64th Annual Great Books at Colby College
Waterville, Maine
July 19 – July 25, 2020
American Experience

Join us for fun and relaxing week of focused reading, lively discussion and engaging activities on the beautiful campus of Colby College. You can connect with fellow book lovers, make lifelong friends, while enjoying the beauty and splendor of summertime Maine. Our theme this year is American Experience. Join our exploration of the complexities that still confront contemporary America.

PROGRAM

This year’s featured books include:

- The Imperative of Integration, Elizabeth Anderson
- American Pastoral, Philip Roth
- Gem of the Ocean, August Wilson
- Gilead, Marilynne Robinson
- Amusing Ourselves to Death, Neil Postman
- An American Childhood, Annie Dillard

This year’s program will feature a discussion led by Dr. Peter Harris, Zacamy Professor of English, Emeritus. Dr. Harris, whose expertise is in American poetry and literature, is a published author and has had essays and poems published in numerous publications, including The Atlantic Monthly and Ploughshares. In 2013, he received the Charles Bassett Senior Class Teaching Award, which is selected by the senior class at Colby College.

COLBY COLLEGE

Colby is a small, private liberal arts college located in Waterville, Maine. Its idyllic campus setting is the perfect backdrop for Great Books. Some program highlights and updates on campus this summer include:

- Renovation of the Dana Dining Hall (with the installation of air conditioning)
- Expanded Atlantic Music Festival to include more musicians, more free concerts and a full opera at the Waterville Opera House
- Exciting exhibitions at the Colby Museum of Art
- Traditional Maine lobster bake
- Optional day trip to Boothbay Harbor with a stop at the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden

For more detailed information about Great Books, visit www.GreatBooks-atColby.org
Great Books Day Trip Boothbay Harbor, Maine
Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Join us for a trip to Mid-Coast Maine as we explore beautiful Boothbay Harbor with an optional visit to the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden (additional cost: 65 plus, $16; 17-64, $18; children under 17, $9). One of the gems on the coast, Boothbay Harbor is a popular destination for shopping and dining. Dinner is on your own.

https://www.mainegardens.org/
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11:50 AM    Depart Campus

1:00 PM    Arrive Boothbay Harbor

Things to Do
- Coastal Maine Botanical Garden
- Boothbay Railway Village
- Maine State Aquarium
- Windjammer Emporium Museum

Shopping
- Abacus Jewelry, Prints and Art
- Dirty Bird Pottery
- Edgecomb Pottery
- House of Logan Clothing
- Joy to the Wind Gallery
- Mung Bean Maine and American Handcrafts
- Orne’s Candy Store
- Pemaquid Craft Shop
- Peapod Jewelry
- Sherman’s Books (Oldest Bookstore in Maine)
- Sweet Bay Unique Gifts
- The Cannery Women’s Clothing Store
- Two Salty Dogs Pet Outfitters

Restaurants
- Spruce Point Inn
  o  88
  o  Bogies
  o  Deck
- Browns Wharf Restaurant
- Cozy’s Dockside
- Fisherman’s Wharf Inn
- Harborside Tavern
- Kaler’s Crab and Lobster House
- Ports of Italy
- Robinson’s Wharf
- The Thistle Inn
- Tugboat Inn

6:15 PM  Depart Boothbay Harbor

7:30 PM  Arrive back to Colby Campus

**Coastal Maine Botanical Garden**
Opened in 2007, the Garden has become one of Maine’s top attractions and one of the most distinguished botanical destinations in the country. Its exquisite gardens, dramatic and compelling natural landscape—including nearly a mile of tidal saltwater frontage—make it ever-changing, endlessly captivating and thoroughly unique. The Gardens presents limitless potential to inspire learning about natural history, habitats, botany, horticulture and ecological connections. As the largest botanical garden in New England, the Gardens comprises 295 acres, 17 of which are gardens featuring native plants of Maine and other plants suited to northern coastal conditions.