

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.
Writers' Cramp Race,
meeting by the Annex Front Porch

10:00 a.m.
"What is a Novel For?" by Alexander
Chee, Little Theater

11:00 a.m.
Blue Parlor Reading Series,
Barn Tent

12:30 p.m.
Picnic at Frost Farm and a talk on
Robert Frost by Jennifer Grotz

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
BIPOC Writers Panel with Rick
Barot, Alexander Chee, Toni Jensen,
Chinelo Okparanta, and Tiphonie
Yanique, Little Theater

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Reading: Jennifer Eli Bowen,
Oluwaseun Olayiwola, and Brian
Trapp, Little Theater

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

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

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 pm.
Reading: Camille T. Dungy and
Elizabeth McCracken, Little Theater

9:00 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Nightly Barn Pub

No Workshops Today!



Writers' Cramp Race This Morning

Don't let the name scare you off — the Writers' Cramp Race is a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course. It begins this morning at 9:00 a.m. Runners of all skill levels should meet by the Front Porch of the Annex by 8:45 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 a.m.

We'd love to see your epic photos from the race! Share on your own socials with #BreadLoaf2026, or send them to us at blcrumb@gmail.com.

Frost Farm Frolic!

Today, lunch will be served as a picnic at Frost Farm rather than in the Dining Room, a beloved tradition at the Conference. (Please note: the Dining Room will be closed during the picnic!). Frost Farm is about 1.5 miles from the Bread Loaf Inn, and the picnic is followed by a tour of Robert Frost's summer cabin nearby. Usually unavailable to the public, the cabin is unlocked and made available for this special event. Jennifer Grotz will say a few words about the cabin and share a Robert Frost poem. The picnic will begin at 12:30 p.m. 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 on the Bread Loaf Inn Front Porch at 12:15 p.m. For those walking: the cabin can be reached via Route 125, but Front Desk Manager Edward Brown recommends taking the marked path through the woods, if you're able to. This route is not only more scenic, but also safer, as traffic tends to speed on Route 125.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

No Cause for Alarm

Please do not open any emergency exits (unless it's an emergency, of course). Opening emergency exits causes alarms to go off and can disrupt a good night's sleep. Thank you.

BIPOC Writers Panel

"Writing for the Culture"

Join us today at 3:00 p.m. in the Little Theater for a panel discussion featuring Rick Barot, Alexander Chee, Toni Jensen, Chinelo Okparanta, and Tiphonie Yanique, and moderated by Lauren Francis-Sharma. All participants are welcome to attend.

Craft Class Sign-ups

Craft classes will be offered on Tuesday, August 18, Wednesday, August 19, and Thursday, August 20. Sign-up emails go out at 8:30 a.m. this morning. *The Crumb* Editors recommend: be poised at your inbox, with your top choices already selected at 8:28 a.m.!

Walking Directions to Frost Cabin

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To walk through the woods, go to the Barn parking lot, then follow the road back behind the Barn, and then continue across the dirt road to the trail. The trail on the left (marked by a pink ribbon) will lead to the Frost Cabin.

If you choose to walk to the Frost Cabin along Route 125, please walk single file and be careful. To reach the Cabin via the road, turn right at the Inn Front Porch and walk .7 miles down 125. Turn right onto Frost Road, just before the Robert Frost Wayside; the Frost Cabin is roughly .8 miles up the road.

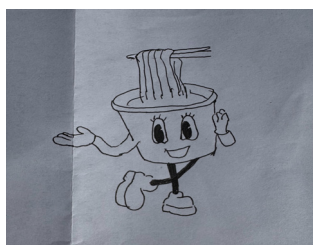
Those walking by either route should plan to leave at noon.

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. today.

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 yawp! Whitman wrote that, or something like it, and we know just what he means. BP-ers will continue to burn bright with their magnitude, humor and literary verve promptly at 11:00 a.m.! Today's lineup will be listed on the screens in the Dining Room. It's bound to be a good one, so rest up those reading voices and clapping hands!

Questions? Suggestions? Blue Parlor Coordinators Soo J. Hong or Tobi Kassim now accepting mixtapes, tips, and hot gossip.



By Megan Lui

GUESTS

Today we welcome **Ian Bonaparte, Anni Liu, Hannah Matheson, and Ayesha Pande** to the Mountain!

Safe travels to Miriam Altshuler, Gayatri Patnaik, and Randy Winston.

WEATHER

Rainy

High: 71°

Low: 61°

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 six hours.

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 Jason Lamb looks you in the eye and says, "This party is OVER!" The culminating event of the conference is a cagematch between the Fellows.

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

Tiny Horoscopes

Fragrances



ARIES

Baltic
Amber

LIBRA

Kenyan
Freesia

TAURUS

Himalayan
Cedar

SCORPIO

Dead Sea Salt



GEMINI

Calabrian
Bergamont

SAG.

Sri Lankan
Patchouli

CANCER

Madagascan
Pepper

CAP.

Athenian
Sage

LEO

Cambodian
Oud

AQU.

Brazilian
Lime Blossom

VIRGO

Mexican
Tuberose

PISCES

Polynesian
Jasmine

Today's Menu

Lunch: Picnic

Dinner: Bacon Mushroom Swiss Cheese Burgers, Grilled BBQ Chicken, Corn Dogs, Black Bean Burgers, Baked Beans, Steak Fries, Roasted Cauliflower, Carrots, and Green Beans, Penne and GF Pasta, Marinara Sauce

The Case of the Missing Diffuser

On Thursday, a bright yellow stainless steel tea diffuser with a white screw top and a long handle was left in the Little Theater. It has sentimental value. If you happened to remove it from the fireplace thinking it may have been your water bottle, please return it to the Front Desk. Thank you!

Faculty Flashback!



Marie-Helene Bertino smiling beatifically from behind her collection of speculative objects.

AAPI Writers Gathering

Calling all writers with roots in East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands! Now that we're approaching mid-conference (!), if you're desperate for some comfort food and/or would like to meet other writers in the community, come through to the Dining Room tonight for a lil *ramen rumble* -- right after Camille and Elizabeth's readings!

-Nik Chang Hoon, Emmeline Chang, and Megan Lui

Late Night Poetry Jam

Roundtable jam session—read a poem of your own or from one of your favorite authors. Monday, August 17 at 10:00 p.m. in Barn Classroom 101. To RSVP, email Tobin at breadandrosespoetry@gmail.com—or just pop by!

DEAD LOAF

THE UNOFFICIAL READING
WHERE HORROR WRITERS COME OUT TO PLAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH @ 10:15 PM
IN THE BARN TENT

WANT TO READ?
EMAIL KATIEHURLBUT@GMAIL.COM



OVERHEARD

"This sock is going to haunt me."

"I don't like fiction where bad things happen."

"We don't want to trample on anyone's freedoms, but once you're a crowd, we'll have to."

"Astronauts go to space. I go to the Vermont Maple Market."

"Mr. Paris Review said the maple creamies were transcendent."

Please send us more at
blcrumb@gmail.com!