



**MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS
ENCIRCLING LIGHT – EXPECTANT SILENCE**
Dec. 13, Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The meeting will feature Gertrud Kohler, Heidi and Sam Moore, and Margaret Shipman sharing their experiences at the recent Far North Conference in the Yukon. We also will study Lecture 3 (given on 23 March 1910) of Rudolf Steiner's *Macrocosm and Microcosm*; this lecture illuminatingly discusses the Northern Mysteries, the sun at midnight, and the Greater and Lesser Guardians of the Threshold. We will look at a flat map with the North Pole at the center – a view seldom seen. The meeting will conclude with the magnificent image of the eagle and the 6th epoch which Sergei Prokofieff gave in the Yukon conference.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH
ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA
WINTER CALENDAR 2009

**SEVEN FAIRY TALES, SEVEN PLANETS AND
THEIR SEVEN METALS**
**A SERIES OF SEVEN PAINTING CLASSES
WITH KO HAWKES**

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:
December 12, January 16, February 20, March 20,
April 17, May 15 and June 12

This will be a very illuminating series of classes, for the imaginary pictures that fairy tales stimulate open our hearts as we contemplate their deeper esoteric meaning. Our discussions after the painting will combine our feeling forces with forces of thinking. No experience is necessary and **all are welcome**.

Materials and refreshments will be provided.
Please call Ko Hawkes at 626-794-0852.

Suggested donation: \$20/*25 per session

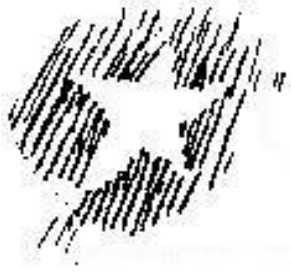
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THE HOLY NIGHT READINGS IN LOS ANGELES
Dec. 26th through Jan 6th
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. nightly at the Rudolf Steiner Community Center (except Dec. 31)

"Particularly through the study of St. Mark's Gospel the human soul can rise to an understanding of the wonderful mysteries of cosmic happenings. Every word in that Gospel is of great significance." These are the concluding words of Rudolf Steiner's lecture series, *Background to the Gospel of St. Mark* (GA 124, given in Berlin in 1910 and 1911). In these lectures Rudolf Steiner describes how what is found in the Gospel of St. Mark is especially relevant to our age, and gives practical guidance in how we can contribute constructively to the world's becoming.

During the Holy Nights we will read this inspiring lecture series. Nightly meetings will take place in our beautifully decorated Rudolf Steiner Community Center, except on Dec. 31st, when we will not meet due to the Rose Parade on Jan 1st in Pasadena. Therefore, please pre-read lecture one so that we can begin Dec. 26th with a synopsis of the first lecture and the entire second lecture.

It will be a joy to experience the Holy Nights together in this meaningful and intimate study. Please plan to participate actively. Would you like to carry any of the meetings? If so, please telephone or email Jane Hipolito (714-993-6498, janehipolito@earthlink.net).



ORANGE COUNTY HOLY NIGHT READINGS

This will be Orange County's 26th year to celebrate the Holy Nights together by reading and discussing a cycle of lectures on the Gospels. Please join us in the special atmosphere of this time to experience together Rudolf Steiner's amazing lectures on the **Background to the Gospel of St Mark**. If you would like further information or to verify times and places, please call the host or Eloise Krivosheia 714-990-2043. Readings and discussions last about 1 ½ hours. New Year's Eve includes a potluck with lead casting at midnight. You are welcome to join us any time.

- Sat., Dec 26 at 4:00p.m. Thomas Meier 949-951-7558
Sun., Dec 27 at 4:00 p.m. Andrew Mohr 949-278-1079
Mon., Dec 28 at 7:15 p.m. Thomas Pangrazio 714-713-5779
Tues., Dec 29 at 7:15p.m. Paul & Nancy Mitchell 714-965-8876
Wed., Dec 30 at 7:15 p.m. Phyllis Gilmer 949-642-6687
Thu., Dec 31 at 8:00 p.m. JoAnne McAllister 714-528-5102
Fri., Jan 1 at 4:00 p.m. Carol Jacobson 949-766-1269
Sat., Jan 2 at 4:00 p.m. Helena Gorka 949-548-4059
Sun., Jan 3 at 4:00 p.m. Lauren Schowe 760-696-7712
Mon., Jan 4 at 7:15 p.m. Stephanie Georgieff 714-541-4034
Tues., Jan 5 at 7:15 p.m. Douglas Garrett 714-746-5033
Wed., Jan 6 at 7:15 p.m. Mary Anderson 714-998-2339

Members and friends in Orange County can link directly to the site below for the most current information concerning ongoing study groups in the Orange County area:

<http://www.anthroposophyla.org/calendar.html#STUDY>

FIRST CLASS. Blue cards required.
December 6, Sun., 5:00 p.m. Lesson 14
January 3, Sun., 5:00 p.m. Lesson 15
January 16, Sat., 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Class members' study of the Festivals
February 7, Sun., 5:00 p.m. Lesson 16

THE BEGINNING OF EURYTHMY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORD WITH LYNN STULL

January 22, Friday at 8 p.m.

In this introduction to the Art of Eurythmy, we will look at some of her historical moments, her relationship to The Word, and her power to create. This introductory talk will be a kickoff to six monthly fun-shops designed to explore and experience soul qualities which are helpful for navigating though today's world.

Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon

Each month we will explore how, through eurythmy, we can nurture and cultivate a specific soul quality in ourselves. Come to one or all, as each is a 'stand alone' fun-shop and they need not be taken sequentially. The only prerequisite is openness to having FUN!

Beauty on Jan. 23
Courage on Feb. 27
Freedom on March 27
Community on April 24
Wisdom on May 22
Joy on June 19

Suggested donation for Friday night: \$15/*20

Saturday fun-shops: \$15-25/*30

All donations will be used to purchase copper rods, eurythmy shoes, silk veils for branch members' & friends' use at RSCC.

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THREEFOLD 101 WITH SHAWN SULLIVAN

Feb. 5, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 6, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-- 4:00 p.m.

Rudolf Steiner called the Threefold Social Organism the most important evolutionary impulse of our time. What was he talking about? This workshop will feature stories and sentence--meditations to help us better understand the living Threefold Social Organism. We will spend time with each of the three spheres -- Economy, Politics or Rights, and Spirit or Culture. The conference path will be illuminated by considering the virtues of brotherhood and sisterhood in our economic relations, equality in our rights relations, and freedom in connection with individual development. We will explore how we can see the problems in our world through a threefold lens. And what are the healthy developments we see?

Shawn Sullivan is a Marriage and Family Counselor in Fair Oaks, CA. He is the Social Science Section Representative to the Collegium of the School for Spiritual Science and a Founding Member of Therapists for Social Responsibility in the Sacramento Area. He likes to tell stories and have a good and fulfilling time.

Suggested donation:

Workshop \$30/*\$40

Fri. \$10/*\$15; Sat. \$25/*\$30

THE 'RING CYCLE' OF RICHARD WAGNER LOS ANGELES SPRING BRANCH STUDY

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 5

This study will explore Richard Wagner's *Ring* cycle and *Parsifal* from the perspective of spiritual science. We offer this study in the hope that it will make a helpful contribution to the 2010 "Ring Festival" activities in Southern California. Please participate in as many of the study sessions as you can, and invite your friends to come too.

Rudolf Steiner pointed out that "Richard Wagner has no wish to be merely musician, merely dramatist, merely poet. All that we have seen flow down from the spiritual worlds becomes for him a means of uniting in the physical world with something still higher." (*The Influence of Spiritual Beings upon Man*) These five operas both portray and nurture humankind's evolution toward freedom and love. To convey this stirring cosmic drama, Richard Wagner created a new musical language of tremendous eloquence and power.

Each of the five sessions of our study will center on one of these five great operas. The first session, on Feb. 13, will explore *Das Rheingold*, the opera which opens the cycle. The Feb. 13 session also will provide an introduction to Wagner's life and work and an overview of all five operas.

MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

Feb. 14, Sunday, 2:00 -- 3:30 p.m.

This Valentine's Day meeting will be a celebration of love. We will hear love songs and study "The Mission of Reverence" (lecture 4 in *Transforming the Soul, Volume 1*), in which Rudolf Steiner discloses key aspects of the psychology of love, including the evolving roles of 'the eternal feminine' and 'the eternal masculine' in human experience. Please bring a favorite artwork about love – a poem or a painting – to share.

HARRY POTTER WITH GENE CRANE

Feb. 20, Saturday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince is the sixth book of J.K. Rowling's seven-book series. Gene Crane will emphasize the alchemy present in this story. *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* shows how Albido influences our lives. Albido takes over from Negrido and leads to the final Rubido. The effort required to achieve these phases enables us to develop the strength to transform our etheric body into life-spirit.

Suggested donation:

\$10/*\$15



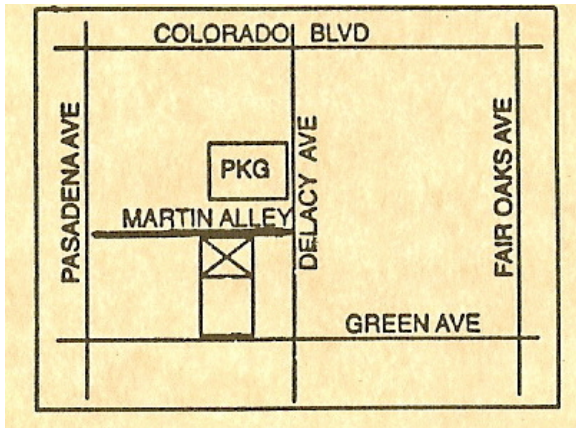
ART THERAPY WITH KO HAWKES

Ko Hawkes has offered to give a series of art therapy sessions in the Rudolf Steiner Community Center during the coming Spring. If you are interested in this opportunity, please telephone Ko (626-794-0852) before January 1.

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AN IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to the creative work of Terry Hipolito, our Branch website is evolving into a new one: www.anthroposophyla.org. The new website contains valuable new information for using the contents of our library as a wonderful study aid. You will also find a full list of Branch activities and information on study groups which meet in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. Please visit the website often.



RUDOLF STEINER LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE

All lectures and books of Rudolf Steiner which have been translated into English are in stock in our bookstore, together with works by many other anthroposophical authors.

Do come browse

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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