



Tentative Annual Gathering Schedule

Simplify, simplify: Thoreau's Timeless Message

July 12-15, 2007 in Concord, MA

Thursday, July 12

8:30-10:00 a.m., Explore Walden Pond Reservation's Natural Features, Led by Reservation Staff

9:00 am-12 noon, Brister's Hill Walk, Led by Ed Schofield & Matt Burne

10:30am-12noon, Explore the Pond, Led by Walter Brain

10:30am-12noon, Pine Hill Walk & Henley Library Tour, Walden Pond Reservation Staff & Jeff Cramer

12:30-2:00 PM, "Henry David Thoreau, Surveyor of the Soul." A new film in the works by Huey.

2:30-4:00 p.m. **Workshop Session I** (Masonic Temple)

A. "Simplicity and Thoreau's Sense of Place," Led by Dick Schneider

B. "Henry's 'Simple' Survey: Eagleswood in Perth Amboy (1856) – or – Why is it Nothing is Easy in New Jersey?" Led by Wayne Dilts

4:30-6:00p.m **Workshop Session II** (Masonic Temple)

A. "Thoreau's Simplifying Art of Artlessness," Alben Bakratcheva

B. "Monastic Tradition in the Works of Thoreau," Rev. Daniel Medina-Hernandez

6-7:30 PM Thoreau Farm Trust Picnic, Thoreau Birth House, Virginia Road. Bring your own picnic supper. Dessert and cold drinks provided.

8-930 pm "Simplicity in Relation to Thoreau's Reform Ethics," Mike Frederick

Friday, July 13

7:00 –9 a.m. Nature Walk at Great Meadows, Led by Peter Alden

9-10:15am Discussion of the Annual Gathering Theme, "Simplify, simplify: Thoreau's Timeless Message." Led by Kevin Van Anglen

10:30-12 N **Workshop Session III** (Masonic Temple)

A. "Henry Thoreau and His Friends." Led by Bob Habich

B. Transcendentalism and The Grand Unified Theory: Thoreau, Easley, Freynman, and Hawking." Led by Tom Potter.

C. "Walking to Simplicity," Walden Pond, Jen Walker. Participants should meet Jen Walker at the House Replica.

12:15-12:45 pm "New Members & First Timers Orientation" Masonic Temple (Down Stairs)

Introduced by Dave Ganoe. Led by: Tom Potter, and Mike Frederick, and Wayne Dilts, Chair

1-2:30pm **Workshop Session IV** (Masonic Temple)

A. "Web Projects to Simplify Access to the CFPL Collections" Concord Free Public Library. Seating limited to thirty five. Pre-registration required.

B. "Changes in Flora & Fauna from Thoreau's Time to Today," Peter Alden

C. "Teaching Life with Principle in South Carolina," Panel Led by Pam Mack

3-4:30 p.m. **Workshop Session V** (Masonic Temple)

- A. "Building Walden in My Basement, or Living within the Ambit of One's Own Horizon," Jim Hatley
- B. "Keeping Thoreau's Message Alive: The Modern Voluntary Simplicity Movement," Carmen D. Siering
- C. Walking Tour of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Meet at Masonic Temple led by Jayne Gordon

7:30 p.m. "Emerson, Simplicity, and the Quotidian Life" Masonic Temple
Panel: Elizabeth Addison, Susan Dunston, Sarah Wider and Joseph Thomas
(This program is sponsored by the Emerson Society.)

8:00p A Birthday Party for Henry Masonic Temple Downstairs
Ice Cream & Cake and Transcendental Trivia Game
Organized by Corinne Smith and Laryssa Duncan

9:30PM Young Thoreauvians Get-Together Masonic Temple –Downstairs Organized by
Laryssa Duncan

Saturday, July 14

7 a.m. "Memorial Walk at Walden Pond-A Silent Meditation," House Replica, Led by Corinne H. Smith

9-10:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting, First Parish Church

10:45-11:30a.m., THE DANA S. BRIGHAM MEMORIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS, 1st Parish Church,
"Simplicity and Sanity," Address by Professor Scott Russell Sanders, Indiana University

1:45-3:15p.m. **Workshop Session VI** Masonic Temple
A. Emergence, Simplicity, Evolution, Simplicity, Transcendentalism, Simplicity John Wawrzonek
B. "The Birds and Animals of Thoreau" Peter Loewer

3:30-5:00pm **Workshop Session VII** Masonic Temple
A. "Zoro's Field: My Life in the Appalachian Woods: a Walden for Today" Thomas Rain Crowe
B. "The Simple Life: Thoreau's First Year at Walden in Fact and Fiction" Richard Smith

5-6:00p.m.* Reception for the Keynote Speaker in Memory of John D. Mack
6:00 p.m.* Dinner First Parish Church
7:30p.m. Book Signing and Wine & Cheese Social Masonic Temple
9:00PM "Spirits, Legends, and Lore of Concord," Masonic Temple Front Door, Led by John Chateaufeuf

Sunday, July 15

7:30-10:00am Nature Walk: Birds, Plants and History, Led by Peter Alden

7:30 – 10:00 AM Estabrook Woods Walk, Led by Ed Schofield, Meet at 7:00 am at the Concord
Municipal Parking Lot to carpool.
See the map in your Registration Packet.

7:30-10am Exploring the Pencil Factory Dam Site, led by Randall Conrad and Richard Lenat

10:30a.m.-12N **Workshop Session VIII** (Masonic Temple)
A. "Thoreau's Simplicity from Ethics to Aesthetics" (Main Floor) Francois Specq
B. "Thoreau's Long Reach: A Teachers Forum-Teaching Life With Principle" Jayne Gordon

1-3pm 4th Annual Open House & Reception. Thoreau Society Office, 55 Old Bedford Rd. All

2-4:00 PM Thoreau Farm Trust Open House Thoreau Birth House, Virginia Road