

# Celebrate Thoreau

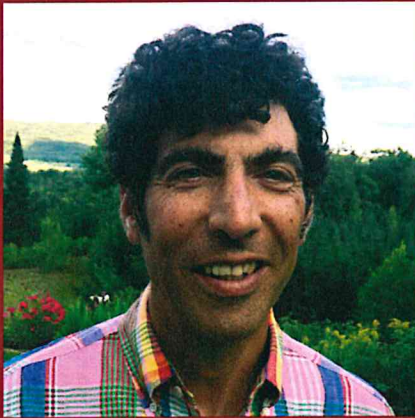
with Special Guest Michael Hoberman

Sunday, September 10 at 2 PM

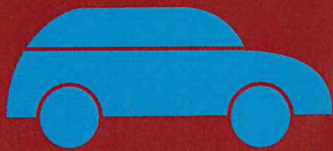
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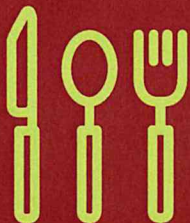
Henry David Thoreau described his 1843 walking tour of northern Franklin and Berkshire Counties in his first book, *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers* (1849). Somewhere along his meandering westward journey, “in the shade of a maple, where the river had found a broader channel than usual, and was spread out shallow, with frequent sandbars exposed,” he stopped to enjoy a noontime nap. Whether or not the picnic area along Rt. 2 in East Charlemont is the exact site where Thoreau snoozed, we will meet there to celebrate Thoreau’s legacy and talk about how and why his uniquely detailed and unhurried writing succeeds in capturing the natural beauty of rural New England.



Michael Hoberman is a professor of American literature at Fitchburg State University. He is the author of three books on New England history and culture, including, most recently, *New Israel/New England: Jews and Puritans in Early America* (UMASS Press, 2011). He is currently writing a book about Jewish American literature and the sense of place, entitled *A Hundred Acres of America: The Geography of Jewish American Literary History*. The book will be forthcoming from Rutgers University Press in 2019.



Meet at the picnic area located on ROUTE 2 West (mile post 36) from 2 PM - 4 PM. Parking is available in the picnic area, at the pull out below Hilltop Motel, and in the field at Hall Tavern Farm. For more information contact Tyler Memorial Library at 413-339-4335.



Continue to the Harvest Supper at Stump Sprouts (West Hill Road, Hawley) at 4 PM: a fundraiser for the Sons and Daughters of Hawley, suggested donation \$25. Michael will be there for more conversation about Thoreau. You can join in by bringing your favorite Thoreau passage to share. For Harvest Supper reservations, e-mail Lloyd or Suzanne Crawford at [stmpsprt@crocker.com](mailto:stmpsprt@crocker.com) or call 413-339-4265.

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