

*This Columbus Day week-end, come join us in the Berkshires for the 4th Annual **GATHERING***



October 7 - 9, 2005

Hello fellow Gatherists,

We are less than 2 weeks away from G4 and we wanted to make sure you have all the info you need. Here are answers to the most commonly asked questions:

Presentations

All First-time attendees are expected to present a topic under this year's theme of Passion and Persistence. Please contact George, Astro, John or myself if you have any questions:

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RSVPs and Payment

If you are on the dwindling list of people who have RSVP'd for G4 but have not yet sent payment, a short blurb on yourself, a URL and a digital picture, please do so immediately to juliettepower@gmail.com.

If you have not yet sent us your attendance payment, your spot at G4 is still reserved, but due to overwhelming interest in the event we can only hold it until Friday, September 30th. Please remit your payment for the event by then so that we may get a final count and begin extending firm invites to those on the standby list. If we do not receive your payment by that date, we will assume you will not be attending.

You need to act now!

Musicians

It looks like we once again have a very musical bunch attending G4. Feel free to bring your guitars, percussions, violins, spoons....

Other Activities

For those of you who need extra help recharging those batteries, we can also offer masseurs (per person price varies depending on demand) and yoga (10\$ pp/class) on-site, as well as a sunrise and sunset Kayak tours (\$40 pp).

Please let me know if you would like to register for these additional activities.

We have been overwhelmed by the interest in the event this year, and many of you have been enthusiastic about inviting other friends and colleagues. Space is extremely limited, so instead of inviting people directly, please send their contact information to me or have them contact me.

We look forward to seeing your information on the website and you in person at the fourth annual Gathering!

Warmly,

Juliette



Schedule:

On Friday, Oct 7th:

We begin with an informal brunch at noon that serves as a loose 'meet and greet' and rolls right into an intro of our theme "passion and persistence" by one of our Gathering founders Astro Teller. Some stellar presentations follow from several first time Gatherists. After a dinner break, we'll proceed with the world premiere screening of a documentary by Oscar nominated director Adrian Belic (one of our favorite storyteller Gatherists who is flying in from Africa for the presentation).

On Saturday:

We begin presentations after breakfast at 10am with top notch presentations and a creativity workshop. We'll break for lunch and continue with presentations from new Gatherists. Dinner is capped off by musical performances, including a stunning vocal performance by a wonderful jazz artist coming in from Tokyo for the event. Alumni Gatherists Christina Courtin and Kyle Senna will be performing with their percussionist, newcomer Mathias Kunzli. Alumni Gatherist Jacques Marcotte, creative director, special events, Cirque du Soleil will be coordinating these performances.

On Sunday:

We offer a brunch and more presentations ranging from Artificial Intelligence to photography and from comedy to social engineering, with a little art and science thrown in for good measure...

Bring Some of These Things:

- Musical Instruments (Acoustic and Electric)
- Some sort of bedding if you want it
- Tent if you want it
- Toys and other amusements

TRANSPORTATION BY TRAIN:

Metro North, Harlem Valley Line
Grand Central Station to Wassaic
(\$13.25 one-way / Transfer at Southeast)

Preferred train leaves Grand Central at 3:50pm on Saturday 30 July 2005. If you take this train, call 646.242.3215 to confirm pickup. If you take a different train, you'll need to arrange your own pickup. It's about 1 hour from Wassaic to Potting Shed.

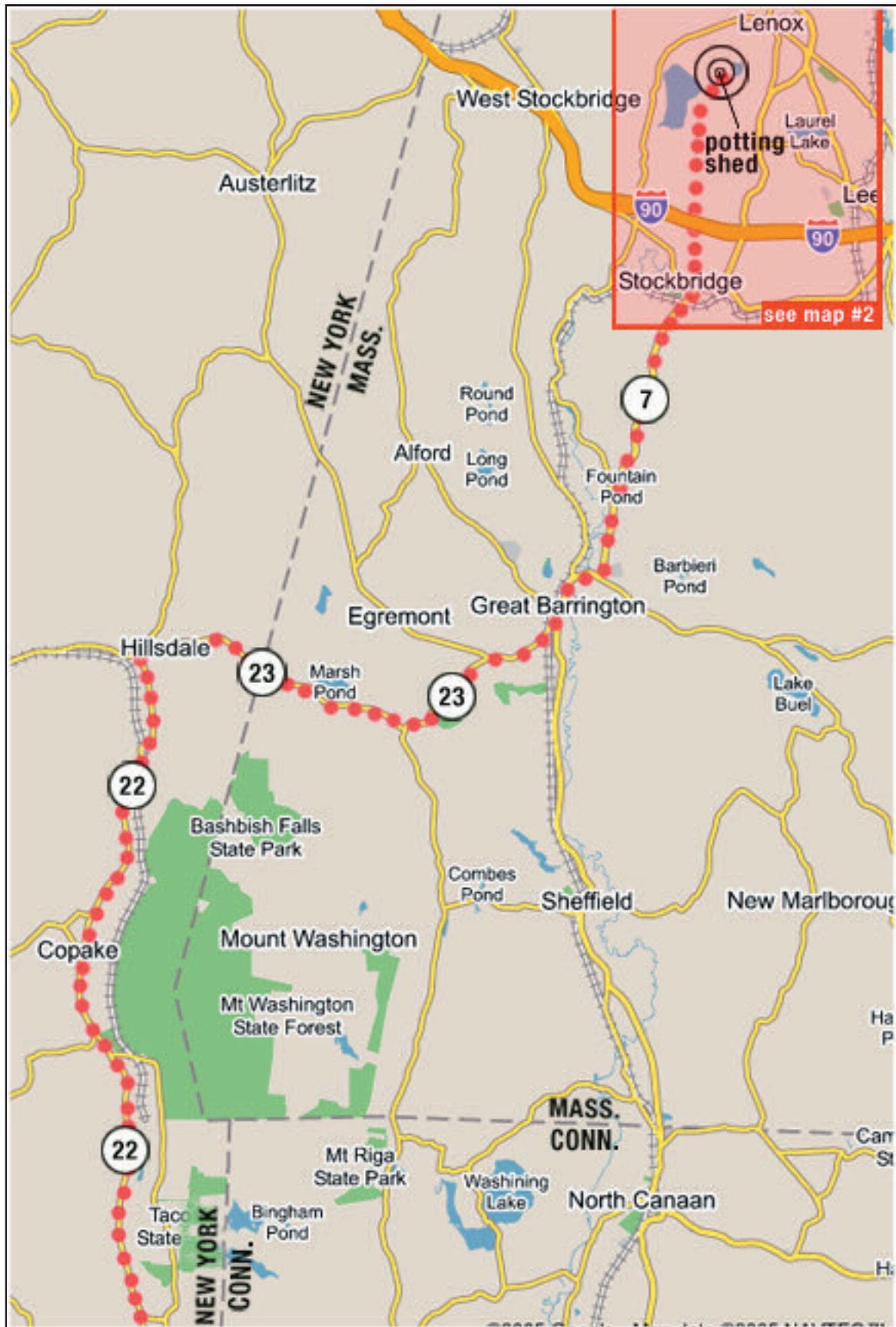
DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM NEW YORK CITY:

- Triboro Bridge to The Bronx
- Bruckner Expwy to "New England"
- Hutchinson River Parkway North
- Interstate 684 North
(Hutchinson ends and you get a choice between Merrit Pkwy and 684) CONTINUE ON 684 TO END!
- 22 North until Hillsdale NY (see map #1)
- RIGHT on 23 East to Great Barrington MA
- LEFT on 7 North to Stockbridge (see map #2)
When you reach Stockbridge you'll see a big white hotel on the right and a monument on the left.
- Go Straight. Do not follow Rt. 7.
- After the Tennis courts, Bear Left up the Hill.
Continue 4 miles.
- After Lake on Left, Take 3rd Right. Sign says "White Pines" (map #3 R1)
- Take Two Lefts (map #3 L1 + L2) and One Right (Map #3 R2).
- You're There.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM BOSTON:

- Mass Pike West
- Get off at Exit 2 "Lee" (See Map#2)
- 102 West to Stockbridge
- Right at Main Intersection with Stone Church on Right and big white hotel on Left.
- After the Tennis courts, Bear Left up the Hill.
Continue 4 miles.
- After Lake on Left, Take 3rd Right. Sign says "White Pines" (map #3 R1)
- Take Two Lefts (map #3 L1 + L2) and One Right (Map #3 R2).
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MAP 1



MAP 2



MAP 3

