Craft Classes

Saturday’s craft classes were a resounding success. At 2:30 p.m. this afternoon, here come seven more:

“Making a Person: Realisms,” with Tiphanie Yanique | Barn Classroom 101

“The Organic Outline,” with Josh Weil | Barn Classroom 205

“Where Do I Begin?” with Julie Buntin | Barn Classroom 204

“Writing Personal Narratives with a Historical Bent,”
with Angela Palm | Barn Observatory

“Picnic, Lightning’: Concision, Compression & Brevity,”
with Patrick Donnelly | Barn Classroom 203

“Outbursts & Ice: A Class on Emphatic Tones,”
with Daisy Fried | Barn Classroom 206

“To Whom It May Concern: Epistolary Poems,”
with Sean Hill | Barn Classroom 102

Sign-up sheets for craft classes are posted by 8:00 a.m. two days in advance of the class. The conference recommends that you arrive early to sign up for that can’t-miss class. Remember, there’s no wait list!

Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner

On Monday, August 20, lunch will be served as a picnic at Frost Farm rather than in the dining room. A beloved tradition at the conferences, the picnic takes place at Frost Farm, about 1.5 miles from the Bread Loaf Inn, and is followed by a tour of Frost’s summer cabin nearby. Usually unavailable to the public, the cabin is unlocked and made available for this special event. The picnic will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Monday. While many may want to make the walk down to the Frost Farm, transportation will also be available. Those who would like a ride should gather in front of the Bread Loaf Inn at 12:15 p.m.

Please note: If the weather prevents us from holding this event, we’ll post new information on the front door of the Dining Room by 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

To reach the Frost Farm, turn right from the Inn porch and walk .7 miles down Route 125. Turn right onto Frost Road/USFS Road 396 (unmarked), just before the Robert Frost Wayside; the farm is roughly .8 miles up the road. Those walking should plan to leave at noon.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“GETTING THE PITCH RIGHT,” WITH MIRIAM ALTSHULER**

The better you are at talking and writing about your book, the better chance you have to get the interest of an agent or editor. Miriam Altshuler will give a presentation at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Theater and lead a Q&A so you know how to make the best pitch possible and to write a compelling and clear query letter. Miriam encourages you to come with questions.

**TOMORROW’S ADJUSTED SCHEDULE**

After days of overstimulation, participants get a more relaxing day. Tomorrow, workshops will not meet, and our schedule is adjusted to give you some leisure time. Highlights of the day will include the annual Writers’ Cramp Race, the picnic at the Frost Farm, the Writers of Color Panel with Nicole Sealey and Kyle Lucia Wu, and evening readings by Christopher Castellani and Jennifer Grotz, all capped off by the second of our fabulous waiter readings.

**EAT RIGHT: LUNCH**

To avoid long lines at lunchtime, we urge you to eat based on your workshop schedule:
- On days when your workshop does not meet, please go to the Dining Room starting at noon.
- On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the Dining Room at 12:30 p.m.
- Lunch service continues until 1:30 p.m. each day.

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**Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner**

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If you are unable to attend the picnic, please let us know right away by sending an email to blwc@middlebury.edu by 5:00 p.m. today, so we can note your name. We’ll give your name to the kitchen staff and arrange for you to have something to eat on campus.

There will be an opportunity to recite Robert Frost poems, so if you’re interested in participating, come prepared!

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**Sign Up for Trail Walk**

Two walks will take place this week on the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail. The first will be self-guided and take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21. John Elder will lead the second walk, “An Introduction to the Natural History of Bread Loaf for Writers,” at the same time on Wednesday, August 22.

“The walk is always a pleasant, relaxed event,” Elder said, “with lots of chances to connect names to the trees, flowers, and birds and to relate Frost’s poetry, and poetry in general, to all our observations.”

The Robert Frost Interpretive Trail is a National Recreation Trail that commemorates Robert Frost’s poetry; several of his poems are mounted along the trail in the woods and fields. Blueberries and huckleberries grow in an old field at the far end. The Forest Service maintains all of the old fields along this trail with prescribed fire to preserve the scenic, open appearance of the area. The trail is an easy walk, and the first 0.3 miles across a beaver pond boardwalk out to the South Branch of the Middlebury River is accessible and suitable for wheelchairs.

Each walk is limited to 30 participants. Vans will transport participants from the Bread Loaf Inn to the trail. To get a ride, Bread Loafers should start to gather on the front porch of the Bread Loaf Inn at 10:30 a.m. Bread Loafers who prefer to walk to the trail head from the Inn should leave at 10:40 a.m. Participants will return in time to have lunch in the dining room.

Advance sign-up is required. The sign-up sheet will be with the craft class sign ups by the back office.

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**Holman Helps Writers Publish**

Literary consultant Amy Holman gives two special talks today, one for fiction writers, and the other for poets and nonfiction writers. Holman assists writers in publishing poems, stories, novels, essays, memoirs, and narrative nonfiction books. If you have a scheduled meeting with her, please be sure to attend the appropriate overview talk before your meeting. Those without an appointment with her can also attend to learn about how writers can connect with the right publishers. The fiction talk will take place at 10:10 a.m., and the poetry and nonfiction talk will be at 1:30 p.m., both in the Little Theater.
Barn Dance!

Tonight at 9:30 p.m., you’re greatly encouraged to come to the Barn and show off your sweet, sweet dance moves. We’ll provide the DJ and the free drinks.

Speaking of drinks, social staff would like to remind you of a few alcohol protocols:

Only one alcoholic drink may be served to an individual at a time. Participants who look young will be carded, so be sure to bring your valid ID. A cordoned perimeter will let you know where it’s acceptable to sip your booze.

Lastly, please remember that participants are not permitted to bring their own alcohol to the event—it’s best if you leave that special bottle of Pappy Van Winkle or homemade mezcal in your room.

*Jazz hands*

From the Workshop

Mai Schwartz, from Stephanie Burt’s workshop:

“Here comes the free cigarette man with his double bandolier like a cartoon cowboy demanding his linty remittance from the frictions of stained denim.”
GUESTS
Join us in welcoming Malaga Baldi, Adam Eaglin, Angela Palm, and Kyle Lucia Wu to the mountain and in saying goodbye to the following guests: Porscha Burke, Jenna Johnson, Jeff Shotts, J. M. Tyree, and Ross White.

AWP Mentorship Program
Bread Loaf contributor Diane Zinna is looking to talk with writers who might be interested in serving as mentors in AWP’s Writer to Writer mentorship program. Heading into its 9th season, the program matches emerging writers with published authors for a three-month series on the writing life. The program particularly encourages applications from writers of color, those from the disability and LGBTQ communities, and those who have never attended an MFA program. Mentees must be members of AWP, but are welcome at all levels and can apply and participate for free. Email Diane at diane@awpwriter.org for more info or to meet up.

Next AA Meeting
The next AA Meeting will take place on August 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Barn Classroom 102. Open meeting; all are welcome to attend.

Writers’ Cramp Race
The Writers’ Cramp Race, a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course, begins tomorrow 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 and an overview of the course, which winds through the campus and down to the Frost Farm. Volunteers are welcome to help with providing water and cheering. Runners can get a late breakfast in the Dining Room. For everyone not participating in the race, breakfast will end as usual at 8:30.

Are you interested in covering the Writers’ Camp Race for The Crumb? Submit your short essay and/or photos to the editor at bcrumb@gmail.com. The deadline is 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Keep in mind that the Crumb nominates the Writers’ Cramp Race coverage to The Best American Sports Writing Anthology every year (albeit unsuccessfully).

Blue Parlor Is Untameable!
So far, our esteemed writers have performed for packed houses and introduced us to a multitude of mysteries.

This evening at 5:30 p.m., the Library will host the next Blue Parlor reading, and the theme is ANIMALS. We’ll get wild, perhaps even carnivorous. The line-up features Ashley Mabbitt, Linda Keyes, Tori Reynolds, Alison Hubbard, Michele Feeney, Bernice Mbadugha, Laurie Champion, Maddie Hampton, Catherine McCullough, Angela Dribben, Ileana Florian, Beth Flanders, Jennifer Gehrt, Jan Zivic, and Madhur Anand.

Remember: The sign-up sheets for the rapid-fire One Minute in Heaven reading, the LGBTQ reading and the Dark Tower reading are posted on the bulletin board by the Back Office.

See you tonight! Anything could happen.

Contact Elisa Gonzalez with questions, feedback, jokes.

WEATHER
Partly Cloudy
High: 74° Low: 55°