

2011 Summer Conversational Series and Teacher Institute

“Creating a Vision: The Power of Place”
A Centennial Celebration of Louisa May Alcott’s Orchard House

Sunday - Friday July 10 - 15, 2011

Daily Schedule

Sunday 10 July 2011

2:00 - 4:30 **Ted Dahlstrand, Rochelle Johnson, and Laura Dassow Walls**
Panel Discussion: “The Power of Place: Concord, the Region, the World”

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 11 July 2011

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

9:30 - 10:45 **Ted Dahlstrand, Ohio State University at Mansfield**
“Bronson Alcott’s Search for Place”

10:45 - 11:00 ***Break***

11:00 - 12:15 **Eve LaPlante, Author**
“The Alcott Women and the Power of Place”

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

1:00 - 2:15 **Jason Giannetti, Dean College**
“Is it Possible to be a Transcendentalist Today?”

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

2:45 - 4:30 ***Teacher Institute Proceedings***
Research and Resources

Tuesday 12 July 2011

- 9:00 - 9:30 *Coffee and Registration*
- 9:30 - 10:45 **Lisa Stepanski, Emmanuel College**
"Two Authors, One Place: Harriet Lothrop and the Preservation of Orchard House"
- 10:45 - 11:00 *Break*
- 11:00 - 12:15 **Karen Goodno, Salem State College**
"Our Security Blanket: Louisa May Alcott's Forgotten Protagonist"
- 12:15 - 1:00 *Lunch and Informal Discussions*
- 1:00 - 2:15 **Cathlin Davis, California State University - Stanislaus**
"Orchard House and Historic House Museums: The Mystique of Place"
- 2:15 - 2:45 *Conversation of the Day*
- 2:45 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*

Wednesday 13 July 2011 (please note early start time)

- 8:30 - 9:00 *Coffee and Registration*
- 9:00 - 10:30 **Sterling [Rick] Delano, Villanova University**
"Brook Farm and Fruitlands: The Power of Place in Utopian Communities"
- 10:30 - 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 - 12:00 **Evelyn Navarre, University of Massachusetts - Boston**
"Louisa May Alcott's Utopian Spaces: School as Home, School as World"
- 12:00 - 1:00 *Lunch and Informal Discussions*
- 1:00 - 2:15 **Kyoko Amano, University of Indianapolis**
"Louisa May Alcott and Social Reform: A Utopian Life at Plumfield"
- 2:15 - 2:45 *Conversation of the Day*
- 2:45 - 4:30 *Teacher Institute Proceedings*

Thursday 14 July 2011

- 9:00 - 9:30 ***Coffee and Registration***
- 9:30 - 10:45 **Anne-Laure François, Université Charles de Gaulle Lille 3**
"Louisa May Alcott's Concord: A Tribute to Transcendentalism"
- 10:45 - 11:00 ***Break***
- 11:00 - 12:15 **Reed Gochberg, Boston University**
"Bronson Alcott's *Concord Days*: Locating Intellectual Community"
- 12:15 - 1:00 ***Lunch and Informal Discussions***
- 1:00 - 2:15 **Jane Langton, Author**
"The Power of Place in Fiction Writing"
- 2:15 - 2:45 ***Conversation of the Day***
- 2:45 - 4:30 ***Teacher Institute Proceedings***

Friday 15 July 2011

- 9:00 - 4:30 ***Teacher Institute Proceedings***
Field Trip: "Authors Lunch" Cruise on the Concord & Sudbury Rivers
Departs at 11:15 with lunch provided on-board; registration required by June 30th
Wrap-Up Research and Questions

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