Thursday, July 9, 2015

8-4 pm
Registration Masonic

9:10:30 am
Welcome Sessions Masonic
Discussion
Thoreau Round
Table Discussion (Tom Potter)

Main Level:
- “Thoreau’s Sense of Place in Hidden View”
  (Brett Stanchin)

Lower Level:
- “Thoreau’s Construction of a ‘Sense of Place’ on his Journey to Canada” (Bill Youngs, Panel Chair)
- “Working up a Creek: Exploring Thoreau’s Shallow Water Lexicon” (Dennis Nisso)
- “Thoreau’s Accustomed Place: Tone and Authority in ‘Where I Lived, and What I Lived For’”
  (Mark Gallager)
- “Thoreau’s Sense of Place, Perceptual Reciprocity, and the Material Turn: Notes Towards a New (Old) Ontology”
  (Jonathan Butler)

11-12:30 pm
Session I Masonic

Main Level:
- “Utopian Societies of the 19th Century: Henry Was Not Alone” (Ted David, Panel Chair)
- “Phoenix Rising: Walden’s Revolutionary Mythistory” (Paul Grant)
- “Emerson’s Poetic Revolution: The Science of Spirit” (Ben Weideman)

Lower Level:
- “Recognizing, Dedicating and Celebrating Thoreau Sites” (Jeff Hinch, Panel Chair, and Leslie Cochran)
- “Motive, Movement, and Memory: Walden Pilgrims’ Place Experience” (Joy Ackerman)
- “Thoreau Search for Place: From New York City to Walden Pond” (Paul Carr)

12:30-1:30 pm
Lunch Masonic
La Provence

1:30-3 pm
Session II Masonic

Main Level:
- “Thoreau From Walden to Walden North: Reading, Writing, & Publishing Vermont”
  (Sheila Post, Chair)

3:30:5 pm
Session III Masonic

Main Level:
- “The Life of Inanimate Matter in ‘Cape Cod’”
  (Audrey Raden, Panel Chair)
- “Assessing Character – The Philosopher and the Credit Agency” (Brent Randell)
- “Thoreau’s Conceptualization of Concord as Both a Microcosm and a Macrocum” (Kristi Mattison)
- “Sometimes, in a summer morning: Investigating the senses of Thoreau’s place at Walden Pond”
  (Donald McGown)

Lower Level:
- “Botanizing from the Train: Henry’s Mobile Field Studies” (Corinne Smith, Panel Chair)
- “Cape Cod” (Beverly Gillin)
- “A Lichenist Fats Where Others Starve” (Hans Bergmann)
- “Thoreau’s Dream Toads” (Walter Hesford)

5:30-7 pm
Dinner on your own

7:30-9 pm
Emerson Society Panel
Masonic Temple, Main Level

Emerson’s Sense of Place
Organized by the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society Chair, Roger Thompson, Stony Brook University
Friday, July 10, 2015

Morning Walk
- Walk in Wright Woods and to Fairhaven Bay. Meet at Keres Road at 6:45 am to carpool. Return by 9 am. Led by Concord naturalist Peter Alden.

8:40 pm Registration Masonic

9:10:30 am Plein Air on the Square Masonic
- Turn your photos, sketches, and observations into art, sponsored by artist Lois Silverman and led by Concord artist Bob Pellerin.

9:10:30 am Welcome Sessions Masonic

Maine Level: Drinking Gourd Address
- "Slavery, Freedom, and Place-Making: Imagining Ellen Garrison’s Migration from Concord to Kansas" (Professor Kendra Field)

Lower Level: Presentation
9:10:30 am "In Wonderland with Henry—Opening to the Spirit of Place" (Concord naturalist and photographer, Cherie Casey)

11:12:30 pm Session IV Masonic
Main Level: Panel
- "Thoreau and the Locowore Movement: From Back-to-the-Land to the Botany of Desire" (Daniel R. Volland, panel chair)
- "Shakespearean Sonnets Connected to "Walden" (Ali Reza Taghabon, special guest from Iran)
- "Wellfleet and Cape Cod" (Catherine Seigle)

Lower Level: Panel
- "Thoreau's Wildflowers" (Geoff Wisner, panel chair)
- "Thoreau's Views on Growth in Relation to His Observations of Nature" (Michiko Ouji)
- "In Maine Wilderness is the Preservation of the World" (Jym St. Pierre)

12:30:1:30 pm Lunch Masonic

La Provence

1:30:3 pm Session V Masonic
- The Ocean as Global Wilderness in Thoreau's Cape Cod" (Richard J. Schneider, panel chair)
- "Thoreau at the Confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers" (Thomas Becknell)
- "The Haunted Atlantic: Cruelty and Capitalism in Henry David Thoreau's Cape Cod" (Katie Simon)

Lower Level: Panel
- "Building Value on the Margins: Learning to Privilege Fringe Spaces in Concord and in America" (Michael Stoneham, panel chair)
- "In the Maine Wilderness: Thoreau as Exile" (Erik Hage)
- "Thoreau's Sense of Place" (Albena Bakhchieva)
1:30-3 pm Concord Museum
“A Study of Studies”
This session will examine the PLACES where Thoreau and the other Concord authors did their writing. (Judy Fichtenbaum and Jayne Gordon)

3:30-5 pm Session VI
Upper Level: Masonic
- “Thoreau and Three Texas Writers”
  (Joseph Moldenhauer, Panel Chair)
- “Constructing the Bioregional Cartography of Antebellum Northeastern Coastal Forests: Imaginary Collaboration by Henry David Thoreau and Susan Fenimore Cooper” (Yoojin Kim)
- “Thoreau on Virtual and Real Spatial Locus”
  (Nikita Pokrovsky)

Lower Level: Panel
- “A December Day on Nantucket Island”
  (Betsy Kalman, Panel Chair)
- “Thoreau’s Study of Poverty Learning”
  (Donna Yao)
- “What Would Thoreau Think of Online Education?” (John Barrbell)
- “Walking” on Two Wheels” (Cyrus Woolard)

3:30-5 pm Concord Free Public Library
Thoreau’s Sense of Place through the Eyes of Alfred Winslow Hosmer (1845-1903)
(Leolie Wilson, Special Collections)

6:30 pm Dinner
First Parish

7:30 pm Concert
First Parish

Outrageous Fortune,
back by popular demand!

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Morning Walk
- Walk in Estabrook Woods. Meet at Kezy Road at 6:45 am to carpool. Return by 9 am. Led by Concord naturalist Peter Alden.

7 am Memorial Walk at Walden Pond
(Corinne Smith) Meet at Cabin Replica, Walden Pond State Reservation

9-10:30 am Business Meeting
First Parish

10:45 am Dana S. Brigham Memorial Keynote Address:
“Henry David Thoreau and the Concord You Don’t Know”
(Robert Gross)

Noon-1 pm Lunch
First Parish

The Maine Woods
Masonic

Main Level:
1-2:30 pm Part I
2:30-2:45 pm Break
2:45-4:15 pm Part II

Interactive Sessions
Masonic

Lower Level:
1-2 pm
- “Gates of Heaven: Walden Pond, Cedar Lake, and Beth El” (Natasha Shabat)

2:15-3:15 pm
- “From Williamsburg to Walden: In Search of Place” (Diana Lawrence)

3:30-4:30 pm
- “The Seed of House: The Search for Place in America” (Michael Lawrence)
Sunday, July 12, 2015

Morning Walk

Walk in Great Meadows. Meet at Keyes Road at 6:45 am to carpool. Return by 9 am led by Concord naturalist Peter Alden.

7:30-10 am Exploratory Paddle
Requires Pre-Registration

Join Deborah Miedendorf on a canoe/kayak trip from the South Bridge Boathouse. Bring a spirit of open cooperation with nature to see what appears for our exploration. Set at the pace of a water meander as gentle as the currents below, pause to take photographs, make notes, draw or look more closely.

Deborah Miedendorf is a writer, artist and avid kayaker based in the Hudson Valley area of New York. Meet at 7am, Concord Municipal Lot, Keyes Road, to carpool.

10 am First Parish in Concord,
Unitarian Universalists, 20 Lexington Rd.
All are welcome to attend a Sunday service with Tom Potter hosted by the Transcendentalism Council of First Parish

10-noon Inspirational Morning Session at Thoreau Farm Birthplace
(Corinne Smith)

10-11:30 am Session VII
Upper Level: Panel

• "Changes in Concord’s Bird and Mammal Life from Thoreau’s Day to Today" (Peter Alden)

Lower Level: Panel

• "Mystical Man, Mystical Mountain: Thoreau & Katahdin" (video) (Connie Baxter-Mallory)

Noon-2 pm Thoreau Farm Picnic
341 Virginia Road, Concord, MA

2:30-5 pm School of Philosophy

The Thoreau Society and Orchard House invite you to join us for our conversation panel, featuring this year’s Keynote Speaker, Robert Gross, along with Jane Gordon and Jason Giannetti.

In Memory of

J. Walter Brain (1936-2015)

Verona Wheeler (1924-2015)

Sterling F. Delano (1942-2015)