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The 'B' is not silent!

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

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

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| 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.<br>Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.<br>"Ways of Seeing: Modulations in Points of View," by Laila Lalami, Little Theater |
| 10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.<br>Poetry & Nonfiction Workshops |
| 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.<br>Nature walk with Mark Lapin<br>Meet in front of the Barn |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.<br>Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn |
| 2:30 p.m.<br>Craft Classes |
| 4:15 p.m.<br>Reading: Cara Blue Adams, Nawaaz Ahmed, and Peter Turchi, Little Theater |
| 5:15 p.m.<br>Yoga, between the Barn parking lot and the row of cottages (rain location: Barn 008) |
| 5:30 p.m.<br>Blue Parlor Reading Series, Barn Tent |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.<br>Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn |
| 8:15 p.m.<br>Reading: Rebecca Makkai and Brenda Shaughnessy, Little Theater |
| 9:15 p.m. - Midnight<br>Dance, Barn Tent |

## Craft Classes (and Sign-Up Reminders!)

Get excited for another round of craft classes at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon! Here come six more:

"Dismantling the House: Endings as Openings?" with Paul Lisicky, Barn Classroom 102

"Meditation as Craft Teacher," with William Brewer, Barn Classroom 205

"Mystery Tension Suspense," with Ayşe Papatya Bucak, Barn Classroom 203

"Seriously Playful Fiction," with Omer Friedlander, Barn Classroom 204

"And Scene: Using Setting and Placement as Meaningful Backdrop," with francine j. harris, Barn Classroom 101

"Closings that Open," with Rachel Mannheimer, Barn Classroom 206

Craft classes will also be offered on Tuesday, August 23; Wednesday, August 24; and Thursday, August 25. Sign-up emails go out at 8:00 a.m. two days in advance. Craft classes are capped at 25 participants, except when noted, with no waiting list, and they fill up promptly.

## Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner

On Monday, August 22, 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. Jennifer Grotz will say a few words about the cabin and share a Robert Frost poem. 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.

To reach the Frost Farm, either take the maked path in the woods behind the barn or 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.

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.

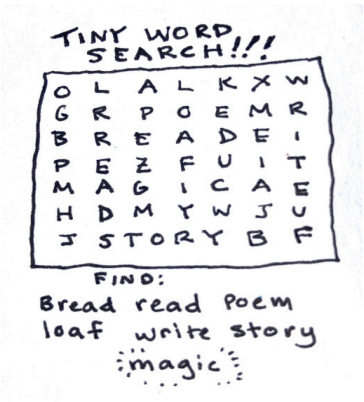
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 lecture "Jane Austin and Me: A Complicated Love Affair," by Elizabeth Nunez, the Writers of Color Panel with Maurice Carlos Ruffin, Lauren Francis-Sharma, francine j. harris, Mitchell S. Jackson, Laila Lalami, and Brenda Shaughnessy, the picnic at the Frost Farm, the next Blue Parlor Reading, readings by Xhenet Aliu, Chelsea B. DesAutels, Paul Lisicky, Charles Baxter, and francine j. harris, and the second of our Administrative Staff Scholar readings. Sounds relaxing, right?

### Changed Yoga Schedule

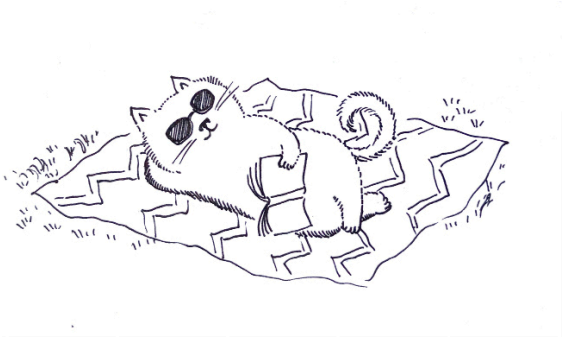
Yoga with Chessy Kelley originally scheduled for 3:15 p.m. on Monday is now taking place at 5:15 p.m. that day.




## WEATHER

Partly Cloudy

High: 85° Low: 60°



## Staff Reading Tomorrow!

Since they look like professional bartenders, administrative assistants, and newspaper tycoons, you might not immediately realize that the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Back Office Staff, Social Staff, Little Theater Techs, *Crumb* Editors, and Blue Parlor Coordinators are all talented poets and prose writers as well. Don't miss their reading tonight! In keeping with this publication's high standard of journalistic integrity, we would like to state the objective truth: It will be terrific.

Gather at the Little Theater at 9:30 p.m. to hear the work of Caroline Beimford, Angela Boyd, Samuel Cheney, Caitlin McGill, Sebastian Merrill, Sebastián Páramo, Megan Pinto, Jon Sargent, Annie Schumacher, and Scott Stubbs!

It's sure to be an incredible evening.

## Blue Parlor: The Tradition is Going Strong

We are two-for-two with Blue Parlor readings! On Friday and Saturday, the readings and the audience were enthusiastic and eloquent. We hope you will join us for the next reading: today at 5:30 p.m. in the Barn Tent. Come hear Alisan Atvur, Kelly McCorkendale, Jeanne Rana, Cherilyn Parsons, Cat Wei, Mimi Manyin, Julio Diaz, Sa Whitley, Tere Dávila, Hannah Brady, Arianna Miller, Logan Klutse, Linda Shere, Jessica Best, Lisa Wartenberg, Karen Zheng, Shelly Cato, and Grace Jahng Lee!

We bring the snacks, and you can bring more snacks! Regardless, do bring yourself, your friends, and your best applause.

Y'all have been taking excellent photos at our readings and we'd love to share them with everyone. If you have photos, please email them to us! If you are on social media don't forget to use #BreadLoaf2022.

Questions, comments, or general enthusiasm to share? Contact Megan Pinto or Sebastián Páramo at blwc.blueparlor@gmail.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Little Theater is Not a Trash Can!**
Somebody—many somebodies, in fact—have been leaving trash in the Little Theater. Please do not be one of these somebodies. Take your coffee cups, candy wrappers, Kleenexes, etc. with you when you leave, and throw them away in the appropriate receptacle.

**Barn Social & Pub**
Beer and wine are available for purchase most evenings in the Barn at 5:15 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. Complimentary beer, wine, and soda will be available on the nights (like tonight!) when dances are held in the Barn Tent.

## Time for a Nature Walk!

Meet in front of the Barn today at 10:15 a.m. before heading off into the woods to practice some deep observation. Mark Lapin is the College Lands Ecologist and Assistant Laboratory Professor of Environmental Studies at Middlebury College. The walk lasts for one hour, until 11:15 a.m.



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| ARIES | Run towards it | LIBRA | Burrow |
| TAURUS | Listen to the goldenrod | SCORPIO | Believe myths |
| GEMINI | Bake your own cake | SAG. | Build your memory palace |
| CANCER | Stay away from water parks | CAP. | Time travel |
| LEO | Find a bounce castle | AQU. | Follow your nose |
| VIRGO | Keep a dream journal | PISCES | Herbal tea is your friend |

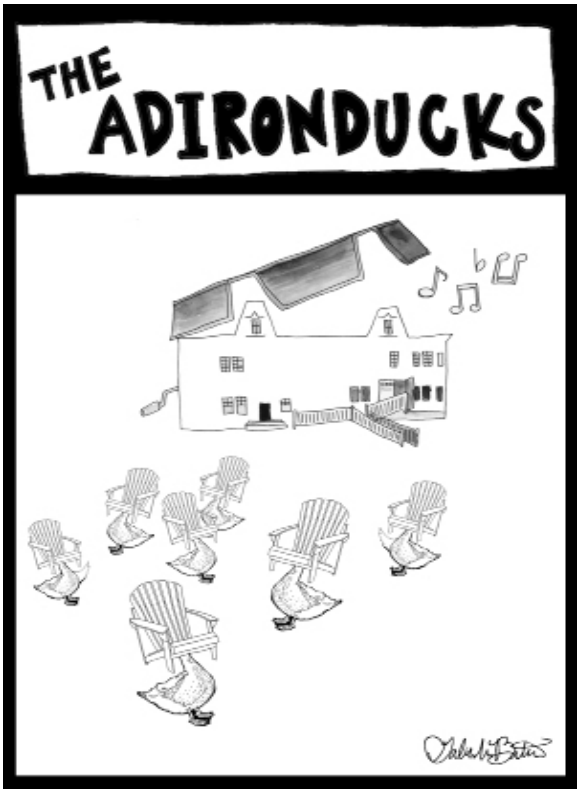
## Let's Dance... The First Dance... Toniiiiiiiiight!

Tonight at 9:15 p.m., you're greatly encouraged to come to the Barn Tent and show off your sweet, sweet dance moves. We'll provide the DJ and the free drinks.

Speaking of drinks: A few friendly reminders.

- Only one alcoholic beverage can 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 around the Barn and Barn Tent will let you know where the drinking of booze is permitted; please do not try to take your drink out of that designated area.
- If you have a special bottle of Pappy Van Winkle or homemade mezcal in your room, great! Leave it there. Bringing your own alcohol to the event is a no-go.

**Jazz hands**



## OVERHEARD

"That's not you. That's the editorial you."

"Will you watch my stuff? I don't trust the poets."

"The Arnold Palmer is the bisexual of drinks."

"We ARE emotional athletes!"

"So there I was, carrying my suitcases up the stairs like Lady Gaga."



*Overheard anything interesting? Email us at blcrumb@gmail.com*

## GUESTS

Today we bid a fond farewell to Miriam Altshuler, Ian Bonaparte, Chantz Erolin, Katherine Fausset, Lisa Lucas, and Ladette Randolph.

**A Light Dust**
Bread Loafer Jeremy Proehl dusts his bread-proofing baskets with rice flour. Rice flour, being gluten free, does not interact with the dough.

**Rise and Shine**
Baker PJ Hamel suggests: if your kitchen is below 65°, place your rising dough in your turned-off oven with the light on.

**Send more bread-baking tips to blcrumb@gmail.com!**

## Writers' Cramp Race

Don't let the name scare you off — the Writers' Cramp Race is a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course. It 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.




Weather Dog
*by Carl Phillips*