

A little bit of news from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

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TODAY'S EVENTS

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Yoga, Barn 008

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

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lecture: "So, What Does He Do?: Work and Occupation in Fiction," by Amina Gautier, Little Theater

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Blue Parlor Presents: One Minute
In Heaven Reading,
Little Theater

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. All workshops meet

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Reading: Ashley Marie Farmer, Rickey Fayne, Laura Spence-Ash, and Yuki Tanaka, Little Theater

> 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Special Final Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Reading: Mat Johnson and Paisley Rekdal, Little Theater

9:00p.m. - Midnight Super Amazing Dance Party Extraveganza Shindig, Barn (new location)

Workshop: Everybody's Doing It

It's time for one last workshop. Be there! ("There" meaning at your workshop's designated location, listed below.)

The van to Earthworm will leave from the front of the Inn at 1:15 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

Paisley Rekdal - Treman Living Room

Danielle Evans - Barn 102

Camille T. Dungy-Barn 203

Elisa Gabbert - Barn 204

Ishion Hutchinson - Barn 205

Tomás Q. Morín - Barn 206

Mat Johnson - Barn 008

Paul Yoon - Barn Observatory

Marie Mutsuki Mockett - Inn West Seminar

Claire Messud - Library Upstairs (Back end of building)

Laura van den Berg - Library Upstairs (Front end of building)

Carl Phillips - Barn Tent

Christopher Castellani - Barn Main Room

Amina Gautier - Library Main Floor

Stacey D'Erasmo - Blue Parlor

Valzhyna Mort - Barn 101

V. Penelope Pelizzon - Tamarack Living Room

Carter Sickels - Earthworm Living Room

Victor LaValle - Fritz Living Room

GUESTS

Happy trails Janet Silver, Hannah Matheson, and Yuka Igarashi who depart the mountain today.

WEATHER

Partly Cloudy High: 79° Low: 63°

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You Can Go Home Again... No, Really, You Have To.

Saturday's departure schedule is posted by the Dining Room If you have not yet made your reservation with Jessica's Vital Transit, be sure to call them right away at (802) 349-8833. They have a very tight schedule, so please contact them immediately to be sure you can be guaranteed a ride. Remember, all Bread Loafers must be off the mountain by noon! Please see the Front Desk if you need transportation to Middlebury.

Share a Ride

Bread Loafers willing to share a ride should leave their names on the carpooling sheet posted outside the Dining Room. Those looking for a ride will contact you.

Pick Up Books On Consignment

The Bookstore is not open Saturday. If you have books on consignment, please pick them up today by 4:00 p.m.

Return Your Library Books!

If you borrowed library books, please be sure to return them before 4:00 p.m. today.

Conference Feedback Forms

Please check your email for a conference feedback form. Take a few minutes before you leave the mountain to let us know about your experience at the conference. We go over feedback forms carefully to see how things went and consider changes for the future.

Tidy Up, Buttercup!

We invite you to join us in helping Facilities staff by tidying up our rooms before leaving on Saturday! Please gather the trash and recycling from your room and place it in the bigger bins located either in the hallway or on the building porch; for linens, please pull them from the bed and leave them in a pile on the bed. Thank you for your help and consideration!



Back to the Dance Floor!

Did you pack up your dancing shoes and disco pants already? No? Good! The Bread Loaf Staff invites you back to the Barn tonight from 9:00 to midnight for some Super Surprising and Mysterious Farewell Shenanigans (i.e. an excellent playlist). See you there, friends!

TEED'S CORNER A Bread Loaf Riddle III

First was "cookie" then was "bell," Here's the last one I shall tell —

I am ancient, old as man — You hear me, but do you understand?

Some use me to complete a line, Others think I'm not for modern time...

But I've been on all your tongues, Sometimes perfect, sometimes far-flung.

The muse sometimes delivers me, Or sometimes, like Newton's inspiring apple, I fall from a tree

Everyone loves to sing me in song, Children celebrate me in throngs.

Read me a book! Sing me a poem! With me you always have a home

What am I? Ha! You'll have to gusss— Safe travels my friends— I wish you the best

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The Crumb

Community Photos

Memories from some of the community-organized events and gatherings this week. Clockise from top left: Black Writers' Meetup, Latinx Writers' Meetup, AANHPI Writers' Meetup, and Angelenos Meetup.



Don't Sleep On the Blue Parlor

Thank you to everyone who shook the Barn Tent last night with their beautiful readings! We have one more BP session and, alas, we've arrived at the end. *Sob. Sniff. Hugs. High fives.*

Join us in the Little Theater at 10:15 a.m. for the famous One Minute in Heaven reading, featuring 40 dazzling readers! Don't forget to add this event to your calendar for today. It's our last chance to bask in the light of the BP glow.

Contact Tobi Kassim or Danielle Harms with questions, parting words, or just to say hi.

OVERHEARD

"Are they going to tell me if this is going into the Crumb?"

"I remember those days like they were yesterday. The Thong Song days, those were some good days."

"It was one of the more hilarious spider attacks I've ever seen."

"Did you always wear glasses? Now I remember that you're smart."

"I made it to Treman without giving birth."

"Novels are for freaks."



Tiny Horoscopes

Last day on the mountain

ARIES Have a picnic in the meadow



Take a cat nap



Get both desserts

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SCORPIO

Write a thankyou note



Wear your power color



Put on your dancing shoes

Take a CANCER selfie with your workshop



Walk with a friend to the creek



Stargaze

Pull a tarot card



VIRGO

Buy yourself a birthday book



Smell the hydrangeas

Bears oh my!!



Fashion Alert! Kenneeth D. Capers wears **Middlebury**

