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

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TODAY'S EVENTS
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn
9:00 a.m. Lecture: "We Were Strangers: The Stranger and Strangeness as Fictional Necessities," by Charles Baxter, Little Theater
10:10 a.m. Blue Parlor Reading, Barn Tent
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Bennington Writing Seminars Informational Meeting, Barn Tent (thunderstorm location: Barn Classroom 101)
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. All workshops meet
4:15 p.m. Reading: Lara Ehrlich, Rachel Mannheimer, Kathryn Savage, and Taymour Soomro, Little Theater
5:15 p.m. Gala Reception, Treman Lawn (rain location: Barn Tent)
5:15 p.m. Yoga, between the Barn parking lot and the row of cottages (rain location: Barn 008)
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn
8:15 p.m. Reading: Alexander Chee and Carl Phillips, Little Theater
9:15 p.m. - Midnight Dance, Barn Tent

Workshop: Everybody's Doing It

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

Vans to Homer Noble Farm, Earthworm, Schoolhouse, and Dragon's Den will leave from the front of the Inn at 1:15 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

Alexander Chee - Barn Classroom 008

Charles Baxter - Library Upstairs (back end of the building)

Peter Turchi - Tamarack Living Room

Dolen Perkins-Valdez - Homer Noble Living Room

Elizabeth Nunez - Barn Classroom 205

Laila Lalami - Library Main Floor

Marisa Silver - Treman Living Room

Maurice Carlos Ruffin - Inn West Seminar

Rebecca Makkai - Dragon's Den Living Room

Stacey D'Erasmo - Barn Classroom 206

Melissa Febos - Barn Classroom 101

Mitchell S. Jackson - Barn Classroom 203

Paul Lisicky - Barn Observatory

Brenda Shaughnessy - Barn Classroom 102

Carl Phillips - Barn Classroom 204

Craig Morgan Teicher - Earthworm Living Room

francine j. harris - Schoolhouse Living Room

Gabrielle Calvocoressi - Library Upstairs (front end of the building)

Mark Wunderlich - Blue Parlor

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 Vermont Tour and Charter, be sure to call them right away at (802) 734-1293. 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**!

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.

Gala Event Today

Each year, the conference celebrates the hard work and dedication to craft of its attendees with a gala reception at 5:15 p.m. on the Treman Lawn. This gala reception is one of the best-attended events of the conference. Participants gussy up to enjoy complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres and a hayride around the field behind Treman. As many participants already know, *The Simpsons* episode about Bread Loaf was factually incorrect except for the hayride. If the weather turns on us, the reception will take place in the Barn or Barn Tent, but keeping with tradition, the ride will take place rain or shine.



Dancing with the Stars

Bread Loafers, it's time to don your dancin' duds for a final romp under the disco ball. The party starts at 9:15 p.m. in the Barn Tent, and the DJ will spin tunes as late as we can legally let him (a.k.a. midnight). Come on up and get down! If you would like to partake in the drinking of alcoholic beverages, remember to bring your ID.

GUESTS

Happy trails to Ibrahim Ahmad, Gerald Maa, and Jenny Xu, who depart the mountain today.

WEATHER

Chance of thunderstorms

High: 75° Low: 59°

Bennington Writing Seminars

Would you like to learn more about the Bennington Writing Seminars low-residency MFA program? Join Mark Wunderlich and Craig Morgan Teicher for a lunchtime Q&A session.
Grab a to-go lunch in the Dining Room and join them in the Barn Tent from noon to 1 p.m. (Rain location Barn Classroom 101)

Supercalifragilistic-expialidocious!

We invite you to join us in helping Facilities staff by tidying up our rooms before leaving on Saturday! To help, 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 helping us in this endeavor to offer our support.



Bread Loaf Mourns the Loss of Dean Young

Dean Young, a poet influenced by both the New York School and French surrealism, has died at the age of 67. “Young’s leaping imagination was always loving, sometimes cantankerous, and fully, unequivocally in amazed, reverential service to poetry,” said Michael Wiegers, Dean’s editor at Copper Canyon Press. A frequent Bread Loafer, he served on faculty in 2003, 2004, and 2008.

The Last Blue Parlor

At 10:10 a.m., we will have our last regular edition Blue Parlor in the Barn Tent! Pop out the bubbly (we’ll have alcohol-free sparkles) and support our 15 readers during their last chance at three-minute fame. Reading at the brunch parlor are Emily Ellerbe, Maisie Fieschi, Danielle Harms, Ryan Boyle, Sarah Cadorette, Maggie Pahos, Nancy John Philipp, Jinks Johnson, Robynne Graffam, Harriet Heydemann, Neysa King, Marie Hulme, Isabella DeSendi, and Sarah Quimby.

Remember: we would love to have any photos or videos you have taken at the Blue Parlor readings in order to share with the wider Bread Loaf community. Please send to us at blueparlorblwc@gmail.com or use #BreadLoaf2022 on socials.

There’s bound to be something exceptional heard and you wouldn’t want to get FOMO by missing this last Blue Parlor Event. We’ll miss you.

Contact Sebastián Páramo or Megan Pinto with answerable questions, funny jokes, and (please) your Blue Parlor memorabilia.

OVERHEARD

"I'm always shutting down Maggie Gyllenhaal."

"My face does a lot of the work, like a title."

"If I only ate the yummy things I'd be dead."

"I'm having a moment: I'm so over punctuation."

"I'm might've locked myself into the Prince of Darkness."

"I'm going to get scooped by reality. We're going to make first contact before I can finish my book."

"Your 'Would you rather…' question needs more world-building."

"Who cares if people overhear me crying and crazy with my therapist? We're all writers."

"I reached into my pocket today and found cheese."

Last chance for overheards! Spy extra hard on your friends and send the results to blcrumb@gmail.com.

Tiny Horoscopes

Last day on the mountain

ARIES	Have a picnic in the meadow	LIBRA	Take a cat nap
TAURUS	Get both desserts	SCORPIO	Write a thank-you note
GEMINI	Wear your power color	SAG.	Put on your dancing shoes
CANCER	Take a selfie with your workshop	CAP.	Walk with a friend to the creek
LEO	Stargaze	AQU.	Pull a tarot card
VIRGO	Buy yourself a birthday book	PISCES	Smell the hydrangeas



FRIDAY FLASHBACK!

Do you recognize these Bread Loafers from their younger years?





