

Henry D. Thoreau

Mountains, Seashores, and Moonlight:

Thoreau's

Exploration of Wildness



The
Thoreau
Society
Founded in 1941

Annual Gathering 2006

July 6-9

Concord, MA

Thursday, July 6

TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
8:30-10 a.m.	Walden Pond Activities **Locations Listed by Event A. Walden Pond's Natural Features House Replica <i>Led by Walden Pond Reservation Staff.</i> B. Thoreau's Observations: Their Use Shop at Walden in Climate Change Research and Plant Conservation <i>Led by Richard Primack & Abraham Miller-Rushing.</i>	
9-12	Walden to the Third Power: Shop at Walden An Arduous Trek through the Wilds of Walden, the Place, the Book, and the Symbol <i>Led by Ed Schofield. (See Program Note #8).</i>	
10:30-12:00	Walden Pond Activities A. Explore the Pond. <i>Led by Walter Brain.</i> House Replica B. Pine Hill Walk & Henley Library Tour Shop at Walden <i>Led by Walden Pond Reservation Staff & Jeff Cramer.</i>	
9-11:30	Walking Tour of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery Masonic Temple <i>Led by Jayne Gordon.</i> (Front Door)	
Noon	Lunch (On Your Own)	
1-5:00 p.m.	Registration	Masonic Temple
12:30-2	First Discussion of AG Theme (Main Floor) <i>Led by John Chateaufneuf & Dave Luther.</i>	
2:30-4:00	Workshop Session I Masonic Temple A. Saving the Maine Woods: A Century of Schemes and Dreams. <i>Led by Jym St. Pierre.</i> (Main Floor) B. In Search of the West: Thoreau's Trip to Minnesota. <i>Led by Corinne H. Smith</i> (Downstairs)	
4:30-6	Workshop Session II Masonic Temple A. Nightwalker: Thoreau's Culture of Darkness and Moonlight. <i>Led by Susie Carlisle.</i> (Main Floor) B. Escape Mission Impossible: From Walden to the Kostroma Woods (Philosophical Retreats Under the Pressure of Globalization). <i>Led by Nikita Pokrovsky.</i> (Downstairs)	
6-8:00	Thoreau Farm Trust Open House Virginia Road Thoreau Birth House. Bring a picnic. Deserts and cold drinks provided. (<i>See Program Note #12</i>).	
6:00 p.m.	Dinner (On Your Own)	

- 8-9:30 p.m. **Emerson and Wildness** Masonic Temple
Led by Dan Malachuk, Gayle Smith, and Bob Burkholder.
This program is sponsored by the Emerson Society.
- 10:00 **Moonlight Walk at Walden Pond** Shop at Walden
Led by Denise Morrissey, Park Supervisor.
- Friday, July 7**
- 7-9 a.m. **Nature Walk at Egg Rock** Masonic Temple
Meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Masonic Temple parking lot
to carpool. *Led by Peter Alden.*
- 9-10:15 **Second Discussion of AG Theme** (Main Floor)
Led by Wayne Dilts & Charles Phillips.
- 10:30-12:00 **Workshop Session III** Masonic Temple
A. Thoreau's "Chanticleer" Call (Main Floor)
This program is geared mainly to the
new devotee, but all are welcome! *Led by Tom Potter.*
B. Imagine A Mountain. *Led by D.B. Johnson.* (Downstairs)
- 11-5:00 p.m. **Registration** Masonic Temple
- 12 noon* **Boxed Lunch Pickup** (Downstairs)
- 12:15-12:45 **New Members & First-timers Orientation** (Downstairs)
*Introduced by Dave Ganoe, and led by
Tom Potter, Jayne Gordon, and Wayne Dilts, Chair.*
- 1-2:30 **Workshop Session IV**
A. Gleason's Concord Free Public Library
Mountains, Seashores and Moonlight. Meet at the
Sudbury Road Entrance. Seating limited to 35 people.
Pre-registration required. *Led by Leslie Wilson.*
B. Environmentalism as a Spiritual Path Sage Farm
(See Program Note #9 and map for directions).
Carpool from the Masonic Lot. Meet at 12:30 p.m.
- 1:30-2:30 **On the Edge of the Wild** Tsongas Gallery, Shop at Walden
Led by Gayle Moore and Tom Potter.
- 3-4:30 p.m. **Workshop Session V** Masonic Temple
A. Thoreau: Technology and the Wild (Main Floor)
Led by Pam Mack.
B. Wildness in Thoreau's Cape Cod (Downstairs)
*Led by Albena Bakratcheva, Kent Ljungquist, and
Dick Schneider, Chair.*
C. Playing Detective: Reconstructing Thoreau's CFPL
Walking Manuscripts. *Led by Jennie Walker.*

Jennie Walker's program will be held in the Special Collections Department of the Concord Free Public Library. Meet at the Sudbury Road entrance to be escorted to the Special Collections Department. Seating is limited to 25 persons and pre-registration is required. See the Registration Form.

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| 5:30 p.m.* | Dinner | First Parish Church |
| 7:30 | Educational DVD: <i>Life with Principle</i>
An introduction to a major initiative of the Society
<i>Speaker: Jayne Gordon, Executive Director, and Staff</i> | Masonic Temple |
| 9:00 | Ice Cream Social | (Downstairs) |
| 9:30 | Young Thoreauvians Get-together | (Downstairs) |

Saturday, July 8

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| 7:00 a.m. | Memorial Walk at Walden Pond:
A Silent Meditation. <i>Led by Corinne H. Smith</i> | House Replica |
| 8-9:00 | Refreshments and Registration | First Parish Church |
| 9-10:30 | Annual Business Meeting | First Parish Church |
| 10:45-11:30 | THE DANA S. BRIGHAM
MEMORIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS: <i>Absolute Freedom and Wildness: Thoreau, Anarchism, and the Wild</i>
<i>Professor Donald M. Whaley, Salisbury University</i> | First Parish Church |
| 12 noon* | Boxed Lunch Pickup | First Parish Church |
| 12-1 | Registration | First Parish Church |
| 12:45-1:30 | Remembrance for Bradley P. Dean | First Parish Church |
| 1:45-3:15 | Workshop Session VI
A. Higher Laws from the Perspective of a Scientist/Artist. <i>Led by John Wawrzonek.</i>
B. <i>We Need the Tonic of Wildness: The Wild as Universal Panacea.</i> <i>Antonio Casado da Rocha</i> | Masonic Temple
(Main Floor)
(Downstairs) |
| 3:30-5:00 | Workshop Session VII
The Gospel According to This Moment: Thoreau, the Wild and American Nature Religion
<i>Led by Alan D. Hodder.</i> | Masonic Temple
(Main Floor) |
| 5-6:00* | Reception for the Keynote Speaker in Memory of John D. Mack | |
| 6:00 p.m.* | Dinner | First Parish Church |

6. Please use the Message Board located in the main entry of the Masonic Temple for Ride Sharing, Meal Ticket Exchange, Messages to Other Participants, etc. The Message Board is provided as a service to Gathering participants. Postings are the sole responsibility of the individual.
7. For your comfort and safety bring a hat, sun screen, water, and good walking shoes for all outdoor activities.
8. This nature walk is not for the faint of heart. It will be somewhat arduous. Bring field guides, field glasses, note books, and dress for the weather. See #7 above.
9. Refer to www.sagefarm.net for additional information. Registration Packet will include a map.
10. Annual Gathering t-shirts will be available for purchase during the Gathering at the satellite Shop in the Masonic Temple. Remainders will be for sale at the Shop at Walden Pond. **No advance t-shirt orders this year!**
11. There will be an exhibition of silver/gelatin prints titled *On the Edge of the Wild* inspired by the words of Henry David Thoreau during the Annual Gathering in the Tsongas Gallery at Walden Pond with a Gallery talk at 1:30 on Friday July, 7.
12. Registration packets will include directions to the Thoreau Birth House.

REQUIRED BASIC REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- All workshops, outdoor events (except canoeing), lectures, readings, panels, and discussion sessions.
- Socials: Thursday Open House at Thoreau Farm, Ice Cream Social, Book Signing Wine & Cheese, and Office Open House on Sunday.
- Sunshine Van Service on stated routes/schedule.

Note: Registration is not required to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

REGISTRATION POLICIES:

The policies listed below are in an effort to clarify issues that have arisen at past Annual Gatherings. The Annual Gathering Committee thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.

- All requests for refunds must be received prior to the close of business on Friday, June 30, 2006.
- Only pre-paid registration fees, food, and activity fees are refundable less a \$25 processing fee.
- Meal tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded after the Friday, June 30th deadline.
- A Shipping Charge of \$6.00 will be deducted from any refund and will apply to t-shirts orders not in stock during the Gathering that require shipping.
- Registrations will not be accepted for individual programs. Note Registration fees do not apply to attending the Business Meeting.

No One Left Behind

The Thoreau Society will provide van service on Thursday morning for those who have no means of rapid transportation. Those with cars are requested to carpool to save money and space.

Masonic Temple Stop: in the parking lot behind the building, which is diagonally opposite the Colonial Inn

Walden Pond Stop: beside the Shop at Walden Pond

Van Schedule—Thursday morning only

<i>Depart Masonic</i>	<i>Arrive Walden</i>	<i>Depart Walden</i>	<i>Arrive Masonic</i>
8:15 a.m.	8:30	8:45	9:00
10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00
11:45	12:00 noon	12:15	12:30

Accommodations

The Thoreau Society has negotiated special rates for the following:

Colonial Inn	(800) 370-9200 www.concordscolonialinn.com	Concord center
North Bridge Inn	(888) 530-0007 www.northbridgeinn.com	Concord center
Hawthorne Inn	(978) 369-5610 www.concordmass.com	1 mi to Concord center
Best Western (Concord)	(978) 369-6100 www.bestwestern.com	2 mi to Concord center
Friendly Crossways Hostel	978-456-9386 www.friendlycrossroads.com	Located in Harvard, Ma (13 mi to Concord)

For accommodations with the **Colonial inn**, located directly across the Masonic Temple, the negotiated rate is \$131 or \$151/room/night (plus 9.7% occupancy tax). Reservation requests must be received by the Colonial Inn no later than June 1.

For reservations, please call these establishments directly. Indicate that you're a Thoreau Society member and attending the Annual Gathering. They have agreed to give special rates to AG participants.

For information about public transportation, visit www.mbta.com

With the help of the Young Thoreauvians, we have compiled additional information on inexpensive lodging, directions, car rentals, and public transportation to Concord and are happy to mail or e-mail it to you. Contact: info@thoreausociety.org.

For information about ride-sharing during the AG, please use the **Message Board** located in the entrance of the Masonic Temple.

Call for Volunteers

The annual Gathering Committee needs volunteers to assist with registration, setting up meeting rooms, hospitality, and a variety of other tasks associated with the Annual Gathering. See contact information at the bottom of this page for how to volunteer.

The Shop at Walden Pond

For your convenience, there will be a satellite Shop at Walden Pond located near the Registration Table during the Gathering on the following schedule:

Thursday: 1 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. & 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Look for specials and members discounts.

The main Shop located at Walden Pond will be open as follows: Daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. except Thursday, July 6, when it will open at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate those who are attending early events at Walden Pond.

Contact Information: 915 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742; tel. 978-287-5477; email, info@shopatwaldenpond.org; eStore, www.shopatwaldenpond.org.

Members receive 10% off all purchases. Restrictions may apply.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The theme for the 2007 Annual Gathering is

“Simplify, simplify”: Thoreau’s Timeless Message

Please send your suggestions for presenters, programs, and activities for the 2007 Annual Gathering to be held July 12-15, 2007 in Concord MA. The deadline for program proposals is Friday, December 8, 2006.

Program descriptions should be sent to:

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