

75th Anniversary and All-Class Reunion Weekend, October 5-8, 2007

This year's 75th Anniversary Celebration and All-Class Reunion welcomed more than 400 alumni, parents, and guests enjoying faculty lectures, student presentations, performances, soccer games, and more.

The schedule of activities throughout the weekend is below.

75th Anniversary and All-Class Reunion Weekend Programming

All Weekend Long

Welcome Tent open (Fri 12-5, Sat 9-5, Sun 9-5)

Student-driven Golf Cart Tours, Welcome Tent

Shuttle Service to Bennington and Williamstown hotels available, Welcome Tent

Helen Frankenthaler '49 Sculpture show and "75 Years of Moving Through: Dance at Bennington", Usdan Gallery, VAPA (Fri 12-5, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5)

Alumni and Parents Hospitality Room, Commons Lounge

Hospitality Room for Parents with Young Children, Barn 240 (Fri 12-5, Sat 9-5, Sun 9-5)

Music Library CD archives open featuring a display of Archived CDs of Bennington performances 1950-1973 and Marianne (Willie) Finckel's '44 Piano Music Collection, Jennings Music Library (Sat, Sun, 1-4)

Bennington College Archival Displays, Crossett Library Lobby

Three Painters, Barn East Gallery (Daily, 9-5)

Friday October 5

2:00 - 3:50 pm Selected open classes, labs, studios, Various Locations

- Mutants: Genetic Variation and Human Development, Amie McClellan, cell biology faculty member, (2:00pm-3:50 pm)
- Contact Improvisation Ensemble, Felice Wolfzahn, dance instructor, (2:00pm-3:50 pm)
- Advanced Level French: Recomposed Past: Historical Memory in the 19th Century, Isabel Roche, French faculty member, (2:00pm-3:50 pm)
- Calculus I, Andrew McIntyre, mathematics faculty member, (2:00pm-3:50 pm)

- One Child Nation: The Contemporary Chinese Family, Janice Stockard, anthropology faculty member, (2:00pm-3:50 pm)

2:15 – 3:15 pm Afternoon Sessions I, Various Locations

- Session: Printmaking Presentation and Demo with Thorsten Dennerline, printmaking faculty member, Print Shop, VAPA
- Session: Interactive Physical Theatre Workshop with Jenny Rohn, drama faculty member, VAPA D207

4:00 pm Charter Bus Arrives from NYC, Welcome Tent

4:00 – 5:00 pm Helen Frankenthaler '49 sculpture lecture presented by Jon Isherwood, sculpture faculty member, Tishman.

5:30 – 6:30 pm Helen Frankenthaler '49 Sculpture Exhibition Opening Reception, Usdan Gallery, VAPA

5:00 – 7:00 pm Buffet dinner, Commons

6:30 – 8:30 pm Alumni and Trustee Gala Dinner (invitation/registration only), Tent on VAPA Lawn

9:00 – 10:00 pm “Everything Old is New Again”: An Eclectic Cabaret with Tom Bogdan, music faculty member; Bruce Williamson, music faculty member; and Mike DelPrete, bass instructor, Martha Hill Theatre, VAPA

9:00 pm Alumni Band Concert Student Center

- The Well Enough Folk Band with Helen Gassenheimer '04
- The Kiss-Off with Sam Tyndall '04
- Dennis Warren's Full Metal Revolutionary Jazz Ensemble with Dennis Warren '84 and Tor Snyder '85

Saturday October 6

9:00am – 10:00 am Continental Breakfast (available for purchase), Commons

9:00am – 3:00 pm Oral Histories Collection Project Open. Barn 124.

9:15 – 10:15 am Morning Sessions I, Various Locations

- Both sessions "Hatha Yoga for Everyone" taught by Sarama Minoli '47 (bring your yoga mat or a big towel and dress comfortably), The End of the World

- Session: "Educating Teachers in a Liberal Arts Context" with Carol Meyer, Director of the Isabelle Kaplan Center for Languages and Cultures and the Masters of Teaching a Second Language Program, VAPA D208
- Session: "Today's Field Work Term" presented by current students and Tammy Fraser, Director of Field Work Term, Tishman

10:00am – 4:00 pm Silent Auction of Student Art Work (Winners announced at 6:00 pm), Commons Lounge

10:30 am – 11:30 am Morning Sessions II, Various Locations

- Session: "Bennington Students in a Creative Economy" with Ken Himmelman, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Barn 100
- Session: Bennington College Archival Film Viewing presented by current students, Jennings 136
- Session: "Two Blue Wolves" multimedia presentation and reading with Sparrow Hall '98, Kinoteca, VAPA

12:00 – 1:30 pm Luncheon, Tent on Commons Lawn

1:00 – 2:30 pm Soccer game, Soccer Field

1:45 – 2:45 pm Afternoon Sessions I, Various Locations

- Both sessions: Park McCullough and the Gold Rush with Eileen Scully, history faculty member: pre-register at Welcome Tent (1:45-4:00 pm)
- Session: Leni: The Life and Work of Leni Riefenstahl presented by Steven Bach, film and literature faculty member, Kinoteca, VAPA
- Session: Campus Architectural History; slideshow and presentation with Joan Goodrich, Vice President for Planning and Special Programs, and Donald Sherefkin, architecture faculty member, Fireplace Room, Deane Carriage Barn (1:45-3:15)

3:00 – 4:00 pm Afternoon Sessions II, Various Locations

- Session: "Dancing in Bennington: Fighting in the Real World, 1932: Spain and El Salvador" with Sonia Perez and Jonathan Pitcher, Spanish faculty members, Barn 100
- Session: Campus Secret Spaces Tour-leaving from Welcome Tent with current students
- Session: Pilates technique led by Lise Gerhard '74, VAPA E303

4:15 – 5:30 pm Panel discussion with Democracy Project faculty members Mansour Farhang and Mac Maharaj, moderated by President Coleman, Greenwall, VAPA

5:45 – 6:30 pm Parents Reception, Petrie Terrace

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner with keynote address by Elizabeth Coleman, President, Tent on Commons Lawn

8:30 pm – 10:00 pm *Open mic night, Up Caf (Sign up at the door)*

8:30 pm – 10:00 pm *Alumni Dance concert #1, Martha Hill, VAPA*

- Featuring: Myrna Packer '74 & Art Bridgman, Jon Kinzel '90, Penelope Cake - formerly Trina Moore '78, Hope Clark '87, Eva Schmidt '06, Peggy Florin MFA '87, Susan Sgorbati '72, MFA '86 Emergent Improvisation Ensemble - including Cori Olinghouse '01, Zornitsa Stoyanova '06, Katie Martin '04, Nicole Pope '03

9:00 pm *'70s Alumni Gathering at the ex-Villager, Kevin's at Mike's Place, North Bennington*

11:00 pm – 2:00 am *Awesomely Bad '80s Dance Party, Student Center*

Sunday October 7

9:00am – 3:00 pm *Oral Histories Collection Project Open, Barn 124*

9:15-10:15 am *Morning Sessions I, Various Locations*

- Both Sessions: Acupuncture without Needles: Reflexology and Holistic Health presented by Sarama Minoli '47, Dickinson 117 (9:15-11:30 am)
- Both Sessions: Hike with Outing Club members-leaving from Welcome Tent (9:15-11:30 am)
- Both Sessions: Re-Membering the Body: Healing through Movement workshop led by Judy Bachrach, VAPA E303 (9:15-11:30 am)
- Bennington College Archival Film Viewing presented by current students, Jennings 136

10:30 am – 11:30 am *Morning Sessions II, Various Locations*

- Session: "The Gulf Between Love and Hate is No Greater than 6: Experiments in Language, Literature, and Mathematics," a lecture with Jason Zimba, math faculty member, Barn 100
- Session: Campus Architectural History; slideshow and presentation with Joan Goodrich, Vice President for Planning and Special Programs, and Donald Sherefkin, architecture faculty member, Fireplace Room, Deane Carriage Barn (1:45-3:15)
- Session: Alumni Dance Films, Kinoteca, VAPA. Featuring work by Laurie Freedman '67, DD Dorvillier '89, Elizabeth Leonard '38, Deborah Gladstein '77 and, Melinda Ring MFA '01

12:30 – 2:00 pm *Alumni Dance Panel Discussion and Luncheon "Dance in Colleges: How has it changed? How could it change?", VAPA D208*

- Presenters: Penny Campbell '70, Linda Tarnay '64, Sandra Burton MFA '87, Caitlin Corbett '79, Dana Reitz MFA '94, Terry Creach, and Wendy Perron – Moderator

12:30 – 2:00 pm *Lunch in Downtown Bennington, Shuttles leaving from the Welcome Tent*

2:15 – 3:15 pm *Afternoon Sessions I, Various Locations*

- Both sessions: Campus nature walk with Kerry Woods, biology faculty member- leaving from in front of Jennings (2:15-4:30 pm)
- Session: Movement Workshop- Body Care and Repair: A Somatic Approach to Pain Relief presented by Laura Gates MFA '98, VAPA E303
- Session: Climbing Wall Class with current students, Meyer Rec Barn
- Session: Alumni Dance Films, Kinoteca, VAPA. Featuring work by Laurie Freedman '67, DD Dorvillier '89, Elizabeth Leonard '38, Deborah Gladstein '77 and, Melinda Ring MFA '01

3:30 – 4:30 pm Afternoon Sessions II, Various Locations

- Session: Alumni Dance Concert #2, Martha Hill, VAPA (3:30-5:00) Featuring: Melinda Buckwalter MFA '02 (pre-show in Newman Court), Lynn Ellen Klarich '03, Zornitsa Stoyanova '06, Monique Jenkinson '92, Danny Herter '06, Barbara Roan (former faculty), Eva Karczag MFA '04
- Session: Campus Secret Spaces Tour with current students- leaving from Welcome Tent
- Alumni vs. Current Students Soccer Game (show up with your sneakers or cleats), Soccer Field

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Open Coffee Hours in Student Houses hosted by House Chairs, All Common Rooms

5:00 - 6:00 pm 50th, 60th, & Pioneers Reunion Reception, Jennings Music Building

5:00 - 6:00 pm Class Reunion Receptions, Student Center

6:00 – 8:00 pm Class Reunion Dinners, Student Center

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8:00 – 9:00 pm Alumni Dance Concert #3, VAPA E303. Featuring: Helene Lesterlin MFA '03 & Jack Magai '91, Selene Colburn '91, Maureen Ellenhorn '88, MFA '01, Katie Martin '04

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Concert featuring Bruce Williamson and Allen Shawn, music faculty members, Deane Carriage Barn

9:00pm '80s, '90s, and '00s Gathering, William Scully's '94 Pangaea Restaurant, North Bennington

Monday October 8

9:30 – 11:30 am Farewell Breakfast, Student Center

12:00 pm Charter Buses leave Bennington, Welcome Tent

Faculty and Staff Participants

- Steven Bach, film/literature
- Tom Bogdan, voice
- Terry Creach, associate dean for academic affairs/dance
- Mike DelPrete, bass
- Thorsten Dennerline, printmaking
- Mansour Farhang, diplomatic history/ international relations
- Tammy Fraser, director of field work term
- Michael Giannitti, lighting design coordinator
- Joan Goodrich, vice president for planning and special programs
- Ken Himmelman, dean of admissions and financial aid
- Mac Maharaj, Democracy Project
- Andrew McIntyre, mathematics
- Amie McClellan, biology
- Carol Meyer, Director of the Isabelle Kaplan Center for Languages and Cultures and the Masters of Teaching a Second Language Program
- Sonia Perez Villanueva, Spanish
- Jonathan Pitcher, Spanish
- Dana Reitz, dance coordinator
- Isabel Roche, French
- Jenny Rohn, drama
- Eileen Scully, history
- Susan Sgorbati, dance/mediation
- Allen Shawn, music composition
- Donald Sherefkin, architecture
- Janice Stockard, anthropology
- Bruce Williamson, music
- Oceana Wilson, director of library and information services
- Felice Wolfzahn, dance
- Kerry Woods, biology
- Jason Zimba, math/physics