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Community Calendar Listing through April 15, 2008:

On Tuesday, April 15th, the The Eye at NHTI in Concord presents a poetry reading with U.S. Poet Laureate Maxine Kumin. The reading will take place in the Library Living Room beginning at 12:00 PM and going until 2:00 PM. Admission is free. For more information, contact Alan Lindsay, 271-6969.

More About Maxine Kumin: Maxine Kumin's 16th poetry collection, *Still To Mow*, was published by W. W. Norton in 2007. Norton has also published *Jack and Other New Poems*, *Bringing Together*, *The Long Marriage* and earlier collections, including *Connecting the Dots* and *New and Selected Poems 1960-1990*. Kumin's latest children's book, *Mites to Mastodons*, has recently been published by Houghton Mifflin. She is also the author of a memoir about a nearly fatal carriage-driving accident, *Inside the Halo and Beyond: Anatomy of a Recovery* and *Always Beginning: Essays on a Life in Poetry*. Her awards include the Pulitzer and Ruth Lilly Poetry Prizes, the Poet's Prize, the Aiken Taylor Award, the 2005 Harvard Arts Medal and the Robert Frost Medal in 2006. In 1981-2, Kumin served as Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, a post that was later renamed Poet Laureate of the United States. She and her husband live on a farm in Warner, New Hampshire.

GRACE

Hens have their gravel; gravel sticks
The way it should stick, in the craw.
And stone on stone is tooth
For grinding raw.

And grinding raw, I learn from this
To fill my crop the way I should.
I put down pudding stone
And find it good.

I find it good to line my gut
With tidy octagons of grit.
No loophole and no chink
Make vents in it.

And in it vents no slime or sludge;
No losses sluice, no terrors slough.
God, give me appetite
for stone enough.

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