Writing on the River

Yesterday was a busy day--between workshops and reading, hopefully everyone had a chance to explore and relax! If you’ve been curious about the giant tent on the townhouse greens, your questions will be answered: tonight, the college will be hosting its popular River Concert Series.

Before the River Concert, you can take a side trip to Solomon’s Island, St. Clement’s Island, or our neighbor, Historic St. Mary’s City Museum. The weather should be with us - we can expect temperatures in the upper 80’s with practically no chance of rain!

Don’t Miss...

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Arnold’s Craft Class
“Fact and Feeling: Strategies Toward a Disciplined Lyric” (Blackistone Room - same room as yesterday)

7:30-8:30 p.m.
Jeff Hammond’s & Matt Burgess’ Faculty Reading (Cole Cinema)

8:00-10:00 p.m.
River Concert Series (Greens)

Tonight’s River Concert will feature music by George Frederic Handel and Henry Purcell. It will be conducted by Larry Vote and Jeffrey Silberschlag.

A poem...

“somehow has to crack open”

- Elizabeth Arnold
Thursday’s workshop

Friday at a glance...

Morning:
8:00-9:00 - Breakfast (Great Room)
9:00-10:00 - Craft Class (Blackistone Room)
10:00-12:00 - Morning Workshop
  Poetry: River Center Board Rm
  Fiction-Henley: Kent 212
  Fiction-Burgess: Blackistone
  Nonfiction: Kent 222

Afternoon:
12:00-1:00 - Lunch (Great Room)
1:00-3:00 - Afternoon Workshops
  (Same locations)
3:15 - Side Trips
  (all meet at River Center)
5:00-6:00 - Dinner (Great Room)

Evening:
6:45-7:45 - Faculty Reading (Cole Cinema)
8:00-10:00 - River Concert Series
  (Townhouse Greens)
7:45-11:00 - Social time (Aldom Lounge)
Afternoon Adventures

All afternoon trips will be meeting in front of the River Center at 3:15 p.m. (when workshops let out). The HSMC walking tour will return to main campus by 4:45 p.m. Trips to the islands will dine at destination before returning to the college.

When colonists on the Ark and Dove sailed to Maryland, they originally landed on St. Clement’s Island, a few miles north of St. Mary’s City. Today, this island is a 40-acre park accessible by water taxi with a museum on the mainland.

St. Mary’s City, the original capital of Maryland, is now an 800-acre outdoor living history museum. We won’t be walking all 800 acres, but we will visit the Statehouse, Maryland Dove, Town Center, Indian Hamlet, and Chapel.

Another group today will visit nearby Solomon’s Island, which you may have seen on your way into the college. Meeting the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay, Solomon’s is a beautiful waterfront island town.

Of course, you’re also welcome to make your own adventure! The River Center will be open again until 5:00 p.m. For those who wish to explore Historic St. Mary’s on their own, the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation is a recreated colonial plantation representing life in colonial Maryland in 1661, complete with costumed interpreters able to show you around and answer questions. The Plantation is less than five minutes away by car, on Rosecroft Road off Route 5 (from the Visitor’s Center, it is about a 30-minute walk).

You still have a chance to...

...read your work at Saturday’s evening reading...

...talk to an agent...

...ask a question at the Publishing Roundtable...

If interested in any of the above, please talk to Elizabeth Bookhultz or, if you can’t find her, ask any of the scholars to sign you up!