



THE ANTHROPOSOPIHICAL SOCIETY IN GREATER BOSTON
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Calendar of Events 2017

September

- 9 (Sat) **The Anthroposophical Movement, The Society, and the School for Spiritual Science** with Vanya Yoors, 3 pm, followed by potluck dinner and discussion. *Contented Farm*. Please RSVP via the link here: <https://www.meetup.com/BostonAnthros/>. Directions will be sent to those registered.
- 21 (TH) **Michaelmas Festival** 7:30 - 9 pm (pot luck cookies/tea at 7 pm). You are invited to a festival evening at the *Ingham's home, 14 Lorraine Circle, Waban*, where we can share our anthroposophical strivings. Contributions welcomed. Cynde Reilly, 978-962-7886, is the festival coordinator.
- 30 (Sat) **Fear, Courage and Love — A Michaelmas Conference** with Christoph Wuerscher, Psychologist, Rev. Julia Polter, and Rev. Lisa Hildreth, 2 pm. Continues on Sunday Oct. 1 at 2 pm at the *Christian Community* in Brookline, MA. Sponsored by the CC (not by the Anthroposophical Society in Greater Boston branch).

October

- 1 (Sun) **Fear, Courage and Love — A Michaelmas Conference** with Christoph Wuerscher, Psychologist, Rev. Julia Polter, and Rev. Lisa Hildreth, 2 pm, continued from Saturday Sept. 30. *Christian Community* in Brookline, MA. Sponsored by CC (not ASinGB).
- 13-15 (F-Sun) **Anthroposophical Society in America AGM. Rise Up! Life as a Labor of Love.** Phoenix, Arizona. Register at anthroposophy.org.
- 21 (Sat) **Extra Lesson with Anne Carignan.** Anne is a Certified Extra Lesson Teacher who has been practicing The Extra Lesson (TM) since 2001 (<http://www.extralesson.us>). She is a Massachusetts Certified Teacher for grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade as well as a Certified Waldorf Teacher with a Masters Degree in Counseling. She specializes in working with teachers and parents. She teaches the foundations of The Extra Lesson and how to use the exercises in the classroom and at home. Donation requested of \$15-25 for presenter. Go to <http://www.meetup.com/BostonAnthros/> to register for the event and pot luck. Directions to *Contented Farm in Dracut* will be sent to those who register. 10 am.
- 27 (Fri) **Rudolf Steiner's Surprising View of the Future with Andrew Linnell.** 7:30 - 9 pm. *Student Lounge, Waldorf High School of Massachusetts Bay, Belmont*. At first, Ray Kurzweil (The Singularity is Near) and Rudolf Steiner would seem to be polar opposites. Andrew Linnell, former CTO of OmegaBand and a 42-year veteran of the computer industry will explore how similar these two views of the future are. We'll cover the dramatic changes foretold by Spiritual Science for the Post-Atlantean ages.
- 28 (Sat) **Workshop: Exploring the Future Mysteries of Technology with Andrew Linnell.** 9:30 - 12:30 pm. *Student Lounge, Waldorf High School of MA Bay, Belmont*. Following the lecture of the previous evening (10/27/17), we will explore as a workshop the meaning of "Mechanical Occultism" and how various organizations have tried to explore



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it. Why must the West develop this? How is MysTech working to cultivate this knowledge? What approaches to "harmonic oscillations" can be fruitful?

November

- 4 (Sat) **The Foundation Stone Meditation with Michael Steinrueck: Day 1, 2pm.** *Paired with Nov 18.* Michael worked with colleagues to develop a new translation for the Foundation Stone Meditation. He will share it and work with us on our own deeper understanding of this well known meditation. No previous Speech Formation work necessary. This is a two-day workshop. Our hope is that you will be to attend both. A donation of \$20 - 50 is requested for the presenter. Please RSVP via <https://www.meetup.com/BostonAnthros/>. Directions to *Contented Farm* will be sent to those registered.
- 15 (Wed) **Alchemical Ecology: Rudolf Steiner and the Environmental Movement with Prof. Daniel McKanan, 7:30 - 9 pm.** *Waldorf High School of MA Bay, Student Lounge.* For nearly a century, students of Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy have made significant contributions to environmental activism. They created the first certification system for organic agriculture, initiated the lawsuit that inspired Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, invented community-supported agriculture, and founded the world's largest "green banks." Yet many environmentalists, including participants in these Steiner-inspired initiatives, are either unfamiliar with anthroposophy or see Steiner's worldview as incompatible with their commitments. In this presentation drawing on his forthcoming book, Harvard Divinity School professor Dan McKanan will offer an overview of Steiner's contributions to environmentalism, and suggest some of the ways Steiner-inspired initiatives challenge all environmentalists to embrace a broader sense of ecological connection.
- 18 (Sat) **The Foundation Stone Meditation with Michael Steinrueck: Day 2, 2pm.** See Nov 4 for details. *Contented Farm.*
- 19 (Sun) **The The Sign of Five with Thomas Meyer, 2-9 pm.** *House of Peace, 1 High Street, Ipswich, MA.* Thomas is founder of the Perseus Publishing House in Basel. Schedule:
- 2:00 pm lecture 1
 - 3:15 break
 - 4:00 Conversation guided by Thomas
 - 6:00 pot luck supper
 - 7:00 lecture 2
- Sponsored by the Anthroposophical Society of Cape Ann. For more details, contact John Schuchardt at 978-356-9395.
- 20 (Mon) **The World-Historical Significance of Anthroposophy with Thomas Meyer, 7 pm.** *Waldorf School of Lexington,* Thomas is founder of the Perseus Publishing House in Basel. "His work ranges from questions of a purely Esoteric nature to biographical studies and political interventions. He has published countless articles and many books of which most have also appeared in English translations and he has lectured in many countries. At the center of his work has been a fight to convey an understanding of the unique importance and relevance of Rudolf Steiner's work to keep alive the flame of true humanity in the apocalyptic tendencies of our times." [This event is sponsored by a WSL parent group, not by ASinGB. It is listed here because of the expected interest from



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members and friends of ASinGB]. For more details, contact Andreas Bracher
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December

8 (Fri) **Rudolf Steiner's Political Theory and Money with Nathaniel Williams.** Location: *Waldorf School of Lexington*. 7:30 pm. This presentation will be focused on exploring principles of Rudolf Steiner's political theory and how they can inspire holistic monetary design and experimentation. Nathaniel Williams is co-founder of the arts and education initiative Free Columbia in New York. He is currently working on a PhD in political theory at the University of Albany.

Christmas Festival. TBD.

The Michael Inspiration

" The Michael Festival must be linked with a great and sustaining inner experience of man, with that inner force which summons him to develop self-consciousness out of Nature-consciousness through the strength of his thoughts, the strength of his will, so that he may be able to master the meteoric iron process in his blood, the opponent of the sulphurising process.

To be sure, sulphur and iron have flowed in human blood ever since there was a human race. What takes its course there between sulphur and iron determines the unconscious nature of man. It must be lifted into consciousness. We must learn to know this process as the expression of the inner conflict of Michael with the Dragon; we must learn to raise this process into consciousness. Something has then come about to which the Michael Festival may be linked. But it must first be there, be fully understood, inwardly, deeply understood. Then it will be possible to celebrate the Michael Festival in the way a festival drawn from the cosmos can be celebrated by men. Then we shall have the knowledge which is really able to see something in iron other than what the chemist of to-day or the mechanic sees in it. Then we shall have what teaches us how to take in hand the iron in our own organism, in the inner part of our human nature. Then we shall have the majestic picture of Michael in battle with the sulphurous Dragon, of Michael with the flaming sword of iron, as an inspiring impulse to what man must become, if he is to develop the forces of his evolution for progress and not for decline.

This it is, which shows itself to us as an admonition from the spiritual world in the brazen letters that grow into enigmatic words but that can be understood precisely out of the conditions of our present time: —

O Man,

Thou moulded it to thy service,

Thou revealest it according to the value of its substance

In many of thy works.



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*Yet it will only bring thee healing,
When to thee is revealed
The lofty power of its Spirit.*

That is Iron. Let us learn to know iron, and equally all other substances, not merely in terms of material value; let us learn to know them in their majestic spirit power! Then there will be human progress once again, progress for the Earth; and that is what we must will, if we want to be man in the true sense of the word." ~ Rudolf Steiner, *The Festivals and Their Meaning, IV, Michaelmas*, GA229



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The First Class of the School of Spiritual Science for members of the First Class is held monthly in the Early Childhood and Remedial Program building 3rd floor at The Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington. The lessons start at 9:00 am generally on the 2nd Saturday of each month: **9/9, 10/7, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12**. For information concerning membership in the First Class, please contact Vanya Yoors at yoors@mac.com.

Study Groups – Autumn 2017

Study Groups provide a community-life-filled friendly environment for which to work together with others towards gaining insights from Spiritual Science. Below is a list of on-going study groups.

The Rudolf Steiner Group of Waban meets at the home of the Ingham's, 14 Lorraine Circle, Waban, the first and third Thursday of each month. The evening begins at 7:00 pm with a social time followed by reading and discussion. For more information, please call Joanna or Kenneth Ingham at 617-969-0388.

Amesbury Steiner Study Group Our small group gathers on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. If you would like to visit or join us, please do! We may be able to meet on Sundays if Wednesday is difficult for you. Pam Fenner- 978-388-1450 (home) or 978-609-0025 (cell), or Cecilia Leigh- 717-304-3043 or cecilia.neville.murray@gmail.com.

The Concord Steiner Study Group The Rudolf Steiner study group gathers together, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the Concord Library. If you are considering joining the study group, contact Michael Marlow at ymimarlow@gmail.com.

Westford Study Group. Cynde Reilly will host a study group at her home in Westford beginning in September on Thursday evening 7:30 to 9 pm. Please contact Cynde at 508-846-0692 if you are interested. Book is TBD.

The Lexington Group. Held at the Waldorf School of Lexington Friday mornings from 8:30 am to 10 am, when school is in session. For questions contact Irene Goncharov, 781-229-6382.

Festivals Study Group (online). Meeting via Skype throughout the year around the festivals. Study the lectures in Steiner's *Festivals and their Meaning* and *The Four Seasons and the Archangels*. We will commence each festival time with the appropriate lecture. Sunday evenings from 8 - 9:30. Send your email address, phone number and Skype number/name to Diane: dimilhome@gmail.com.

The Cape Ann Study Group Meets every other Monday at 7:30PM at Waldorf School at Moraine Farm, 701 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA. We welcome all who would like to engage in a lively and warm exploration and reflection around Steiner's work. For further information please contact facilitators John and Carrie Schuchardt at thehouseofpeace@yahoo.com (978-356-9395).

MysTech Online Study Group Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings online. Our international group will study Mechanical Occultism and Moral Technology. Limited to 12 participants. For more information contact Andrew Linnell at jandrewlinnell@yahoo.com.



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Treasurer's Note: Give what you feel is right to support the work in Greater Boston. Our **contribution** guideline continues to be \$30 per individual or \$50 per family. If this donation size is not possible, any gift would be welcomed. If you have no access to email and would like to receive paper notices, please let us know with a note sent to our treasurer, Cynde Reilly, 87 Stonybrook Rd., Westford, MA 01886. Make your check payable to The Anthroposophical Society In Greater Boston or ASinGB. You may also contribute via our web site at www.anthroposophyboston.org.

Editor's Corner: Serving Anthroposophy

I, Andrew, was asked to be an Ambassador of Anthroposophy in America. As such, I will be going to the AGM in Phoenix, AZ where I will learn more about this new position. I hope to share with members of our branch at a future members' meeting.

Members of The Events Committee and Officers

*Andrew Linnell, President; Arthur Hildreth, VP; Cynde Reilly, Treasurer; Geneva Cooper, Secretary;
Barbara Martin, Dan Emerson, Joanna and Kenneth Ingham,*

Verse for America by Rudolf Steiner

*May our feelings penetrate
Into the center of our heart
And seek in love to unite with
Human Beings seeking the same goal-
With Spirit Beings who, full of grace
Behold our earnest, heartfelt striving
And in beholding strengthen us
From realms of light
Illuminating our lives in Love.*