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Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Rain date, Wednesday, September 12, 2012

- **Register on the sign-up form at the end of this booklet...  
and then fill in and *keep* the copy of the form provided**
- **Make out your check for the total amount to:  
Five Colleges, Inc.**
- **Before May 15<sup>th</sup>, send to:  
5CLIR, 9 Mason Hall, Smith College,  
Northampton, MA 01063**

**\*\*\*Remember to mail registration BEFORE MAY 15\*\*\***

# **QUABBIN: WATER, FORESTS AND FORESTRY**

**Friday, June 15, 2012 (raindate: Friday, June 22)**

We will learn about the Quabbin Reservoir and the role of forests and forest management in maintaining the quality and quantity of the water supply for Boston and much of eastern Massachusetts. We'll begin at the Quabbin's Blue Meadow Road Conference Center (near the Quabbin Administration Building / Visitor's Center) to learn about the history of the reservoir and water distribution system, and a discussion of forest management practices within the context of and as a tool for watershed protection by one of Quabbin's foresters. We will then travel in Quabbin's vans (driven by the highly knowledgeable Quabbin staff) to the eastern side of Quabbin to see the forest and some sites of forest management in the past few years. We will be walking short distances on uneven ground, then standing to look, listen, and talk. There are no steep hills. Wear sturdy footwear, sunscreen and tick/insect repellent; bring water & a lunch that's easily eaten in the woods. **Have with you any pertinent emergency medical equipment (e.g., EpiPen for anyone allergic to stings).**

**DATE:** Friday, June 15, 2012 (raindate: Friday, June 22)

**TIME & MEETING PLACE:**

- 10:00 am. - Meet at Blue Meadow Road Conference Center (near the Quabbin Administration Building / Visitor's Center) off Route 9 in Belchertown for the presentation.
- 11:00 am - Leave by DCR vans for forestry field tour.
- 12:00 noon - Lunch outdoors. Everyone brings own.
- 3:00 pm - Return to Conference Center

**COST:** \$5 per person

**GROUP SIZE LIMIT:** Because we will be traveling by vans, the size of the group is strictly limited (18). Early registration is strongly suggested so you aren't left out.

**Directions from Amherst:**

Take Route 9 east to the main entrance to Quabbin (about 12 miles from the center of Amherst; or a bit over 3 miles from the intersection of Routes 9 and 202 in Belchertown). Turn left into the entrance road. One tenth of mile down that road, Blue Meadow Road comes in from the left; turn left and take that road a few yards to the Conference Center building (the second old house on the left). If you miss the turn and go to the Administration Building, the staff at the Visitor's Center can guide you to the Conference Center.

Please carpool if possible.

**CONTACT:** Elisa Campbell

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## NEW CENTURY THEATRE

### *Circle Mirror Transformation* by Annie Baker

**Sunday, June 17, 2012**

Join us for New Century Theatre's first play of their summer season, directed by Ellen Kaplan.

*Annie Baker's play is an absolute feast. CIRCLE MIRROR TRANSFORMATION is the kind of unheralded gem that sends people into the streets babbling and bright-eyed with the desire to spread the word. The play traces the lives of a handful of small-town Vermont residents who gather each week for an acting class taught at the local community center. By the play's end we seem to see to the very bottom of these souls, and feel how the artificial intimacy of the acting class has shaped their lives in substantial ways.*

*The New York Times*

**Date:** Sunday, June 17

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. curtain. Arrive by 1:40 to get your reserved ticket(s) from Kathy Hazen. Meet her near the box office.

**Place:** Theatre 14 in the Mendenhall Performing Arts Center, Smith College

**Cost:** \$22.25 per ticket, non-refundable

**Contact person:** Candy Carlisle

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## WHAT'S NEW IN BOSTON?

On **Wednesday, June 27**, a bus will take LIR members into Boston, where you may choose one of these two opportunities for your day:

**Choice A:** Spend the day at the **newly-renovated Charles Hayden Planetarium** in the Boston Museum of Science. Here, you will be treated to a new, original show in the state-of-the-art facility which is the most technologically-advanced digital theater in New England. Later in the day, see *Lost Egypt*, a temporary exhibit, where modern science allows you to get to know a 2500-year-old mummy by reviewing extensive CAT-scan imaging. You may manipulate a detailed 3-D model, or plan your journey to the afterlife with Eternity Travel.com.

**Choice B:** Spend the day at the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** and tour the **new Renzo Piano wing** of the museum, which opened in January 2012. Here, you can view its inspiration in the original courtyard as well as some of the masterpieces purchased by Mrs. Gardner. Pritzker-Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano has situated his new 70,000-square-foot wing behind the original building along the Fenway, and connected it with a striking glass-enclosed corridor. The addition provides purpose-built spaces for concerts, exhibitions and classes along with visitor enhanced amenities such as the Living Room. This is a 1,550-square-foot space which features a library, touch screen work stations and a special exhibition space. Visitors may dine in the imaginatively integrated Café G and visit the new Museum Shop.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 27. Deadline for registration is **May 15. NO REFUNDS**

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** Sheldon Field, Northampton

**Costs:** \$25.00 - Bus transportation and driver gratuity

+

\$26 - Museum of Science admission to exhibit halls & planetarium show

\$10 - Lunch voucher for selection of items from museum café, with lovely views of Boston

NOTE: You may bring your lunch from home, and eat outside (no tables)

**OR**

\$17 - Gardner Museum admission to galleries & architectural tour of new wing

\$26 – Lunch in new Café G; choose one of the following: **a.** Grilled comte and prosciutto sandwich, slow roasted grapes; **b.** Sweet onion and Gruyère quiche, frisée and smoked bacon salad; **c.** Bell & Evans chicken salad, celery and potato crisps. Meals include non-alcoholic beverage, entrée, hot beverage, tax and tip. (Indicate lunch choice on LIR Registration Form.) NOTE: You may bring your lunch from home, if you wish, & eat outside.

**If you wish to order a lunch at either museum, you must pay for it at the time of LIR registration.**

**Contact person:** Honoré David

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# *Is Sex Possible?*

Sunday, July 8, 2012

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual KO Festival of Performance

**A series of lectures and performances curated on an irreverent and inter-generational look at aging.**

*Is Sex Possible?* An outrageously irreverent solo performance about the trials and tribulations of sex and dating after one reaches 50, 60..... Written and performed by Constance Congdon who earned her M.F.A. from UMass in 1982. Highlights of her 30 years include her original play *Tales of the Lost Formicans* (produced more than 200 times worldwide, most recently in Cairo and Helsinki) and an adaptation of Maxim Gorky's *A Mother*, with Olympia Dukakis in the lead role. Congdon has won grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the W. Alton Jones Foundation and the Guggenheim Foundation. She has taught playwriting at Amherst since 1993. Pulitzer Prize winner Tony Kushner has called Constance Congdon "one of the best playwrights this language has produced."

**DATE:** Sunday, July 8

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Air Conditioned Holden Theater, Amherst College.  
Plenty of close free parking. Handicapped seating available

**PRICE:** Seniors \$16. No refunds.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Honoré David

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# Enjoy A Delightful Day in The Hill Towns!

Thursday, July 12, 2012

## Lunch & Chester Theatre Matinee

The play *Animals Out Of Paper* is described in the New York Times as “Pitch-perfect... Alternately wrenching and funny...” This is Chester Theatre’s summary of the plot: “Ilana, a world-renowned origami artist, is going through a divorce, her dog has run away and she hasn’t answered her phone in two months. Then her intercom buzzes. It’s Andy, a fan, a high school teacher who counts his blessings. Literally...he’s up to 7,904. Andy introduces Suresh, an urban teen I-pod addict and origami prodigy into Ilana’s life and the plot folds really get complicated. A wise and layered comedy/drama from the author of *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*.

**DATE:** Thursday, July 12

**TIME:** 11:45 a.m. – Lunch at “Four Main Street” in Huntington – IF you choose to come for lunch, as lunch is optional. Tables will be reserved for those who sign up. You pay your own bill at the restaurant.

The full menu is available at: <http://hidden-hills.com/fourmainstreet>

2:00 p.m. - Matinee performance and New England Premiere of *Animals Out of Paper* by Rajiv Joseph

**MEETING PLACE:** Tickets will be distributed in front of the theatre, if the weather is nice; in the lobby, if the weather is not good.

**COST:** \$22.50 (non-refundable, but tickets may be exchanged for another performance, should you have an emergency and are unable to attend on this date)

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Reservation and payment due by May 15

**Driving directions to the Chester Theatre** can be found at: [www.chestertheatre.org](http://www.chestertheatre.org)

From Northampton to Chester, the trip is under an hour. The theatre is handicapped accessible. Parking is available in a lot across the street from the theatre or along the street. You will be sent a list of all the other LIR people who purchase tickets, so that you can arrange carpooling with others, if you so wish.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Candy Carlisle

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# BUS TRIP TO TANGLEWOOD

**Saturday, July 21, 2012**

5CLIR will again offer its traditionally popular outing to a Tanglewood Saturday rehearsal. This year will feature an all-Mozart, program starring pianist Gerhard Oppitz who will play the *Piano Concerto No. 24* in c minor (k .491). Kurt Mazur will also conduct *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and the *Symphony No. 36 in C (Linz)*.

The pre-rehearsal talk begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the open rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. There is no longer open seating; we must pay for assigned seats reasonably near the front of the shed.

**Date:** Saturday, July 21

**Time:** 7:45 am - The bus will depart from the commuter lot at Sheldon Field at 7:45 a.m. **SHARP!** The lot is on Bridge Street (Route 9) near the Three-County Fairgrounds. We expect to return to the lot at about 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$52 per person for admission, transportation, and driver's gratuity (No refunds can be made for cancellations after June 9, 2012.)

**Lunch:** You may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase lunch at Tanglewood's outdoor lunchroom. Picnics are on the lawn or in the cafeteria tent in case of rain.

**Registration:** This event is open to 5CLIR members plus one guest per member.

**Contact Person:** Ellen Peck

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**Local History Comes Alive:  
Florence Local History Walking Tour  
with  
Steve Strimer, Historian**

**Monday, July 23, 2012**

Steve Strimer, noted authority on local history, will guide us and tell stories about Sojourner Truth, the Northampton Association, the Underground Railroad, Samuel Hill and the first kindergarten in the United States. At the David Ruggles Museum, we will see carefully preserved and displayed examples from the period. Area residents who have done this tour with Steve know, from personal experience, the amazing window to our past that he will open for us.

We urge you, in preparation for this event, to check out the websites for Sojourner Truth and David Ruggles.

**DATE:** Monday, July 23 (raindate: Wednesday, July 25)

**TIME:** 10:30 am to 12 noon (with optional add-on of lunch at Miss Flo's Diner after the tour)

**COST:** \$5 per person (requested contribution to David Ruggles Museum)

**MEETING PLACE:** The Sojourner Truth Statue on Pine Street in Florence

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel west on Route 9 to the center of Florence. Turn left at traffic light onto Maple Street. Take Maple Street south to Pine Street (about 2 blocks). Turn right on Pine Street. Go one block. Bear right and park on the north side of the park.

**Contact Person:** Flora Majumder

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# **LIR Overnight Trip Seaside Maine & New Hampshire**

**August 1 & 2, 2012**

By popular demand, LIR is again offering an overnight trip, filled with interesting and stimulating experiences, along with lots of art & other treasures. The trip begins on **Wednesday morning, August 1**, with a bus ride to the charming seaside town of **Ogunquit, Maine**, where we will have lunch at **Barnacle Billy's restaurant**, located right on the coast. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a guided tour and some free time at the seaside **Ogunquit Museum of American Art**, called *the most beautiful small museum in the world*, surrounded by lovely gardens, fountains and sculptures.

In the late afternoon, our bus will take us the short distance north to **Portland, Maine**, where we will stay overnight at the newly renovated **Clarion Hotel**. On Thursday morning, we will have a delightful choice of visiting the excellent **Portland Museum of Art** – or – of taking an invigorating **windjammer sail** on beautiful Casco Bay – or – of strolling along the docks of the **Old Port** – or – of visiting the **Wadsworth Longfellow House**, with its adjacent Center for Maine History and gardens. In the late afternoon, we will head East, arriving at the highly-acclaimed **Currier Museum of Art** in Manchester, NH. Here, you may choose to visit the only **Frank Lloyd Wright house** open to the public in New England, to enjoy the museum's extensive, varied collection of art, or to have a light supper while listening to live music in the Winter Garden Café.

**DATE:** Wednesday and Thursday, August 1 & 2, 2012

**COST:** \$170 per person (double occupancy); additional \$60 for single room; additional \$21 for small group tour of Frank Lloyd Wright Zimmerman House at Currier Museum, for first 13 people to sign up, as there is limited space on the tour.

**MEALS:** No meals are included in the price. There will be a wide variety of restaurants and price levels available throughout the trip.

**Contact:** Marybeth Bridegam

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You may pick up a detailed itinerary at the Preview, or request one from Callie in the LIR office.

# **All-LIR Get-Reacquainted Potluck Picnic Lunch**

**Tuesday, September 11, at noon**

*Rain date, September 12*

**At the Gaustads, 20 Ward Avenue, Northampton**

At the end of the summer it's time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

**Potluck:** A – L bring dessert or fruit  
M – Z bring main dish, bread, salad, vegetable, or hors d'oeuvres

Utensils and beverages will be provided.

Bringing your own cup or mug will cut down on paper waste.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, September 11, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

*Rain date, September 12, same time*

**Place:** The back yard of John and Gail Gaustad's house  
20 Ward Avenue, Northampton

**Contact persons:** Gail Gaustad or  
Anne Lombard

**If in doubt about the weather, call Gail or Anne or check your email.**

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