

# ANNUAL GATHERING

## Engineering Thoreau: Nature, Technology, and the Connected Life

### Tentative Schedule

#### W E D N E S D A Y, JULY 10TH

5-7pm	Registration	Masonic
7-9pm	Transcendental Theater <i>Henry Thoreau's Heroic Journey</i> , Michael Sperber <i>Thoreau/Twain: Brothers on the River</i> , Tammy Rose	Masonic

#### T H U R S D A Y, JULY 11 TH

6:30 am	Punkatasset Hill Walk Led by Peter Alden	Keyes Rd Lot to carpool
8 am	Registration	Masonic
8:45-10:15 am	Presentations	Masonic
Main Level	<i>Figure in the Mist: The Death of John Thoreau Jr. and the Changing Worlds of A Week</i> , Audrey Raden <i>Riding Thoreau's Railroad from Walden Pond into the Anthropocene: The Janus-headed Role            of Technology in the Environment of Thoreau's Time and Ours</i> , Richard Myers <i>How the Crystal Hills Became Woedolor Mountain</i> , Wende Lark Greenberg, PhD <i>"What's the Railroad to Me?": Teaching the Complexity of Thoreau's Response to Technology</i> , Christina Root	
Lower Level	<i>Cultivating a different kind of garden: Thoreau, Lawn-care, and the Modern Mowing Pastime</i> , Michael Stoneham <i>As a Forest of Wildlife: Observations on The Working Landscapes of Thoreau's New England            and the Adirondacks, NY</i> , Marianne Patinelli-Dubay <i>Thoughts from Building a Replica House; or, I and Thoreau's Chimney</i> , Ed Gillin <i>The Maine Woods</i> , Jym St. Pierre	
10:30-12 pm	Presentations	Masonic
Main Level	Maine Woods Panel	
	<i>Rediscovering the Maine Woods: Thoreau's Legacy in an Unsettled Land</i> , John J. Kucich discussion with Robert Thorson, Laura Dassow Walls, Dale Potts and Chris Sockalexis	

Lower Level

*Wallace Kaufman's Coming Out of the Woods: An Anti-pastoral Response to Thoreau and Technology*, Richard J. Schneider

*Dark Thoreau*, Geoff Wisner

"Tell me who you go with"... *The Ellery Connection*, Ted David

*The Other 'Hermit' of Thoreau's Walden Pond: The Sojourn of Edmond Stuart Hotham*, Terry Barkley

12-1 pm

Catered Lunch

Masonic

Saltbox Kitchen, farm to table

12-1 pm

Special Event: *Lasting Legacy Program*

Thoreau Room

Ron Hoag, Michael Schleifer, and Ted David

Colonial Inn

This session is open to those who would like to learn more about naming the Thoreau Society as a beneficiary in their estate planning. A complimentary lunch catered by the Colonial Inn will be provided by the Thoreau Society.

1-2 pm

Presentations

Masonic

Main Level

*Sounds like Steam Spirit: the Railroad as Inspiration and Crisis in Thoreau's Walden*, Henrik Otterberg

Lower Level

*Life on Fire: The Technology of Walden*, Diana Lorence

Special Event

Colonial Inn

*Tea With Thoreau*, Sinton Stranger

Thoreau Room

2:15-3:45 pm

Presentations

Masonic

Main Level

*Engineering Through Junior High Language Arts with Henry David Thoreau*, Donna Marie Pryzbojewski

*Connecting 21st Century Learners with Nature Through Technology and Thoreau*, Karen Buckland

*After STEM: Henry David Thoreau's Contributions toward Consilience*, John Barthell

*Thoreau's Questions*, Geoff Wisner

Lower Level

*Thoreau and Comedy*, Michael Schleifer, Chair

*Discovery of the Thoreau house in Chelmsford*, Mark Gallagher

*Thoreau in Billerica, MA*, Marlies Henderson

Special Event

*The Making of Walden Pond*, Robert Thorson

Keyes Rd Lot to carpool

4-5:30 pm

Presentations

Masonic

Main Level

Thoreau Farm Presentation

*Saving Thoreau's Birthplace: How Citizens Rallied to Bring Henry Out of the Woods*,

Lucille Stott

Lower Level

*Henry David Thoreau in Defense of Uncivil Disobedience*, James Mathew  
*Ignoring 'Fort Sumter, & Old Abe, & all that': Lincoln, Thoreau and the Myths of Abolitionism*, Susan Gallagher  
*Concord Community and Emerson's Antislavery Movement*, Izumi Ogura

5:30-7:30 pm

Dinner on your own

7:30-9 pm

Emerson Society Panel

Masonic

*Transcendentalism: Men and Women Conversing, Part I*,  
co-sponsored by the Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, and Louisa May Alcott Societies  
*The Vexed Nature of Home: Concord in 1845*, Sarah Ann Wider  
*Margaret Fuller and John Neal Conversing*, Fritz Fleischmann  
*Helen Thoreau's Brother Henry and Lucretia Mott*, Audrey Raden  
*Darkened Domesticity: The Sturgis Sisters in Dialogue with Emersonian*, Kathy Lawrence

9-10 pm

Emerson Society Social  
Honoring Leslie Wilson

Masonic

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

6:30 am

*A Walk to Thoreau's Boiling Spring & Deep Cut*  
with Henrik Otterberg, Corinne Smith and Bob Young

Keyes Rd Lot

8 am

Registration

Masonic

8:45-10:15 am

Presentations

Masonic

Main Level

*Henry's Best Science*, Robert Thorson  
*I Should Like to Invent Useful Machinery*, J. William T. "Bill" Youngs  
*Thoreau the Surveyor from the perspective of a modern day surveyor*, David Lee Ingram  
*Living with Future Shock from Thoreau to the Present*, Pamela Mack

Lower Level

*Henry D. Thoreau and Basic Income*, Brent Ranalli  
*Thoreau in his extremes: technology as a way of reproducing the "quiet desperation"*,  
Ferenc Szabó  
*Thoreau and the U.S. Elections: The Mechanics of How to Vote With Your Life*,  
Joanna Greenfield

10:30-12 pm	Presentations	Masonic
Main Level	<p><i>Transcendentalism: Men and Women Conversing, Part II</i>, co-sponsored by the Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, and Louisa May Alcott Societies <i>Rewriting the Life of an 'Ultra-Radical': Ralph Waldo Emerson on Margaret Fuller in Memoirs of Margaret Fuller Ossoli</i>, Alice de Galzain <i>Woman Conversing: Feminine Philosophers at the Concord School of Philosophy</i>, Tiffany K. Wayne <i>Let It Be Known: Fuller's Voice in Emerson's Work on Women's Rights</i>, Jennifer Daly <i>Standing Her Ground: Caroline Healey Dall and the Male Transcendentalists</i>, Helen R. Deese</p>	
Lower Level	<p><i>Chopped &amp; Reconstructed: How the Early Publishing History of Thoreau's *Journal* Reveals an Engineered Canonization</i>, William Coughlin <i>The Engineering of Henry David Thoreau's Reputation in Louisa May Alcott's 'Moods'</i>, Tracy A. Cummings <i>Thoreau's Cabin and the Art of Carpentry: In his Days and Today</i>, Nikita Pokrovsky <i>Thoreau Fever and Walden Phenomenon in China</i>, Julia Du</p>	
12-1 pm	Catered Lunch	Masonic
	Saltbox Kitchen, farm to table	
1-2 pm	Presentations	Masonic
Main Level	<p><i>The Thoreau Pencil: A New Look at Sources &amp; Composition</i>, Henrik Otterberg <i>Printing Thoreau on Period Presses</i>, Randy Newcomer</p>	
Lower Level	<p><i>Re-Engineering Thoreau: Seeing Ecclesiastes in Walden</i>, Natasha Shabat</p>	
Special Event		Thoreau Institute
	Reception with Marjorie Harding Memorial Fellowship Awardee	
2:15-3:45 pm	Presentations	Masonic
Main Level	<p>The Innermost House Foundation Panel <i>The Transparent Eyeball: The Art of Photography as the Technology of Transcendentalism</i> <i>Transcendental Douglass</i>, John Stauffer <i>Transcendentalism Gone West: Ansel Adams and the End of History</i>, Michael Lorence <i>The Transcendental Moment</i>, Melinda Levin</p>	
Lower Level	<p>"May we not see God?": <i>Henry David Thoreau's Doctrine of Spiritual Senses</i>, Lydia Willsky-Chiollo <i>The Engineering of the Senses: Thoreau, Politics, and Literary Form</i>, Alex Moskowitz <i>Sympathy with Intelligence: Thoreau's Scientific Practice</i>, William Homestead <i>The Divided Thoreau: Romantic poet, or Seminal Scientist/Forest Ecologist?</i>, David Gordon</p>	

Special Event

Concord Free Public Library

Farewell for Leslie Wilson, Curator of the William Munroe Special Collections of the Free Public Library

4-5:30 pm

Presentations

Masonic

Main Level

*Reverse Engineering Thoreau*, Paul Schacht.

Register for a free account: <http://commons.digitalthoreau.org/>

Leave a post to discuss before attending the live conference session. The website includes Walter Harding's annotated "Walden" and additional annotations and comments provided by members, like you, of the Reader's Thoreau Community, sponsored by SUNY Geneseo, The Thoreau Society, and the Walden Woods Project.

Lower Level

*Thoreau as Mythic Engineer*, Keith Badger

*Formal Elements: Thoreau's Textual Technologies*, Karah Mitchell

"Yankee in Canada," *Cape Cod*, and *Thoreau's Re-engineered America*, Jake McGinnis

*Thoreau in Minnesota: An assessment of the naturalist as field ornithologist*, Gordon Andersson

Special Event

*Perspectives of Henry's Pond in Winter: Surveying Procedures, Drafting Techniques, Tools and Tricks of Thoreau's Trade*, Kim Buchheit, at William Munroe Special Collections of the Concord Free Public Library (workshop on Thoreau's Surveying of Walden Pond)

5:30-7:30 pm

Dinner on your own

7:30-8:30 pm

Special Event: Musical Concert

First Parish

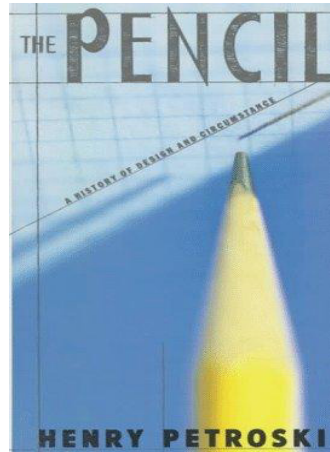
with violinist Helen Sherrah Davies



Helen Sherrah-Davies: After many years as a classical performer and educator in her native Britain, five-string violinist and composer Helen Sherrah-Davies relocated to Boston, graduated from Berklee College of Music and is currently pursuing her Masters in Contemporary Improvisation at the New England Conservatory. StarStuff, her debut recording as a leader, is the fruit of her remarkable transatlantic quest, the fulfillment of a vibrant and seasoned artistic vision. Darol Anger, acclaimed fiddler, has described Helen's music as "so strong, it approaches the status of anew sentient being.... Even in the most thorny, complex episodes, we are moved to care, laugh and rejoice, washed by waves of melodic love." Helen's other stateside performing credits include Christiane Karam's Middle Eastern fusion band ZiLZALA, the Underground Jazz String Quartet, the drumming group Inanna and many other collaborations at venues and festivals around the Northeast region

# SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

6:30 am	Great Meadows Walk with Peter Alden	Keyes Rd to carpool
7- 8:30 am	Memorial Walk at Walden Pond with Corinne Smith	
9-10:30 am	Business Meeting	First Parish
	Annual Membership meeting of the Thoreau Society	
10:45-12 pm	Dana S. Brigham Memorial Keynote Address	



Henry Petroski,  
Author of *The Pencil: A History of Design and Circumstance*

12-1 pm	Catered Lunch	First Parish
1:15-2:15 pm	<i>Thoreau Prize</i>	Masonic
	Deborah Cramer will honor Mary Oliver, 2019 Thoreau Prize Winner	
2:30-3:45 pm	Mary Oliver Panel - Tentative	Masonic
4-5:30 pm	Presentations	Masonic

Main Level Engineering for the Planet Panel  
*Engineering the Self in Walden and Walden Two*, Michelle Neely  
*Thoreau Alone Again*, Mark Noble  
*Thoreau's Eco-Erotics*, Cristin Ellis  
*Thoreau's Philosophy of Description*, Dominic Mastroianni

Lower Level  
*Geraniums & Gentians: The Herbariums of Emily Dickinson & Henry David Thoreau*, Ann Beebe  
*How Art Technology Inspires Life: Thoreau Reacts to Painted Panoramas*, Corinne Smith  
*"Some Incidents Greatly Exaggerated": Mabel Loomis Todd's Pebble Painted by Sophia of the Cabin at Walden (or Not)*, Mary Jo Downey  
*Thoreau's smallest scale drawing: maps in the late Journal*, Dennis Noson

6:00-7:30 pm	Banquet Dinner and Reception for the Keynote Speaker, Henry Petroski with Andrew Celentano Piano	First Parish
7:30pm	Book-signing	Masonic
9:00 pm	Music Circle	Masonic



SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

Keyes Rd Lot Carpool

7:30-10am	<i>Canoeing with Connection: Insights from Paddlers Past and Present</i> with Deborah Medenbach	
8 am	Registration	Masonic
9-10 am	Sunday Morning Workshops and Discussion Groups	Masonic
Main Level	<i>Transcend and Include, Thoreau as Surveyor and Integralist</i> , Renée Silvus	
Lower Level	<i>Thoreau: A Teacher of Teachers</i> , Hunter Cambon	
10-12 pm	Field Trip: Inspirational Morning Saunter with Corinne Smith	Thoreau Farm
10 am	Sunday Sermon <i>Transcendentalist Friendships</i> , Rev. Dr. Jim Sherblom	First Parish
10:15-11:15 am	Presentations	Masonic
Main Level	<i>The Contents of Henry's Pockets: A Poetry Reading</i> , Catherine Staples <i>Thoreau's Walking Stick, Fly Wheel of Imagination</i> , Leslie Bartlett	
Lower Level	<i>Searching for Thoreau: Exploring Technology to Disseminate a Nature-Based Ethos</i> , Beverly Salas	
11:30-Noon		
Main Level	<i>A Gathering of Poets on Henry David Thoreau</i> , David K. Leff	
Lower Level	<i>"Without Further Ado . . . 'and 'On Your Way Out . . .': Introductions, Prefaces, and After words to Thoreau's Writings</i> , Joseph Hutcheson	
12:30-2 pm	Thoreau Farm Picnic	Thoreau Farm
2:30-5 pm	Thoreau Society and Orchard House Panel Laura Dassow Walls, Phyllis Cole, Helen Deese	Location TBD
7-9 pm	Film Screening and Panel Discussion <i>Surveyor of the Soul</i> , Huey, Panel with Laura Dassow Walls	Masonic

