



Annual Meeting of the Virginia Humanities Conference April 12-13, 1991 Mountain Lake Resort Sponsored by New River Community College

Call for Papers:

The Transcendentalist Spirit: Fronting the Essentials

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."
--Thoreau

The annual meeting of the Virginia Humanities Conference will be held at Mountain Lake Resort on April 12-13, 1991. The theme for the conference will be "The Transcendentalist Spirit: Fronting the Essentials." Proposals for papers, panels, and visual or theatrical presentations are solicited in the four categories given below. Papers should have a 20-minute reading time. Presenters will be expected to share copies of their papers with conference participants.

Historical/Philosophical Development of Transcendentalism

*Plato
Goethe
Kant
Romanticism*

*Mysticism
Nineteenth century thought
Transcendental Club*

The Next Century (1850-1950) - Transcendental Influences on Thought, Values, Lifestyles, Literature

*Social reform
Self-reliance
Divinity of man*

*Industrialism
American scholarship/intellectualism*

Transcendentalist Influence Since 1950

*Passive resistance
Civil disobedience
Civil rights*

*Environmental concerns
Individualism
Practical applications of transcendentalist thought*

1990 and Beyond

*Harmony with nature
Land-use policies
Antimaterialism*

*Conservatism
Humans and technology
Role of governments*

Proposals in the form of one- to two-page abstracts should be sent to Lewis Martin, President, Virginia Humanities Conference, New River Community College, P.O. Drawer 1127, Dublin, VA 24084.

**DEADLINES:
OCTOBER 15, 1990, FOR ABSTRACTS**

JANUARY 15, 1991, FOR COMPLETED PAPERS

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