

The 82nd Annual Gathering of the Thoreau Society
Thoreau & the Politics of Extinction
July 12-16, 2023
with Special Virtual Events
on June 14 and September 20, 2023

The Thoreau Society does not exclude anyone because of the inability to pay. Please contact mike.frederick@thoreausociety.org to request reduced rates.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023
PRE-CONFERENCE WEBINAR

REGISTRATION

AG Registration includes all events (virtual and in-person)

Virtual Registration (Zoom) includes the pre-conference and post-conference webinars (6/14 & 9/20), the Keynote Address (7/13), and three events on Saturday (7/15) with the Center for Biological Diversity, "Orion Magazine," and ASLE.)

Wednesday, June 14, 7-8:15 pm EDT

Zoom Webinar

On Vanishing Then and Now: A Conversation on Thoreau & the Politics of Extinction

Rochelle L. Johnson, Moderator

- Beasts of Burden and the Thoreauvian Imagination, *Audrey Raden*
- An Ancient Race of Birds: Thoreau and the Passenger Pigeon, *Geoff Wisner*
- Extermination is not Extinction, *Robert Thorson*

Join us as three Thoreau Society members offer their explorations of this year's Annual Gathering theme: Thoreau & the Politics of Extinction.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
(Pre-register for 1 of 3)

(Pre-registration required; limited to 12 registrants each—except that Thoreau 101 can accommodate more; all are fee-based; contact the Society office re. reduced fees.)

I.

Wednesday, 1-3:30 pm

Masonic Hall, Lower Level

Extinction and the Human (Pre-conference workshop on Extinction and American Literature)

Timothy Sweet, Workshop Leader

Description: This pre-conference workshop will focus on the recent book, *Extinction and the Human: Four American Encounters*. We will engage with issues of species extinction and biodiversity loss from a humanities perspective, beginning with acts of witness and moving beyond. Excerpts from the book will be provided in advance. We will discuss the excerpts, work with some short literary responses, and produce a brief reflection to share and take away from the workshop.

Brief bio of the workshop leader:

Timothy Sweet is Eberly Family Distinguished Professor of American Literature at West Virginia University, where he teaches courses in American literature and environmental humanities. His publications include *Traces of War: Poetry, Photography, and the Crisis of the Union* (1990), *American Georgics: Economy and Environment in Early American Literature* (2002), and *Extinction and the Human: Four American Encounters* (2021).

II.

Wednesday, 1-3:30 pm

Thoreau Farm

What's Here, What Isn't Here? Writing About Place and the Living Network of Flora and Fauna (Pre-conference Creative Writing Workshop)

Catherine Staples, Workshop Leader

Description: In this workshop, we will be concentrating on place and its living network of flora and fauna—our places and those associated with Thoreau. We'll experiment with free-writes and word hoards to generate prose, poetry, and journal entries. We'll use short passages from Thoreau's *Journal* and various poets and writers as prompts for wonder, wandering, and writing. The plan is to write a bit in the Thoreau farmhouse, then out of doors—from stonewall to meadow. We will think about the trees, plants, and birds we can presently see and hear as well as those in decline or altogether gone. We will ask—what's here, what isn't here, and what's writing got to do with it?

Brief bio of the workshop leader: Catherine Staples is the author of *The Rattling Window* (Ashland Poetry Press) and *Never a Note Forfeit* (Seven Kitchens Press). Her new poetry collection, *Vert*, is forthcoming from Mercer University Press in spring or summer of 2024. Her poetry has appeared in the *Kenyon Review*, *Poetry*, *The Southern Review*, *The Yale Review* and *The Academy of American Poets*. She teaches humanities and creative writing in the Honors and English programs at Villanova University.

III.

Wednesday, 1-3:30 pm

Masonic Hall, Main Level

Thoreau 101: Basic Facts and Resources (Pre-conference workshop on Sources and Resources)

Corinne Smith & *Richard Smith* (no relation!), Workshop Leaders

Description: Revisit the Thoreauvian basics with two people who deal with Henry David Thoreau on a regular basis. What should you know about the man? And how will you read and learn even more? We will share some facts and some fictions about Thoreau's life and showcase the standard Thoreau-related resources that any fan, student, or scholar should have at their fingertips. We will have plenty of time for questions and comments from participants. This session is especially aimed at first-time Annual Gathering attendees and anyone who has just recently come to Thoreau. Welcome to the fold!

Brief bios of the workshop leaders:

Corinne H. Smith is an independent scholar and public speaker who first encountered Thoreau, "Civil Disobedience," and *Walden* as a high school student in the suburbs of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the 1970s. She is the author of *Westward I Go Free: Tracing Thoreau's Last Journey*, and *Thoreau for Kids: His Life and Ideas, With 21 Activities*. Her popular video series, "Studying Thoreau," can be found on YouTube. She manages The Thoreau Society at the Shop at Walden Pond.

Richard Smith has lectured on and written about antebellum United States history and 19th-century American literature since 1995. He has worked in Concord as a public historian and Living History Interpreter since 1999 and has portrayed Henry Thoreau at Walden Pond and around the country. Richard has written six books for Applewood Books and is the past Scholar in Residence at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

CONFERENCE WELCOME

Registration 2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Masonic Hall

Wednesday, 3:45-4:00 pm

Masonic Hall

Conference Welcome and Announcements

Michael Frederick (Executive Director), *Rochelle L. Johnson* (President), and *John Kucich* (Board Member),
Conveners

OPENING PLENARY SESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 pm

Masonic Hall

On Climate, Extinction, and Time: Beyond a Politics of Despair (I)

John Kucich, Moderator

- Climate Change, Time, and Extinction, *Lewis Hyde*
- The "Master's Tools" *Will* Dismantle the Master's House: A Biopsychosocial Exploration of Racism, Sexism, and Extinction, *Beverly Pittman*
- Thoreau, Extinction, and Mourning, *Karla Armbruster*

Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm

Dinner on your own

Registration 7:00-7:30 pm

Masonic Hall

Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 pm

Masonic Hall

On Climate, Extinction, and Time: Beyond a Politics of Despair (II)

Kathryn C. Dolan, Moderator

- Thoreau and the Existentialist Crisis of Extinction, *Marc Jolley*
- Never Say Nevermore: Thoreau's Leading Us Out of the Woods of Extinction, *Barbara Mossberg*

Wednesday, 8:40-9:00 pm

Masonic Hall

On Urbanization: A Conference Video Presentation

Michael Frederick, Facilitator

- Saving Homo Urbanus: Counter-Urbanization as the Path to Salvation, *Nikita Pokrovsky* and *Uliana Nikolaeva*

[End of Wednesday's schedule]

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

FIELD EXCURSION

Thursday, 6:30-8:30 am

Meet at Keyes Rd. Parking Lot

Walden Woods from Fairhaven Bay to the far side of Walden Pond State Reservation

Peter Alden, Guide

Meet at the Municipal Parking Lot on Keyes Road behind the Masonic Lodge for car-pooling.

PLENARY ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Registration 8:30-11:00 am

Masonic Hall

Thursday, 9 am

Masonic Hall

Conference Welcome, Reprise

Rochelle L. Johnson, President

Michael Frederick, Executive Director

Thursday, 9:15-10:30 am

Masonic Hall

Roundtable Discussion: On Vanishing, Human & Wild

(New Format: 7 Minutes Each)

Richard Higgins, Moderator

- Finding Thoreau's Sproutland After Grief and Illness, *Don Jewler*
- *The Politics of Dying*, *Katrina Byrd*
- Singing Jailbirds: Thoreau's Joy While Minding His Tax "Business," *Dennis Noson*

Thursday, 10:30-10:45 am

Water/Coffee/Stretch Break

Thursday, 10:45 am-12:00 pm Masonic Hall
Roundtable Discussion: On Dwelling and Biodiversity Loss in Thoreau's World & Ours
(New Format: 7 Minutes Each)

Henrik Otterberg, Moderator

- A Thousand Trees, *David Gordon*
- Thoreau and Biophilia, *William Homestead*
- The Dweller: Thoreau and Existential Moorings for the Contemporary Moment, *Ryan Smedberg*

Thursday, 12:00-1:30 pm

Lunch on your own

Registration 1-5 pm

Masonic Hall

Thursday, 1:30-2:45 pm

Masonic Hall

Roundtable Discussion: On Thoreau's Friends & Neighbors
(New Format: 10 Minutes/Presentation)

Robert Gross, Moderator

- The Thoreau-Sewall Love Triangle, Revisited, *Brent Ranalli*
- Emerson's Lectures during the Civil War: "American Civilization" and "Fortune of the Republic," *Izumi Ogura*
- George Frisbie Hoar and The Chinese Exclusion Act, *Julia X. Du*
- The Irascible Transcendentalist: The Long Life and Odd Times of Ellery Channing, *Ted David*

Thursday, 2:45-3 pm

Water/Coffee/Stretch Break

Thursday, 3PM

Concord Free Public Library - Special Collections Tour (pre-registration required; limited to 15)

Anke Voss, Curator of William Monroe Special Collections

Please contact Anke Voss if you would like to arrange an alternative visit: avoss@concordma.gov.

PLENARY SESSION

Thursday, 3:00-4:30 pm

Masonic Hall

Margaret Fuller: Westward to the Lakes, Eastward to Europe
Sponsored by the Margaret Fuller Society

Phyllis Cole, Moderator

- Wherever the Hog Comes, the Rattlesnake Disappears, or *Sic Transit Gloria Ruris*: Fuller and Thoreau on Civilization and/as Extinction, *Albena Bakratcheva*
- Heroes, Legends, and Sex: Narrative Structure in Fuller's *Summer on the Lakes*, *Megan Spring*
- George Sand's Consuelo Novels and Margaret Fuller's Improvised Work-Life, *Gerard Holmes*
- Margaret Fuller's Radical Optimism: Westward to the Mexican-American War, Eastward to the Italian Revolution, *Christina Katopodis*

Thursday, 4:30-4:45 pm

Water/Coffee/Stretch Break

DANA S. BRIGHAM MEMORIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thursday, 4:45-6:00 pm

Masonic Hall

Rochelle L. Johnson, Welcome

Bergur Thorgeirsson, Introduction

Obedience and the Sixth Mass Extinction

Andri Snær Magnason

Description: What do we call our times, and what will they be called in the future? We are currently in the midst of a total disruption of all elements of water on our planet, where nature has left geological speed and has started changing on a human scale. A single human being will witness unprecedented melting of glaciers, rising sea levels, thawing permafrost, the disruption of seasonal water and patterns of rain and snow. The pH level of world oceans is reaching a level not seen for 50 million years. As all of life is aligned with water, this means a total disruption of all life on the planet. We are in one of the greatest paradigm shifts of humanity, where we are finding out what happens when things go out of balance. In a paradigm shift, language changes, norms are questioned, laws and governments challenged. We are living in a system that generations born today might consider immoral when they live amid the consequences of our inactions. How do we read Thoreau in light of our civil obedience? How do we willingly follow our laws, continuing business as usual, knowing the harm we are inflicting upon future generations?

Brief bios of the Keynote Speaker:

Andri Snær Magnason is an Icelandic writer and documentary film director. He writes novels, children's books, essays, poetry, and nonfiction books. His book On Time and Water was an Icelandic national bestseller, translated into many languages. He has been active in the fight against the destruction of the Icelandic Highlands. His book Dreamland: A Self Help Manual for a Frightened Nation takes on these issues, and his text for the memorial of Ok glacier became widely read around the world. He ran for President of Iceland in 2016 with environmental issues on his agenda. He spent some of his early years in New England and now lives in Reykjavik.

(<https://www.andrimagnason.com/wp-en/>)

Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner on your own

A READING

Thursday, 8:00-9:00 pm

On Thoreau, Connection, and Creativity

Geoff Wisner, Moderator

- The Diminished Concert: A Poetry Reading, *Catherine Staples*
- Solid Seasons: A One-Act Play by Stephen Evans, a reading by *Stephen Evans* and *Brent Ranalli*

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[End of Thursday's schedule]

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

FIELD EXCURSIONS

Friday, 6:30-8:30 am

Meet at Keyes Rd. Parking Lot

Guided Tour around Walden Pond

Robert Thorson, Guide

Meet at the Municipal Parking lot on Keyes Road behind the Masonic Lodge for car-pooling.

Friday, 6:30-8:30 am

Meet at Keyes Rd. Parking Lot

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge on the East Bank of Concord River

Peter Alden, Guide

Meet at the Municipal Parking Lot on Keyes Road behind the Masonic Lodge for car-pooling.

PLENARY ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Registration 8:30 am-11:00 am

Masonic Hall

Friday, 8:30-10:00 am

Masonic Hall

NEH Summer Institute Roundtable (Part I): Teaching, Research, and Refusing the Politics of Extinction

Matthew Spencer, Moderator

Featuring Participants in the 2022 NEH Summer Institute Hosted by the Thoreau Society.

- Gary Macdonald
- Alex Moskowitz
- Christopher Hager
- Matthew Spencer
- Rebecca Johns

Friday, 10:00-10:15 am

Water/Coffee/Stretch Break

Friday, 10:15-11:45 am

Masonic Hall

NEH Summer Institute Roundtable Discussion (Part II): Thoreau and Social Protest

Tracey Cummings, Moderator

Featuring Participants in the 2022 NEH Summer Institute Hosted by the Thoreau Society.

- Katie Baker
- Christopher Black
- Tracey Cummings
- Lydia Willsky-Ciollo
- Tina Powell

Friday, 11:45 am-1:15 pm

Lunch on your own

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Registration 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

Masonic Hall

Friday, 1:15-2:30 pm

Masonic Hall, Main Level

Thoreauvian Influences on Photography, Modern Art, & Seasonality

Michael Schleifer, Moderator

- Munsell Meets Thoreau: A Season of Leaves and Colors, *Mark Fairchild*
- Red Building in Forest: Place, Walden, and Chirstenberry's Hale County Images, *Charmion Gustke*
- The Time is Always Now: On Viktor IV's Thoreauvian Influences & Departures, *Henrik Otterberg*

Friday, 1:15-2:30 pm

Masonic Hall, Lower Level

On Teaching Thoreau's Legacy (Part I): Contemporary Fiction & Deep Ecology

John Kucich, Moderator

- The Natural World in Thoreau and Octavia E. Butler's *Parable* Novels, *Kathryn C. Dolan*
- Thoreau's Approach to Nature: A Model for Working with Climate Emotions, *Marlowe Miller*

Friday, 2:30-2:45 pm

Water/Coffee/Stretch Break

Friday, 2:45-4:00 pm

Masonic Hall, Main Level

On Teaching Thoreau's Legacy (Part II): Through Schools, Sauntering, and Tragedy

Jayne Gordon, Moderator

- The Extinction of Childhood Innocence Today Compared to Henry's Childhood of Joy, *Donna Marie Przybojenski*
- Hiking in Harlem, *Marc Martorana*

Friday, 2:45-4:00 pm

Masonic Hall, Lower Level

On Sustenance: Plants, Fruits, and the Food of Life

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Moderator

- Thoreau's *Wild Fruits* and Writing Against Culinary Extinction, *Christopher H. Nicholson*
- Against the Risk of Extinction, Thoreau's Emotional Language about Trees, *Isabel M. Fernandes Alves*

Friday, 4:00-4:15 pm

Water/Coffee/Stretch Break

PLENARY SESSIONS

Friday, 4:15-5:30 pm

Masonic Hall

Louisa May Alcott's Search for Well-Being in Life and Narrative

Sponsored by the Alcott Society

Phyllis Cole, Moderator

- "It's All Vegetables!": Ethical and Sustainable Eating with Louisa May Alcott, *Jamie Lynne Burgess*
- "A Better Plan Of Child-Rearing": An Exploration of Health and Wellness in Louisa May Alcott's *Eight Cousins*, *Jill Fuller*
- "Women in Search of the Sublime: Louisa May Alcott and May Alcott Nieriker," *Lauren Hebmeyer*
- Cozy Corners and Pebbly Beaches: The Role of Nature Connectedness in Resolving Emotional Distress and Physical Health Issues, *Heidi A. Lawrence*

Friday, 5:30-7:30 pm

Dinner on your own

EVENING EVENTS

Friday, 7:30-9 pm

Masonic Hall

Fates, Fortunes, and Resources in the Postbellum Republic

Sponsored by the Emerson Society

Peter Balaam, Moderator

- 1871: Waldo Exhausted; or Where's Logan? *Stephen Andrews*
- The Imagination of Adverse Fortune: Intellect and Enmity in Emerson's Postbellum Thought, *Suzanne Smith*
- Emerson, Darwin, Idealism, Extinction, *Randall Fuller*

Friday, 9 pm

Colonial Inn Bar

Informal, No-host Reception

Come and greet old friends while meeting new ones!

Friday, 9-10:15 pm Meet at Keyes Rd. Parking Lot
Night Warbler (Ovenbird) Walk: To Fairhaven Hill or Brewster's Woods (TBD)
Peter Alden, Guide
Meet at the Municipal Parking Lot on Keyes Road behind the Masonic Lodge for car-pooling.

[End of Friday's schedule]

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

FIELD EXCURSION

Saturday, 7:00-8:30 am Walden Pond
Memorial Walk at Walden Pond
Corinne Smith, Guide
Meet at the Thoreau Cabin replica at Walden Pond State Reservation, 915 Walden Street.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE THOREAU SOCIETY

(Please join us! Information, Awards, Opportunities!)

Registration 8:30 am-12:00 pm Masonic Hall

Saturday, 9:00-10:15 am Masonic Hall
Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, 10:15-10:30 am Masonic Hall
 Break

PLENARY KEYNOTE SESSIONS

Livestream provided by The Thoreau Society

Saturday, 10:30 am-12:00 pm Masonic Hall
“Toward an Entire Earth:” The Politics of Extinction in Thoreau’s Time and Ours
Sponsored by the Center for Biological Diversity (CFBD)
Rochelle L. Johnson, Welcome and Introductions

Featuring:

Tierra Curry, Saving Life on Earth Campaign Director and Senior Scientist, CFBD
Peter Galvin, Founder and Director of Programs, CFBD

From the Center for Biological Diversity (CFBD) website:

At the Center for Biological Diversity, we believe that the welfare of human beings is deeply linked to nature — to the existence in our world of a vast diversity of wild animals and plants. Because diversity has intrinsic value, and because its loss impoverishes society, we work to secure a future for all species, great and small, hovering on the brink of extinction. We do so through science, law and creative media, with a focus on protecting the lands, waters and

climate that species need to survive. We want those who come after us to inherit a world where the wild is still alive.
[\(https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/about/\)](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/about/)

Saturday, 12:00-2:00 pm

Lunch on your own

Registration 1:30-4:00 pm

Masonic Hall

Saturday, 2:00-3:15 pm

Masonic Hall

The Future of Nature Writing

Sponsored by The Orion Society

Amy Brady, Executive Director of the Orion Society, Welcome and Introductions

Featuring:

J. Drew Lanham, Writer, Birder, Hunter, Wildlife Biologist, MacArthur Fellow
Sumanth Prabhaker, Editor in Chief, *Orion Magazine*, and Founder of Madras Press

NOTE: The presenters will be joining us via Zoom.

What is the purpose of writing about nature in the Anthropocene, and whose are the voices that will carry us toward climate solutions? Join a conversation between J. Drew Lanham, award-winning author and contributing editor to *Orion Magazine*, and *Orion's* editor in chief, Sumanth Prabhaker, about the past, present, and future of environmental storytelling.

Orion is a print, quarterly, nonprofit magazine that, for more than forty years, has sought to invite readers into a community of caring for the planet. Through writing and art that explore the connection between nature and culture, Orion inspires new thinking about how humanity might live on Earth justly, sustainably, and joyously.

[\(https://orionmagazine.org/about/mission-and-history/\)](https://orionmagazine.org/about/mission-and-history/)

Saturday, 3:15-3:30 pm

Masonic Hall

Break

Saturday, 3:30-5:00 pm

Masonic Hall

Thoreau and Human Extinction

Sponsored by The Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE)

Rochelle L. Johnson, Past President of ASLE, Moderator

- Paleofiction, Climate Change, and Human Extinction, *Timothy Sweet*
- Succession: *Wild Fruits*, *The Dispersion of Seeds*, and Thoreau's Indian Afterlife, *John Kucich*
- Thoreau's Domestic Ecology: Thinking Beyond Human Reproduction in *Walden*, *Rachael DeWitt*
- Respondent: *Cristie Ellis*, Vice President of ASLE

From the ASLE website:

The Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE) seeks to inspire and promote intellectual work in the environmental humanities and arts. Our vision is an inclusive community whose members are committed to environmental research, education, literature, art and service, environmental justice, and ecological sustainability.

ASLE was founded in 1992 by a group of scholars and writers interested in exploring the meanings of the natural environment and the complexities of human relationships with each other, and with the more-than-human world, and to deepening the impact of these explorations both within and beyond the classroom.

[\(https://www.asle.org/discover-asle/vision-history/\)](https://www.asle.org/discover-asle/vision-history/)

EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS

- Saturday, 5:00-6:00 pm** Colonial Inn, Merchant's Row
Conference Social (No-host)
- Saturday, 6:00-7:30 pm** Colonial Inn, Merchant's Row
Conference Dinner (registration required)
- Saturday, 7:30-9:00 pm** Masonic Hall, Lower Level
Book Signing & Celebration
- Saturday, 9:00 pm** Masonic Hall, Lower Level
Musical Gathering
Bring your guitars, ukuleles, and penny whistles! Banjos, harmonicas, voices!
- [End of Saturday's schedule]

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

FIELD EXCURSION

- Sunday, 6:30-8:30 am** Meet at Keyes Rd. Parking Lot
Interpretive Walk from Brister's Hill to Thoreau's Beanfield
Richard Smith and Amity Wilczek, Guides
Meet at the Municipal Parking Lot on Keyes Road behind the Masonic Lodge for car-pooling.

Join us on an interpretive walk from Brister's Hill to Thoreau's beanfield with historian Richard Smith and biologist Dr. Amity Wilczek. The leaders will discuss the history of the "former inhabitants" of Walden Woods—who they were and why they were there. Along the way, we will cover the biological and botanical history of the Hill and the beanfield, how they looked when Brister Freeman and Thoreau were there, and how it's changed since then, including the plants that Thoreau and the former inhabitants would and would not be familiar with, including invasives.

COFFEE AND DONUTS FOR EDUCATORS

(Calling all teachers: join us for community and conversation!)

- Sunday, 8:30-10:00 am** Masonic Hall, Lower Level
Thoreau's Timeless Questions: A Conversation for Educators
Jayne Gordon, Chair of the Thoreau Society Education Committee, Convener

*“Let us consider the way in which we spend our lives,” Thoreau wrote in his essay, “Life Without Principle.” That is what he did every day of his life, urging other people to do the same. He asked—in his journals, published essays, and the book *Walden*—penetrating, provocative questions that still challenge us to confront our own lifestyles and choices. You may disagree with his sometimes-acerbic observations, but his inquiries are hard to ignore: we are still searching for the answers. What questions did Thoreau ask that mean the most to you and your students? This is the topic of our second Annual Gathering conversation for teachers at all levels.*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
(One runs 10-11 and the other 10:15-11:45 am)

Sunday, 10-11 am

First Parish

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jim Sherblom, Preacher

First Parish welcomes AG attendees each year.

Sunday, 10:15-11:45 am

Masonic Hall

Thoreau and the Maine Woods

John Kucich, Moderator

- Rescuing Endangered Species in Thoreau Country, *Jym St. Pierre* and *Michael Kellett*,
RESTORE: The North Woods
- Thoreau, Aitteon, Polis, and Native American Folklore, *Jacob McCarthy*

CLOSING EVENTS: PICNIC and PHILOSOPHY

Sunday, 12:00-2:00 pm

Thoreau Farm, 341 Virginia Road

Thoreau Farm Picnic

**Awarding of the Thoreau Society Medal, the Thoreau Society’s highest recognition, to:
Robert Gross, Linck Johnson, and Robert Sattelmeyer**

Bring your lunch, meet the awardees, and enjoy conversation among conference attendees while exploring the grounds of Thoreau Farm, Gaining Ground, and the home of the Thoreau Society.

Sunday, 2:30-5 pm

The School of Philosophy at Orchard House

Transcendentalism and the Politics of Extinction

Sponsored by Louisa May Alcott’s Orchard House

Jan Turnquist and Michael Frederick, Moderators

John Matteson, author of *Eden’s Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father*
Karen J. Mclean, author of the forthcoming work, *Crossing the Street*

[End of Sunday’s schedule]

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

POST-CONFERENCE WEBINAR

REGISTRATION

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September 20, 7-8 pm EST

Zoom Webinar

Re-visiting Thoreau and the Politics of Extinction

Rochelle L. Johnson, Moderator

- *Linck Johnson*, Charles A. Dana Professor of English at Colgate University, contributor to the Princeton University Press edition of *The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau*, and author of *Thoreau's Complex Weave: The Writing of A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*
- *Robert Sattelmeyer*, Emeritus Regents' Professor at Georgia State University, contributor to the Princeton University Press edition of *The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau*, and author of *Thoreau's Reading: A Study in Intellectual History*

Join these 2023 two recent recipients of the Thoreau Society Medal as they offer their own thoughts on this year's Annual Gathering theme: Thoreau & the Politics of Extinction.

This marks the conclusion of the conference program.