TODAY’S EVENTS

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

8:00 a.m.
Writers’ Cramp Race
(Racers report to Annex at 7:45 a.m.)

11:00 a.m.
Lecture: “Playing with Fire,” by Peter Ho Davies
Little Theatre

12:30 p.m.*
Picnic Lunch followed by
Special talk: “Frost and the Forest of Vermont,” by John Elder,
The Frost Farm

3:30 p.m.
Film screening and discussion:
Sunlight Man, Little Theatre

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Barn Social

5:30 p.m.
Blue Parlor Reading Series, Library

6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15 p.m.
Reading: Lan Samantha Chang and Carl Phillips,
Little Theatre

9:30 p.m.
Waiter Reading, Little Theatre

9:30 p.m.
Barn Pub

Frost Farm Frolic!

To reach the Frost Farm, turn right from the Inn porch and walk .7 miles down Route 125. Turn right at the sign for Frost Road; 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. A talk on Robert Frost by John Elder, co-editor of the Norton Anthology of Nature Writing, will take place following lunch. For those who would like to tour Frost’s summer cabin, the cabin will be open during 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 bottom of Frost Road (there is an area for parking there).

For those who emailed us yesterday to arrange for a meal on campus, lunch will be served in the Dining Hall at 12:30.

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 Theatre at 9:30 p.m., giving conference participants a chance to hear fiction, poetry, and nonfiction by these truly phenomenal emerging writers: Ralph Bousquet, Amir Adam, Moeko Fujii, Eli Cohen, Mariama J. Lockington, David Hutcheson, Elisse Ota, Casandra Lopez, Frederick McKindra, Cheswayo Mphanza, Sara Freeman, and Anne Price.

Blue Parlor Set to Outshine the Sun

Keep your splendid, silent sun; Keep your woods, O Nature, and the quiet places by the woods -- give me the Blue Parlor! Whitman wrote that, or something like it, and we know just what he means. Tonight at 5:30 p.m., long after the American Eclipse has passed, Blue Parlorites will continue to burn bright with their magnitude, humor and literary verve! The lineup includes Jim Scutti, Heather Kamins, Avia Tadmor, Flower Conroy, Sara Miller Freehoff, Beth Johnson, Jordana Solomon, Dawn Manning, Gene Albamonte, Jasmin Attia, Freddy Kunkle, Anna March, John Copenhaver, and Donna Spruijt-Metz.

The sign-up sheet for the final Blue Parlor reading, happening Friday, August 25, at 5:30 p.m., will be made available in the Library with Katie at 5:20 p.m. this evening. The sign-up sheets for the One Minute in Heaven and From the Dark Tower readings are posted on the bulletin board by the back office. If you 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 Katie Moulton now accepting 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.

WAIT!
Faculty and fellows are encouraged to sign up to serve lunch on Wednesday, August 23. Few conference traditions elicit the enthusiasm and dread of this special day when the wait staff takes a breather. A sign-up sheet is located in the Back Office. Please sign up by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Server training will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday. You’ll need to wear shoes that cover your toes.

SMILE!
Check your mailbox or speak with Front Desk staff about ordering workshop photos. If you order before Wednesday, you can avoid shipping fees. Thrifty, thrifty, like a good New Englander.

MOOSE HUNT!
Wanna go moose spotting? Meet on the Inn Front Porch tonight around 9:30 p.m. Only six spots are available in the van, so it’s first come, first serve. For more details, ask at the Front Desk.

COMMUNITY ITEMS

Zumba
This morning at 9:00 a.m. Quinn Roberts (a professional Zumba instructor!) will lead an outdoor Zumba class on the lawn by the volleyball net. Come shake what your mama gave you.

LGBTQ+ Confab Tonight
Queer writers of all stripes are invited to gather on the second floor of the library at 5:30 p.m. for an informal social. Come with an introduction and an appreciation of apéritifs.

Unwind, Relax
...with a massage from Jayne! She says, “Gain different perspectives and encouragement with a reading. Be empowered with a chakra alignment. Sign up on the dining room bulletin board.”

WEATHER DOG BEN

Partial Sunshine
High: 79° Low: 61°

GUESTS

Join us in welcoming the following guests to the mountain:

- PJ Mark
- Lindsay Garbutt
- Jenna Johnson
- Kevin Craft

Please bid safe journey to Miriam Alshuler, who departs today.
One Film Screening Down, and One to Go!

Online Access to *Seven Writers*

There were no empty seats in Barn 101 on Saturday when the documentary film, *Seven Writers*, was shown. Char Gardner (filmmaker and fellow Bread Loafer) and her husband Rob were thrilled by the turn out—and by all the laughter coming from the audience. For those of you who missed the screening or who would love to watch it again, the film is up on Vimeo. Here’s the link and password. Please feel free to share it. https://vimeo.com/229667287
Password: Ripton

*Sunlight Man:*

The Life and Times of John Gardner

Novelist John Gardner – bestselling author of *Grendel, The Sunlight Dialogues, Nickel Mountain*, and other works – died in a motorcycle accident in 1982. *Sunlight Man* is the story of Gardner’s complex life and turbulent times, as seen from the point of view of his filmmaker son, Joel.

There will be a screening of the film today at 3:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

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Want to Learn More About the Warren Wilson MFA Program?

You’re in luck! Tomorrow, August 22 at 1:30 p.m., there will be an informational meeting about the Warren Wilson MFA program in Barn 102. Prospective students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the program, which was the nation’s 1st 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 their MFA degree.

Quote from Yesterday’s Lecture

“This is the one singular advantage that we have on Tolstoy: he never knew what it was like to be alive in 2017, and we do.” —Charles Baxter
Partial Solar Eclipse Today

A solar eclipse will be visible across the United States today, starting on the west coast at 12:05 p.m. ET and concluding on the east coast about four hours later at 4:09 p.m. ET. The path of totality – a 70-mile-wide band across the country where viewers will experience a total solar eclipse – will stretch from Oregon to Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas. The majority of the nation will experience a partial eclipse of the Sun, and for viewers in Vermont the Sun will be about 60 percent obscured by the Moon.

What are the safety considerations when viewing a solar eclipse? Solar eclipses are not safe to view without proper training and equipment. One should never look at the Sun with the naked, unaided eye, or with sunglasses, or with binoculars, or with a telescope without a filter specifically designed to block almost all of the Sun's light. Looking at the Sun even momentarily can cause severe and permanent eye injury. With that in mind, following safety procedures can result in a memorable viewing experience. Solar eclipses are a unique spectacle not to be missed if you can identify a safe observing method and employ it accordingly.

Maximum viewing will be at 2:40 p.m. Set your alarms.