

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forget Amazon!

Books by faculty, fellows, and participants are for sale in the Bookstore, as are Bread Loaf clothing and swag. The store is located in the basement of the Annex; the entrance is at the rear of the building. Cash, Visa, AmEx and MasterCard are accepted. Go say hello to Marisa Rorabaugh, Kristin Richland, and Will Stephens, the keepers of the books!

Be sure to check the Bookstore door for the most up-to-date hours.

Apple Cellar Tech

Having trouble accessing the wireless network? Our kind Apple Cellar Techs will be on hand in the computer lab to help with any issues today, Thursday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Conference Orientation Today!

Questions? Bewilderments? Mountain air got you dizzy? Fret no more and join us at 10:30 a.m. today for an optional conference orientation in the Little Theater.

All About Lunch

Lunch will be served buffet style, so to avoid long lines, we urge you to follow the schedule noted here in the *Crumb*, based on your workshop schedule. Please do not bring bags through the kitchen line.

- On days when your workshop does not meet, please go to the Dining Room starting at 11:30 a.m.
- On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the Dining Room at 12:15 p.m.
- Today, when all workshops meet at 1:30 p.m., we ask poets and nonfiction writers to show up at 11:30 a.m., and fiction writers to hold back until noon.
- For those who would like to enjoy their meals outdoors, a selection of picnic blankets will be available as well as picnic tables and Adirondack chairs on the Bread Loaf lawns. A tent for dining is also available. Please be aware that on some days the tent may be used for events or meetings, so it will be necessary to enter only after the event has finished.

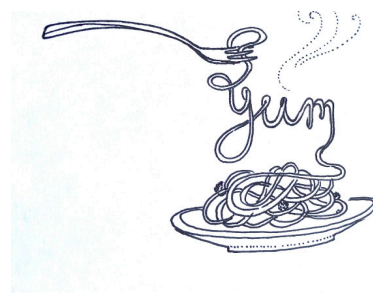
Reminders

- Meal times are prompt. Running short on time? Just grab a to-go container!
- Enjoy the fresh Vermont air! We encourage diners to take their meals outside.
- Coffee is available in the morning by 6:30 a.m. After breakfast ends, coffee and water are available in the Dining Room and the Barn throughout the day.
- If you have an allergy or food concern, please be proactive and discuss any questions or concerns with the Kitchen Staff.
- The doors to the Inn lock after 10:00 p.m. Use code **1425** to enter after hours.

Today's Menu

Lunch: Tortilla Soup, Grilled Lime Chicken, Beef Tacos, Roasted Butternut Squash Tacos, Enchilada Pie or Stacked Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Nacho Bar with Cheese and Refried Beans, Corn with Peppers

Dinner: Thai Beef Stir-fry with Chile Sauce & Crispy Fried Basil, Chicken Khao Soi, Pad Thai, Spring Rolls with Duck and Thai Sweet Chili Sauces, Basmati Rice, Broccoli Saute



Craft Classes

The classes take place at 2:30 p.m. on the days listed, and each is limited to 25 people unless otherwise noted. Sign-up sheets will be available in two batches via Google Forms and go out to Bread Loafers' personal emails. The Craft Class Sign-up Email for week one classes will go out at 8:30 a.m. today. The Craft Class Sign-up Email for week two classes will go out at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 17.

The Postman Doesn't Ring

If you're expecting mail, please check in at the Front Desk.

The Silence of the Phones

Cell phone reception is selectively available on the mountain. It is a good idea to let your loved ones know this so they don't think you've been eaten by a bear (or a hungry writer).

Should your phone be blessed with reception, please be mindful of where you choose to chat. Meetings will be taking place across campus, so we ask that while in the Dining Room, the Barn, the Little Theater, or on the Inn Porch, you keep to a quieter mode of communication, such as texting or astral projection. In general, please keep your phones on silent.

Smile!

Photographer Edward Brown will be visiting workshops today to take group photos. An order form for photos will be available later in the conference.

Don't be a stranger

Please wear your name tag at all times.

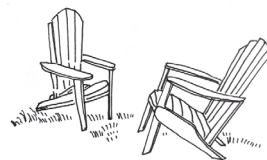
Blue Parlor Informational Meeting

Due to the popularity of the inimitable Blue Parlor reading series, the 2026 readings will, once again, not actually take place in the Blue Parlor. Bread Loaf's own literary salon will be in the Barn Tent, where we will convene to share and celebrate our work, wow each other outside of the workshop, and enjoy post-lunch snacks, provided by your hosts, Soo Hong and Tobi Kassim.

Today at 11:15 a.m., immediately following the orientation, you're invited to the Barn Tent to learn more about the BP reading series and ask questions. A few of the hot topics to be discussed: How and where do I sign up? How long can I read? Can I wear sweatpants? This meeting will finish in time to head over to lunch afterward. Information and sign-ups for the Blue Parlor series will be emailed to you from the Blue Parlor Coordinators, Soo and Tobi. On Friday, August 15th, the first reading of the season kicks off at 1:15 p.m.! Stay tuned to The Crumb for further announcements of sign-ups, themes, readers, and other secrets.

Come check us out! We'll laugh, we'll cry, we'll make that appreciative crowd noise in our throats like Chewbacca. Join us, Bread Loafers! Let's make some magic on the mountain.

Questions, concerns, high fives?
Contact Blue Parlor Coordinators
Soo Hong & Tobi Kassim



From the Front Desk

Please keep these guidelines in mind for convenience and safety:

- There is no smoking allowed inside any building on campus or on any porch.
- We suggest you start a room list by each hall phone so building mates can find you if you get a call.
- Please park all cars in the Barn parking lot, not on Route 125 or behind the Inn. The exception to this rule covers those staying at Tamarack, Gilmore, Fritz, Frothingham, Earthworm, and Brandybrook, and also cars parked for less than 10 minutes for the purposes of loading and unloading. In addition, there are two accessible parking spots – one in front of the Inn and one in back.
- Notify the Front Desk at extension 2700 for minor medical issues. If you have a serious medical emergency, call 911 and then notify the Front Desk. Before 8:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m., when the Front Desk is closed, call extensions 2713 and 2710 from any campus phone.

FROM THE LITTLE THEATER

1. Bells will ring at 15 and 5 minutes prior to each lecture and reading. Please arrive on time.

2. Trash cans are located near the exits of the Little Theater. We love it when people use them (for trash).

3. Please leave the outside chairs where they are and avoid pulling them close to the doors.

4. Lost and Found: Items of low to moderate value unearthed in the Little Theater will be deposited atop the fireplace, out of combustion range. Feel free to reclaim your own items at your convenience. Items of high value, such as babies and gold bricks, will be kept at the Front Desk.

—Nathan Blum, Katie Coleman, Jesse Gonzalez, and Kaylee Young-Eun Jeong

Explore Scenic Middlebury

Starting tomorrow, van trips to Middlebury leave the Inn around 1:30 p.m. and return from Middlebury at 3:30 p.m. to arrive at Bread Loaf at 4:00 p.m. There is no trip planned today. Sign up at the Front Desk if you'd like to ride into town. For pressing matters, a morning ride into town can be arranged. Note: The driver will not wait for lollygaggers! Be on time.

Yoga

Yoga instructor Joanna Colwell will offer Iyengar yoga classes daily, beginning today, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in Barn 008. The classes are appropriate for all abilities and all are welcome. A handful of mats will be available. The final yoga class will be on Friday, August 21.

AA Meetings

Meetings are scheduled to take place daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Upstairs Library (back end of building). To schedule additional meeting times while on the mountain, just let a Back Office Staff member know. Staff will reserve the room and include a note about the meetings in *The Crumb*. The meetings are self-run and are open to all.

Greetings from Social Staff

Hello, Bread Loaf! We're the Social Staff. We'd love to meet you, so please don't be shy! Like you, we're all writers and will be participating in workshops. All of us have been here before, so if you've got questions about anything on the mountain, please let us know, and we'll do our best to lend a hand.

—Tiegst Ameha, Craig Chen, Matthew Lawrence Garcia, Nik Chang Hoon, Meriel O'Connell, Annie Reid, Moa Short, and Mimi Wong

Barn Pub

Every evening at 5:15 p.m., you're invited to do some pre-dinner socializing in the Barn. Beer and wine will be available for purchase, and soft drinks will be available free of charge. The bar in the Barn will be open again at 9:00 p.m., after the evening readings.

**Hi from the Davison Library at Bread Loaf!**

We invite you to make the library your comfy, book-filled oasis for the next ten days. Please stop by to say hi, relax in the overstuffed chairs, and enjoy our book displays, free printing, and assistance with wi-fi. (We're the white building behind the Little Theater.) See you soon!

—Kellam Ayres, Bread Loaf librarian
(kayres@middlebury.edu)

GUESTS

Join us in welcoming the following visitors to the mountain:

**Miriam Altshuler, David Haward Bain,
Katie Raissian, and Randy Winston.**
And a warm farewell to **Julia Alvarez!**

Extra, Extra! Write All About It!

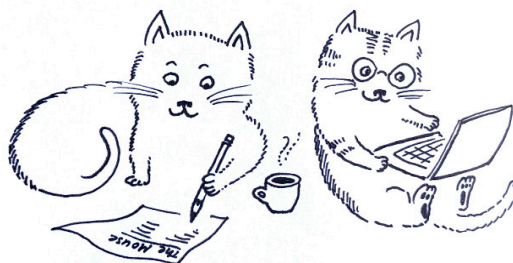
The Crumb welcomes—dare we say it, begs for—submissions of news, editorials, overheard comments, food reviews, limericks, interviews, trivia, comics, and letters to the editor from conference participants (a.k.a. you!). If you'd like to submit something for consideration, please e-mail your copy to **blcrumb@gmail.com**.

Please note that while the editors delight in reading missed connections in their spare time, they take a staunch “Bartleby, the Scrivener” approach to the running of advertisements and personals.

Topics of community interest (volleyball smackdown, jaunt into town, barbershop quartet, etc.) are limited to a headline, plus thirty words. We will print items on a first-come, first-served basis as space permits. You can send them along to blcrumb@gmail.com.

You're also welcome to bring us gifts of coffee (cream, no sugar), hot gossip, warm cookies, and funny drawings of cats (okay fine, we accept dogs too). We are very friendly and love meeting new people!

— Gracie Newman and
Annie Schumacher. Editors



OVERHEARD

“Missed connections in a place where there are name tags does not make sense.”

“If you can sit on it, you can ride it.”

“Just write a poem. It's not rocket science.”

“Fascism really had me thinking about syntax.”

“I don't miss my kids at all.”

Overhear something amazing? Email it to us (without attribution, of course) at blcrumb@gmail.com.

Tiny Horoscopes

What kind of bread are you?



ARIES

Corn muffin



LIBRA

Apple & honey
challah



TAURUS

Westphalian
pumpernickel



SCORPIO

Sourdough
bread bowl



GEMINI

Chargrilled
hotdog bun



SAG.

Jalapeno
cheese bread



CANCER

Garlic naan



CAP.

Toasted raisin
bagel



LEO

Rosemary
focaccia



AQU.

Donut hole



VIRGO

Baguette
Viennoise



PISCES

Soft pretzel
with smoked
salt

WEATHER REPORT

Partly cloudy — our meteorologists are predicting showers and possible thunderstorms.

High: 76° Low: 55°