



# THE THOREAU SOCIETY

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Dear Friend,

Imagine a world in which our greatest minds are no longer valued. This would be an American tragedy, indeed. At the Thoreau Society, we have the privilege and opportunity to keep Thoreau's ideas alive now and for future generations to come.

**"...in Wildness is the preservation of the world." Henry D. Thoreau**

Advancing public engagement with Thoreau's ideas, your support ensures that we can:

- Publish the *Concord Saunterer* and the *Thoreau Society Bulletin*
- Maintain the Thoreau Society Collections at the Thoreau Institute and ensure their wider availability to the public through projects like the Digital Thoreau, JSTOR, and the Internet Archive.
- Participate in academic conferences such as the American Literature Association (ALA), Modern Language Association (MLA), Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE)
- Maintain the Shop at Walden Pond at the new visitor center within a "net-zero" building powered by a solar array, where we help to greet over a half million visitors to Walden annually

This coming year we will organization our Annual Gathering around the Bicentennial of Thoreau's birth, **July 11-16**. A number of special guests will join, who will highlight Thoreau's influence on American thought, culture, and social engagement.

## **Celebrating the Bicentennial of Thoreau's Birth (1817-2017)**

- Terry Tempest Williams, a Utah native and outspoken proponent of public lands, will be our keynote speaker.
- Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian who has written widely on the conservationist legacies of Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, will discuss Thoreau's influence in the creation of public lands.
- Christopher Lydon, a Boston-based NPR host, will chair a panel on writing. He will be joined by Dale Peterson, and our friends at PEN New England, who will be awarding the Henry D. Thoreau prize for nature writing during the Gathering.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Frederick  
Executive Director

