

Pre-Approved events for Fall, 2007.

OLLI, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Berkshire Community College, K 111, from 10am until 12 noon on Saturday, September 8th, presents Alan Chartock, leading political commentator, and President and CEO of WAMC Northeast Public Radio station, will discuss his projections for the primaries, as well as the likely outcome of the elections. The discussion is entitled "HANDICAPPING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS." Dr. Chartock will explore what we might expect from both the Democratic and Republican parties in the months ahead. He will provide his analysis of the trends in the electorate and of the strategies of the candidates. The unusually large number of potential nominees in both parties will provide excellent material for a lively discussion. As regular listeners to WAMC know, Alan Chartock is a knowledgeable, provocative and stimulating commentator. Dr. Chartock never fails to provide strongly opinionated commentary. This program promises to provoke differing political viewpoints and friendly disagreements among audience members, too. **FREE to BCC students, faculty and staff.** The cost for members is \$10.00; \$15.00 for guests. For information on this program and to register, call the OLLI office at 413-236-2190 or visit www.BerkshireOLLI.org.

Bard College at Simon's Rock. Christopher Coggins will present the lecture "*Is There Evolution after Darwin?*" Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m., in the McConnell Theater. Free and open to the public.

Christopher Coggins is a faculty member at Simon's Rock, and his research deals with cultural landscapes, biodiversity, protected area management, political ecology, and globalization in China. His work on geography and environmental topics has been published in the *Geographical Review*; the *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Policy Matters*, a journal of the world conservation union; *Proceedings of the New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society*; and other geography and Asia-related periodicals. He is the author of *The Tiger and The Pangolin: Nature, Culture and Conservation in China*, and co-author of the *Primates of China: Biogeography and Conservation Studies – Past, Present, and Future*.

BARD COLLEGE AT SIMON'S ROCK 2007 POETRY AND FICTION SERIES:

Connecticut Poet Laureate Marilyn Nelson begins the series on September 20.

Marilyn Nelson, Connecticut Poet Laureate, will be the first guest in the Simon's Rock Poetry and Fiction Series. She will give a reading of her poetry on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. Nelson is author of *The Cachoeira Tales and Other Poems*; *Carver: A Life in Poems*; *The Fields of Praise: New and Selected Poems*; and *Magnificat*. The recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, including two Pushcart Prizes, two NEA Writing Fellowships, a Guggenheim, and a Fulbright Fellowship, Nelson is Professor Emeritus at the University of Connecticut, Storrs.

Nelson has also published collections of verse for children: *The Cat Walked through the Casserole and Other Poems for Children* (with Pamela Espeland, 1984) and *Halfdan Rasmussen's Hundreds of Hens and Other Poems for Children* (1982), which she translated from Danish with Pamela Espeland; and *A Wreath for Emmett Till* (Houghton Mifflin, 2005), a book of interlinked sonnets that deals with the 1955 lynching of a 14-year-old boy in Mississippi.

Born in Cleveland in 1946, to a U.S. Air Force serviceman and a teacher, and brought up on military bases, she started writing while still in elementary school. She earned her B.A. from the University of California, Davis, and holds graduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Minnesota.

- The Poetry and Fiction series will continue on October 2, with novelist and short story writer Joanna Scott reading from her fiction. The recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, a Guggenheim, and the Lannan Literary Award, Scott is the author of nine books, including *Everybody Loves Somebody*, *Tourmaline*.

Twenty-Seventh Annual E. F. Schumacher Lectures

Saturday, October 27th, 2007, 10am-5pm

with Charles Turner, Majora Carter, and Michael Shuman

Location: Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle Street, Great Barrington, MA