

**Pre Festival Event: Sunday, September 29. 12 noon: Jack Kerouac Road Race**, Old Worthen House, 141 Worthen St. For more info and registration, see [www.jackkerouac5k.com](http://www.jackkerouac5k.com)

#### Thursday, October 10

**5:30-8:00 pm: Traditional Kerouac Pubs Tour.** Old Worthen, 141 Worthen St., to Ricardo's to Ward Eight to Cappy's Copper Kettle. Meet leaders at the Worthen.

**8 pm-????: LCK Celebrates Amram! Traditional LCK kick-off music-and-readings event**, Cappy's Copper Kettle, 245 Central St. Alan Crane and friends will perform with David Amram. Readers of Kerouac passages will do the interludes. Always a kick!

#### Friday, October 11

**9:30 am: The Annual Jack Kerouac Poetry & Prose Competition.** Held at Jack Kerouac's alma mater, Lowell High School. Students will read their poems and prose entries. David Amram will share his memories of collaborating with Jack Kerouac while the judges deliberate. All are welcome. Lowell HS Freshman Academy theater, 40 Paige St.

**12:30 pm. A Walk in Doctor Sax's Woods.** Through the Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest or at your leisure throughout the weekend. Maps will be available via the LCK facebook page, LCK website, and at merchandise tables. Contact leader Nomi at [nomi1219@verizon.net](mailto:nomi1219@verizon.net) or 617-775-8155 for car-pooling info and alternate times.

**3:30 pm. Talking Jack.** Readings and discussion, UML Inn & Conference Center lobby, 50 Warren Court. Look for the LCK group.

**5 -8 pm, The Divine and Perfect Ecstasy: Encaustic paintings and prints inspired by Jack Kerouac's "Visions of Gerard." Artist Barbara Gagel.** Exhibition opening at Ayer Lofts Gallery, 172 Middle St. Exhibition will be open on

weekends through November 3. Hours for the LCK weekend are 11 to 4; on other weekends, 12 to 5.

**7:30 pm. Showing of "Grave Concerns". Film with director Brent Mason.** Thirty minute film explores Kerouac places in Lowell, culminating at his gravesite. White Eagle Pub, 585 Market Street.

**8:30 pm. Jamming Jack.** Listen to Jack himself read and sing in recordings with interludes by David Amram, Steve Dalchinsky, and friends, White Eagle Pub, 585 Market St.

#### Saturday, October 12.

**9:15 am. Commemorative at the Commemorative.** Bridge and French Streets. This year will focus on "**Early Memories.**" Join us at the Jack Kerouac Commemorative, an internationally renowned literary landmark that was dedicated 25 years ago in the summer of 1988. Some of the early participants on the LCK Committee will speak to their first encounters with Kerouac's works and share their personal inspirations in creating and supporting Lowell Celebrates Kerouac over the past 25 years. We'll read from Jack's letters about his earliest memories of Lowell. David Amram will provide musical accompaniment.

**10:15 am. "Kerouac's Lowell" Birthplace-to-Gravesite Bus Tour.** Visiting his homes and other important Kerouac sites, finishing at gravesite. Led by Roger Brunelle. Leaves from Commemorative. Required \$10 donation. Reservations at 978-970-5000

**10:30 – 12 noon. Welles Emporium's Kerouac Open House.** For those not on the bus tour, come by the shop to browse Kerouac and LCK merchandise while enjoying music, readings, and discussion with coffee and pastries. Welles Emporium, 175 Merrimack St.

**12 noon. Homage to "Ti Jean" at Kerouac Gravesite.** Edson Cemetery, 1375 Gorham St. All commemorators of Kerouac

are welcome to share his spirit and readings, especially from "Visions of Gerard" on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**1:00 pm. Discovering Jack's Vision:** Roger Brunelle will lead a discussion of the visual interpretation of the abstract work of artist Barbara Gagel, using Jack Kerouac's words from "Visions of Gerard"; Ayer Lofts Gallery, 172 Middle St.

**2:00 pm. Parker Lecture: Celebrating Kerouac In Film and Word with Lowell native Jim Sampas.** Jim Sampas is the founder of Reimagine Studios. Among his numerous film and recording projects are several that relate to the life and work of Jack Kerouac. They include the audio CD set of *Doctor Sax and the Great World Snake*, and the widely acclaimed documentary *One Fast Move or I'm Gone* which highlights Kerouac's experience at California's Big Sur and the novel of the same name. Jim was also a part of the production team for the new movie *Big Sur*, also based on the Kerouac novel. Another current project is his tribute, *Kerouac—Joy, Kicks, Darkness*. His work has gained him the citation by the *Los Angeles Times* as "The thinking man's producer who has a reputation for sticking out of the pack." Visitor Center Theater, Lowell National Historical Park. 246 Market St.

**3:30 pm. Kerouac's Library Haunts and Hooky Tour.** Led by Bill Walsh, Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St. Meet at the Merrimack St. entrance.

**4 pm. Open Mike at the Old Worthen Upstairs**, 141 Worthen Street. Poets, musicians, and readers are welcome!

**5:30-7:00 pm. Merrimack and Moody Street Regulars.** Walking tour led by **Roger Brunelle**. Visit sites that Kerouac visited and walked past almost daily along Moody and Merrimack Streets with some remnants of Little Canada. Meet in front of City Hall.

**8 pm-???, Jack's Roots: From Canada to Lowell, with Michele Choiniere, Brent Mason, Bob Martin, David Amram, and poet Steve Dalachinsky.** Kerouac-influenced musicians from Canada, Lowell, and New York will perform individually and jam together in exploring his cultural roots.

There will be poems and readings mixed in from Kerouac's novels. Old Court Pub upstairs, 29-31 Central St.

### Sunday, October 13

**10 am. Kerouac's Nashua Connection Tour.** Visit the Kerouac family sites and graves in Nashua, NH, led by Steve Edington, author of "Kerouac's Nashua Connection." Meet at Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell, to ride in van or car pool.  
\$10 donation requested. Reservations at 978-970-5000.

**Sunday, 1:00-5:00 pm. Serious Amram Jam!** Our annual event featuring David Amram performing with a cast of many volunteer readers, poets, and musicians. You can feel the spirit of Kerouac moving here! Lowell Beerworks, 203 Cabot St.

**5:30 pm. Sun Sets Over Jack's Bridge: Adieu Again to Textile Memorial Bridge.** Moody Street Bridge, Watermelon Man Bridge, University Ave. Bridge; to be demolished SOON! Poems, readings, flowers, and a watermelon will be dropped from the bridge. Group walk from Amram Jam at Beerworks starting at 5.

**6:00 pm. Ghosts of the Pawtucketville Night Tour.** Led by Roger Brunelle. Visit Kerouac sites in Pawtucketville neighborhood and possibly the mystical Grotto. Group leaves from Textile Memorial Bridge, University Ave.

**8:00 pm. A Night of Poetry and Music.** This event features LCK guest poet Steve Dalachinsky with Yuko Otomo and friends. 119 Gallery, 119 Chelmsford St.

### Monday, October 14

**10:00 am. LCK group walk from Kerouac Commemorative.** Bridge St., to St. Louis church, W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Centralville.

**10:30 a.m. Mystic Jack Tour.** led by Roger Brunelle. Visit the church, school, and home that were so important in his early

years as described in "Visions of Gerard." Meet in front of St. Louis Church, 221 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

**12 to 4 pm: Walking Jack, Continuing The Kerouac Loop Walk.** From St. Louis School past Kerouac homes and landmarks in Centralville and Pawtucketville, finishing at Old Worthen Tavern for toasting to Jack.

**Post Festival Event: Sunday, October 20. 4 pm Until ???.**

**Waking Jack: Jack Kerouac Memorial Walk & Wake.** LCK group will walk with volunteer readings from the Grotto, music & readings to follow Upstairs at the Worthen; in memoriam of the death of Jack Kerouac on October 21, 1969. Meet at Grotto behind Franco-American School, 357 Pawtucket St.

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*Bless all living and dying things in the endless presence of the ethereal flower. Jack Kerouac, Visions of Gerard*

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**OCTOBER 10—13, 2013**

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY,  
"VISIONS OF GERARD"**

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY,  
KEROUAC COMMEMORATIVE**

*"Everyone goes home in October."  
Jack Kerouac. On the Road*

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