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“LET US EVER REMAIN AWARE of this Foundation Stone for the Anthroposophical Society, formed today. In all that we shall do, in the outer world and here, to further, to develop and to fully unfold the Anthroposophical Society, let us preserve the remembrance of the Foundation Stone which we have today lowered into the soil of our hearts. Let us seek in the threefold being of man, which teaches us love, which teaches us the universal Imagination, which teaches us the universal thoughts; let us seek, in this threefold being, the substance of universal love which we lay as the foundation, let us seek in this threefold being the archetype of the Imagination according to which we shape the universal love within our hearts, let us seek the power of thoughts from the heights which enable us to let shine forth in fitting manner this dodecahedral Imagination which has received its form through love! Then shall we carry away with us from here what we need. Then shall the Foundation Stone shine forth before the eyes of our soul, that Foundation Stone which has received its substance from universal love and human love, its picture image, its form, from universal Imagination and human Imagination, and its brilliant radiance from universal thoughts and human thoughts, its brilliant radiance which whenever we recollect this moment can shine towards us with warm light, with light that spurs on our deeds, our thinking, our feeling and our willing.”

From “The Laying of the Foundation Stone of the General Anthroposophical Society through Rudolf Steiner,” December, 25, 1923; in *The Christmas Conference for the Foundation of the General Anthroposophical Society*, pp. 72-73.



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A BRANCH OF THE ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ALLOW ME TO ASK a seemingly obvious (and leading) question. What is it you are holding in your hands right now (or reading on a screen)?

The Newsletter (we say) of the Berkshire-Taconic Branch of the Anthroposophical Society. Okay. *What is this Berkshire-Taconic Branch of the Anthroposophical Society? Who is it? Where is it?*

These are not, for me, simple questions. I wonder! (Do you?)

So for the benefit of myself, and hopefully others who may also have these or similar questions, I will attempt to construct a (very simplified) picture as to what this whole business is about. Let's engage in a 'stock-taking,' brief and inadequate as it may be...

Well, to begin with, there exists in the world the General Anthroposophical Society (GAS), founded at the Goetheanum, in Dornach, Switzerland, over the Christmas holidays of 1923/24. This GAS is often colloquially referred to as 'the Society.' This Society is international in scope, and open to anyone and everyone who thinks that the existence of such a society (one that maintains and professes the reality and research-ability of the spiritual world) is justified. That's it. From the beginning there have been, along with this General Society, national Societies, because there are members living all over the world. The world is big; countries, while smaller than the whole world, are still quite large. Therefore, so that people do not have to travel to Dornach, or to Ann Arbor (for instance), whenever they wish to meet together in the spirit of Anthroposophy, there are naturally smaller, more local groups (Branches!) that are more or less organized and that are recognized as being parts of this greater (i.e. larger) Society. In fact, as many would attest, it is these groups and branches—i.e. individuals who meet face-to-face and study and work together, sometimes for years—that are the true lifeblood of the General Anthroposophical Society, still headquartered at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland.

Now what about our own (Berkshire-Taconic) Branch? The interesting thing, to me, about our particular area of the world is the *relative* abundance of Anthroposophical initiatives here. Beginning with the founding of Camphill Copake in the early 1960s, followed by the inauguration of what would become Hawthorne Valley in the early 1970s, this area has become a magnet for people, and groups of people, who want to live and work out of the spirit (and, from one perspective, raise their families, from another, to be born and grow up). It was about twenty years from the beginning of 'the Farm School' in Harlemville, to the festive founding of this Branch of the Society on January 3rd and 4th, 1992. Why a Branch? Twenty-three years on from that founding, *where are we now?* Of course, this question has some (no little) relation to the question of *where are we now?* regarding the General Anthroposophical Society, and *where are we now?* regarding the world in (Happy New Year, by the way) 2015, and the effect that Anthroposophy is having in it.

But let's leave it there for now. Perhaps someone else will want to take up something of these questions in an upcoming issue. Or perhaps conversation(s) will ensue. Thinking of these questions (*as questions* only, for the moment), and in honor of the anniversary of the founding of our Branch of the Society, I am reprinting a piece from the February 1992 (Volume 2, Issue 6) edition of *Chanticleer* that is, hopefully, a welcome reminder of our beginnings. The forming of this branch, this vessel, was a deed. The concluding words of the essay are worth pondering: "*The great challenge that was taken up by the initiative group in bringing us together is still less of a challenge than feeling the courage and having the insight now to take the next steps.*"

—JSL

A HARMONY OF HEARTS

“NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE we may call to mind that a spiritual movement such as that encompassed by the name of Anthroposophy, with which we have endowed it, is not born out of any earthly or arbitrary consideration. At the very beginning of our Conference I therefore want to start by reminding you that it was in the last third of the nineteenth century that, on the one hand, the waves of materialism were rising, while out of the other side of the world a great revelation struck down into these waves, a revelation of the spirit which those whose mind and soul are in a receptive state can receive from the powers of spiritual life. A revelation of the spirit was opened up for mankind. Not from any arbitrary earthly consideration, but in obedience to a call resounding from the spiritual world; not from any arbitrary earthly consideration, but through a vision of the sublime pictures given out of the spiritual world as a modern revelation for the spiritual life of mankind, from this flowed the impulse for the Anthroposophical Movement. This Anthroposophical Movement is not an act of service to the earth. This Anthroposophical Movement, in its totality and in all its details, is a service to the divine beings, a service to God. We create the right mood for it when we see it in all its wholeness as a service to God. As a service to God let us take it into our hearts at the beginning of our Conference. Let us inscribe deeply within our hearts the knowledge that this Anthroposophical Movement desires to link the soul of every individual devoted to it with the primeval sources of all that is human in the spiritual world, that this Anthroposophical Movement desires to lead the human being to that final enlightenment—that enlightenment which meanwhile in human earthly evolution is the last which gives satisfaction to man—which can clothe the newly beginning revelation in the words: Yes, this am I as a human being, as a God-willed human being on the earth, as a God-willed human being in the universe.

We shall take our starting point today from something we would so gladly have seen as our starting point years ago in 1913. This is where we take up the thread, my dear friends, inscribing into our souls the foremost principle of the Anthroposophical Movement, which is to find its home in the Anthroposophical Society, namely, that everything in it is willed by the spirit, that this Movement desires to be a fulfilment of what the signs of the times speak in a shining script to the hearts of human beings.

The Anthroposophical Society will only endure if within ourselves we make of the Anthroposophical Movement the profoundest concern of our hearts. If we fail, the Society will not endure. The most important deed to be accomplished during the coming days must be accomplished within all your hearts, my dear friends. Whatever we say and hear will only become a starting point for the cause of Anthroposophy in the right way if our heart's blood is capable of beating for it. My friends, for this reason we have brought you all together here: to call forth a harmony of hearts in a truly anthroposophical sense. And we allow ourselves to hope that this is an appeal which can be rightly understood.”

From “Rudolf Steiner’s Opening Lecture and Reading of the Statutes,” December, 24, 1923; in *The Christmas Conference for the Foundation of the General Anthroposophical Society*, pp. 45-47.

REFLECTIONS ON THE FOUNDING OF OUR BRANCH

Although I had been aware for many months of intensified activity going on in our area around the forming of a Branch of the Anthroposophical Society, I had so many other significant involvements that I couldn't imagine how to make space, either in time or soul, for one more thing. Proceeding along that line of rationalization, I left that activity "to others."

Soon it got to be Thanksgiving, and Advent, and who of us doesn't have an overabundance of needs to meet at that time? Play rehearsals, Christmas cookies, the on-going needs of the sixteen people with whom I share my day-to-day life, responsibilities as mother of four teenagers, etc. When I realized, however, that as part of the Branch-forming initiative, the group of people who have actively carried that task for the last twelve months would come to my "living room"—the Camphill Village library—to talk with any of us who came about this initiative and how it related to us and we related to it, I did create the time and space to be there.

Although we weren't a large circle of people, I began to experience something that would come each time, in the next weeks, that I came together with groups of individuals working to prepare this Branch. We went around the circle introducing ourselves, saying only a word or two more than our names. Through this seemingly simple deed I had a tangible experience that we were beginning to form a vessel, which, it seemed, might be of interest to the spiritual world.

As I sat in that circle that Sunday afternoon, as we said our names, I realized that in a certain way I was hearing the names for the first time. Though I knew everyone present and could have even said a brief word about what each person "does," nevertheless, until that moment, I realized I hadn't really taken them in as brothers and sisters. A strong feeling of "connectedness" arose.

Over the next weeks, as I took a bit of time to reflect on this experience, questions arose: How is it possible that we live in our community, surrounded by such enormous human resources, and yet you often hear, behind people's words, experiences of deep isolation? How can we get beyond our own little world and really open ourselves to meet others? Who

are our brothers and sisters? What are the tasks we have in common?

During the Holy Nights I was present at a Branch-forming meeting at the Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School where a large circle of people shared with one another about their initiatives and their work arising out of the sphere of human concerns, the rights sphere. This broadened even further my horizons through participation with a large circle of neighbors.

On January 3rd and 4th, the Branch-forming activity culminated in the Branch founding itself held in Camphill Village's Fountain Hall. Friday's events wove together eurythmy, music, and the spoken word into an event that was permeated by a deep experience of *listening*. We saw eurythmy performed to the Soul Calendar, verse 40, and, through a demonstration by the eurythmists, could witness how the single parts—the colors, gestures, forms, and speech—wove together to create a whole. We heard about the work of the Transcendentalists in this country and we left with the thought: Is the brotherhood we are trying to form through our Branch activity able to link onto the effort of these great American pioneers of the spirit? Is it Michael that stood behind their searching? Are we able to form a link to Michael in this work?

On the first anniversary of the burning of the Goetheanum, when Rudolf Steiner entered the Hall to give his talk, the audience stood up in recognition of that moment. In his talk, Rudolf Steiner spoke to their open and ready souls by saying that their awareness of the significance of this event suggests a vow they could make to one another to carry this impulse of the spiritual Goetheanum into the future. What is the vow that we, sitting together on the occasion of the Branch founding, could make to one another? How can we interest ourselves in each other so that we can go together into the future?

The evening concluded with original choir compositions that resonated with this mood of listening. At moments it seemed as if the singers were a vehicle for the spirit to express itself in confirmation of this human endeavor to come together to interest ourselves in one another.

On Saturday morning we had the opportunity to go around an enormous circle of about 75 people and speak our names into it. For a few brief moments there was an attempt at a conversation. This sounding of our names was a far stronger experience for me than the one just mentioned. It carried with it a memory out of the past, but, more importantly, was a confirmation of a potential for the future.

Something of a magic spell had been woven into the room with these two events and the unspoken question arose in me: How do we go on with one another, once we have recognized each other and said “yes.” These two events, themselves a celebration, were like a magnifying glass held near a paper in the intense light of the sun. Years of individual and group study, artists working together, and community building initiatives were able to weave together and collect into a focused source of light, which was both expansive and intense. For me, it seemed that through the Branch founding, what had been only loosely connected activities could come together in a way that new recognitions of one another could arise. A vehicle for creating interest was in the process of being created.

It isn't easy to write about this special event without the questions arising again: How *shall* we go further? Isn't a vow to bridge the gulfs that separate us from one another really necessary? Can we recognize a common task that arises out of the times we live in, times that demand of us an even more active engagement in the spirit?

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The fire that destroyed the Goetheanum made the task of rebuilding, both physically and spiritually, an outstanding need. The fire that we could enkindle through intensifying our interest in each other is, in an outer way, less urgent. In our times it is often easiest to stay apart, in our own little corner. There isn't necessarily a physical task that draws us together. And yet, in the moment that we make the effort, there is clearly an interest, expressed by the spiritual world, in what we could do. The great challenge that was taken up by the initiative group in bringing us together is still less of a challenge than feeling the courage and having the insight now to take the next steps.

—**Julia Rasch**

From the February, 1992 edition of *Chanticleer*
(Volume 2, Issue 6).



“THE PROPER SOIL INTO WHICH WE MUST LOWER THE FOUNDATION STONE OF TODAY, the proper soil consists of our hearts in their harmonious collaboration, in their good, love-filled desire to bear together the will of Anthroposophy through the world. This will cast its light on us like a reminder of the light of thought that can ever shine towards us from the dodecahedral Stone of love which today we will lower into our hearts.”

From “The Laying of the Foundation Stone of the General Anthroposophical Society *through Rudolf Steiner*” December, 25, 1923; in *The Christmas Conference for the Foundation of the General Anthroposophical Society*, p. 73.

JANUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Festival Study Group, Holy Nights Study (cont.)

Thursday, January 1-5, 8:00 pm

This Christmas season we will meet every evening during the Holy Nights to continue discussion of Rudolf Steiner's lectures *From Jesus to Christ*. At the home of Gloria Kemp and Margaret Rosenthaler (518-672-4844; 672-4253) January 1, Lecture 5; January 2 & 3, Lecture 6; January 4 & 5, Lecture 7. The remaining lectures of this series will be discussed during the Easter season.

The Branch Coordinating Group

Friday, January 9 & 23, 4:00 pm

We [usually] meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at Windy Hill Studio. All are invited who wish to take an active part in the life of our Branch of the Anthroposophical Society. For information call the editor at 392-0214.

Sexuality & Self-Development

Building Community of Life in a World of Power and Eroticism

January 2-4, 2015, Chestnut Ridge, NY

This conference is organized by members of Think OutWord and members of the Chestnut Ridge Community in collaboration with Lisa Romero.

We live in a sex-saturated world. Sex is everywhere - on our billboards, buses, magazines, computer screens, and in newspaper headlines. We also experience it in our communities and in ourselves. And yet sex is almost nowhere in terms of open dialogue between us. Outer social mores have largely fallen away and there is little guidance as to how to meet the sexual forces at work in each of us, in our relationships, and in society. This conference is an opportunity to bring greater consciousness to the theme of sexuality. We will explore new ways of understanding and working with it -- individually, by developing inner work and soul strength; in relationship, by recognizing its true purpose and possibility; and collectively, by creating new social forms that can support healthy community life. The world is asking us to take up this work. Will you join us? For more info and to register, www.sexualityandselfdevelopment.eventbrite.com or contact thinkoutword@thinkoutword.org. Sliding Scale Donation: \$0-250.

A Presentation of Colored Light in Movement

Saturday, January 3rd at 6:30PM at Camphill Ghent

Please join us for a Holy Night sharing of colored light in movement to music, presented by Katie Schwerin and troupe. Pianist Gili Melamed-Lev will perform from the works of Claude Debussy, Luciano Berio, and Avro Part, to accompany the colored light presentations. Our evening will conclude with the 4th panel of Rudolf Steiner's Foundation Stone Meditation. For information about the colored light work, contact Katie Schwerin (schwerin@badgerbalm.com). For other information, please contact Gry Brudvik at Camphill Ghent, 518-721-8423.

First Class Study

Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm

At Windy Hill Call Hanna, 325-3648 or John, 325-1113.

First Class Reading Recapitulation Lesson 3

Thursday January 8, 7:45 pm

This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. Questions contact Webster Beal: webster@camphillvillage.org

Exploring Color Through Mixed Media

Friday & Saturday, January 9 & 10 9 am-2:30 pm

In this workshop we will explore working with ink, printmaking and surface collage. The techniques are exciting and very forgiving. Open to everyone but you must register with Laura Summer laurasummer@taconic.net 518 672 7302 Suggested donation \$0-150 84 Main Street, Philmont, NY.

Body & Soul: The Body in Art

Sunday, January 11, 2:00-4:00 pm

Laura Summer will speak in a panel discussion at the Art School of Columbia County, 1198 Route 21C, Ghent, NY (corner of 21C and Harlemville Road) The panel and exhibit explores the tradition, current, and future models of how the body and embodiment is portrayed in both physical presence and absence; exterior and interior; ideal and flawed; form and spirit. Other panelists include Christine Hales and Maj Kalfus.

First Class Fifth Recapitulation Lesson

Sunday, January 11, 3:15 pm

The lessons are at Camphill Ghent in Orion North, the residence of Brian and Anna Ree. If you have any questions please contact Anna at 518-721-8508.

Karmic Relationships III

Monday, January 12, 8:00 pm

The Staying Connected Study Group meets at the home of Margaret Rosenthaler (518-672-4253) and Gloria Kemp (518-672-4844) on the second Monday of the month at 8PM. On January 12 we will discuss Lecture 2 of Karmic Relationships III.

Branch Study Group Meeting

Friday, January 9, 7:30 pm

Meets at Camphill Ghent on the second Friday of the month in the *Magnolia House*, the second group of light-colored apartment houses on the service road. If possible, park at the red administration barn at the bottom of the hill, unless you need to minimize walking. For this meeting, we will work on the fourth lecture from Steiner's *The Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and in the Kingdoms of Nature* GA 136 (April 6, 1912). A report and summary of the talk will precede a conversation. The conversation may include biographical material from participants about their first substantial encounter with anthroposophy. Please call Nick Franceschelli at 392-1014 for more. The group also will make a space for members who want to study some aspect of our world with a view to doing so "in a knowledge that wills to include the fullness of reality—its spiritual dimension—as well" to bring their experiences to the group. As always, participants are invited to create a place in the meeting for all present to contribute.

Form, Gesture, and Metamorphosis

Wednesday, January 14 - Friday, 10:30am -12:30pm
(9 sessions, January 14th - 30th)

An artistic exploration of the forces and language of living form through clay sculpture. Free Columbia is very happy to announce that Patrick Stolfo will teach sculpture for 9 sessions in January and that this course is open to everyone. It will be held at 84 Main Street in Philmont. This is a great way to explore sculpture and to work with a teacher who is in demand all over the country. Please register with Laura Summer laurasummer@taconic.net. You can contact Patrick if you have any questions: patrickstolfo@gmail.com At 84 Main Street, Philmont NY. Suggested donation \$0-450 (space is limited).

Bees Study Group

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 pm This study group will begin with chapter three of Steiner's Bee Course and will be held at the home of Christopher Tekverk of 163 Route 21C near Harlemville. This

study group usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For information or directions call 518 672-5429, Charles Doheny, 518 6725270 or Dr Basil Williams, 518 672 4332.

Winter Icon Writing Course with Christine Simoneau Hales at the Christian Community

Thursday Evenings, Jan. 15 - March 19, 6- 9 PM

10 three hour sessions with all material provided except the board, \$35 per session. Icons are windows into heaven. They are a way of seeing God's heavenly reality through prayer and contemplation. Icons are said to be "written" because they are Scripture that is transcribed into pictures. Icon writing is a process of prayer and painting that brings us into a deeper relationship with God and the saint we are depicting. No previous experience is necessary, you do not need to be an artist to write icons. Christine Hales will guide us expertly through the many different steps, using the Byzantine method of egg tempera with gold leaf gilding. To register call 518-325-6749 or email: christinesimoneauhales@gmail.com.

First Class, Conversation on Recapitulation Lesson 3

Thursday, January 15, 7:45 pm This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. For questions contact Webster Beal: webster@camphillvillage.org.

First Class, Conversation on Recapitulation Lesson 3

Friday, January 16, 8:00 am

This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. For questions contact Webster Beal webster@camphillvillage.org.

Treating Soul-Imbalances Without Drugs

A Talk by Beatrice Birch, Hauschka Artistic Therapist

Friday, January 16, 2015, 7:00 pm

Camphill Ghent 2542 State Route 66~Chatham, NY Inspired by initiatives in Europe, *Inner Fire* is a new therapeutic community in Vermont that specializes in responsible medication-withdrawal support. We work for deep healing from life's challenges through holistic healing methods and practical activities. Admission is free; donations to benefit Inner Fire are welcome.

First Class; free-rendering of Lesson V

Saturday, January 17, 7:00 pm At Windy Hill Call Hanna 518-325-3648 or John 518-325-1113

First Class; Reading Lesson V

Sunday, January 18, 9:00 am At Windy Hill Call Hanna [518-325-3648](tel:518-325-3648) or John [518-325-1113](tel:518-325-1113)

Nature Spirits Study Group

Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 pm We will continue with lecture 11 from Steiner's book *Harmony of the Creative Word* at the home of Christiana and Dr. Basil Williams of 83-7 May Hill Rd. near Harlemville. For information and directions call [518 672 4332](tel:518-672-4332).

First Class Reading Recapitulation Lesson 3

Thursday January 22, 7:45 pm

This lesson is at Camphill Village, Copake. Questions contact Webster Beal: webster@camphillvillage.org

Art and Social Change Movie Night: *Searching for Sugar Man*

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 PM

A 2012 Swedish-British documentary film which details the efforts of two Cape Town fans in the late 1990s, to investigate the death of American musician Sixto Rodriguez. Rodriguez's music, which never took off in the United States, had become wildly popular in South Africa, but little was known about him there. Very gripping mystery. 84 Main Street, Philmont NY

Joining Heart's Warming to Spirit-Enlightenment—Epiphany as a Path

Sunday, January 25, 11:45 AM

A talk by Rev. Liza Joy Marcato at the Christian Community, 10 Green River Lane, Hillsdale, [518-325-6749](tel:518-325-6749).

Free Columbia presents

Liv Carrow in Concert

Friday, January 30, 7:30 pm

Liv Carrow, a songwriter and guitarist based in Hudson, New York, explores the shadowy terrain of Appalachian melody and traditional balladry in its many forms, crafting songs both strange and familiar that invoke American roots music, the British folk revival of the 60s, pop crooners of the 70s, and freak folk of the ages, with a sprinkling of 90s alt-indie earnestness. Liv Carrow's introspective, narrative folk songs draw from the rich history of the bardic template to weave poetic wordplay and reference together with captivating melodies, fingerstyle guitar playing and a clear, direct voice that can hush a chattering room. Concert at Free Columbia Space on Main, 84 Main St. Philmont. Your donations will support the free work of the artist.

LOOKING AHEAD

Meeting Yourself in the World: A brief biography workshop with Kathleen Bowen

Sunday February 1, 2015 1:00-4:30 at 84 Main Street

Coming together around stories has been a way of building community forever.

We have the possibility to bring a new way of seeing to our same old stories when we find ourselves reflected through another - be that a person, a plant or a fairytale. This recognition reveals our connection to all of life. Through artistic exercises and shared stories of our lives, we have the opportunity to practice genuine interest and reverence toward the mysteries of another's life story as well as our own.

Kathleen Bowen holds a certificate in biography work. She practices biography work one to one with individuals and with groups and works as the coordinator for the Center for Biography and Social Art. suggested donation 0-\$50

Curative Education Study Group

Friday, February 6, 7:00 pm

We will continue to study together from the book *The Child's Changing Consciousness and Waldorf Education* by Rudolf Steiner with a review of lecture three and begin lecture four. This study group will be held on the first Friday of each month at the home of Christina and Dr. Basil Williams of 83-7 May Hill Rd near Harlemville. Everyone who is interested in Curative Education or Waldorf Education is invited to participate. For directions or information call 518 672-4332.

Preparing Ourselves for the Initiation of the "I" and Group Moral Artistry

A Weekend for Members of the School of Spiritual Science

Friday, February 6-Sunday, February 8 at the Triform Camphill Community, Hudson, NY

Facilitated by *Laura Summer, Lisa Romero, and Gary Lamb.*

The First Class Lessons speak of the Initiation of the "I" through a path of development guided by progressive spiritual beings. This path enables us to transform the soul's capacities into organs of spiritual perception and to develop a living relationship with the spiritual world. The participation in the truth that is traced out in the spiritual world becomes the source of what we give to outer life and transforms the outer world in which we all participate. Even before we are called upon the path of initiation we can prepare ourselves by understanding the way and the truth of this path of inner schooling that we shall take. In understanding why we do particular exercises and meditations, we can gain greater awareness of where we are on the path, and how we utilize the inner work exercises and Class Lessons to prepare for the true I initiation. Our weekend together will begin Friday evening with a presentation and group conversation led by Gary Lamb, on what Rudolf Steiner described as the Reverse Ritual, or as Marjorie Spock called it, "Group Moral Artistry." Saturday and Sunday sessions will engage with the content of the First Class lessons through presentations and inner exercise led by Lisa Romero, and artistic work led by Laura Summer.

The event hours are Friday, 7:00-9:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10am-3pm (lunch provided). Event financial support: Sliding scale: \$60 to \$120 to cover direct costs. Register online at www.febweekend.eventbrite.com. Or contact Sarah Hearn at 1-908-227-0004, or sarah.hearn@gmail.com and provide your name, contact information, and housing needs.

Concert Series at Camphill Ghent: *Winter's Silver Lining*

Saturday, February 7 at 3:00 PM

Mendelssohn Flute Trio In D Minor op. 49

Silver, Lullaby for Bassoon and Piano

Silver, Subway Sunset for Bassoon, Piano and Video

Haydn Flute Trio In D Major, Hoboken XV:16

with musicians *Eugenia Zukerman* - Flute; *Gili Sharett*- Bassoon; *Ronald Feldman* - Cello; *Gili Melamed-Lev* - Piano; *Sheila Silver* - Guest Composer.

Developing a Qualitative Understanding of Nature: Animals, Humanity and Evolution

February 8 – 13, 2015

A course with Craig Holdrege and Henrike Holdrege at The Nature Institute for farmers, gardeners, farm apprentices and others seeking a renewed relation to the land. This course is offered in collaboration with Hawthorne Valley Farm (HVF) and the Biodynamic Association of North America.

For information call 518-672-0116 or visit <http://www.natureinstitute.org/educ/winter/index.htm>

For information about and registration for a second week at HVF on **Animals, Humans and the Social & Spiritual Dimension of Biodynamics**, February 15 to 20, see below and contact caroline@hawthornevalleyfarm.org

Biodynamic Winter Intensive 2015
The Role of the Animal and the Human Being in the Co-Evolution of Our Earth
February 15 – 20, 2015, at Hawthorne Valley Farm

A week of workshops for farmers, gardeners and others seeking a renewed relation to the land. Since 1972, Hawthorne Valley Farm has been a working farm committed to the understanding and practice of Biodynamic agriculture. As society attempts to cope with the turbulence caused by an industrial approach to agriculture, the biodynamic concept of the farm as an ecologically sustainable whole is one that can help bring a timely solution to contemporary challenges. Biodynamic methods recognize the importance of both human and biological community life and strive to bring renewing forces to both. Through this series of offerings, we seek to further the understanding and practice of Biodynamic farming and gardening.

With *Malcolm Gardner, Dr. Hubert Karreman, Steffen Schneider, Rachel Schneider, and Dr. Ursula Versteegen*
Fee: Sliding scale: \$250 – \$500 includes materials, as well as morning snacks and the Sunday night welcome dinner. Scholarships are available for biodynamic apprentices and farmers with financial need through the Biodynamic Scholarship Fund; please visit the Biodynamic Association website.

This course is offered in collaboration with The Nature Institute and the Biodynamic Association of North America. The workshops meet a portion of the classroom study requirement for apprentices enrolled the Biodynamic Association's North American Apprenticeship Program.

Registration is open! Contact Caroline Smialek at 518-672-4465 x 232 for more information.

Anthroposophic Psychology Counseling Certificate Program: Seminar 1
Psychology for Body, Soul, and Spirit

March 4-8, 2015 at Camphill Hudson, Sponsored by APANA services

APANA Services is an association of professional psychologists who are dedicated to fostering research into the many dimensions of human consciousness, supporting the emergence of a cultural of universality, and promoting an experiential education that conveys the value and application of Anthroposophic Psychology. Perhaps those seeking to serve others need a reliable compass to find direction in our turbulent world. Anthroposophy has much to offer the understanding of spirit in relation to the human condition. Thus we are calling you to work together in rethinking the field of psychology from the vantage of anthroposophy – the “wisdom of the becoming human being”.

We invite you to this quest to discover the heart of psychology. Together we will address leading questions such as:

How does spirituality fit into the developmental process? How does Anthroposophic Psychology's comprehensive view of personality augment current theories and practices? How can modern pathology be interpreted as a means to discovering a path of personal development?

For those wishing to extend and/or augment their counseling capacities, the Certificate Program will be held over a three year period. There are 3 different locations where the full Program will take place in order to make it logistically more convenient for participants.

The first in a series of nine, this seminar highlights the many approaches to the practical aspects of psychology for personal growth and the helping profession. Faculty: *William Bento, Ph.D, James Dyson, MD, Edmund Knighton, Ph.D, Roberta Nelson, Ph.D, David Tresemer, Ph.D.*

For more information, or to register contact Mary Hart at: admin@apana-services.org or 916 741-3010.



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SU	M	Tu	W	TH	F	SA
				1 FESTIVAL STUDY GROUP HOLY NIGHTS STUDY (continued through to Monday)	2 Sexuality & Self- Development	3 COLORED LIGHT SHOW
4	5	6	7 1ST CLASS STUDY AT WINDY HILL	8 1ST CLASS AT COPAKE	9 EXPLORING COLOR THROUGH MIXED MEDIA 1ST CLASS AT COPAKE <i>BRANCH COORDINATING GROUP</i> BRANCH STUDY AT CAMPHILL GHENT	10 EXPLORING COLOR THROUGH MIXED MEDIA
11 BODY IN ART: PANEL DISCUSSION 1ST CLASS AT GHENT	12 Staying Connected Study	13	14 FORM, GESTURE, METAMORPHOSIS BEGINS BEES STUDY GROUP	15 Winter Icon Writing 1ST CLASS AT COPAKE	16 1ST CLASS AT COPAKE TREATING IMBALANCES WITHOUT DRUGS: A TALK	17 1ST CLASS AT WINDY HILL
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