

THE HILLTOWN CHAUTAUQUA presents

Food, Farms, and the Future

THE SECOND ANNUAL EARTHCARE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 15 AND 16, 2017 · W. C. BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON, MA

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15: OPENING NIGHT: JAY UNGAR AND MOLLY MASON

6:30-7:30 pm, **PIG ROAST** (Overlook Farm, Alice's Kitchen, Green Fields Market)

7:30-9:30 pm, **CONCERT AND CONTRA DANCE**

8:30-9:15 pm, Contra-dance. Caller: Sadie Stull

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 16: MAIN FESTIVAL DAY

9 a.m.-5 p.m., **BOOK BARN.** Books and chapbooks for sale by poets, speakers and Hilltown authors. APPLE BARN.

9-11 a.m., **POETRY: A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD WILBUR**, hosted by Patty Kimura. HAY MOW.

9-9:40 a.m.: Hilltown poets read new poems on farms, farming, nature, and the sense of plenty.

9:55-10:20 a.m.: Segment of a documentary-in-progress by Ralph Hammann.

10:30-11:00 a.m.: Robert and Mary Bagg on their biography, "Let Us Watch Richard Wilbur"

KEYNOTE TALKS: FOOD, DEMOCRACY, AND THE FUTURE. BIG TENT

11:15 a.m.-11:50 a.m.: Frances Moore Lappé on "The Global Food Crisis, Sustainable Solutions, and the Role of Democracy"

12:10-12:45 p.m.: Adam Eichen, Small Planet Institute, on "The State of U.S. Democracy: An Activist's Point of View"

12:45-1:15 p.m.: Joint Q and A

12:30-2:00 p.m., **LUNCH** (Alice's Kitchen). **MUSIC:** Zoe Darrow, fiddle, and Kaila Graef, violin. THE GREEN

1:30-2:20 p.m.: Homestead Guided Tour I. (Sign up at the Welcome Tent.)

1:30-2:30 p.m., **BOOK BARN: MEET THE AUTHORS.** (Conversation and book sales and signing.) APPLE BARN

1:30-2:15 p.m.: Robert and Mary Bagg, Mary Dearborn, Eric Laursen, Ellen Moyer, Kathryn Jensen, Pleun Bouricius, and others.

1:50-2:20 p.m.: Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, co-authors, "Daring Democracy."

2:30-3:15 p.m., Brian Donahue, Environmental Studies, Brandeis University, "Cultivating New England" Q and A. BIG TENT

3:30-4:45 p.m., **PANEL DISCUSSION:** The New Generation: Young Hilltown Farmers on Challenges and Strategies. Q and A. BIG TENT

Participants: David Fisher and Anna Maclay (Natural Roots Farm, Conway), Sara Tower and Kalyan Uprichard (Nutwood Farm, Cummington), Lincoln Fishman and Hilary Costa (Sawyer Farm, Chesterfield), Tevis and Rachel Robertson-Goldberg (Crabapple Farm, Chesterfield)

4:30–5:30 p.m., **TEA. MUSIC:** Members of the Wistaria String Quartet. THE GREEN

4:30–5:30 p.m., Homestead Guided Tour II (Sign up at the Welcome Tent.)

4:55–6:00 p.m., **OLD FOREST GUIDED WALK**, with Bob Leverett, forest advocate. (Meet at the side of the tent and walk over to the trail head. Trail maps are at the Welcome Booth and in the program booklet.)

SUPPER (OUT). Recommended: The Old Creamery (Cummington), Elmer's (Ashfield), or The Lake House (Ashfield).

7:00–8:00 p.m., **FILM:** "Forgotten Farms": New England Dairy Farmers' Struggle to Survive BIG TENT

8:00–8:30 p.m., **DISCUSSION** with Sarah Gardner, producer, and Dave Simonds, director, and their guests, Darryl and Lucinda Williams of Luther Belden Farm in Hatfield.

8:30–9:00 p.m., **DANCE: "Chief Among U.S.,"** with Gopi Krishna, Octavio Valente, Niri Halperin, Andray Lee, Ramjeet Kaur, and Kate Blair of the Earthdance Collective. THE FIELD. (See note below.)

Program subject to change. Tickets for admission, with and without meals, are available at www.hilltownchautauqua.org. Children admitted free on Friday. Students admitted free on Saturday.

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A Note on "Chief Among U.S.: Four Re-suns (unknown) Rage, Re-parations, Re-renewal, Re-member"

"Chief among us," references the poem, "The African Chief," by William Cullen Bryant. The chief's life was destroyed by white supremacy. Chief among us is care and repair for people and the earth. Feeling rage, we move in reparation. Renewing one another as we renew the land, we walk together, settling into soil of our shared soul. Earthdance ensemble moves through the Bryant Homestead meadow with songs, poetry, ancient stories, and ritual. We speak and sing in languages known and unknown. We re-member those who've gone before, including William Bryant, Anne Spencer, Ralph Ellison, and Audre Lorde. Our global ensemble re-members its roots and that we are all one. We listen. We move. We water. We wind.

Dance collectively created and informed by Gopi Krishna, Andray Lee, Octavio Valente, Ramjeet Kaur, Niri Halperin, Gabriella Ballard, and Kate Blair, with choreographic and artistic support from Arely Landeros and Martin Lanz. Poetry read by Zevey Steinitz. Many thanks to our families and friends, near and far, including the Earthdance Community.

"Chief Among Us" are words from William Bryant's poem, "The African Chief":
<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/the-african-chief/>