

THE CRUMB

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Writers' Conference

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"Your daily recommended allowance of Crumb."

Today's Events

7:30am

Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9-10am

Lecture: "Creating a Scene," with Charles Baxter, Little Theatre

10:10am-12:10pm

Poetry and Nonfiction workshops

12noon-1:45pm

Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

2:30pm

Panel on publishing:

With Richard Abate, Heidi Pitlor, Martha Rhodes, and Denise Roy; Jennifer Grotz, moderator, Little Theatre

4:15pm

Reading: William Lychak, Tara Bray Smith, and Joshua Weiner

5:30pm

Special talk: David Haward Bain on the history of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Little Theatre

5:30pm

Film showing: *Nights of Cabiria*, Barn 1

6:30pm

Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15pm

Reading: Doreen Baingana and Claire Messud

9:30pm

- Scholar reading, Little Theatre
- Film showing: *How to Draw a Bunny*, Barn 1

CRAZED MOB TAKES BLUE PARLOR BY STORM

As the headline indicates, the organizational meeting yesterday for the Blue Parlor Reading Series was a total success. The first reading will be TONIGHT at 5:30. Readers are: Louise Farmer Smith, Ronnie Klaskin (ask her about her granddog), Annita Sawyer, Ruth McMurry, Bobbie Earle, Carol Armstrong, Deb Dawson, Annie Pluto, Wendy Mitman Clarke, and Terry Ansbro. Creative juices will flow. Snacks are ever-present. Be there.

Also, sign-up sheets for future Blue Parlor readings are already posted outside the office. Please write your name legibly, and come prepared to read for no more than five minutes.

What to Expect from Agent and Editor Meetings

Our guests handle their meetings in different ways, but generally speaking, meetings are an opportunity to make contact and get your questions answered. We've posted a related FAQ underneath the Agent and Editor meeting lists on the bulletin boards near the Back Office.

* Today we're also offering a panel discussion that will offer an introduction to publishing for all genres. It'll be a great opportunity for writers to get their general questions answered.*

Bonus Meetings with Editors

If you'd like to meet with Carol Houck Smith, editor at large at W.W. Norton, and do not already have a meeting scheduled with her, we invite you to stop by the Blue Parlor this morning after 8 o'clock to sign up for a group meeting. The meeting will be held from 10:30 to 11:30am; the location will be listed on the sign-up sheet. Spots are limited. More sign-ups to come.

Bone Up on Bread Loaf History for the 80th Anniversary

David Haward Bain will give an anecdotal slide talk on the history of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. He is the author of *Empire Express*, *The Old Iron Road*, and the Bread Loaf history, *Whose Woods These Are*, and was a participant in a number of PBS and History Channel documentaries, including *American Experience: Transcontinental Railroad* (co-producer), Bill Moyers' *'Becoming Chinese,'* and *History Channel Tech Effect* (talking head). The talk is about 45 minutes and features at least 150 pictures.

Announcements

Dinner for Film-goers

Nights of Cabiria will be shown tonight in Barn 1 at 5:30pm. If you signed up for a bag meal, please remember to pick it up just before going over to the movie.

Found! Notebook on the road

Did you lose a black moleskin notebook (approx. 8" x 4") yesterday? It's being held at the front desk for you. You'll be asked to identify something unique about it.

Lost: Silver bracelet on the evening of 8/17. Style is a string of "coins" imprinted with Aztec suns. Sentimental value. \$5 cash reward. Please drop at Back Office (with your name), or leave me a note in mailbox 2387.

Lost something?

Check the lost and found at the Inn front desk.

Get the massage

Massage Therapist with 16 years experience offers massage and energy work. Sixty dollars per hour for massage and \$50 per hour for Life Reading. Sign-up sheet is available on the dining hall bulletin board. Available:

Monday (8/22) 10am to 4pm

Tuesday (8/23) 10am to 2pm

Wednesday (8/24) 1 to 4pm

Thursday (8/25) 10am to 4pm

Conference discount on books

Monroe Street Books, a used bookstore located on Route 7 just outside Middlebury, is offering a twenty-percent discount for Bread Loafers.

Craft Class Updates

Second Offering of Clockwatchers: Time Management in Fiction

Michael Lowenthal's class will be offered Sunday (8/21) at 2:30pm. Those who were on the waitlist for the Saturday offering of this class have been added to the Sunday list.

Size Limits

We have limited the craft classes to 25 people so they can be more hands-on and interactive. Please keep the limit to 25 by attending only the classes for which you've signed up.

Sign-ups

A reminder that sign-up sheets will be posted by 8am, two days in advance of classes. Look for sheets on the bulletin board near the Blue Parlor.

Letter to the Editor

dear editor

i have been
told that i
am hav
ing line break
problems my end
stops are end
ing too soon
any ad
vice?

isendmytrulyandsincerestbest,

e.e.

Guest Editor's note:
*I have heard that
so much depends
on your line breaks,
but even more depends
on red wheelbarrows
and rainwater
and chickens.*

best, w.c.w.

Group Photos Today

Group photos for Faculty, Fellows, Scholars, and Staff will be taken during the Treman cocktail hour this afternoon. Here's the schedule:

Scholars at 6:10 **Fellows at 6:15**

Faculty at 6:20 **Staff at 6:25**

Please be on time so you don't miss out!

Visitors

Please join us in welcoming the following guests to the mountain: Charis Conn, Janet Silver, and Miriam Altshuler

Bookstore Hours

Monday through Saturday

10am to 12:30pm &

2 to 5:30pm

The exceptions are Monday, when it will be closed, and the last Saturday of the conference, when it will be open

10am to 12:30pm