



Wednesday July 18th
Blacksburg, VA
SUUSI 2007: *To Live Fully*

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FROM THE BOARD

SUUSI 2008: RADFORD, HERE WE COME!

It's official! Come join us July 20-26, 2008 for SUUSI '08, at Radford University. Some long-time SUUSI-ites will remember two previous SUUSI sojourns at Radford (1975-1989 and 1996-1999). For those whose SUUSI experience doesn't date back quite that far – fear not! Radford University is a lovely, smaller college campus located less than 20 miles from Blacksburg, featuring state-of-the-art facilities for workshops and other activities, access to the same New River Valley nature terrain we all know and love, and excellent spaces for outdoor community life. (Long-time SUUSI veterans will be happy to know, too, that most Radford dorms have been renovated and air-conditioned). The decision to move SUUSI to Radford was not made lightly. We have come to know and love Virginia Tech, and our Hokie hosts, since returning here in 2000. But as VT has grown, and incoming Freshman Orientation has come to take up more of our hosts' resources, we were informed that – though they love us, too – Tech could no longer host us during any week in July except Fourth of July week.

Last summer, through a Town Hall meeting and online surveys, the SUUSI community expressed its desire not to change our gathering time to Fourth of July week. With this feedback in hand, the ongoing SUUSI Site Selection Committee – which had been in contact with various colleges and other potential host facilities around the Southeast – moved into high gear. Many sites we contacted had non-negotiable difficulties (e.g., inability to host a group as large as SUUSI; athletic or summer camps already contracted; restrictive alcohol policies; major renovations during upcoming summers, etc.) When all factors were taken into account, Radford shone head and shoulders above all other potential SUUSI sites.

The Board then approved contract negotiations with Radford, and we are pleased to report that the contract has been signed – Radford will be our host next July!

With any move, there is necessarily change. Probably most significant will be a change in our living arrangements. Dorm rooms at Radford are configured such that two rooms (not three) share a bathroom, and there are no "suites." The campus is smaller, flatter, and more accessible. And – best of all – we will be the only group on campus during SUUSI week; Radford staff will be there to serve only us!

Change is difficult. We will miss Virginia Tech – the architecture, the large open spaces, the places where we have made memories. But we are not alone in our migration; other similar UU conferences have been on the move lately (SWIM changed locale a couple of years back; the former Lake Geneva Summer Assembly is now "MUUSA" – the Midwest UU Summer Assembly – and has moved from Wisconsin to Missouri!).

As we pack up this Saturday morning, and wave goodbye to Tech, we know that we will carry with us lifelong memories. Come join us at the Closing Circle, Saturday at 9 a.m., as we bid farewell to Blacksburg, and begin a new chapter in the SUUSI saga.

The Board invites those interested in asking further questions about the move to Radford to join them for lunch at 12:15 in the semi-private section of D2 Dining Hall closest to Peddrew-Yates.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Birthday to...

Happy Birthday to Wilson Fullagar and Jane Ellen Kravetz!

Tuesday at a Glance	
6:30-9:30 am	SUUSI Breakfast All SUUSI Meals are in D2
9-9:45 am Owens Ballroom	Theme Talk: Amy Carol Webb <i>Taking the Fork</i>
11 am-1:30 pm	SUUSI Lunch
11 am-Noon SUUSI Store	Singings & Signings: Bo Chagnon
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1-2 pm SUUSI Store	Stories & Signings: Meg Barnhouse
2-4 pm Owens Ballroom	Showcase of Stars: Joe Jenks, Louisa Wimberger, & Pete Leary. \$5 drop in fee
4-5 pm SUUSI Store	Singings & Signings: Kym Tuvim
5:15-6:15 pm SUUSI Quad	Community Time <i>Play Day</i>
6:30-8 pm	SUUSI Dinner Time
8-8:45 pm Owens Ballroom	Evening Worship: <i>Lammas</i> Amy Baldwin
9:30-midnight Owens Ballroom	Cabaret: Neil Durrett, Beau- coup Blue, Rod MacDonald, Wishing Chair, Sing-a-long with Eleanor & more!
10 pm-1 am Owens Hokie Grill	Serendipity: <i>I love the 80's</i> <i>Hair bands and "new wave"</i> <i>You go-go girls (and guys)!</i>
10 pm-1 am Owens Food Court	CACHE: <i>Leather & Lace</i>
1-4 am Slusher 120	Late Night in Common Ground Cafe
SUUSI Office Hours	
Payne 1-A 7:45-8:45 am 12-1 pm 6:30-7:30 pm	Health Office Smile at someone today!
Payne 1002 8-7 pm	Info Office 540-231-6254
8-9:45 am 4:15-6:15 pm Payne 1-B	Registration Office <i>For all your drop/add needs</i>
10 am-5 pm PY 140	SUUSI Store Signings at 11 am, noon, 1, 4, and 5 pm.

Minister of the day: Rev. Bill Neely

The minister of the day is on call for pastoral emergencies in the SUUSI Community. Stop by the SUUSI Info Office in Payne from 8 am to 7 pm for assistance in contacting the Minister of the Day (after hours, go to the VT 24-hour desk in Peddrew-Yates).

Theme Talk: Amy Carol Webb, *Taking the Fork*

Robert Frost took the road less traveled. I took a fork unforeseen! To live fully sometimes means making a way where there was none - or taking a path you never knew existed. The key is learning to let love guide you, courage embolden you and faith lead you down the road of your imaginings - especially the ones you thought were lost.

Play Day 5:15-6:30 pm TODAY!

Join the SUUSI community in the NRE/P-Y quad for tons of games and fun! Get psychedelic at our annual tie-dye station (bring your 100% cotton articles and \$3 per item to be tie dyed). Magic awaits at the Harry Potter craft table. Be sure to bring your frisbees, bubbles, and any other toys you can think of! The Young Adults will be helping out today with many of the activities, including the astonishing transformation when cornstarch is mixed with water (you'll have to feel it to believe it!)

Have You Met All the Newcomers Yet?

Newcomers to SUUSI have those bumblebee stickers on their name tags. So hug a bee (or shake their hand) and get to know some new SUUSI-goers.

SUUSI Store Happenings

The SUUSI Store has a fabulous day planned for you. At 11 am come enjoy the wonderful deep voice of Bo Chagnon, singing and signing! At noon, the incomparable Amy Carol Webb will perform for us, followed at 1 pm by the witty and insightful Meg Barnhouse singing, signing and telling her marvelous stories. And last, but certainly not least, from 4-5 pm you can catch another performance by last night's excellent concert performer, Kym Tuvim! Come join in the fun, and meet these talented individuals up close and personal!

Items are flying out the door of our SUUSI Store at its new location, PY 140, so come on over before the things you want are gone. We've got t-shirts, music, books galore, and lots of fun items for all ages. And, it's not too late to pre-order a Harry Potter book or audio book. Accio Book 7!

Greenburg CDs for SUUSI

Purchase Steve Greenberg's CDs from the SUUSI store. All proceeds from the sale of Steve Greenberg's CDs go to SUUSI. You may purchase any or all of his four CDs. Hear him sing at the SUUSI Store Thursday at noon.

**Evening Worship Amy Baldwin
First Fruits - Lammas Ritual**

Come join in the REAL old-time religion as we celebrate the "loaf mass" (Lammas), the first grain harvest of the year. Be prepared for singing, dancing, laughter and organic wheat all the way from California. Feel free to bring drums, noisemakers, and your joyous voices. The ritual will be held in the Quad behind Sandy Hall (building 101 on the Drillfield Loop). In case of rain, meet in Owens Ballroom.

Amy Baldwin describes herself as an atheist, Neopagan humanist. She has been a witch since age 14 and for 20+ years created rituals for the turning of the seasons.

TWOB (Teen Way Off Broadway)

If you haven't already done so, pick up your TWOB Tickets at the SUUSI Info Office in Payne. Show times are Friday at 8 pm and 9:30 pm. The tickets help us balance seating between the two performances. The show will be at the Lyric Theater, 135 College Ave in downtown Blacksburg. Follow the crowds on Friday if you don't know where it is. Wednesday's hint:

The bell tolls at midnight. Does it toll for thee; wait and see?

Do you think you know the Theme? Read Thursday's NUUS to be sure.

Star Car: The TWOB Trolley

Need the Star Car to get to TWOB on Friday night? You must reserve a 7:30 pm ride for the 8 pm show, and a 9 pm ride for the 9:30 show. See the SUUSI Info Office in Payne or Nancy Mayer or Dave Salman.

Magic in the Margins

For a prize from Honeydukes sweet shop, be the first to solve the cypher below.

"LENH RBTA WNTGR LNERB, JP ABMCC DP
CPMYTGV RBP LTEH LNZGQMRTNG NL LMOR
MGQ INZEGPUTGV RNVPRBPE RBENZVB
RBP HZESU HMEABPA NL HPHNEU TGRN
RBTOSPPRA NL JTCQPAR VZPAAJNES." -MCDZA
QZHDCPQNEP

A sweet treat will also be awarded for the most creative interpretation of the SUUSI crest, embellishing the style of Griffindor, Ravenclaw, and the like. Submit contests to the Info Office with your name and age (if Youth). Winners announced Thursday.

Calling All Quilters

Wanted a few good quilters! Take a look at the SUUSI T-shirt Banners, in the foyer of the Owens Ballroom. If you would like to contribute a similar banner for 2008, meet with Alexis Jones at 8:45 am Thursday in the Owens Ballroom foyer.

Tip: Write your name on your meal card

To increase the likelihood of finding a lost meal card, write your name and "Return to SUUSI Info Office, Payne 1st floor" on it.

Men's Support Group now in New Res C-1

The time will remain 4:10-5:30 WThF.

Missing Toys

If you participated in early arrival childcare, please check to see if you acquired toys which don't belong to your family. Contact Kim Gordon to return any such toys - she may be reached in P-Y 401 or at 404-229-1388.

Graphic Designer Available

2007 graphic design graduate seeks full-time position. Contact Chris Daniel at 757-477-0967 or cd_graphics@hotmail.com

NUUS Submission Deadline is Noon

Email articles to nuus@suusi.org or drop information by the Info Office in Payne.

Cypher Hint: replace s with a