



PWC 2018 SPECIAL EVENTS

YOGA @ PWC

Geezum Crow Studio, on campus at Stone 204, is reserved for PWC use Tuesday – Saturday, from 6:30 – 8:30 am. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:15 – 8 am, participant Mary Cinadr, a Kripalu-certified yoga instructor, will lead open-level classes, incorporating asana, breathwork and a brief meditation. Organic essential oils will be offered at the start and end of class. Mary suggests arriving up to 15 minutes early to settle in and stretch. (Outside of these scheduled class times, the studio is open during the designated morning hours for individual practice.)

PARTY @ CAFÉ ANNA

The College Hall café, named for the historic building's legendary resident ghost, is a favorite hang-out and meeting place. It's also a great spot for an evening gathering. Cash bar for beverages.

OUTDOOR DINNERS

These are *in place of* regular dinner service in Dewey Café. They are included on the full meal plan, and available for separate purchase by non-plan participants. (Watch for an email from Jericho about reserving your place at the table!) VCFA is excited about our new in-house catering team, who have serious foodie chops, and will be presenting our Tuesday build-your-own Taco Bar and Saturday's BBQ. **Woodbelly Pizza** is a local collective of artisan farm-to-table pizza chefs, whose mobile wood-fired hearth oven draws long lines at Montpelier's Farmer's Market each Saturday. For Thursday's dinner, they'll turn out a seemingly endless parade of creative seasonal pies with gorgeous salad to go with them. Weather permitting, we can eat outside on the Green; in case of rain, or if you prefer dining indoors, we'll have seating in the College Hall Gallery, with access through the fountain-side doorway.

DOWNTOWN PARTY @ DE MENA'S, 44 Main Street

Now that we've had a couple of full days on campus, it's time for a change of scene, and a taste of Montpelier nightlife. La Puerta Negra, our traditional venue for this event, reopened last year as deMena's. New owner but same cool, relaxed atmosphere and Latin focus for menu. Fresh guacamole, salsa and chips on us. Cash bar, featuring craft cocktails with a South American accent plus draft beers and wine. Walk upstairs from street level (the door is still *black*.) The top (3rd) floor room will be open just for us, and there's a fabulous outdoor deck if weather cooperates.

TRAIL WALK IN HUBBARD PARK

Perched on the hill above the Capitol, Montpelier boasts an extensive, beautiful woodland retreat just minutes from campus. We'll carpool/caravan to a convenient parking area then embark on a guided group walk, comfortably returning in time for the dinner hour. This is a fairly tame outing, but we will be on forest trails, going moderately up and down hill. If you don't have decent footing and a modest level of fitness, you should probably pass on this. But if you're up to discovering Montpelier's small piece of "wilderness," it's a great way to unwind. We can even talk about writing—or about other things (imagine!) Appropriate footwear strongly encouraged.

POJAZZ is a perennial Conference favorite—a northern-VT-based ensemble specializing in improvisatory performance in collaboration with readers of poetry and prose. Bring a short piece to share at the open mic. Everyone will have a chance to participate. Don't hang back because this kind of accompanied reading is new to you. PoJazz band leader, VCFA Writing alum Tony Whedon, coaches us through the experience. And in between the readings, it's just great jazz!

FRIDAY HOUSE PARTY @ ELLEN'S SEE OVER

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This annual gathering, just a few miles from campus into the VT countryside, is a longstanding Conference tradition. Ellen's place has nice mountain views and gardens, and we'll make a campfire (weather permitting). DO plan to come around 7 or not too long after, so you can enjoy the landscape in daylight.

Refreshments are a group effort, i.e. **BYO**. Please plan to **bring a beverage**, alcoholic or non, and/or **party snacks**—enough to partake yourself and to share. We'll have fridge space, collars, ice, cups, etc.. Provisions available at Shaw's, Hunger Mountain Coop and Yankee Wines & Spirits (see "Insider's Guide to Montpelier.")

At past Conferences, literally *everyone* has made it out to the house with no trouble. **Not having a car is no obstacle!** People with cars should check with others ahead of time, including by workshop group, and arrange to fill up your seats. Coordination with cars is also helpful for making a store run; you may want to do this together with your carpool group before heading out to the party. We'll have some additional, designated drivers ready to make trips as well. Show up in **front of Alumni Hall, next to the parking lot, right around 7 pm** if you're looking for a ride, OR if you're driving and have empty places.

If you have any problems or questions that evening, or have not landed a ride, ring Jericho on her cell at (917) 613-0962. She'll be coordinating "shuttle" runs as needed and in contact with our other drivers. Don't worry: we WILL get you out there & safely back again!

DIRECTIONS

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** using *these* instead of map apps or GPS, which can get wonky in the VT countryside. Really.

Drive away from campus on College Street, with Green on your left and VCFA parking lot on your right.

At stop sign (facing "NOT A THROUGH STREET" sign) turn left on Woodrow, then immediately right on Emmons. (This is just a quick jog since last block of College St. is one-way.)

Go short block to stop sign, at intersection with Main St. Turn right onto Main, heading uphill. Follow Main St. up and as it makes sharp bend to left.

Just after 90-degree bend in Main, make **right turn onto Towne Hill Road**. This is the first turn and comes up right away so drive slowly here and watch for it. **If you find yourself continuing any distance along extension of Main St., you've missed it!**

At turn, check odometer, then go **3 (technically 2.97) miles to Ellen's driveway on right**. You can see blue-gray house up rise at top. (In last stretch before driveway, Towne Hill Rd. makes wide curve to right. Follow that. Pass the turn-off for Cherry Tree Hill Rd. to your left. Driveway comes up right after that, as road straightens and heads downhill. Mailbox at bottom reads "2970." "40 mph Speed Limit" sign just past driveway.)

Drive up to house and park as directed. Please DO NOT park on road! (There's room for just a few cars at bottom of driveway, in pull-off area to the immediate right; only use those spaces if you plan to leave extra early, and tuck in to allow easy traffic flow.) Walk up and around to left of house (either on lawn or stone garden path) to reach front entrance.