

## 2012 Summer Conversational Series and Teacher Institute

# Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House Centennial: Legacy of a Powerful Voice

### Daily Schedule

#### Sunday 15 July 2012

**2:30 - 5:00**            **John Matteson, John Stauffer, and Michael Stoneham**

***Panel Discussion:*** "Transcending Time: A Legacy for the Ages"

*We are once again delighted to partner with our friends at The Thoreau Society to conclude their Annual Gathering and begin our Summer Conversational Series this afternoon*

#### Monday 16 July 2012

**9:00 - 9:30**            ***Coffee and Registration***

**9:30 - 10:45**        **Patricia West, Martin Van Buren National Historic Site**  
"If These Walls Could Talk: The Legacy of Alcott's Orchard House and the Future of the Historic House Museum"

**10:45 - 11:00**      ***Break***

**11:00 - 12:15**      **Kathleen Harsy, Riverside-Brookfield High School**  
"Behind a Mask, or A Woman's Power"

**12:15 - 1:00**        ***Lunch and Informal Discussions***

**1:00 - 2:15**        **Gabrielle Donnelly, Journalist / Author**  
"The Most Beautiful Thing in All the World"

**2:15 - 2:45**        ***Conversation of the Day***

**2:45 - 4:30**        ***Teacher Institute Proceedings***

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## Tuesday 17 July 2012

- 9:00 - 9:30      *Coffee and Registration*
- 9:30 - 10:45     **Adriana Lanzi, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba**  
"The Little Women: Metafiction"
- 10:45 - 11:00    *Break*
- 11:00 - 12:15    **Eve LaPlante, Author**  
"From Mother to Daughter: Marmee's Legacy to Louisa"
- 12:15 - 1:00     *Lunch and Informal Discussions*
- 1:00 - 2:15      **Debra Ryals, Pensacola State College**  
"Yours for Reform': Alcott's Social Voice"
- 2:15 - 2:45      *Conversation of the Day*
- 2:45 - 4:30      *Teacher Institute Proceedings*

## Wednesday 18 July 2012

- 9:00 - 9:30      *Coffee and Registration*
- 9:30 - 12:00     **John Matteson, Pulitzer Prize winner / John Jay College**  
(breaks provided) "The Alcott Voice in Concord and Beyond"
- 12:00 - 1:00     *Lunch and Informal Discussions*
- 1:00 - 2:15      **Anne-Laure François, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense**  
"From Concord to Saint-Germain-des-Pres: Louisa May Alcott  
and Simone de Beauvoir"
- 2:15 - 2:45      *Conversation of the Day*
- 2:45 - 4:30      *Teacher Institute Proceedings*

**Thursday 19 July 2012**

- 9:00 - 9:30**      ***Coffee and Registration***
- 9:30 - 10:45**      **Kristi Martin, Boston University**  
"Her Own Heroine: Strength and Resiliency in the  
Fiction of Louisa May Alcott"
- 10:45 - 11:00**      ***Break***
- 11:00 - 12:15**      **Kyoko Amano, University of Indianapolis**  
"The Alcotts, Orchard House, and Women's Work"
- 12:15 - 1:00**      ***Lunch and Informal Discussions***
- 1:00 - 2:15**      **Cathlin Davis, University of California-Stanislaus**  
"The Alcott Twist: Why These are Still My Favorite Books"
- 2:15 - 2:45**      ***Conversation of the Day***
- 2:45 - 4:30**      ***Teacher Institute Proceedings***

*Please note: Every effort has been made to present as accurate a schedule as possible;  
however, circumstances beyond our control may necessitate change(s)*