Frost Farm Frolic!

To reach the Frost Farm, turn right from the Inn porch and walk .7 miles down Route 125. Turn right on Frost Road (unmarked); the farm is roughly .8 miles up the road. Plan to leave the Inn at noon. For those unable to walk the 1.5 miles, a van will be available; meet on the front porch of the Bread Loaf Inn at 12:00 p.m. For those who would like to tour Frost’s summer cabin, the cabin will be open during the picnic.

There isn’t much room for parking cars, so please either walk, if you can, or meet on the Bread Loaf Inn Front Porch to get a ride. Rides will be offered between 12:00 and 12:30 pm. If you do drive, you will need to park at the Robert Frost Wayside parking area, at the bottom of Frost Road.

Waiter Reading Tonight

If you didn’t make the waiter reading on Saturday night, we feel really sorry for you. Don’t make that mistake again! The second and final installment of waiter readings will take place tonight in the Little Theater at 9:30 p.m., giving conference participants a chance to hear fiction, poetry, and nonfiction by these truly phenomenal emerging writers: Vince Granata, Dolapo Demuren, Zoë Ruiz, Rachel Mannheimer, Jaime Lalinde, Erica Berry, Josha Jay Nathan, Michaela Cowgill, Jonathan Escoffery, Grace You Li, ‘Pemi Aguda, and Anne Price.

LGBTQ+ Parlor in the Little Theater

Tonight at 5:30 p.m., the Blue Parlor relocates to the Little Theater for a reading by LGBTQ+ writers—the beginning of a new official Bread Loaf tradition (we’re still working on a catchy name for it, so suggestions are welcome!). Come experience a dazzling range of voices: Lisa Moore, Laurie Thomas, Jonathan Parks-Ramage, Ruth Berger, Sebastian Merrill, Annie Reid, Stephanie Burt, Flower Conroy, John Del Pescho, Meriel O’Connell, Mai Schwartz, Anna Brenner, Holly M. Wendt, Morgan Thomas, Noah Bogdonoff, and Noah LeBien. There are still spots available, so please contact Elisa Gonzalez, Blue Parlor Coordinator, if you wish to join. Any member of the LGBTQ+ community is welcome.

The sign-up sheets for the One Minute in Heaven and Dark Tower readings are posted on the bulletin board by the back office. There are still many minutes in heaven to be claimed! If you’re signed up for a reading and need to cancel, please cross your name out on the sign-up sheet. There will be no reading tomorrow, Tuesday, so rest up those reading voices and clapping hands!

Questions? Suggestions? Blue Parlor Coordinator Elisa Gonzalez accepts mixtapes, tips, and hot gossip.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUN!
The Writers’ Cramp Race, a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course, begins this morning at 8:00 a.m. Runners of all skill levels should meet by the front porch of the Annex by 7:45 a.m. for instructions. Volunteers are welcome to help with timing the race, providing water, and cheering. Make sure to take candid shots and write compelling accounts for the *Crumb*.

WALK!
The Robert Frost Interpretive Trail is a National Recreation Trail that commemorates Robert Frost’s poetry. If you’re interested in walking this trail, you have two opportunities coming up. John Elder will lead a walk titled, “An Introduction to the Natural History of Bread Loaf for Writers,” from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. tomorrow Tuesday, August 21 and then again at the same time on Wednesday, August 22.

MOOSE HUNT!
A moose hasn’t been sighted here in a while, but who knows? Maybe they’ll reappear just for you! If you want to go moose spotting, meet on the Bread Loaf Inn Front Porch tonight around 9:30 p.m. Only six seats are available in the van, so it’s first come, first serve. For more details, ask at the Front Desk.

PHONES!
Several conference participants have lost their cell phones. If you find one, please turn it in to the Front Desk post haste.

From the Workshop

Anna Brenner, in the novel excerpt, “Happy Birthday!” from Samantha Hunt’s workshop:

“If the walls of that tunnel were at all transparent, they were made of glass and the world beyond them was dark. Everywhere I looked, mine were the eyes staring back at me.”

WEATHER

Sunshiiiiine!
High: 74° Low: 54°

GUESTS

Join us in welcoming the following guests to the mountain:

- Kevin Craft
- Lindsay Garbutt
- Janet Silver
- Abe Streep
- Miriam Altshuler, Patrick Donnelly, Sean Hill, PJ Mark, Angela Palm, and Steve Woodward
New (Totally Legitimate) Bread Loaf Conferences!

Have you loved the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference so much that you’re looking for another writing conference to attend? We’re pleased to announce these additions to the Bread Loaf family!

**Breath Loaf** - For lovers of the crisp air here on the mountain, this conference will focus entirely on breathing, breath, and caesura. Our esteemed faculty will hold classes—often silent!—on how to move air from your nose to your lungs, and workshops will consist of participants breathing in and out for three hours. Iron lungs will be provided in each room.

**Bed Loaf** - Unlike most other writing conferences, this two-week conference includes almost no instruction and simply lets you catch up on your sleep. Sessions alternate between meal times and nap times, the evening reading is just a white noise machine in the Little Theater, and your conference welcome packet includes Ambien and NyQuil. Perfect for new parents, teen writers, and anyone who works a full-time job while writing.

**Bet Loaf** - If you’re thinking, “I love Bread Loaf, but I sure miss gambling,” this is the conference for you. Between writing workshops and craft classes, participants will wager on almost every aspect of the conference: lengths of readings, what kind of meat will be served at dinner, how long it will take before C. Dale Young looks you in the eye and says, “This party is OVER!” The culminating event of the conference is a cagematch between the waiters.

**Brett Loaf** - Brett Easton Ellis is the only faculty member. You will be terrified the entire time.

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### COMMUNITY ITEMS

#### For the Love of Craft!
Faculty and Fellows: Do you have favorite books, articles, or lectures on craft? Email any recommendations you may have—along with a sentence or two highlighting what you like about it and which particular aspect of craft it deals with—to Nancy Ewing (nancy.ewing@gmail.com) by Tuesday evening or feel free to hand them to her in person. Once a critical mass is collected, the list will be distributed to everyone electronically.

#### OVERHEARD

“The only animals I grew up around were rats and pigeons.”

“I just had the nicest, most generous thing happen to me in the bathroom!”

“She looked me in the face and told me she had no idea a comma could be so important.”

“Did you see Philip Roth’s ghost out there by the bonfire?”

Keep singing to me, little birds. Email your overheards to blcrumb@gmail.com.

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### Want to Learn More About the Warren Wilson MFA Program?

You’re in luck! Tomorrow, August 21 at 1:30 p.m., there will be an informational meeting about the Warren Wilson MFA program in Barn Classroom 102. Prospective students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the program, which was the nation’s first low-residency program. Topics will include the format of the residency, exchanges with faculty during the semester, admissions information, and pedagogical approach. Following a short overview of the program, faculty and graduates will answer questions from Bread Loafers considering pursuing