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HERE COME THE HOLY NIGHTS' READINGS

By Tom Klein, Portland, Oregon

The time for The Holy Nights' Readings is fast approaching. Each evening we read from a lecture series from 7:30 PM until about 9:00 PM and then have some time to socialize and partake of the refreshments provided by our hosts and others. This year we will be reading *The Fifth Gospel*, a lecture series by Rudolf Steiner that we last read in 2003. The lecture series was chosen this year after Virginia Sease presented a lecture on this topic in June. It is always a good idea to check that the schedule has not changed before leaving to go to the reading. Please call Tom or Ruth at (503-777-3176) with questions.

Saturday, Dec. 26th, John & Joan Takacs,
3628 SE Tenino Street, 503-351-1230

Sunday, Dec. 27th, James Lee & Jannebeth Röell,
3135 NE 17th Avenue, 503-249-3804

Monday, Dec. 28th, Bob Kellum & Donna Patterson,
3046 NE 33rd Avenue, 503-331-7393

Tuesday, Dec. 29th, Sandra and Wes Burch,
11388 SE 45th Avenue, Milwaukie, 97222, 503-353-1818

Wednesday, Dec. 30th, Cheri & Martin Munske,
7652 SE Lincoln Street, 503-772-2632

Thursday, Dec. 31st, Siegward Elsas,
9510 SW View Point Terrace, 503-244-2277
Stay and celebrate the New Year including the dropping of lead.

Friday, Jan. 1st, Mary Jo AbiNader,
3128 SE Salmon Street, 503-239-7078

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, Valerie & Mark Hope,
2606 SE 58th Avenue, 503-775-0778

Sunday, Jan. 3rd, Angelica Hesse, 2127 NE Wygant
Street, 503-238-0055

Monday, Jan. 4th, Twila Rothrock, 2527 NE 13th Avenue,
503-281-9349

Tuesday, Jan. 5th, Chrystal Godleske,
1304 SE Main Street, 97214, 503-816-2440

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, Tom & Ruth Klein,
3609 SE Center Street, 503-777-3176

DROPPING LEAD ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

By Ruth Klein, Portland, OR

"BLEIGIESSEN" is the tradition of the dropping of the lead. New Year's Eve is the feast day of Saint Silvester, so New Year's Eve is named after him. Silvester was a pope who lived in the fourth century. According to the German legends, he healed leprosy and baptized the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great. Also Silvester was the only pope to meet the acknowledged members of Jesus' family.

On New Year's Eve, a very popular tradition of telling the future called BLEIGIESSEN is followed with a great amount of excitement by the Germans. They will drop molten lead into cold water and predict the future of people from whatever shape it created.

In the 1980's Drs John and Joan Takacs brought the tradition with them to Portland. To quote Joan Takacs:

"I grew up in upstate New York as did my parents before them. It was an annual tradition on New Year's Eve to interpret poured forms. There are 2 ways that we did it growing up. One was to heat maple syrup to the hard crack temperature (candy) and then pour it in the fresh snow. It quickly cools and can be lifted out and interpreted however one sees fit. The other way was to pour lead and drop it in water. Obviously the snow idea is not ideal in Portland. Growing up, my father's parents poured lead into molds for toy soldiers (kids played with these lead toys!!!!) People also molded lead into bullets. We are European mutts so I imagine the tradition originated there but I do not know. The other thing we did was to make boats out of half walnut shells and candles would be lit and the boats placed in a big tub of water or bathtub. They float driven by the heat from the candle. The join up with the other boats and that we interpreted to mean we would spend time with those people during the next year."

To this day the Portland Branch celebrates and honors the tradition by dropping lead on New Year's Eve.

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NEW RUDOLF STEINER LIBRARY SEARCH ENGINE AVAILABLE ON THE BRANCH WEBSITE

By James Lee, Portland, Oregon

A new search engine is available to assist you to find a Rudolf Steiner title or other book in the extensive holdings of the Rudolf Steiner Library. The library is working hard to transfer 80% of its collection to the electronic catalog by the end of 2010. Many titles by Rudolf Steiner and others are already available for searching. Check out this great resource through the

Portland Branch website. Go to the website at www.portlandbranch.org, click on libraries under the tab "Resources" and then click on Rudolf Steiner Library. You can go directly there by clicking the following link: <http://rsl.scoolaid.net/bin/home/>.

AGAPE LOVE AND THE NEW MYSTERIES

By Andrew Linnell, Worcester, Massachusetts

Andrew Linnell was able to join the Portland Branch on November 13th to share his research into the Christian Mysteries. John's Gospel was the favorite of the early Christian mystics. It has 21 chapters. It opens with a Prologue and continues with 9 chapters, one for each level of the heavenly hierarchies, to arrive at its central theme, chapter 11. We can see this as a spiral in from the Cosmos with the wisdom of the mysteries. (refer to the graphic on the next page) Chapter 11 is the turning point and the expression of when the Logos had become Man. Then begins the spiraling out that will reveal the New Mysteries. In the Prologue we learn of the wholeness of creation, how all things that have become were made using the Logos as the blueprint. Creation finds its meaning in the Logos. Andrew read "in Him was Life and the Life was the Light of Men. And the Light shone into the Dark but the Dark comprehended it not." The passage makes sense when one considers Dark (and Light and Life) as being. The Gnostic tale of Light and Dark complements this with its description of the mixing of some light into the dark creates a vortex into which Death is absorbed and this vortex of light and dark is Man. Rudolf Steiner's lectures on Genesis add more explaining how some of the Elohim failed to complete their evolution on Old Moon and thus began the current creation to create conditions for them to finish. The Elohim who had completed their evolution had attained a level whereby they could pour light out of their being..

In the Epilogue to John's Gospel is a scene where the Resurrected Christ stands on the shore of a lake. This scene recapitulates the scene in Luke where Jesus Christ calls the fishermen Andrew and Peter. In Luke, they fish all night but catch nothing. Christ advises them where to cast their nets and in so doing the catch is so great the nets break. When he says "follow me" they immediately do so. Here in John's Epilogue, Christ again is on the shore of a lake and again they were fishing unsuccessfully in the night (dark). When he advises where to cast their net, again the nets are full but this time they do not break. It is said they contained 153 fish. Only after this do they recognize the Resurrected Christ and only through the vision of John. After dining together, Peter is given his mission and told to "follow me." Peter and likely all the disciples had expected Christ to pass on his mission to his favorite disciple, the one whom he loved, John. But Christ says that John will remain, and here Andrew added the words 'a potential,' until he returns again.

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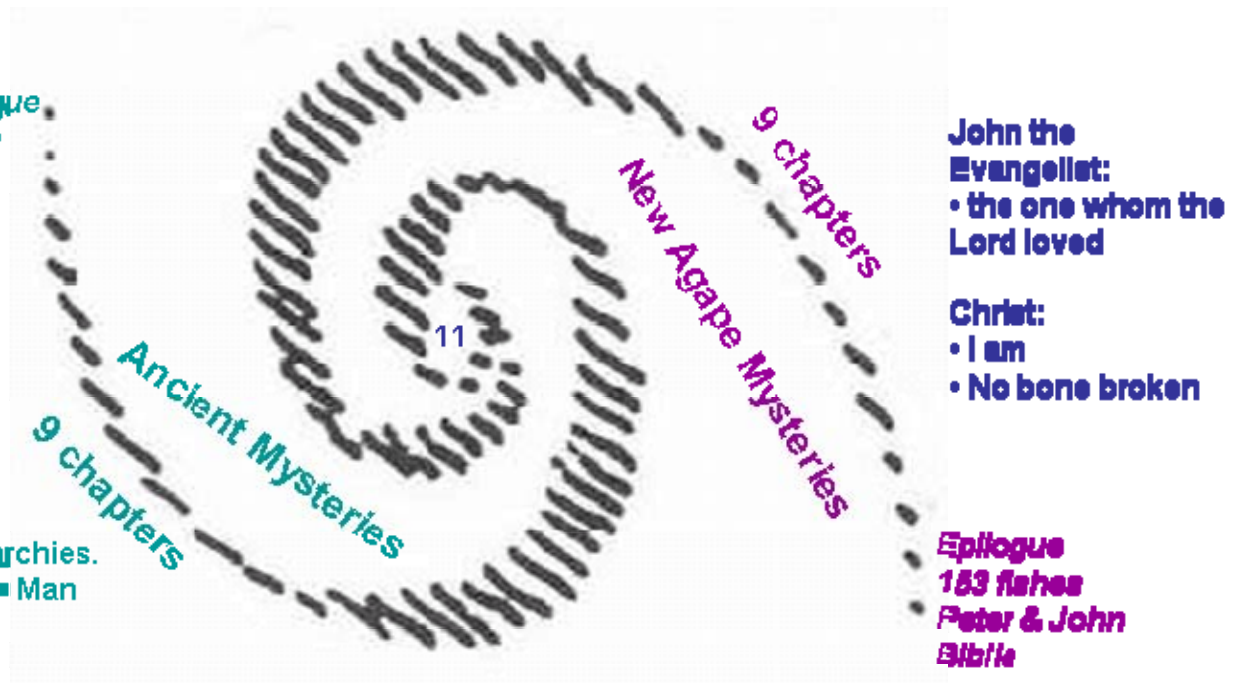
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Andrew concluded that since we are now, according to Rudolf Steiner, in the time of the Second Coming, then this must also be the time of Johannian Christianity. How might this be different from the Christianity brought by Peter? The answer is in the dialogue immediately preceding this. Christ had asked Peter three times if he loved him as an offering of redemption for Peter’s three denials. Christ asks with the word agape and Peter answers with the word philia.

Of the Greek words for love, namely eros, philia, and agape, why are these two used here? We find philia used to form the word philosophy or the love of the goddess of wisdom (and the Mysteries). Agape was not used as a noun until the time of Christ. A verb form, *agapao*, was used when the Hebrew Bible was translated to Greek in the 3rd century BCE. It had begun use in Greek for the love between gods or the love of a god for Men. We see an evolution of love from mere desire to eros love that thrives as it appeals to our egoism, to philia that calls forth our devotion, and finally through our wisdom to a love based on human freedom. Agape love knows no fear. It sees and understands the karma of the other. It, thus, is unconditional. Peter was truthful in admitting he had philo love for the Christ while John, through his initiation, had attained agape.

Now Andrew brought his picture of John's Gospel as a double spiral to life. He showed the inward curve as representing the wisdom of the ancient mysteries while the outward curve is the new mysteries of agape. In the middle, chapter 11, we find the Raising of Lazarus who after his public initiation takes on the name John. In this act, within Jesus, the Christ had become Man. In a strange prophecy linked to the punishment for betrayal of the Mysteries, the high priest of the Temple in Jerusalem says “this man must die for the nation to be saved.” The other priests misunderstand the profundity of this prophecy.

We can follow along the spiral of the ancient mysteries the succession of the great initiates who, in their mysteries, expected the sun god. Zarathustra for example declared that Ahura Mazda was on his way. Mani declared that Christianity was the fulfillment of all the preceding religions. Paul writes often about the Mysteries in his letters such as 1Cr 2:7 “But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world,” and Eph 3:3,4 “How that by revelation he made known unto me the **mystery**; as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the **mystery** of Christ,” and Eph 6:19 “that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the **mystery** of the gospel,” and lastly Col 1:26 “the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest.”



Through initiation into the mysteries, one could experience divine life. From this vantage point, one understood ‘as above, so below.’ Cicero claimed that through the Mysteries, we arose from barbarous behavior to civilization. By the time of Aristotle, the Mysteries had faded and their wisdom was in danger of being lost. We can see the mission of Alexander as one to build libraries of what could be written down. But living wisdom could only be passed on via the spoken word

that arises through initiation and thereby renews the mystery. Clement's letter to his student in Alexandria describes how Mark had heard the new Christian mysteries that could not be written down yet there was more to his gospel that was used only by those being perfected, that is, initiated.



With the Raising of Lazarus, Andrew claimed the old mysteries reached their conclusion. Next, every human had to go through an incarnation during Kali Yuga where they were cut off from the spiritual world. This was necessary for the full development of Freedom. The power of the Mysteries, although diminishing, persisted for hundreds of years after Christ until the emperor Justinian destroyed their remnants. Pagan temples and shrines were gleefully destroyed by Christians and soldiers. Many of the early Christians felt that Christ had begun the New Mysteries so that the ancient ones should be destroyed. Others felt the Mysteries were no longer appropriate as they supported elitism when it came to spiritual matters. They felt that Christ had brought an equality to participate in spiritual life for all. For some others, the Mysteries could lead only so far in consciousness and in spiritual heights and that faith was necessary thereafter. Thus, what was left of the Mysteries slipped into secrecy, into the Invisible.

Then with the dawn of the Consciousness Soul, the possibility for agape love began. Rudolf Steiner spoke of the 1930s when humanity would begin to rise to be able to behold the Christ in the Etheric. Placing this together with John's Epilogue, we see how now the development of the new mysteries can commence. Consciousness will expand. The heart, in addition to the brain, will have thoughts, living thoughts. The Old Testament's jealous god who wished to be feared is overcome. God is love. Christ in me overcomes fear and leads one from wisdom to agape.

The catch of 153 fish in the Epilogue is a story about the Age of Pisces which we entered in 1413. The fish represent those brought to Christianity. But why 153? The number of heaven is 7 and the number of earth is 10. The power of these combined, that is, the power of 17, is the sum of all integers from 1 to 17. This sum is 153. Now we can better understand Christ's words in the Epilogue "unto me is given all authority in heaven and earth." The power of love used to be fishers of men.

Through the new mysteries humanity will be able to become co-creators of Jupiter helping to build a nature in which those future human beings are able to experience love where today we experience wisdom.

Andrew concluded that with experience of heart thinking, the living words of the Prologue will become "in Him was living thinking. And the living thinking was the light of Men. And the light shown into the darkness of the ego." And with the grasping of karma, these words become "in Him was living memory. And the living memory was the light of Men. And the light shown into the darkness of the ego."

THE PORTLAND BRANCH OF THE *ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY* PRESENTS

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19-22 MARCH 2010

at the

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FRIDAY 19 MARCH 7:00 PM-9:30 PM
OPENING CEREMONY AND LECTURE

SATURDAY 20 MARCH 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
FULL DAY SEMINAR
7:00 PM-10:00 PM SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE YET
UNRELEASED FILM

"QUEEN OF THE SUN"

with a reception and question/answer with Gunther and other members of this production

SUNDAY 21 MARCH 9:00 AM -12 NOON PLENUM

COST: \$90* FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND, INCLUDING A SPECIAL FILM SCREENING. \$15.00 FOR THE OPENING LECTURE

Scholarship Assistance and Work Study Available
No one will be turned away

Price includes snacks and lunch on Saturday

* for registrations received prior to March 1, 2010. The fee for the entire weekend will be \$125 after that date.

Final details to be announced in the January Newsletter with a registration form. If you wish to help with this event or desire to be put on a list for further information, kindly contact Walter Rice by email: dub0302@hotmail.com.

FROM THE PORTLAND BRANCH COUNCIL

By Valerie Hope, Portland, OR

Who is a Member of the Portland Branch of the Anthroposophical Society?

The Council has begun a conversation to determine how we want to define membership in the branch. The current requirement in the bylaws is twofold: (1) Membership in the Anthroposophical Society; and (2) Payment of dues to the local branch (\$40 suggested) or a request for a waiver of dues. Privileges and duties of membership have been: (1) Occasional discounts for members at events; (2) Attendance at events which require Society membership (rare); (2) Receipt of the Branch newsletter, and (3) Voting for Council members at the annual meeting, and for any decisions the Council decides to put to a members' vote.

Those who have made contributions but have not joined the Anthroposophical Society have been considered to be "friends" of the branch. They receive newsletters, attend events (perhaps they would still be entitled to discounts?), and join committees, but do not vote or attend those events which require membership in the Society. (Requiring Society membership for attendance at certain events is usually at the request of those speakers who find that the depth of background and commitment necessary for membership is also necessary for full involvement with and comprehension of what they are bringing to the group.)

If you have thoughts you would like to contribute to this conversation, please email Council secretary Valerie Hope at valerieannhpdx@aol.com, or join us at the monthly meetings.. We will keep you posted as the thinking develops.

Will You Help to Build Our Community?

The Council envisions several committees and projects that would strengthen our community. In order to be effective in continuing to hold the bigger picture, we will need help with the individual activities. Please contact Valerie if you would like to join Council members in any of the following activities:

- ❖ A Technical Committee that would work with the website and e-communications with the community. (currently has 3 members)
- ❖ Providing hospitality for visiting speakers, lectures, classes and other events
- ❖ A Festivals Committee (or perhaps you're interested in a *particular* festival?)
- ❖ Library Committee
- ❖ Reporting on an event you have attended for the newsletter
- ❖ Fundraising Committee
- ❖ Organizing or co-organizing and carrying a particular lecture or other event
- ❖ Helping with an aspect of a gathering/event - organizer can call on you
- ❖ Promotion/marketing of an event

Let us know if there's another activity or project you'd like to be involved with – or that you would like to see someone (if not you) take up.

All Souls' Gathering

Developing a relationship to life between death and a new birth is an important aspect of Anthroposophical study and practice. In this vein we value staying connected with those who have crossed the threshold, who may both need our help, and offer help to us. The annual All Souls observation in our community is a reminder of and support to these relationships.

In November many of the talented artists in our community came together to create a very special observance. The Eurythmy group held the overall picture for the gathering, and invested significant rehearsal time before performing for us the *Halleluiah, In Memorium, Bach Cello, and Requiem*, accompanied by cellist Siegwald Elsas. With haunting flute music Marion Van Namen ushered us into the space, as we lit candles and placed pictures and/or objects of the departed on a table. She later led the Community Peace Choir in song, and read us the story *Godfather Death* from the Brothers Grimm. Jeffrey Levy read from the poem *In Memorium* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. And James Knight offered thoughts from his reading of the collection of Rudolf Steiner's Lectures titled "Staying Connected". One memorable observation (paraphrased): Steiner says our thoughts provide nourishment to the dead. I've been thinking about it, and I think we give them a lot of junk food!

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the above mentioned, and to the following: Eurythmists Carrie Moss, Laura Radefeld, James Knight, Hilary Hafner, Francine Adams, Elysa Foxman, and Pheonx Liu. Choir members William Sedlar, David Edwards, and Marsha Johnson. Ruth Klein and all those who brought refreshments. And Sandra Burch who procured the candles.

IN MEMORIAM by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Thy voice is on the rolling air;

I hear thee where the waters run;

Thou standest in the rising sun,

And in the setting thou art fair.

What are thou then? I cannot guess;

But though I seem in star and flower

To feel thee some diffusive power,

I do not therefore love thee less.

My love involves the love before;

My love is vaster passion now;

Though mixed with God and Nature thou,

I seem to love the more and more.

Far off thou art, but ever nigh;

I have thee still, and I rejoice;

I prosper, circled with thy voice;

I shall not lose thee though I die.

Portland Anthroposophical Society Calendar - December 2009

Ongoing Events and Study Groups

Anthroposophical Medicine Study Group

Once a month Monday (after the second Sunday) at the Takacs Clinic 7-8:30 PM. John Takacs at johntakacsdo@hotmail.com or Kevin Kane at drkev@involved.com.

Anthroposophical Course for Young Doctors Study Group

Once a month on the 1st Wednesday at the Pohala Clinic, 12050 SE Holgate Blvd. 7-8:30 PM. Contact Julie Foster by phone at (503) 572-4196 or by e-mail at julie@pohalaclinic.com.

Eurythmy

Eurythmy with Laura Radefeld every Wednesday morning that school is in session at the PWS Orchard Room @ 8:30 AM. Donations accepted to cover cost of piano accompanist. For more info call 503-654-4362 or contact by e-mail at laura.radefeld@gmail.com.

Karma Exercises and Study

The study group has just completed its multi-year work with the entire *Karmic Relationships* lecture cycle, and is now starting to work with Rudolf Steiner's karma exercises on the first and third Thursday of each month. Call James Lee for information 503 249-3804 or e-mail him at anthroposophy@earthlink.net.

Meditation and Practical Spiritual Science

We are currently studying Rudolf Steiner's lecture cycle "True and False Paths of Spiritual Investigation", also called "Initiate Consciousness". We encourage a lively conversational exchange of questions of all kinds. New members welcome. Meetings are on second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 PM at 9510 SW View Point Terrace, Portland OR 97219. To RSVP, questions and directions call (503) 244-2277 or e-mail elsas@ohsu.edu

Mystery Dramas, with Speech-Formation Exercises

On the second and fourth Wednesdays each month, 7:30 - 9:00 PM, in SW Portland. Currently beginning work on the 2nd Mystery Drama by Rudolf Steiner, *The Soul's Probation*. No acting experience necessary, just a love of the Word. Contact Diane Ramage by e-mail at drumage@earthlink.net or by phone at 360 241-7854 for information.

Occult Science

First and third Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 PM at 3046 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97212. Contact Donna Patterson and Bob Kellum at 503-331-7393.

Painting Classes

Friday mornings 9AM-11AM. Painting class with Robin Lieberman, MSW, LCSW. Each class will hold a different theme. Since space is limited please call ahead 503-222-1192, 1410 SW Morrison Street, Suite 901, Portland, OR 97205. \$25 per class, materials included. www.robinlieberman.net

Portland Waldorf School Community Choir

Every Friday morning from 8:45 - 10:15 am (at the Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie) in the Orchard room, whenever school is in session. Anyone in- and outside the PWS community who enjoys singing songs through the seasons, across the centuries and around the world is very welcome, including drop ins. This event is free and a community builder. More information: Marion Van Namen (503) 956-4046. **No rehearsal Fr 11/13.**

Portland Youth Discussion Group

We invite you to join some of the young, and young-at-heart, members of our community for an ongoing potluck/study group. We are currently working with the last few lectures of *Becoming the Archangel Michael's Companions* in order to understand what our task is, as the youth of the world, in the 21st Century. In the fall, we may turn to *Knowledge of Higher Worlds*, to renew our understanding of this key work (other possibilities

exist). We welcome new people who are open to exploring spiritual science, asking questions, discussing topics that sometimes get overlooked in other groups, and trying to keep Anthroposophy as fresh, relevant, and living as possible. We meet Sunday evenings, twice a month to share a potluck dinner, practical/artistic activity, and conversation. For more information, please contact Angelica Hesse at 503-238-0055 or swingsprite@gmail.com.

Psychosophy Study Group

Working with the Steiner text, *Psychology of Body, Soul and Spirit*, we meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Call Cheri Munske for more info: 503-484-4133.

Waldorf Education and Teacher Training

Lectures and courses conducted throughout the year by the Michael Institute. Contact John Miles at 503/774-4946. johncmiles@usa.net.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, DECEMBER 13

First Class of the School of Spiritual Science

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion on Recapitulation Lesson 4 at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Recapitulation Lesson 5. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807 or Diane Ramage at (360) 241-7854.

Sunday, DECEMBER 13

Third Advent Study Emil Bock's Threefold Mary

7:00 PM at James Knight. 2420 NW Quimby St #9, Portland, OR 97210. Phone# 503-224-3645.

DECEMBER 16 -18

Oberufer Christmas Plays

Michael Institute Students will present plays in two locations: 6:00 pm The Paradise Play suitable for everyone Grade 3 and older - 6:45pm The Nativity Play suitable for all, 12/16 at Swallowtail School, Hillsboro. 12/18 at the Michael School, 5239 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland. Contact 503 774-4946 or email johncmiles@usa.net.

Sunday, DECEMBER 20

Fourth Advent Celebration

3PM at Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie. Portland Eurythmists will gift the community with a performance of the fourth panel of the Foundation Stone Meditation as well as other pieces in development to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent. Donations welcome for the Portland Eurythmy Lights Fund to purchase lights for performances.

JANUARY 8-29, 2010

Community Building: The Social Impulse of the Waldorf School

Michael Institute –Introductory Courses. 1/7 The Social Evolution of the World; 1/14 The Threefold Social Order for today and its future development; 1/21 The Waldorf School as an expression of the Threefold Social Order; 1/28 The Social Tasks for Humanity – now and in the coming age; held in the Music Room at Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie. Contact 503 774-4946 or email johncmiles@usa.net.

Sunday, JANUARY 10, 2010

First Class of the School of Spiritual Science

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion on Recapitulation Lesson 5 at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Recapitulation Lesson 6. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807 or Diane Ramage at (360) 241-7854.

Sunday, JANUARY 10, 2010

Quarterly Branch Meeting

This meeting for members and friends starts with a potluck 11AM and program from 11:30AM-1:30PM. The topic will be Camphill Communities. See the Portland Branch website for more information. www.portlandbranch.org

Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2010**Portland Branch Council Meeting**

7 PM – 8PM study of the theme of the year followed by a business meeting at the home of Ruth and Tom Klein, 3609 SE Center, Portland OR 97202, phone: 503-777-3176. All Branch members are welcome to attend.

Thursday JANUARY 21, 2010**The Double**

Steve Usher will explore the double or doppelgänger in world literature and in the work of Rudolf Steiner. Steiner calls meeting the double “a milestone on the path of knowledge.” 7:30 PM at the home of James Lee and Jannebeth Roell, 3135 NE 17th Ave. Phone: 503-249-3807. \$10.00 to cover Steve’s costs.

JANUARY 22-24, 2010**The New Mystery Knowledge and the Wisdom to Heal Modern Social Life**

A weekend with Steve Usher in Seattle WA. Information: call (206) 517-4917 or email: branch@seattleanthroposophy.org.

FEBRURAY 5, 2010**Art Exhibit Opening**

Patricia Lynch, Cheri Munske, Donna Patterson-Kellum and Jannebeth Röell, spend the early hours of Tuesday mornings on Sauvie Island. They spend their time entering into the forces of nature and heightening their senses to experience each in their own way the nature of color. The paintings are taken back to the studio and worked further and transformed. They would like to share with you the results of their work. Please join them on Friday February 5, for the opening of the exhibit 6 PM - 8:30 PM at the Eleven O’49 Gallery at 11049 SE 21st St., Milwaukie, Oregon

FEBRUARY 5-26, 2010**Eurythmy and Goethean Science**

Micha-el Institute –Introductory Courses.2/4 Eurythmy as a Performing Art - Laura Radefeld; 2/11 Therapeutic Eurythmy and Movement - Margaret Kerndt; 2/18 "Goethean Science - including the Human Being" Wade Cavin; 2/25 Goethean science - Waldorf Applications" Wade Cavin; Eurythmy held in the Eurythmy Room; Goethean Science held in the Science lab at Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie.

Contact 503 774-4946 or email johncmiles@usa.net.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 9, 2010**Portland Branch Council Meeting**

7 PM – 8PM study of the theme of the year followed by a business meeting at the home of Ruth and Tom Klein, 3609 SE Center, Portland OR 97202, phone: 503-777-3176. All Branch members are welcome to attend.

Sunday, FEBRUARY 14, 2010**First Class of the School of Spiritual Science**

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion on Recapitulation Lesson 6 at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Recapitulation Lesson 7. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807 or Diane Rumage at (360) 241-7854.

FEBRUARY 25-27, 2010**The Immune System**

Canadian Anthroposophic Medical Association Annual Conference. Guusvan der Bie MD will address questions concerning the immune system from a Phenomenological and anthroposophical perspective. Then we will also look at ways to help our patients who struggle with issues of the immune system. Several Physicians will share experiences from their practice and explore the use of anthroposophical remedies. In the art and eurythmy courses we will experience some of the therapies these modalities use. Toronto Waldorf School, Canada For details: <http://www.anthromed.ca>

MARCH 19-21, 2010**The Relation of Bees with Humanity in History up to Modern Times**

Total workshop including lecture, workshop and film \$90 early registration. More detail on page 4 of the newsletter, and at www.portlandbranch.org.

Friday 7PM, opening lecture by Gunther Hauk, Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie. \$15.00 for the Friday lecture only.

Saturday 9AM- 5PM Workshop Portland Waldorf School.

Saturday 7PM Special screening of Queen of the Sun film, place TBA.

Sunday 9AM-12AM continuation workshop, plenum and closing, Portland Waldorf School. Contact Walter Rice at dub0302@hotmail.com for more information or to offer to assist the branch with the event.

MARCH 26-28, 2010**Centenary of Rudolf Steiner’s Announcement of the Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric**

A Conference Sponsored by The Novalis Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America, Austin, TX. Contact Beth Usher (512) 288-6130 mbusher@sbcglobal.net

MAY 7-14, 2010**International Postgraduate Training in Anthroposophical Medicine**

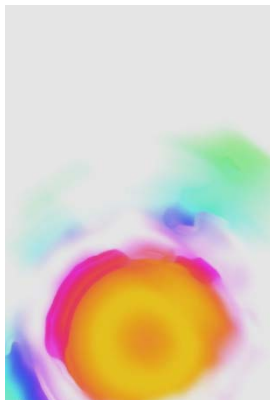
Third year in the US at Mercy Center, Burlingame (San Francisco area) www.mercy-center.org. Contact Alicia Landman, MD PAAM Education Director with questions, or for extra brochures. paamdrcourse@anthroposophy.org 734-930-9462.

Wednesday, JUNE 2, 2010**Spiritual Embryology Lecture****Where do we come from? Spirit and Prenatal Existence**

Jaap van der Wal, M.D. Ph.D will set the tone for the four day workshop on spiritual embryology that starts Thursday. This event is sponsored by the Portland Branch. The lecture will take place from 7:30 until 9:30 PM at Warner Pacific College. For further details and booking please contact Dr. Bob Kellum by phone at (503) 331-7393 or by e-mail at healthbridge@integra.net. Spiritual Embryology workshop participants are free, all others pay \$10 at the door. More information can be found on the Portland Branch Website: www.portlandbranch.org.

JUNE 3-6, 2010**Spiritual Embryology****Glimpsing the Mystery: The Nature of Life in the Womb –**


A four day intensive Thursday to Sunday, beginning June 3, 2010 through June 6, 2010 at Warner Pacific College in Portland with Jaap van der Wal, M.D. Ph.D. This event is sponsored by the Portland Branch. The aim is to help participants gain an understanding of the mighty processes that bring every human individual to life on earth. This presentation of embryonic development will open new perspectives on polarities, threefoldness and fourfoldness, heredity and incarnation, and the evolution of the earth and mankind. Participants share in the mighty processes that form the basis of every human individuality and life on this earth. Not only participating by means of the intellect but also with the heart. Moreover the way of considering embryonic development as it is presented here (a so-called 'embryosophy') will open completely new perspectives as to polarities and threefoldness, microcosm and macrocosm, heredity and incarnation, evolution and the development of mankind. This course is accessible for interested lay people as well as health professionals, be it medical or osteopathic doctors, naturopathic doctors, chiropractic doctors, nurses, physical therapists, massage therapists, midwives or representatives of psychosomatically and spiritually oriented therapies such as various anthroposophical therapies, craniosacral therapy, polarity or trauma therapy, psychotherapy, etc. Prior knowledge of embryology is not required. For further information about Dr. van der Wal see: www.embryo.nl. Contact Dr. Bob Kellum at healthbridge@integra.net for more information about the program. Venue: Warner Pacific College, Egvedt Room 203 East Portland Campus 2219 SE 68th Avenue, Portland, OR 97215. June 3-6, 2010. Four days from 9.00 am until 5.30 pm each day, with at least one evening session (ending 1:00 pm on the last day). A public lecture, *Where do we come from? Spirit and Prenatal Existence*, on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 is included with the workshop fee. Cost is \$400 if postmarked before April 1, 2010, or \$450 if postmarked after this date. Checks are payable to HealthBridge, Inc., c/o Dr. Robert Kellum, at 3046 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97212. A limited number of need-based, \$200 work-study grants are available. E-mail to healthbridge@integra.net describing your need, and reason for attending. Class size is limited to 35 people. Apply EARLY to assure your place. Professional CEU’s pending.



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