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BERKSHIRE-TACONIC BRANCH "EXTRAORDINARY" MEETING

ON SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 2017, the Berkshire-Taconic Branch met at Windy Hill to hear reports from members about the Branch, and particularly to be updated as to the preparation for a festive re-founding of the Branch to take place, hopefully, in the first quarter of 2018. About forty people attended the heartfelt meeting.

Our gathering was inspired by a quote John Barnes included in the announcement for the meeting in the *Chanticleer*. This quote from a lecture by Rudolf Steiner (CW 102, *The Influence of Spiritual Beings Upon the Human Being*, Lecture 9, June 1, 1908) speaks to the possibility of new group souls in the current age of individual freedom:

All earlier group souls were beings that made people unfree. But these new group souls are compatible with complete human freedom and independent individuality. Indeed, one can say that in a certain sense they derive their existence from the unity [of free human beings ed.]; and it will depend upon human souls whether they give as many as possible of these higher souls the opportunity to descend to them, or whether they do not do so. The more that people are divided, the fewer such exalted souls will descend into the human realm. The more connections are made and the more communal feelings are developed in complete freedom, the more exalted beings will descend to human beings and the more quickly the planet Earth will be spiritualized.

In the light of this quote, a number of people made contributions to the meeting. Margrit Metraux was the first

to speak. She spoke about the early history of the Branch. She mentioned that Camphill Village Copake was the first anthroposophical activity in the Berkshire-Taconic area. The Village was founded on a 260 acre tract of land owned by Toni and Albert Roothbert, philanthropists and founders of the Roothbert Fund. Gladys Hahn helped connect Camphill with the Roothberts. Margrit told us that Toni Roothbert referred to the land as "a place where God is at work." When Fountain Hall was completed, a group met in the library and began a conversation about the founding of a Waldorf School in the area. Initially, the school started in Camphill Village and then moved to its present location. In the context of her remarks, the important question arose: Why is there so much anthroposophical activity in Columbia County and its neighboring area of Great Barrington? On a map of Columbia County she pointed to a pentagon formed by Copake, Triform, Solaris in Hudson, Camphill Ghent, and the Christian Community, with Harlemville in its center.

John Scott, current editor of the *Chanticleer*, then spoke to us about the history of the Branch. He mentioned that the *Chanticleer* newsletter was started in 1991, by Greg Richey, even before the Branch was started. He pointed out that the name, *Chanticleer*, comes from Henry David Thoreau. In this sense, he commented that the various communitarian and spiritual activities arising from "the American spirit," as exemplified by Transcendentalists such as Thoreau and the

Shakers in Columbia County, contributes to the receptivity the area provides for anthroposophical initiative.

John Barnes then named many of the initiatives inspired by anthroposophy in our area, which, together with individual members and friends, form something like a larger interdependent organism. What connects all of these entities is Anthroposophy and—potentially, if the unifying heart-warm consciousness is there—a lofty spiritual being who wishes to help them in their striving. The Branch seeks to foster this consciousness. John thanked the members of the Branch Coordinating Group for their work.

Next, David Schwartz and John Barnes gave a short report on the legal issues related to the re-founding of the Branch. The issues have to do with the loss of the Branch's tax exempt status. The Branch was first incorporated in 2001 as a New York State, non-profit corporation. At that time it used the exempt status of the Anthroposophical Society in America. Then in 2008 a second non-profit corporation was created for the Branch by mistake without dissolving the 2001 corporation. Moreover, tax returns were not filed consistently for the 2008 corporation and the tax exempt status was terminated. Consequently, a new application for tax exempt status, independent of the national Anthroposophical Society, needs to be filed. The certificate of incorporation needs to be slightly amended to facilitate the application for exempt status. Also, the 2001 corporation is in the process of being closed with the cooperation of the Anthroposophical Society. Hopefully, all this can be completed in the next three to four months at which time the re-founding of the branch can take place.

The question was put: What is the Branch? Signe Schaefer responded first by asking what it meant that the Branch, through its name, represents both the *Taconic* and the *Berkshire* areas. A long conversation then wove itself around this question throughout the rest of the meeting.

In regard to the question of whether the Branch should keep "Berkshire" in its name, the conversation seemed to lean toward the following: To unite the Taconic and Berkshire areas, what is needed is for the members of the Branch to make more of an effort to extend their interest to building connections between the members in the Taconic and Berkshire regions. At this time there does not seem to be an impulse to form a separate branch in the Berkshires.

Chris Schaefer then raised another matter. He asked how the Branch helps the many anthroposophical initiatives in the area to connect with the Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science. He emphasized that (1) helping the anthroposophical initiatives in the area to foster the connection between the esoteric and the practical is an essential part of the Branch's activity and (2) the Society and the School, through its Sections, play a vital role in showing the way to connecting the esoteric and the practical.

Others spoke about the importance of the celebration of festivals as an essential part of the life of the Branch. The festivals include people of all ages and from all the initiatives in the area. The 2009 Michaelmas celebration in the Basilica was cited as an example. Laura Summer pointed out that a weekly study, taking place at 7 a.m., of the Michael Letters was conducted by a number of members to prepare for the 2009 festival. Also, it was mentioned that a very substantial volunteer effort was contributed to help make that festival possible. Patrick Doyle suggested that a five-year effort to celebrate the festivals could be part of the Branch's re-founding vision and commitment. He also sees a need for a physical space in which such Festivals can take place.

Tim Paholak posed the question to the group: How will we reach out to the large number of younger people working in the various anthroposophical initiatives in the area and get them involved in the life of the Branch? Leland Lehrman asked if the impulse of the Threefold Social Order has a role to play in this effort to reach out and include the many anthroposophically-oriented citizens in our area. He suggested that the effort to reach out was a responsibility of the Branch.

Also, it was observed that there is no mission statement for the Branch. In the current certificate of incorporation it states that the purposes of the Branch are to sponsor lectures, hold festivals and workshops, and publish a newsletter. Some felt that a mission statement for the Branch is needed that expresses the current spiritual striving of the Branch. John Barnes asked the members present to accept an invitation from the Branch Coordinating Group to participate in conversations that will lead to the re-founding of the Branch, to the creation of such a mission statement, and eventually to the realization of that mission. How this process will unfold will be discussed at the next meetings of the Branch Coordinating Group.

The meeting ended with everyone speaking the "America Verse," given by Rudolf Steiner to Ralph Courtney for the Threefold Group in November 1923:

May our feeling penetrate
into the center of our heart,
and seek, in love, to unite itself
with the human beings seeking the same goal,
with the spirit beings, who—bearing grace,
strengthening us from realms of light,
and illuminating our love—
are gazing down upon
our earnest, heartfelt striving.

—Report by David Schwartz

WHY DO WORDS IN MY EARS

Why do words in my ears
Ring, as though they were said
Scarcely a moment past?
Why does the echo last
Sudden, after long years,
Of one so alive, though dead?

Surely there is a place
Which, though abandoned, stays
Letting the landscape made
By chance or circumstance fade
So that feature and face
May stem the current of days.

—Vernon Watkins (1906–1967) from
Uncollected Poems (1969)

NOVEMBER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

KASPAR HAUSER FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 1–5, 2017

Hosted by the Camphill Communities of Columbia County.
Festival highlights include:

Wed., Nov. 1, 7:30pm: Kaspar Hauser: The Open Secret of the Foundling Prince (a play performed by Glen Williamson) *Fountain Hall, Copake*

Thurs., Nov. 2, 2:15pm: Herman Melville & Kaspar Hauser: Vulnerability in a Time Dominated by Intelligence and Power (talk by David Andrew Schwartz) *Fountain Hall, Copake*

Fri., Nov. 3, 9:15am: Kaspar Hauser and Karl König Today (talk by Richard Steel) *Falcon Hall, Triform*

Fri., Nov. 3, 7:30pm: And From the Night, Kaspar (play performed by Camphill theater group) *Fountain Hall, Copake*

Sat., Nov. 4, 11am: The Unfulfilled Mission of the Hereditary Prince (talk by Eckart Boehmer) *Fountain Hall, Copake*

Sat., Nov. 4, 7:30pm: The Fulfilled Mission of Kaspar Hauser (talk by Eckart Boehmer) *Fountain Hall, Copake*

Sun., Nov. 5, 3pm: And From the Night, Kaspar (play performed by Camphill theater group) *Fountain Hall, Copake*

...and other events! Registration Fee: \$80 full conference; \$10 per talk/performance For more information or to register, contact <onat@camphillghent.org>.

Berkshire-Taconic Branch All Souls Festival

Thursday, Nov. 2, 7pm

At Windy Hill. With a talk by Christiane Williams. *If you haven't already, please contact Marsha Post with names of those who have crossed the threshold this past year to be read during the evening:* 518.672.4328 or <post.marshak@gmail.com>.

Branch Initiative Meeting

Friday, November 3 & 17, 3pm All are invited who wish to take an active part in the life of our Branch of the Anthroposophical Society, or just learn more about it. Contact the editor or anyone listed as a participant in the group on the mailer page of this newsletter. At Windy Hill.

Curative Education Study Group

We will not meet this month, in order to attend the Kaspar Hauser play at Camphill Copake! We resume Friday, Dec. 1, with lecture 7. Call 518 672-4332 if you need details.

The Last Minute Jazz Ensemble Friday, November 3, 8 pm

Jazz is coming to Philmont Free Columbia Space on Main, 84 Main Street, Philmont! Peter Skaller-keyboard; Chris Ferrone-sax; Richard Green-guitar; Steve Dietemann-bass; Peter Coombs-drums; Mary Ann Palermo-guest vocalist. Playing jazz standards including bebop, latin, ballads, and swing. *You can support Free Columbia and dance at the same time!* Admission: sliding scale \$0-30

Fun Fall Work on The Nature Institute Grounds Saturday, November 4, 9 am–1 pm

Join us to prepare the grounds for the winter. Refreshments and good cheer will be provided. *Please let us know in advance if you plan to volunteer.*

Etheric Studies Course

Saturday, November 4, 9 am–5 pm

(Part one of four part series, given by Jane Wright, RPT, at Mettabee Farm & Arts.) Long neglected in therapeutics, the etheric body is an essential ally in the battle of sovereignty with infection. The etheric is the primary boundary between self and other. Unfortunately the etheric can be damaged in many ways. In this series, applicable to self-help and practitioners, we explore, and learn to treat some kinds of this wounding. Plant studies are included. To register: 518-672-5624 or <jane@janewrightrpt.com>. Fee: \$150.00

November Storms: Arteum Weekend Painting Workshop Friday, Nov. 10, 6:30pm to Sunday, Nov. 12, 2:30pm

Painting with Hans Schumm; Eurythmy with Victoria Sander. November, the last of the Fall month with its darkness and bareness of brush and trees, is also the herald of the Winter season. How can the drama of this time of year be expressed through color? Open to all. Sliding scale. Windy Hill Studio Barn, Harlemville. (518) 672-5746

Branch Study Group

Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm

Everyone is welcome! We will work on lecture 13 of *Life Between Death and Rebirth* (GA 140; Munich, March 10, 1913). Members will share some thoughts on Karl König's approach to the Soul Calendar, especially verses 31 & 22 and 5 & 48. At Camphill Ghent, in the MAGNOLIA HOUSE (second building on the service road). Call 392-1014 if you have comments or questions about the meeting.

The Concerts at Camphill Ghent

Saturday, November 11, 3pm

Cellist Inbal Segev, actor John McManus and pianist Gili Melamed-Lev will present a unique program: *Complementary Eloquence – Words and Tones*. The afternoon will open with the profound Cello Suite in C Major by J.S. Bach, 3 contrasting Fantasy pieces by Schumann, the sublime slow movement from Chopin's Sonata and the Hungarian Rhapsody by Popper to round the program with excitement and thrill. In the heart of the program is Shostakovich D minor Sonata. A moving piece that is relevant to our time more than ever. If only the world leaders could listen to it together, they surely will choose the path to world peace. Inspiring poetry and prose will intertwine and accompany these beautiful pieces. You are warmly welcome to journey with us through Words and Tones and please join our reception at the end of the concert. *Save the date for our next concert on December 9.* For a single ticket(s) or a subscription by calling 518-392-2760 or <concerts@camphillghent.org>.

Freeing Potential: HANDLE Level 1 and 2 Course – Sat.–Sun., November 11–12, 2017

Orientation to a gentle approach to understanding diverse neurological and development differences. What is getting in the way of being healthy and happy? What is keeping many of us from reaching our fullest potential? One in seven children in America have recognizable differences in their behavioral, mental or physical development. Many feel overwhelmed, impacting sleep, focus and productivity. Discover effective tools for freeing the energy necessary to learn, engage and enjoy life. HANDLE helps people of all ages. In Great Barrington. For more information contact: Elizabeth Frishkoff <efrisha@sover.net> or 413-528-0477.

First Class: Sunday, Nov. 12, 3:15 for 3:30pm

Cultural Hall, Camphill Ghent. Contact Anna Rée at 518-721-8508.

Henry David Thoreau at 200: The Path Ahead

Monday, November 13, 7:30 pm

Talk by Christina Root on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Henry Thoreau. This talk will explore Thoreau's great gifts as a writer, his ability to embody the life of nature in his language, and to help us to get a sense of the whole without resorting to abstraction. Fee: \$5 - \$25

Staying Connected Study Group

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30pm

The Staying Connected Study Group will meet to discuss lecture 6 of the collection *Life Beyond Death*. The lecture entitled

"Inward Experiences after Death" was given by Rudolf Steiner in Stuttgart on November 23, 1915. It is. We meet at the home of Margaret Rosenthaler and Gloria Kemp, 518-672-4253 or 672-4844.

Nature Spirits Study Group

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00pm

We will review lecture two and start lecture 3 of *Nature Spirits: Selected Lectures* by Rudolf Steiner at the home of Christiana Williams 83-7 May Hill Rd. near Harlemlville. For information and directions call 518 672 4332.

First Class: Thursday, November 16, 3:45 for 4pm

Conversation re: Lesson 13—in the residence of Anna and Brian Rée, Camphill Ghent. Contact Anna at 518-721-8508.

Three Lectures by T.H. Meyer

Friday & Saturday, November 17–18

at the GREAT BARRINGTON RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

35 West Plain Rd. Great Barrington, MA

\$20 fee for single lectures; \$50 to attend all three

Contact: <johnscott@steinerbooks.org> or 413-528-8233, ext. 4 with questions.

Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m.

The Meditative Path of the Michael School

A new translation of the "First Class Lessons" by Rudolf Steiner was published in English at the end of 2016. This translation is available to anyone and is intended for those who are seriously interested in what may be described as "The Meditative Path of the Michael School in Nineteen Steps." Thomas Meyer, editor of the book, will discuss the four phases of the Michael School.

Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m.

The Interior of the Earth and the Temple Legend

Who was Cain, and what does he represent? The traditional, biblical, view of Cain as his brother's murderer contains also something deeper. Rudolf Steiner showed how the original Cain was ready to sacrifice his being to something higher, but this pure impulse was perverted into the desire to murder. Our earthly knowledge has an affinity with the fallen Cain, but there is also a path by which we can ascend to the condition of Cain before his fratricide—through the stages of higher knowledge. In the context of this primeval Cain, or the "new" Cain, the ritual ceremonies enacted by Steiner between 1905 and 1914 acquire their true meaning, as a way to incorporate previously developed spirit knowledge into the human soul and into physical reality.

Saturday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m.

The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric World

What is the etheric world and what are etheric forces? How do we approach that world and understand it? These things must be understood in order to understand the meaning of Christ's new presence in the world today. Rudolf Steiner referred to this presence as the "Christ Event" of our time. Meyer will show how verses from Steiner's Soul Calendar and other meditations he gave can be used to awaken us to the realm of the etheric.

Poem, Tale or Fairy Tale? A Beginning exploration of Goethe and Novalis.

Saturday, November 18, at 10:00 in the morning!

Continuation of a gathering of those interested in exploring the offerings of Goethe and Novalis. To be held at home of Christiana Williams, 83-7 May Hill Road; 518-672-4332.

First Class: Sat., Nov. 18, 7pm; Sun., Nov. 19, 9am

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

Book Launch: *Do You Love Your Teachers? ~ Memoir of a Waldorf Teacher* by Eric G. Müller (Adonis Press)

Saturday, November 25, 3 – 5 p.m.

Eric G. Müller will reflect on the meaning and purpose of Waldorf teaching, how he came to be a teacher, and what it really takes to be a Waldorf teacher—drawing on over three decades of experience. Please come to celebrate the publication of this memoir, which goes from South Africa to Switzerland, Germany, England, and the USA. There will also be music by Julian Müller. Refreshments will be served. *At the Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LOOKING AHEAD

NEWS FROM THE RUDOLF STEINER LIBRARY

A big thank you to Nadia Bedard for so mindfully spearheading the daily operations of the library during the summer months. Nadia has returned to Costa Rica to continue her studies and Jennifer Locke, who has been with the library since October 2016, is back as interim librarian.

Joining Jennifer are library aides, Martin Miller and Kathleen Bradley. Martin Miller is a long-time library volunteer who has donated hundreds of hours to the library. He is now an official library staff member and the library is blessed to have his IT, shelving, cataloging and many other skills. Kathleen Bradley, though new to the library, is not new to anthroposophy. A Waldorf mother of two (now adult) children, Kathleen has been a student of anthroposophy for 20 years. Trained as a scientist and seamstress, Kathleen brings her attention to detail, contentiousness, curious spirit and enthusiasm for the library's mission.

Starting in November, the library hours will be Wednesday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note that the library will be closed on November 23–25 (Thursday–Saturday) for the Thanksgiving holiday. —Jennifer Locke, Interim Librarian

SHOEMAKING CLASSES AT FREE COLUMBIA

There are currently limited openings in local handmade 'stitch down' shoe construction classes. Each student makes a pair of shoes for themselves, starting by measuring their own feet and concluding by lacing up their shoes. All steps, except grinding, are done by hand.

Series I - Three Saturdays (November 18th, December 2nd and December 16th). The work sessions will take place in Philmont, NY between 9am and 5pm.

Series II - Three Saturdays (January 20th, February 3rd and February 17th). The work sessions will take place in Philmont, NY between 9am and 5pm.

Series III (Intensive) - The work sessions will take place February 21–24 (Wednesday through Saturday), in Philmont, NY between 9am and 5pm.

At Free Columbia there are no set tuitions or materials fees. Considering the expenses for the Free Columbia Shoemaking Course with Nathaniel Williams we need, on average, \$400 per participant to cover costs for future classes. A contribution

somewhere between \$0–800 per person is suggested for the entire course. To register contact Nathaniel Williams: 518-653-6160 or <nafanyel79@gmail.com>.

COLLABORATIVE WORK ON MEDITATION

For a little over a year members of the School of Spiritual Science in the area of Columbia County, NY have been gathering intermittently to share and speak of common meditation practices. The form the collaboration has taken consisted in an initial gathering where contemplative practices were discussed, practices in which there was a shared interest in deepening. These practices were then pursued by each independently for three month periods. After three months of work the circle reconvened to share from their work. Now another round of collaborative work on meditation will begin and will continue for one year. **Interested members of the School of Spiritual Science are invited to attend.** The first meeting, where possible common meditation is discussed, will be on **November 19th from 2–4 pm.** It is possible to attend the first meeting without committing to participate in those that follow, but the following gatherings will only be open to those who attended the initial discussion. If you are interested in attending you can e-mail Nathaniel Williams at <nafanyel79@gmail.com> or call 518-653-6160. The location is still to be decided.

HOLY NIGHTS STUDY: LOOKING AHEAD

The Festival Study Group will meet during the Holy Nights to discuss the first six lectures from Rudolf Steiner's *Gospel of St. Mark*, lectures given in Basel, September 15–24, 1912.

POSSIBLE ASTROPHYSICS GROUP FORMING

We are exploring the idea of an astrophysics work group that would be taught by Alan Thewless. If there is interest, there are a few of us already, we would come together together with Alan and try to figure out frequency and length of meeting times. There would be some cost but hopefully we can keep it at a minimum. Please contact Tim at <tim@triform.org> if you have an interest.

HAWTHORNE VALLEY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL SINGERS are now rehearsing weekly on Sunday afternoons from 4–5:30 pm in the Music Room of Hawthorne Valley School (except on holidays). Any and all who love to sing are welcome. We practice rounds and part songs and a good time is had by all. Come and enjoy the music. Call Diane Barnes at 518-325-1113 with any questions.

RESONARE Foundation in Music is accepting applications for this year's cycle, beginning November 16, 2017. This course is open to anyone with interested in delving into the inner nature of music, regardless of past musical experience. During four weekends between November 2017 and May 2018, we gather to explore the elements of music and deepen our relationship to musical structures and processes. Each weekend session includes improvisation, singing, movement, and the study of music from an Anthroposophic perspective. For further information, please contact Cate Decker at (518) 672-5270; chdecker2@gmail.com or call Channa Seidenberg at (518) 329-2982. Please visit our website: www.resonare.org

Spiritual Science and Technology Retreat

December 1-3, Chestnut Ridge (Spring Valley), NY

Co-Sponsored by: Threefold Educational Foundation & Hawthorne Valley Center for Social Research; Who Is Invited: Anyone with a strong connection to Anthroposophy who is actively engaged inwardly and/or outwardly with technology. Please contact Gary Lamb at [<glamb@thecenterforsocialresearch.org>](mailto:glamb@thecenterforsocialresearch.org) or 518.672.4465, x 223.

FREE COLUMBIA IN NOVEMBER

All events at 84 Main Street, Philmont, New York. Pre-registration required for all classes and events.

Unless otherwise noted, *activities are free, with donations gratefully accepted.*

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or Amelia McIsaac: [<ameliafloweringheart@gmail.com>](mailto:ameliafloweringheart@gmail.com); 518-821-6749.

Hand-Made Paper and Gifts

Monday and Wednesday, November 6 and 8, 3:15pm – 5 pm

On the first day we will make paper from recycled items and get an introduction to the art of paper making. The second day, after our paper dries, we will make gifts using our special paper. Ideas for gifts include: ornaments, book binding, book marks, journals and cards. You must pre-register. Contribution (includes all materials): \$30-50 (contact us if you need scholarship assistance).

Puppet Performance of *The Turnip*

Friday, November 17, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Starting to feel a chill in the air? Thankful for a generous harvest? Celebrate with this Dancing Hands Puppet Troupe production of *The Turnip*. This folktale performance/workshop will provide young children with an opportunity to enter into the special world of puppets. After watching the puppets tell the story, they will have an opportunity to make their own puppet to take home. "Once there was a little old woman, and a little old man and they lived in a little house. Every year they planted a garden..."
\$0-\$15 contribution

Yantra Drawing & Coloring Class

Sunday, November 19, 12:30 – 4 pm

Yantras are geometric symbols that contain the specific energy of a planet or deity. In this class, we will invoke Tara- Goddess of Guidance. A brilliant visual meditation, Yantra construction and coloring shift the internal landscape and can bring about profound healing. This hands-on workshop will be led by Melissa Forbes. Bring an assortment of your favorite coloring pencils, pens, simple paints, paper, compass, pencil, eraser, and a clear ruler. We will also have some supplies at Free Columbia. You must pre-register with Melissa, [<melissaforb8@gmail.com>](mailto:melissaforb8@gmail.com). **\$0 – \$65 contribution**

Puppet Performance of Lydia's Winter

Friday, November 24th, 3 – 4:30 pm

This delightfully original story with words and images by Maude White, will be told by Dancing Hands Puppet Troupe. The puppets (shadow, marionette, and rod) will lead us gently into a new season filled with new experiences and the rewards of generosity, faithfulness and friendship. Share the mystery and the magic of the season with your whole family. This production will be followed by an ornament making activity. \$0-\$15 contribution.

Free Columbia Tuesday Knitting Group

Tuesdays Through November, 6:30-8:30 pm

Want to learn to knit? Need help finishing a project? Support one another by knitting together. Novices and experts welcome. Bring your own projects and we can help each other trouble shoot problems. Some yarn, needles and patterns will be available at the space. We will meet every Tuesday evening through the autumn.

Free Columbia Traditional Quilt Making

Thursdays Through November, 3:30-5:30 pm

Join us on Thursday afternoons as we learn a new pattern every week. Learn the history of quilt making, create unique family heirlooms and see why quilting is truly an American art. Piecing may be done by hand or machine, depending on your comfort, interest and age level. At the end of the class you will have a sampler quilt top or 8-10 squares from which to make a quilt, pillows, clothes, etc. Children are welcome. Especially young (5-8) children or children inexperienced to handwork should have an adult with them. Bring: Scissors, needle and thread, fabric if you have some and a sewing machine if you desire. We will have lots of fabric too, so don't worry if you don't. Come and enjoy. Class fee: \$5-15 per class (\$50-\$150 total) Let us know if you need scholarship assistance.



November 2017

(Please see Events / Announcements for details)

SU	M	Tu	W	TH	F	SA
			1 Kaspar Hauser conference begins	2 Branch All Souls Festival FC Traditional Quilt Making ↓	3 BRANCH INITIATIVE MEETING FC JAZZ	4 Ethereic Studies NI Fun Fall Work
5 First Class	6 FC Handmade Paper & Gifts	7 FC Tuesday Knitting group ↓	8 FC Handmade Paper & Gifts	9 First Class	10 BRANCH STUDY Arteum Painting weekend begins	11 Camphill Ghent Concert HANDLE
12 First Class	13 NI Henry David Thoreau at 200	14 Staying Connected	15 Nature Spirits	16 First Class	17 T.H. Meyer Lecture BRANCH INITIATIVE MEETING FC <i>The Turnip</i> : puppet show!	18 T.H. Meyer Lectures Poem, Tale, Fairy Tale First Class FC Yantra Drawing Shoemaking starts
19 First Class Collaborative meditation work	20	21	22	23	24 FC <i>Lydia's Winter</i> : puppet show!	25 Book Launch: <i>Do You Love Your Teachers?</i>
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2



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ANTHROPOSOPHY was once described by its founder, Rudolf Steiner, as follows:

It is a path of knowledge, to guide the Spiritual in the human being to the Spiritual in the universe.

It arises in human beings as a need of the heart, of the life of feeling; and it can be justified only inasmuch as it can satisfy this inner need.

We WELCOME original articles, poetry, reports, commentary, and images that have a relationship to the Anthroposophical work in our region.

Deadline for submissions, including Calendar items, is the 15th of the month prior to the next month of publication.

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BRANCH INITIATIVE MEETINGS ARE LISTED IN THE CALENDAR: ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE LIFE OF OUR BRANCH OR IN FINDING OUT MORE IS WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND!!

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