

MONADNOCK PASTORAL POETRY RETREAT



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening (May 1):

Wine and cheese reception 7 p.m.
American renga ceremony 7:30 p.m.

Saturday (May 2):

Breakfast buffet: 8 - 9 a.m.
Primary Workshop 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Lunch buffet: noon - 1 p.m.
Optional workshops/writing time/Indiv. conf. 2 - 4 p.m.
Dinner buffet 6 - 7 p.m.
Participants reading 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Acoustic music: 8:45 - 10 p.m.

Sunday (May 5):

Breakfast buffet 8 - 9 a.m.
Primary Workshop 9:30 - 11 a.m.
Lunch buffet: noon - 1 p.m.
Indiv. conf./writing 1 - 2 p.m.
(check-out)
21st Pastoral Poets Reading 2:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Closing Banquet 4:30 p.m.

The Mentors:

Patricia Fagnoli is New Hampshire Poet Laureate, the winner of the 1999 May Swenson Award for Poetry, The Robert Frost Foundation Award, and author of 3 full-length collections of poetry: *Necessary Light*, *Small Songs of Pain* and *Duties of the Spirit* as well as two chapbooks.

John Hodgen has won AWP's Donald Hall Prize, the Bluestem Award, the Balcones Poetry Award, the Grolier Poetry Prize, the *Yankee Magazine* Poetry Prize, and the Arvon Foundation award for poetry. He is the author of three books of poetry, *Grace*, *In My Father's House* and *Bread Without Sorrow*.

Novelist **Terry Farish**, whose children's book *The Cat Who Liked Potato Soup* won the NH Reading Association's Book of the Year has now been released in Japan. She has written three adult novels, *A House in Earnest*, *Flower Shadows*, *If the Tiger* and three novels for adolescents. She's a New Hampshire State Council on the Arts roster artist.

Susan Roney-O'Brien, winner of Nightshade Press's William and Kingman Page Poetry Book Award, NEATE's 2002 Poet of the Year, and has published one book of poetry, *Farmwife*. Her poems have appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Sahara*, and *Diner*.

Adelle Leiblein is the recipient of an Artist Fellowship in Poetry from the Colorado State Council for the Arts and was awarded an artist residency at the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation in Taos, NM. Her work has been published in *Nimrod*, and *Colorado Review*. She is on the faculty of The Worcester Art Museum.

Poet **Jim Beschta** is the author of *Cutting the Cemetary Lawn*. Adastra Press will release his second book in 2009. He has won several poetry prizes and been published in *The Chattahoochee Review*, *Piedmont Literary Review*, and the *Bellingham Review*. He is on the faculty of the Worcester Art Museum.

Rodger Martin, editor of *The Worcester Review*, has won the *Appalachia* award for poetry and a New Hampshire State Council on the Arts Fellowship Award for fiction. His most recent collection of poetry *The Blue Moon Series* was chosen by *Small Press Review* as one of its bi-monthly picks. He is Poetry Out Loud Director for New Hampshire.

REGISTRATION

Registration deadline: 3-21-09

Includes meals and semi-private cabin lodging, three workshops, one individual conference with mentor, readings, and closing banquet.

Regular: \$335

Late (space available): \$385 (after 3-21-09)

(Contact director for private lodging costs.)

Name:

Street:

Town, state, zip:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Genre: (please circle genre and primary workshop leader. We will attempt to accommodate but primary workshops are filled on first-registered basis, 6 maximum)

Primary Workshop (Meets twice)

Fiction: (T. Farish, R. Martin)

Poetry: (P. Fagnoli, J. Hodgen,

S. Roney-O'Brien, A. Leiblein, J.

Beschta or R. Martin)

Please include with application 3 poems or 3-5 pages of fiction you'd like to workshop.

Make checks payable to:

Monadnock Pastoral Poetry Retreat

Mail to: **30 North Rd., Hancock, NH 03449**

(603-525-4715)

Cancellation fee: \$75 after 3-21-09, \$200 after 4-15-08 and before 4-26-09.

8-10-08

The Retreat

For over two decades this group of writers has been gathering annually to celebrate new work and their publications in China as the New Pastoral Poets. These seven award-winning writers have been anthologized in China for over a decade including a new book *On the Monadnock* released this year. They have spent their past 30 years staying true to language written beneath the shadow of the mountain Emerson, Thoreau and Kinnell made famous — Mount Monadnock.

Please join us for the annual gathering of the Monadnock New Pastoral Poets as they host their weekend poetry retreat at Boston University's Sargent Center for Outdoor Education in Hancock, NH.

The weekend will be low-key, collegial, but full with small group (6 maximum) workshops (a primary workshop that meets twice and an optional secondary workshop that meets once), an individual conference with your mentor, readings by participants, writing time, social time, optional activities such as some Saturday night acoustic folk music, and conclude with the 21st. annual reading by mentors followed by a closing banquet.

There will also be opportunity to enjoy the 750 acres of Boston University's Sargent Center reservation with over 30 miles of hiking trails, brooks, and ponds. See:

www.bu.edu/outdoor

Mail in the attached registration from or contact the Monadnock New Pastoral School of Poetry via our website:

www.geocities.com/Monadnock.geo

or e-mail rmartin1@keene.edu for additional details.

Registration is limited to maintain small workshop size. Deadline, March 21, 2009

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at
Boston University's Sargent Environmental
Center, Hancock, New Hampshire
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