Simplify, simplify:

Thoreau’s Timeless Message
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<td>A. Visibility Beyond the Visible: The Artistic Discourse of American Transcendentalism</td>
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<td><strong>Thoreau Farm Trust Picnic</strong></td>
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<td><em>Thoreau’s Spartan-like Simplicity</em></td>
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**Friday July 13**

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<td>Meet at 6:30 a.m. at Masonic Temple Parking Lot to Car Pool.</td>
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<td>9-10:15</td>
<td><strong>Discussion of the Annual Gathering Theme</strong></td>
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10:30-12 noon  Workshop Session III  Masonic Temple
A. Thoreau 101: Henry Thoreau and His Friends. All are welcome, but this program is geared mainly to the new devotee! Led by Bob Habich.
   Led by Tom Potter
C. Walking to Simplicity  Walden Pond
   Led by Jen Walker

11- 5:00 p.m.  Registration  Masonic Temple (Main Floor)

12 noon*  Boxed Lunch Pickup  Masonic Temple (Downstairs)

12:15- 12:45 p.m. New Members & First Timers Orientation  Masonic Temple
   Introduced by Dave Ganoe
   Led by: Tom Potter, Mike Frederick, and Wayne Dilts, Chair

1-2:30 p.m.  Workshop Session IV
A. Web Projects to Simplify Access to the CFPL Collections
   Seating limited to 25. Pre-registration required. Meet CFPL at the Concord Free Public Library, Special Collections.
B. Changes in Flora & Fauna from Thoreau’s Time to Today
   Led by Peter Alden
C. Teaching “Life with Principle” in South Carolina
   Panel Led by Pam Mack

3-4:30 p.m.  Workshop Session V  Masonic Temple
A. Building Walden in My Basement, or Living within the Ambit of One’s Own Horizon
   Led by Jim Hatley
B. Keeping Thoreau’s Message Alive
   The Modern Voluntary Simplicity Movement
   Led by Carmen D. Siering
C. Walking Tour of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
   Led by Jayne Gordon

5:30 p.m. * Dinner  First Parish Church

7:30 p.m. Emerson, Simplicity, and the Quotidian Life  Masonic Temple
   Sponsored by the Emerson Society
   Panel: Elizabeth Addison, Susan Dunston, Sarah Wider, and Joseph Thomas

8:00 p.m. A Birthday Party for Henry  Masonic Temple (Downstairs)
   Sponsored by Walden University
   Ice Cream & Cake and Transcendental Trivia Game organized by Corinne H. Smith and Laryssa Duncan
   Hosted by Paula Peinovich, Walden University President

9:30 p.m. Young Thoreauvians  Masonic Temple (Downstairs)
   Organized by Laryssa Duncan

Saturday, July 14

7 a.m. Memorial Walk at Walden Pond–A Silent Meditation
   Led by Corinne H. Smith
   Meet at the House Replica
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8-9:00 a.m. Refreshments and Registration  First Parish Church Hall
9-10:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting  First Parish Church
10:45-11:30 a.m. THE DANA S. BRIGHAM MEMORIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS Simplicity and Sanity
Professor Scott Russell Sanders, Indiana University
Refer to Program Note # 13 for a biography of Professor Sanders and an abstract of his presentation.

12 noon* Boxed Lunch Pickup  First Parish Church
12-1:00 p.m. Registration  Masonic Temple

12:30-1:30 p.m. Henry David Thoreau Speaking for Nature
Film screening  Masonic Hall
(Down Stairs)

1:45-3:15 p.m. Workshop Session VI
A. Emergence, Simplicity, Evolution, Simplicity, Transcendentalism, Simplicity
   Led by John Wawrzonek
B. The Birds and Animals of Thoreau
   Led by Peter Loewer

3:30-5 p.m. Workshop Session VII
A. Zoro’s Field: My Life in the Appalachian Woods—A Walden for Today
   Led by Thomas Rain Crowe
B. The Simple Life: Thoreau’s First Year at Walden in Fact and Fiction
   Led by Richard Smith

5-6:00 p.m.* Reception for the Keynote Speaker in Memory of John D. Mack
(Private Home)
6:00 p.m.* Dinner  First Parish Church
7:30 p.m. Book Signing and Wine & Cheese Social  Masonic Temple
(Down Stairs)
9:00 p.m. Spirits, Legends, and Lore of Concord  Masonic Temple
Led by John Chateauneuf  Meet at the Front Door

Sunday, July 15
7:30-10 a.m. Nature Walk: Birds, Plants and History
Led by Peter Alden
Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the Concord Municipal Parking Lot to Carpool. See the map in your Registration Packet.

7:30-10 a.m. Estabrook Woods Walk
Led by Ed Schofield
Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Concord Municipal Parking Lot to carpool. See the map in your Registration Packet.
7:30-10 a.m. **Exploring the Pencil Factory Dam Site**
Meet at 7:00 am in the Concord Municipal Parking Lot
to Carpool. See the map in your Registration Packet.
Led by Randall Conrad and Richard Lenat

10:30-12 noon **Workshop Session VIII**
Masonic Temple
A. *Thoreau's Simplicity from Ethics to Aesthetics* (Main Floor)
Led by Francois Specq

11:00 a.m. **Zoro's Field: A Reading,**
**Discussion and Book Signing**
Shop at Walden Pond
Led by Thomas Rain Crowe

12-1 p.m. **Lunch (On Your Own)**

1-3 p.m. **4th Annual Open House & Reception**
All Members and Guests Welcome!!!
Thoreau Society
55 Old Bedford Road

2-4:00 p.m. **Thoreau Farm Trust Open House**
All Members and Guests Welcome !!!
Thoreau Birth House
Virginia Road

**IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTES:**
*Asterisk indicates events NOT included in your Registration Fee.*

1. Walden Pond State Reservation charges $5.00 for Parking. They can no longer waive parking fees. Parking is limited, so please carpool when going to the Pond.

2. Thursday Morning Only: Free van service is available to/from the Pond courtesy of the Society. Please see Page 7 in the Program for the schedule, route, and pick up/drop locations.

3. Please avoid using the parking lot behind the Masonic Temple on Sunday morning. The lot is actually owned by the church next door, and they’ll need it for parking for Sunday services. Your cooperation will be appreciated. There is a municipal parking lot with sufficient parking linked to the parking lot behind the Temple by a short path.

4. Extra copies of the map directing you to municipal parking lots for Sunday morning, and other event times will be included in your Registration Packet and will be available at the Registration Desk.

5. Please note!!! There will not be a second, or “final copy,” of the Program Booklet published. Changes will be published on the Thoreau Society Website (www.thoreausociety.org) and in an Addendum Sheet, which will be included in your Registration Packet. Extra copies of both the Program Booklet and Addendum Sheet will be available at the Registration Desk.

6. Please use the Message Board located in the main entry of the Masonic Temple for Ride Sharing, Meal Ticket Exchange, messages to other participants, etc. The Message Board is provided as a service to Gathering participants. Postings are the sole responsibility of the individual.

7. For your comfort and safety bring a hat, sun screen, water, and good walking shoes for all outdoor activities.

9. **MEET AT THE TRAIL HEAD AT 9:00 am.** This nature walk will be on the new Brister Hill Trail designed by the Walden Woods Project. The Trail is located on Walden Street. Parking is available at Walden Pond State Reservation and Concord’s Town Forest, opposite the Concord-CarlisleHigh School.

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The entrance gate to the 1-mile path is located on Walden Street. PARKING IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TRAIL HEAD. Bring field guides, field glasses, notebooks and dress for the weather. See #7 above.

10. Refer to the map and directions in your Registration Packet for directions to the Thoreau Birth House.

11. Abstract of the Keynote talk: “Simplify, simplify,” Thoreau exhorts us. But what might this instruction mean in our time and circumstances? What should we aspire to simplify? And how might we achieve greater simplicity in the face of technological, economic, and institutional forces that confront us with ever-greater complexity? My talk will ponder these questions, considering how the goal of simplicity might affect the way we feed and house and clothe and entertain ourselves, how it might redefine our relationship to place and to nature, and how it might bear on many of the social and ecological challenges we face.

Professor Sanders is the author of nineteen books, including Staying Put, Hunting for Hope, and The Force of Spirit. His latest book is A Private History of Awe, a memoir, published in 2006 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. For his work in nonfiction, he has won the Lannan Literary Award and the John Burroughs Essay Award. In all of his books he is concerned with our place in nature, the pursuit of social justice, the character of community, and the search for a spiritual path. He is Distinguished Professor of English at Indiana University. He and his wife, Ruth, a biochemist, have reared two children in their home town of Bloomington, in the hardwood hill country of the White River Valley.

REQUIRED BASIC REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- All workshops, outdoor events, lectures, readings, panels, and discussion sessions.
- Socials: Ice Cream Social, Book Signing Wine & Cheese, and Office Open House on Sunday.
- Sunshine Van Service on stated routes/schedule.

Note: Registration is not required to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

REGISTRATION POLICIES:
The policies listed below are in an effort to clarify issues that have arisen at past Annual Gatherings. The Annual Gathering Committee thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.
- All requests for refunds must be received prior to the close of business on Friday, June 29, 2007.
- Only pre-paid registration fees, food, and activity fees are refundable less a $25 processing fee.
- Meal tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded after the Friday, June 29th deadline.
- A Shipping Charge will be deducted from any refund if applicable.
- Registrations will not be accepted for individual programs. Note Registration fees do not apply to attending the Business Meeting.
No One Left Behind

The Thoreau Society will provide van service on Thursday morning for those who have no means of rapid transportation. Those with cars are requested to carpool to save money and space.

**Masonic Temple Stop:** in the parking lot behind the building, which is diagonally opposite the Colonial Inn

**Walden Pond Stop:** beside the Shop at Walden Pond

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**Accommodations**

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<td><strong>North Bridge Inn</strong></td>
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The **Colonial Inn** is located directly across from the Masonic Temple. The special room rate is $159.00 and $139 per night (plus occupancy tax).

The **Best Western (Bedford)** includes a complimentary breakfast, indoor pool, and free wireless internet access.

*For reservations, please call these establishments directly. Indicate that you’re a Thoreau Society member and attending the Annual Gathering. They have agreed to give special rates as indicated to AG participants.*

For information about public transportation, visit **www.mbta.com**

With the help of the Young Thoreauvians, we have compiled additional information on inexpensive lodging, directions, car rentals, and public transportation to Concord. Contact: info@thoreausociety.org.

For information about ride-sharing during the AG, please use the **Message Board** located at the entrance of the Masonic Temple.
Call for Volunteers

The annual Gathering Committee needs volunteers to assist with registration, setting up meeting rooms, hospitality, and a variety of other tasks associated with the Annual Gathering. See contact information at the bottom of this page for how to volunteer.

The Shop at Walden Pond

For your convenience, there will be a satellite Shop at Walden Pond located near the Registration Table during the Gathering on the following schedule:

- **Thursday**: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. & 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Friday**: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Saturday**: 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Look for specials and members discounts.

The main Shop located at Walden Pond will be open as follows: Daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursday, July 12th, when the Shop will open at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate those who are attending early events at Walden Pond.

**Contact Information:** 915 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742; tel. 978-287-5477; email, info@shopatwaldenpond.org; eStore, www.shopatwaldenpond.org.

Members receive 10% off all purchases. Restrictions may apply.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The theme for the 2008 Annual Gathering is

“The Individual and the State: The Politics of Thoreau In Our Time”

Please send your suggestions for presenters, programs, and activities for the 2007 Annual Gathering to be held July 10-13, 2008 in Concord MA. The deadline for program proposals is Friday, December 7, 2007

Program descriptions should be sent to:

**The Thoreau Society**

Annual Gathering Committee

Attention Mike Frederick, Executive Director:

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