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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NH Governor John H. Lynch announces September New Hampshire Literary & Arts Month

“The Monadnock Literary & Arts Festival is an inspiring occasion of the first-order.”

—Baron Wormser, former poet laureate of the State of Maine

Glen Brook’s second annual Monadnock Literary & Arts Festival invites writers, artists, actors, musicians – and participants – to celebrate the effects of place on our daily lives. Whether we live in city neighborhoods, the suburbs, exurbs, or rural landscape, our environment affects who we are: our choice of music and entertainment, our outdoor adventures and our culinary tastes, even the friends we choose. Artists and writers and visitors are invited to Glen Brook’s Marlborough, NH, campus to celebrate three days of the arts – writer discussions and readings, artist presentations, and musical performances. Follow this link for more information:

http://www.glenbrook.org/events/ML_and_A.aspx

Glen Brook’s 250-acre campus, set on a Colonial-era farm in view of Mount Monadnock in southern New Hampshire, is the ideal setting for a three-day celebration on the significance of place. The campus includes an active biodynamic farm, hundreds of acres of pristine forests with a dozen trails, a swimming pond, and some 30 acres of open hayfields, offering views of the mountain that are among the most striking in the region.

Literature: Visiting writers present their recent work – fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. In addition to interactive story workshops, writers will offer reflections on how their work is influenced by their sense of place.

2010 writers (so far):

Verlyn Klinkenborg, *New York Times* writer and author of *The Rural Life*

Alexandra Zissu, *New York Times* ‘Style’ writer and author of *The Conscious Kitchen*

Walter Butts, New Hampshire Poet Laureate

Ved Mehta, Fellow, Royal Society of Literature, former staff writer of *The New Yorker* and author of *The Red Letters*

Sy Montgomery, author of *Birdology* and *The Good Good Pig*

Howard Mansfield, author of *Turn and Jump*

Margaret Hathaway, author of *The Year of the Goat*

Clare Walker Leslie, author of *My Eco-Log* and *Nature Journal*

Judson Hale, editor-in-chief of *Yankee Magazine*, and author of *Inside New England*

Edie Clark, contributing editor, *Yankee Magazine*, and author of *The Place He Made* and *The View from Mary’s Farm*

Tom Wessels, author of *Myth of Progress*

Chris Leahy, author of *Birdwatcher’s Companion to North American Bird Life*

Michael Steinberg, author of *Stalking the Ghost Bird*



Robert Begiebing, *Rebecca Wentworth's Distraction*

Kim Ponders, *The Last Blue Mile*

Diane Les Becquets, *The Stones of Mourning Creek*

Richard Adams Carey, *The Philosopher Fish*

Katherine Towler, *Snow Island*

Music: The Literary & Arts Festival offers several live musical performances, a single-set concert Friday night, short performances between literary and art presentations, and the main event – a multi-set concert on Saturday night. Musicians are selected for the overall creativity of their work and for its reflection on its place of origin.

2010 Musicians (so far):

Erica Wheeler

Bernie Watson & Louise Curran

Lunatic Fringe

Dan Strauss

Fox That Sound

Art: Five artists will be invited to showcase their work in Glen Brook's large wooden Barn. The space will feature both natural and incandescent lighting on the displays.

2010 Artists (so far):

Frankie Brackley Tolman

Clare Walker Leslie

Janet Gordon

Art Retrospective by Edie Clark, contributing editor, *Yankee Magazine*: Onni Saari

Food: Glen Brook's culinary director, Chef Ash Sheehan, prepares a three-day feast – most of which is harvested from Glen Brook's biodynamic farm. The remainder of ingredients comes from local sources. Culinary offerings are all inspired by Glen Brook's unique Eco-gastronomy program, a year-round effort to include groups of children and adults in Glen Brook's biodynamic farm and that merges adventurous flavors with the resulting ingredients.

Vendors: Vendors are invited to sell certain kinds of merchandise appropriate to the Festival's mission, such as books, arts and crafts, furniture, food and produce, musical and video productions, and other items by special arrangement. Food should be locally grown or locally produced. Other items should be made or produced by the vendor or the vendor's company.

Sponsors: The Monadnock Literary & Arts Festival is produced by Glen Brook in association with several supporting organizations, including the Environmental Studies Department of Antioch University and The Keene Sentinel. Additional sponsorships are pending.

Cost:

Friday: FREE and open to the public (buffet supper: \$10)

Three-day ticket for all events: \$35

One-day ticket for all events: \$20

Three-day meal ticket: \$75 (includes all meals and snacks)

One-day meal ticket: \$35 (includes all meals and snacks)

Three-day ticket: \$200 (includes all meals, lodging, and all events)

Lodging (limited availability): \$45 per night in bunk room; \$70 per night in private room

Camping: \$15 per night

Student and teacher discount: 20%

More information on the Glen Brook Literary & Art Festival is available online at www.glenbrook.org. Or contact Twain Braden, Glen Brook Director: twain@glenbrook.org or 603-876-3342.

