE CRUMB

The Bread Loaf
Writers' Conference

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“Presenting the final slice of the Loaf.”

Today's Events

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9 a.m.

“From the Dark Tower,” a reading featuring writers of color, Blue Parlor

10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Fiction workshops

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Texas Falls outing

12 noon - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Special reading: William Meredith reading, Little Theatre

2:30 p.m.

• Special talk: Informal Q&A about the Warren Wilson MFA program, Barn A

• Special talk: “Writing for Radio,” with Matthew Power, Little Theatre

4:15 p.m.

Reading: Nicholas Montemarano, Glaydah Namukasa, and Jason Schneiderman, Little Theatre

5:30 p.m.

“Family Roots and Ancestors” a reading, Blue Parlor

6:30 p.m.

Special final dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15 p.m.

Reading: David Baker and Sigrid Nunez, Little Theatre

9:30 p.m.

• Bread Loaf 2006: A slideshow retrospective, Barn

• Dance, Barn

William Meredith Reading

Bread Loaf faculty and William Meredith will read from Meredith's work. From 1:30 to 1:45 p.m., in the Little Theatre.

Final Banquet

This evening's dinner will be a special final banquet. Wine will be served for those who would like a glass. Please bring your driver's license or other ID along, in case you need it.

Texas Falls Outing and Picnic Today

Enjoy your lunch at Texas Falls, a lovely scenic area just down the road from the Bread Loaf campus. You'll discover some wonderful nature trails and spectacular falls. This is a leisurely outing, nothing strenuous. Those who signed up should meet in front of the Inn at 11:30 a.m.

Bonus Meeting with an Editor

Meg Lemke, editor, Seven Stories Press, will be available in the main room of the Barn today from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for those who would like to meet with her. Meg works with fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Stop by!

Special Talk: Writing for Radio

Matthew Power will offer a talk titled “Writing for Radio” today at 2:30 p.m., in the Little Theatre. A journalist and independent radio producer, Power is a contributing editor at *Harper's Magazine* and *National Geographic Adventure*; his work has also appeared in the *New York Times*, *GQ*, *Men's Journal*, *Believer*, and *Slate.com*, among others. His audio documentaries have been heard frequently on Public Radio International's the Next Big Thing, a nationally syndicated arts and culture program produced in New York City. A 1996 graduate of Middlebury College, Matthew has recently returned from two years reporting in Asia, from post-Taliban Afghanistan to post-tsunami Thailand. He now lives in Brooklyn.

Learn about Warren Wilson's MFA Program

An informal Q&A about the Warren Wilson low-residency MFA program will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in Barn A. The talk will feature faculty, students, and alumni currently on the mountain.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Warren Wilson MFA program, please come! And if you're a member of the Warren Wilson community, please come, too!

Announcements

Directory

Look for a Bread Loaf Directory in your mailbox after lunch today.

Carpooling

If you need a ride, or would like to give one, please see the list posted on the bulletin board near the dining hall. We hope this is helpful in connecting those who need a ride with drivers.

Sunday taxis

To all of those taking a taxi van to the airport on Sunday, thank you for paying so promptly. Tomorrow, please be sure to arrive ten minutes before your departure time, so the driver can assist you with your luggage and take attendance.

Bread Loaf blog

Check it out under the Journals section at:

www.poetryfoundation.org/

Lost: Prescription sunglasses-black. If found, contact Katie at kiwagner@gmail.com

Please Return Library Books

If you borrowed library books, please be sure to return them before 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Work Order

Larch second floor bathroom sink on the far right please take apart for a missing ring.

- Noreen, Edward, Andy

Ordering Bread Loaf 2006 Audio

The conference makes lectures and readings available for purchase on CD. Each CD will cost \$6 (includes shipping and handling). You'll find an order form in your box after dinner on Thursday, and the forms, with payment, will be due by 10 p.m. on Saturday. The college can only accept cash and checks for the audio orders.

* Please note that the Percival Everett/Linda Gregerson reading was accidentally left off the order form. If you'd like to order this reading, please write it on the form when dropping it with payment at the Back Office.

Bookstore Update

Find a twenty percent discount on everything (except consignment items and postcards). Hours: Today from 2 to 4 p.m.

* Please note that books for those reading at the 4:15 and 8:15 p.m. readings today will be available for purchase at the front desk of the Bread Loaf Inn after 1 p.m. today.

* Please also note that books brought to be sold on consignment may be picked up by 4 p.m. today.

Send Along Feedback

You'll find a feedback form in your mailbox today. Please take some time to fill this out and return it to the Back Office, or mail it back to us, if you prefer. The feedback forms are really helpful to us when planning future sessions.

Leaving Tips for Waitstaff and Housekeeping

If you would like to tip the waitstaff or housekeeping, you may do so by leaving money in an envelope at the front desk. For housekeeping staff tips: Please make sure the building name and room number are on the envelope, and please hand in all tips to the front desk by 8:30 p.m. today; this will ensure tips can be distributed before everyone leaves tomorrow.

Overheard

- “There’s a lot of muffin profiling going on.”
“I need to hang around with people who smell like me.”
“Why do I keep saying ‘reading’?”
“You should kill that character.” “But that character is based on me!”
“For a whole year I wrote nothing but simple declarative sentences and I was miserable.”

Feeling Blue About the End of Bread Loaf?

Come to the Blue Parlor

They say that all good things must come to an end. And folks, we are going out with a bang in the Blue Parlor. To get your fill of readings before you all head off the mountain, the Blue Parlor offers not one, but two readings today.

At 9 o'clock **THIS MORNING**, come to the Blue Parlor for the "From the Dark Tower" (a writers of color reading). Readers include Aneesha Capur, Tiphonie Yanique, Charles Rice-Gonzalez, Luisa Beltran, Roxane Beth Johnson, Amaud Jamaul Johnson, Thomas Sayers Ellis, Audrey Petty, Zarah Rose, and Ru Freeman.

At 5:30 p.m. is the "Family, Roots and Ancestors" reading. This reading will feature the writings of: Tucker Hill, Wendy Mitman Clarke, Wendy Langford, Martha Morgan, Amy Palmer, Nora Maynard, Clela Reed, Mary Parham, Lisa Coutant, and Elizabeth Koch.

We hope to see you in the Parlor.

Fun? Dance moves? Contact Blue Parlor Superintendent Nina McConigley.