

# *Emily Dickinson's World*

Bed & Breakfast Weekend  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
October 10 through 12, 2008

Are you fascinated by the life and works of this extraordinary writer? Join with Dickinson enthusiasts like you who gather each year from around the country to come closer to her memory. We invite you to visit with us this October—and enjoy the poet's legacy when autumn's colors are captivating.

As you explore Amherst, Massachusetts, the quintessential New England town where Dickinson lived all her days (save for a brief sojourn at Mount Holyoke College), you'll come to know others who share your passion for her poetry and the details of her elusive, mysterious life.

Immerse yourself in the town where the family played its legendary leading role. Visit the Dickinson Homestead, the Evergreens, brother Austin's home next door, and Dickinson's gardens and graveside. As you hear her poetry where she wrote it, Dickinson's words will take on new meaning. And as you learn from scholars about her legacy, the fragments of her life will merge into an inspiring story.

New England's fall foliage season attracts visitors from around the world. Come for a long weekend amid the maples, birches, pines and oaks of the Pelham Hills and Holyoke Range—an autumn filled with village fairs, apple cidering, antiquing, historic landmarks and beautiful old homes.

A place is reserved for you in Amherst, where the spirit of Emily Dickinson lives on.

***The Emily Dickinson's World weekend is a fundraising event for the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst.***

## ***Weekend Itinerary***

### **Friday, October 10, 2008**

- Arrival at the home of your hosts.
- Elegant dinner with your fellow conferees at the historic Victorian home of Leonard M. Hills, the Dickinson family's friend and next-door neighbor.
- Keynote address by POLLY LONGSWORTH, noted author of *The Dickinsons of Amherst* and *The World of Emily Dickinson: "Amherst's Emily Dickinson."*

### **Saturday, October 11**

- Continental breakfast with your hosts.
- Private tour of the Emily Dickinson Museum (the Homestead and the Evergreens.)
- Lunch.
- A short history of the Dickinsons in Amherst.
- Poetry discussion led by Dickinson scholar HARRISON GREGG and visit to the poet's grave. Bring poems to read.
- Free time – Optional, a walking tour of Dickinson's 19<sup>th</sup> century downtown Amherst, including visits to the Amherst History Museum and the Special Collections at the Jones Library.
- After dinner—New England tenor PETER SHEA and friends will perform settings of Dickinson poetry by Ernst Bacon and local composers. Enjoy Black Cake made from Dickinson's own recipe.
- Readings by candlelight at the graveside, for the adventurous and romantic.

### **Sunday, October 12**

- Continental breakfast with your hosts.
- Address by Dickinson Museum Director JANE WALD: "*Faith is a Fine Invention*," as part of the Amherst Unitarian Universalist Sunday service.
- Dickinson poetry set to music, performed by the UU Choir.
- Social Hour.

### ***Farewell!***

Please note that some activities during the weekend involve walking moderate distances and climbing stairs.

## *Accommodations*

Lodgings for Emily Dickinson's World are provided by members of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst, who open their homes to you as part of the Society's popular fundraising event. Every effort is made to accommodate your desire for privacy and convenience. All homes are within a few minutes by car from the center of Amherst. All meals are provided beginning with dinner on Friday evening through breakfast on Sunday, except on Saturday evening. For this meal, you will be guided to one of the many interesting restaurants in the area so that you may enjoy the cuisine of your choice.

## *Cost*

The all-inclusive fee is \$385.00.

## *Transportation*

Amherst is less than two hours west of Boston, MA and Logan International Airport, and one hour north of Hartford, CT and Bradley International Airport. The town is served by train and bus, direct to Amherst. Once in Amherst, private transportation is your responsibility. Limited taxi service is available. If you are able to drive, car rental is strongly encouraged.

Driving directions, train and bus information, and a list of local automobile rental agencies will be forwarded upon registration.

## *Nearby Attractions*

We invite you to linger in the area to enjoy the pleasures of Historic Deerfield; the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art; the National Yiddish Book Center; Five College museums and musical offerings; the Amherst Conservation trails and Quabbin Reservoir; and a multitude of bookstores, craft shops, boutiques, antique shops and galleries. Views of the valley from Mr. Holyoke and Mt. Sugarloaf are spectacular.

## *Optional Extended Stay*

Space may be available for an extra night or two with your host before or after the weekend, at a fee of \$75 per night per person. Please request this extra booking prior to September 1, 2008. We shall try to accommodate you.

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*Reservation Form*

The cost of the Emily Dickinson's World weekend is \$385 per person. This includes two nights' lodging and four meals. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee per person is required, to be applied to total cost. Cancellations prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> are 50% refundable, not including the registration fee. No refunds after September 20, 2008.

Yes, I (We) will be coming to the Emily Dickinson's World weekend.  
Enclosed is a \$50 deposit (per person). I (We) will forward the balance of the \$385 fee per person (\$335) no later than September 1, 2008.

Questions?

Please contact us at 413-253-2848, ext. 1, or at [office@uusocietyamherst.org](mailto:office@uusocietyamherst.org).

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