



LOS ANGELES BRANCH

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

SPRING CALENDAR 2009

VALERIANA OFFICINALIS

ROSICRUCIAN ALCHEMY WITH DENNIS KLOCEK

March 6, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

March 7, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

In this weekend workshop the alchemical soul practices that form what Rudolf Steiner called the Theosophy of the Rosicrucians will be explored. These ideas prevalent among Rosicrucians were the last manifestation of what was known as the perennial philosophy that was brought over from the ancient world. Rudolf Steiner revived these approaches to studying the spirit in the context of the natural world and applied them to education, science, medicine, agriculture, the arts and many other realms of human learning. Dennis Klocek will present a series of meditative elements out of the Rosicrucian principles that can be used to cultivate tenderness and strength in the inner life of contemporary seekers for truth.

Suggested preparation: Rudolf Steiner's *Rosicrucian Wisdom* (previously titled *Theosophy of the Rosicrucians*)

Suggested donation:

Workshop: \$50 Fri. only: \$20 Sat. only: \$40

FIRST CLASS is held on the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Class members only.

March 1: Recapitulation Lesson 7

April 5: Lesson 9

May 3: Lesson 10

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 15, Sunday, 2:00 --5:00 p.m.

This year's Annual General Meeting comes at a time of momentous changes both for our Branch and for the general culture. In the business portion of the AGM, we will focus on what these changes involve for our Branch's infrastructure, finances, and possible future activities. Following the business portion of the meeting, Dory Rindge, Pamela Saterdalen, Linda Connell, and Jane Hipolito will guide a lively contemplation of the seven "Christian Rosenkreutz" paintings that now hang in the auditorium of the Rudolf Steiner Community Center. For further information about the meeting, please telephone or email Jane Hipolito.

(714-993-6498; janehipolito@earthlink.net).

NEW MOON--FULL MOON EVENT

March 26, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

April 9, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

April 24, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

May 8, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

May 24, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

June 8, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

This is a new moon -- full moon music and meditation event. The music helps the mood and creation of atmosphere. The event has been going on in the Altadena/Pasadena area for some time. The participants ask a question of the cosmos at new moon and 14 days later receive an answer at full moon. **Joel Mueller** first learned this from Willi Sucher when studying Astrosophy. The idea comes from Elizabeth Vreede and ultimately Rudolf Steiner. For further information please contact Joel Mueller at 818-891-8331.

Donation requested

**LIVING INTO DYING:
SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL CARE
FOR OUR LOVED ONES AT THE
THRESHOLD OF DEATH**

April 18, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you shared **Nancy Jewel Poer's** weekend on the mission of America in January, you know the sincerity, dedication and vitality she brings to her work. The April 18 workshop is on death and dying. Nancy's natural relationship with death as a birth process has given many people the courage to care for their loved ones at home, realizing that it is both possible and legal to do so.

We will view the film *The Most Excellent Dying of T. Jack Heckelman*, a heart-warming full-length documentary of the courageous dying of a man determined to die consciously, who in so doing gave manifold blessings to everyone around him. It was Jack's wish that this film of the last chapter in life's journey might be his legacy of hope and encouragement for many and empower them with choices they might not have known they had.

Nancy has been a national consultant for home death care for 30 years. Her book *Living into Dying: A Journal of Spiritual and Practical Death Care For Family and Community* is both an inspiration and an informative manual. She is also a Waldorf educator and one of the founders of Rudolf Steiner College, where she taught for 33 years.

Suggested donation: \$25

I have made ready a room
Here in my heart
With walls of warmth
And windows of color

Oceans, mountains and clouds
Are without;
Within--loving and light;
And here I invite you to come
Dear being I love.

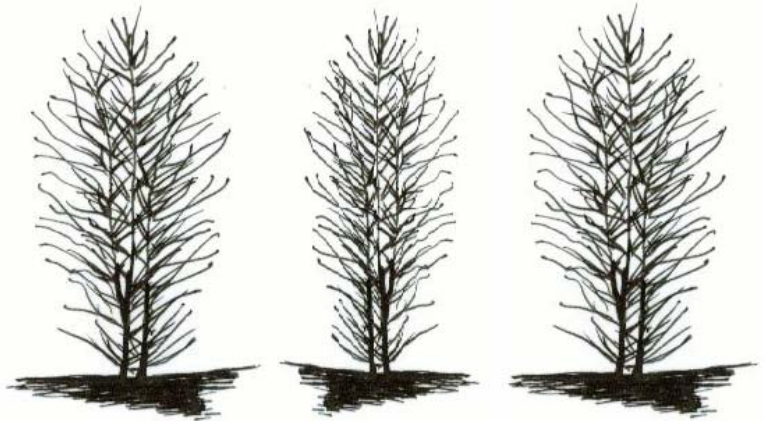
Lead me in what you have learned
Now you have left your earthly
Body with so long suffering
And become a heavenly star:
The up-rising in dying.

Albert Steffen

MEMBERS' MEETING

April 25, Saturday, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

When Virginia Sease visits on July 8th she will speak about **Rudolf Steiner and The Fifth Gospel**. We have a perfect opportunity to prepare for this in our members' meetings, now as well as at Whitsun and in June. Today's meeting will begin with Margaret Barnetson sharing her personal reminiscences of Dr. Steiner, including a verse he wrote for her. We will read and discuss portions of the first lecture in *The Fifth Gospel*, the lecture given in Oslo on Oct. 1st, 1913. Please read the lecture ahead and share in the artistic portion of the meeting by bringing a poem which touches you in light of these profound words.



HORSE TAIL

BASIC BOOKS STUDY GROUP

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 Linda Connell welcomes newcomers as well as members and friends to participate in a study group in the Rudolf Steiner Community Center. Please contact her if you plan to attend. 818- 546-1440

VEIL PAINTING

Joel Mueller offers veil painting classes. For details about this wonderful watercolor art form please call him at 818-891-8331

READING FOR THE DEAD

Members and friends meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to read for the dead. Those who have crossed the threshold are still interested in our work. Adam Bittleston says "they add warmth and purpose to our earthly lives" (meditative verse for Saturday). For further information please contact Sigrid Heep at 626-289-9977.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

WITH ELAINA ROSE LOVEJOY, PH.D.

May 9, Sat. 9:30-6:00 and May 10, Sun. 1:00-5:00

May 16, Sat. 9:30-6:00 and May 17, Sun. 1:00-5:00

These two weekends are dedicated to unusually deep work with biography. Because of the progressive nature of the work, Dr. Lovejoy requires that participants attend all of both weekends.

Personal Biography Across the Lifespan examines human growth from birth through elder adult phases of development. Participants (1) explore the unique, complex stories of their lives; (2) observe turning points, patterns and themes; and (3) focus on the progression, meaning and wholeness of life experiences and diverse relationships pertaining to biological, psychological, intellectual, social, spiritual, and career development. Participants review the rich fabric of their lives as individuals and members of the human community—noting how outer experiences mesh with inner questions, and how their uniqueness interweaves with what is universal. Workshop members will work in small groups, focusing on diverse themes of the 7-year cycles. Large group lectures and discussions will address the essence of the cycles from 0-105!

Elaina Rose Lovejoy, Ph. D., is a nationally and internationally recognized lecturer, consultant and workshop presenter. She was an elementary school teacher in New York and Puerto Rico, as well as an elementary school and junior-senior high school principal in Puerto Rico. In 1971, Dr. Lovejoy was invited by Saint Mary's College of California to co-found the School of Education and create and direct the Elementary Teacher Education Program. In 1978, she created and directed the Counseling Leadership Program for graduate students interested in becoming school counselors, pastoral counselors and MFCC practitioners. She has been a member of the Anthroposophical Society since 1979 and has been a member of the First Class since 1983. She has been an active member of the Section for the Social Sciences in the U. S. since its inception. She studied at Rudolf Steiner College during her first sabbatical from SMC in 1979 and continued her studies at Emerson College Center for Social Development through 1980. She has been teaching personal biography courses since 1981.

The cost of the workshop is \$200.00, payable at the start of the first weekend.

WHITSUN FESTIVAL

brought by members and friends of the literary arts and humanities section and visual arts section

May 31, Sunday

3:30-5:00 meeting 5:00 potluck dinner

Rudolf Steiner begins his lectures on *The Fifth Gospel* by saying that "there is no element of sensation" in the title. Rather, it is a natural progression from the four familiar gospels--which end with John's words "...even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written" if we were to write everything contained in the Mystery of Golgotha.

We will study a portion of the 2nd lecture (Oct. 2, 1913) of *The Fifth Gospel*. Members and friends of the literary arts and humanities section

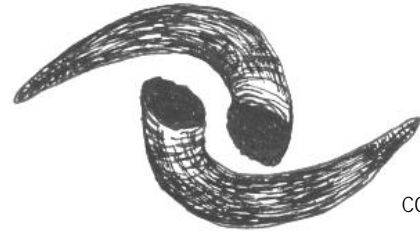
and the visual arts section will guide our study, and Mary Delle LeBeau will bring the visual art of eurythmy. Afterward, we will share a convivial potluck supper. We look forward to spending this festival evening preparing for Virginia Sease's visit on July 8th.



ACHILLES MILLEFOLIUM

SAVE THE DATE: July 8, Wednesday, Virginia Sease, member of the Anthroposophical Society's Executive Council in Dornach, Switzerland, and "one of our own", will visit Los Angeles and speak about Rudolf Steiner and *The Fifth Gospel*.

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 or contact Jane Hipolito, Branch Chair (telephone 714-993-6498; email janehipolito@earthlink.net).



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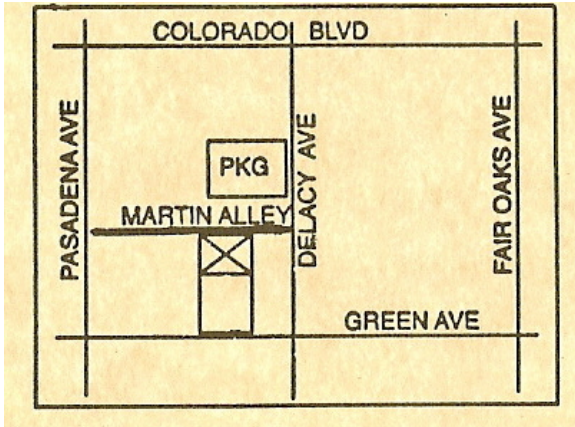
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All lectures and books of Rudolf Steiner which have been translated into English are in stock in our bookstore, together with works of many other anthroposophical authors.

Do come browse

Open Wed. and Sat., 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Phone orders sent without shipping charge

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