



## LOS ANGELES BRANCH ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA FALL CALENDAR 2009

### CHRISTOF WIECHERT IN ORANGE COUNTY

On Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. Christof Wiechert will speak at the Waldorf School of Orange County on "What kind of education do children really need in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?" Christof was a member of the Vorstand of the Anthroposophical Society in the Netherlands for many years and is currently the chair of the Pedagogical Section of the School for Spiritual Science. He is a well-known international lecturer.

For directions please call 949-574-7775 or see [www.waldorfschool.com](http://www.waldorfschool.com).

**FIRST CLASS.** Class members only  
September 13, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Lesson 11  
October 4, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Lesson 12  
November 1, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Lesson 13

Note: the September class is on the 13<sup>th</sup>,  
not on the first Sunday of the month.

### CONTINUING STUDY OF THE PORTAL OF INITIATION THE FIRST MYSTERY DRAMA OF RUDOLF STEINER

September 5, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

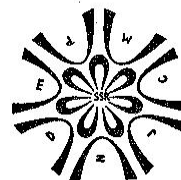
Scene 7 and Interlude \*(pages 108-126)

September 12, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Scenes 8, 9 and 10 (pages 127-148)

September 19, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Scene 11 (pages 149-160) and review of the entire drama



This play vividly expresses "the genuine Rosicrucian attitude: open your inner eyes and ears to the world of spirit as it is revealed in Nature around you, and you will find an answer to the divine origin and nature of your own being" (from "Thoughts on the Seal", by Hans Pusch). During the first three Saturdays in September we will continue the study we began in August. Please feel free to participate in any or all of these gatherings even if you were not able to do so in August.

\*Page numbers refer to the suggested text for this study: *Four Mystery Dramas*, by Rudolf Steiner, translated by Ruth and Hans Pusch (Steiner Books, 2007).

### MICHAELMAS FESTIVAL AWAKENING THE LIFE-GIVING MIGHT OF LOVE September 27, Sunday, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

"Michael goes his loving way through the world with the full gravity of his nature, his bearing, his action." (Rudolf Steiner, *The Michael Mystery*) In our time, Michael works with us to develop clear, loving thinking – and so to become agents of constructive change in the world. Today we will focus on key passages in lecture 10 (30 March 1910) of Steiner's *Macrocosm and Microcosm* which inspiringly explore what this heart-thinking involves. Through motion, Pamela Saterdalen will share the gifts of Michael -- earnestness, integrity, optimism and courage.

## **SLOW FOOD: THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LABOR**

**WITH STEPHANIE GEORGIEFF**

October 16, Friday, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### 6:30 - 7:30 Supper

The evening begins with a three-course supper featuring locally grown, seasonal food. A vegetarian option is available upon request. In order to facilitate planning, a reservation is required by Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> for the supper portion of this evening. Please contact Stephanie at [greenstefka4@gmail.com](mailto:greenstefka4@gmail.com), or 714-910-4295.

Supper: for adults, \$10/\*\$15; for children, \$7/\*\$12

### 7:45 - 9:00 Talk

#### Slow Food and the Threefold Social Order

Slow Food is an international organization of food communities founded in the 1980's in Italy as a response to the first fast food restaurant in Rome. Slow Food was seen as a joyful counterpoint to the impending industrialization and dehumanization of our global food system. Incorporating the ideals of Good Clean and Fair Food, this movement is active in 170 countries, working with farmers, cooks, educators and small scale food producers to bring the human and natural touch back to regional cuisine. Stephanie Georgieff will discuss over a seasonally inspired supper, her experience as a US delegate to the 2008 Terra Madre gathering in Turin Italy. She will share her impression of how Slow Food International is deliciously inviting the world community to employ the principles of the Threefold Social Order, where the rights, culture and economic spheres co-exist in a harmonious manner. This evening's presentation is a unique opportunity to see how the simple act of making your supper can help heal people and the planet.

Suggested donation for the talk: \$15/\*\$20

Supper and talk together: \$20/\*\$25

\*The higher amounts support both the events and Branch needs.

## **URBAN BIODYNAMICS AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP WITH DORY RINDGE**

Saturday, October 17, -9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

9:30 – 12:30: Introduction to biodynamics, current applications and field research

2 – 4: Practical techniques and hands-on experience

During this workshop we will utilize the concepts brought by Rudolf Steiner in 1924 to our urban landscape. What can we do, right here in Los Angeles, to spread the healing and revitalizing effects of the biodynamic preparations? Beginning with an historical account and tracing the growth of this movement, we will look at the current agricultural applications of biodynamics and ongoing field research projects. Then, looking into our own backyards, patios or porches, we will discover ways to incorporate food and flower production into our immediate environment, using these principles. Many general gardening topics will be covered, including: community garden networks in Los Angeles county, container gardening basics, transplanting practice (yes, your hands will get dirty!) and more. There will be something for each participant to take home and nurture into maturity and the day will end with an hour of stirring a biodynamic preparation as a way to begin the transformation! Bring a 2-gallon pail to the afternoon session for transporting your preparation home.

Suggested donation: \$20/\*\$25



Dory Rindge is an artist and biodynamic advocate working toward the beautification and revitalization of urban spaces. Dory completed the RSC Biodynamic Intensive and is currently a Master Gardener Volunteer with the Statewide Master Gardener Program of UCCE and Common Ground Garden Program. Her interest in earth stewardship began when she was a child in the fertile fields of the Midwest and was renewed when she discovered the work of Rudolf Steiner.

## A MUSICAL GIFT TO OUR NATIONAL HOME WITH MARGARET SHIPMAN AND FRIENDS

October 24, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Los Angeles Branch not only have a lovely home here, but have a national and an international home as well. The Rudolf Steiner House in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the national home of the Anthroposophical Society in America. Originally built as a fraternity house 85 years ago, it is ideally suited for larger meetings and even has 10 small bedrooms for traveling guests. Major renovation, long needed, is now underway, repairing crumbling bricks and mortar and installing double-paned, energy efficient windows. Close to \$90,000 is still needed, and tonight Margaret and friends offer an evening of chamber music as a fundraiser for the Rudolf Steiner House.

Bring your friends and enjoy this musical treat, given in tribute to our national home. Please donate what you can.

All donations to this event will be sent directly to Ann Arbor.

## THE INTERVALS OF THE MUSICAL SCALE WITH DANIEL HAFNER

November 6, Friday, 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

November 7, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



2:1

Ratio of the Perfect Octave



3:2

Ratio of the Perfect Fifth

Through listening, singing, and eurythmy, we will immerse in the Logos that generates the organism of the musical scale. Brief excerpts from works by the great composers will be played and we will learn the gestures for the intervals in eurythmy.

Daniel Hafner is a member of the Anthroposophical Society and of the School for Spiritual Science, an amateur musician, and a priest of The Christian Community. He lives in Vaughan, Ontario, Canada.

Suggested donation: Workshop: \$40/\*\$50  
Fri: \$15/\*\$20, Sat: \$30/\*\$35

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## MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS

November 14, Saturday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

This meeting will center on the manifold connections between the spiritual world and the earth, and especially on how heart-thinking deepens our understanding of the two great thresholds between these realms, the threshold of birth and the threshold of death. Together, we will read "The Physical World as an Expression of Spiritual Forces and Beings", given by Rudolf Steiner on 7 June 1909 (lecture 5 in *Rosicrucian Esotericism*). The meeting will begin and end with Rudolf Steiner's verse "The sphere of the Spirit is the soul's true home." After our study we will experience light coming into darkness in a physical way and discuss different aspects or qualities of light. May the inspiration from this work carry into our festival of light next weekend.

## LIVING IN LIGHT: A FESTIVAL FOR THOSE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE THRESHOLD

November 22, Sunday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Surprisingly, we are more alive after we die than we are on this side of the threshold because we experience a sort of dimming of consciousness when we enter earthly life. Why then do we often think of the "dead" as dark? These light-filled beings still bring "warmth and purpose to our earthly lives." (Adam Bittleston) We will draw pictures today which are filled with light, and converse about the ways in which the presence of loved ones who have crossed the threshold still brings light into our lives.

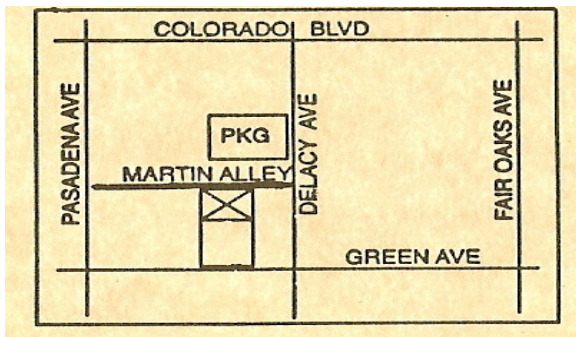
Lynn Stull will perform eurythmy to verse and music. She writes: "To individualize is one of our main tasks as human beings on earth and is the point from which we can, in freedom, serve others. How do we find this unique gift, our individual purpose in life? David Whyte (1955- ) the poet, and Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) the composer and musician, demonstrate two heart-thinking paths of finding our individual gifts. In his poem *The Journey* David Whyte works with images of nature. Mr. Fauré in his composition *Après Un Rêve (After a Dream)* works with the dream-life. Before we experience these two pieces performed in eurythmy, I will give a brief description of what *auffakts* -- the silent gestures you sometime see eurythmists do at the beginning and ending of poems -- are, and why Rudolf Steiner prescribed them."

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

--We consider again offering the biography workshop led by Elaina Rose Lovejoy next summer if enough people can plan to participate. The cost would be \$200 and it would take place on two consecutive Saturdays/Sundays.

--Sabrina Dalla Valle has offered to lead a workshop on memoir writing in our building. For information about Sabrina's approach, see [memoirwritingservices.org](http://memoirwritingservices.org).

If you would like to participate in either or both of these workshops, please contact Jane Hipolito: [janehipolito@earthlink.net](mailto:janehipolito@earthlink.net) or 714-993-6498.



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## 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 of many other anthroposophical authors.

Do come browse

Open Wed. and Sat., 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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For study groups and further information about the activities, library and bookstore of the Los Angeles Branch please visit our website at [www.anthroposophy-socal.com](http://www.anthroposophy-socal.com) or call Jane Hipolito, Branch Chair, at 714-993-6498.

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