

**2008 SUMMER CONVERSATIONAL SERIES
AND TEACHER INSTITUTE**
“A Hunger for Home”
150 Years of the Alcotts at Orchard House
Schedule of Proceedings

Wednesday, July 16th

9:00-9:30	Coffee and Registration
9:30-9:35	Welcoming Remarks
9:35-10:30	Sterling Delano - Villanova University <i>“Home in Utopia: Fruitlands and Brook Farm”</i>
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Sterling Delano <i>continued</i>
11:45-12:15	Morning Conversation
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:15	Evelyn Navarre - SUNY Buffalo <i>“Longing for Home, Laboring for Home: Louisa May Alcott’s <u>Work: A Story of Experience</u>”</i>
2:15-2:45	Afternoon Conversation
2:45-4:30	Teacher Institute Proceedings <i>Today’s Special: Educational Resources at Orchard House</i>

Thursday, July 17th

9:00-9:30	Coffee and Registration
9:30-10:45	Sarah Elbert - SUNY Binghamton <i>“Bread and Roses: Louisa May Alcott’s Hunger for Home in Memory, Myth, and History”</i>
11:00-12:15	John Matteson - John Jay College/2008 Pulitzer Prize Winner <i>“A Conversion of the Earth: Bronson Alcott and the Art of Gardening”</i>

- 12:15-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 Cathlin Davis - CSU-Stanislaus
"An Easy and Well-Ordered Way to Learn: Schooling at Home"
- 2:15-2:45 Conversation of the Day
- 2:45-4:30 Teacher Institute Proceedings
Today's Special: "Home on the Range: Alcotts and the Role of Food" with the Staff of Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House

Friday, July 18th

- 9:00-9:30 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30-10:45 Debra A. Ryals - Pensacola Junior College
"An Evening's Entertainment at Home"
- 11:00-12:15 The Staff of Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House
"Abigail May Alcott: Labor of Love"
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 Living History Portrayal: *"A Conversation with A. Bronson Alcott & Ralph Waldo Emerson"*
 by D. Michael Ryan & Wendell Refior - Historians/Re-enactors
- 2:15-2:45 Conversation of the Day
- 2:45-4:30 Teacher Institute Proceedings
Today's Special: "What Lies Beneath: A Visit to The Concord Players Theater and Costume Collection"
 with Tracy Wall - Costumer/Historian/Re-enactor Expert
- 7:30 p.m. Nancy Porter & Harriet Reisen - Documentary Producers
"Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women"
 Premiere Screening of Selected Film Clips with Q&A

Saturday, July 19th

- 9:00-9:30 Coffee and Registration
- 9:30-10:45 Patricia West - SUNY Albany/Martin Van Buren Historic Site
*“Inventing Orchard House:
The Meaning of Home in Progressive Era Concord”*
- 11:00-12:15 Lisa Stepanski - Emmanuel College
“Margaret Sidney, The Five Little Peppers, and How They Grew”
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 Sleepy Hollow Cemetery Tour led by Cathlin Davis
- 2:30-4:30 Teacher Institute Proceedings
Today’s Special: “The Alcott Legacy of Home”
- 5:00-7:15 Optional Teacher Dinner
(at Concord restaurant of group’s choice; not provided)
- 7:30 p.m. Piano Performance: Charles Ives’ *“The Concord Sonata”*
by Keith Kirchoff - Pianist/Composer
Trinitarian-Congregational Church (54 Walden Street, Concord)

Sunday, July 20th

- 11:00-12:00 Brunch
- 11:30-12:00 Living History Portrayal: *“Louisa May Alcott - Anchored at Last”*
by Jan Turnquist - Orchard House Executive Director
- 12:00-1:15 Poetry Reading: *“Voices of New England”*
by Peter Stine - Gordon College
- 1:15-2:00 Closing Conversation
- 2:00 on Teacher Institute Proceedings
Today’s Special: Field Trip to Fruitlands