Dear Carleton friends,

Thank you for your request for more information about Carleton’s Alumni Adventure weekend in the Berkshires This promises to be a wonderful weekend of Art, Authors and Plays!

The weekend will begin on Thursday afternoon, July 10, at the Pittsfield (MA) Crown Plaza and end with a wrap-up discussion over a continental breakfast on Sunday morning, July 13.

Professor Frank Morral will guide us through the world of Shakespeare as we attend plays on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. The schedule for Shakespeare & Company has not been announced yet but we hope to hear no later than mid-December. Please watch the Carleton website for this information as it will be posted there immediately: http://apps.carleton.edu/alumni/adventures/Berkshires08/

Friday we will have the opportunity to visit the home and gardens of Edith Wharton which is known as The Mount and enjoy a lunch on the terrace. The afternoon will take us to the Hancock Shaker Village which was established in 1783, and thrived as an active Shaker community during most of the following two centuries. Divided into six family groups along north-south and east-west axes, Hancock was a typical Shaker community with communal dwellings, craft shops, a meetinghouse, and barns. We will take part in a Shaker Supper and enjoy some Shaker entertainment before heading to the theater.

Saturday following breakfast and conversation with Prof. Morral we will travel to Stockbridge, Mass. On the way we will stop at Arrowhead, the home of Herman Melville. After some free time in Stockbridge we will all meet at the Red Lion Inn for a group lunch. The afternoon can be spent at the Norman Rockwell Museum or as you choose, with our third and final play that evening.

Transportation will be provided as we travel around the Berkshires.

We are delighted you might be joining us for what promises to be an exciting and fulfilling weekend. If you have any questions, please call me at 800-729-2586 (email: mcalcutt@acs.carleton.edu).

Sincerely,

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