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Calendar of Events 2019

January

19 (Sat) **The World of the Elemental Beings**, afternoon workshop and evening lecture. From their basic understanding, Frank and Inessa Burdich will present possibilities for the perception of elemental beings. Using current examples from supersensible research, they show methods and practical experiences for working with these beings, thereby providing opportunities for mutual conscious development in home, garden, and life.

Frank Burdich has been a science teacher in a German Waldorf school for 14 years. With her degree in Metallurgy, Inessa has been working as a manager for an aviation company for 16 years. As spiritual researchers, Frank and Inessa joined the Society for Applied Spiritual Research Ltd, Germany. Frank and Inessa developed their capacity for imaginative and inspirational cognition by following the meditative path and exercises given by Rudolf Steiner. They train others on how to journey this meditative path.

Workshop *Supersensible perception - methods and practical experience* 1:00-4:30 pm, Q&A to 5:00 pm, and evening lecture 7:30-9:00 pm at the Waldorf High School of Massachusetts Bay, 160 Lexington St. Belmont. Come to the workshops or the lecture or both. Donations appreciated.

27 (Sun) **Pot Luck Dinner, 1 pm till the cows come home**, at the home of Cecilia and Ted Leigh, 46 Jewell St. South Hampton, NH. (~10 min. from 95&495). Questions? Call Cecilia at 717-304-3043.

February

13 (Wed) **Monthly Members Meetings (Online)**. The members of the Anthroposophical Society are invited to meet via zoom the 2nd Wednesday of the Month from 7:30-9 pm. All members of the Anthroposophical Society are welcome. For more information, please contact Cynde Reilly, cyndeswims59@gmail.com. Click: <https://zoom.us/j/765439710> - Voice only: 646-558-8656 pin: 765-439-7110

15 (Fri) **Virgin of the Rocks, the 'Heresy' of Leonardo and His Students** with Andrew Linnell. **Noon – 2 pm**. Through the Platonic Academy of Florence, Leonardo da Vinci was aware of 'heretical' Christian theology. Revel in an exciting art history tour of several Renaissance painters that reveal theological battles. **Parker Hill** branch of the Boston Public Libraries, 1497 Tremont St. Roxbury MA. **FREE**.



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- 16 (Sat) **Virgin of the Rocks, the ‘Heresy’ of Leonardo and His Students** with Andrew Linnell. **2 – 4 pm.** Through the Platonic Academy of Florence, Leonardo da Vinci was aware of 'heretical' Christian theology. Revel in an exciting art history tour of several Renaissance painters that reveal theological battles. **Honan-Allston** branch of the Boston Public Libraries, 300 N Harvard St, Allston. *FREE.*

March

- 13 (Wed) **Members Meeting** 7:30-9 pm <https://zoom.us/j/765439710> -
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- 16 (Sat) **Northeast Area of the Eastern Region** meeting hosted by the Anthroposophical Society of Cape Ann. 9 am to 4 pm at the House of Peace in Ipswich, MA.

April

- 5 (Fri) **Hearts and Minds: How We Nearly Lost Them** with **Walter Alexander. 7:30 – 9 pm.** Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA. Still the richest country and paying the most for health care by far, but last or off the lists of best health care systems among industrialized nations. Life expectancy down; infant mortality up. Doctors and patients unhappy with 6-7 minute visits. Are we somewhere we don't want to be? On what basis can we object when we find ourselves treated as a collection of billable diagnoses, procedures and pharmaceutical sales? On what basis, conceiving as our science does, of our very selves as nothing more than biological contraptions. As Nobel Laureate Francis Crick put it—"You, your joys and sorrows...[and] your sense of personal identity are in fact no more than... a pack of neurons." Our reductionist science traces all causes to forces and particles governed by random chance. What help can we expect? In the tradition of great cliff-hangers, we hear faint bugle blasts of galloping cavalry! Not a single massed charge, but squadrons rallying from diverse points. Their call is: Dig in. Be fierce! Hold back despair! They come out of science itself, out of physics, out of open-systems biology and medicine, out of consciousness studies and epistemology, out of the arts and philosophy. They come as separate warriors—each responding to distress cries from the core--but hardly yet recognizing each other as comrades in arms. This is what Hearts and Minds is about--restoring the lost place of ourselves in our own understanding of the world.

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17 (Fri) **Anthroposophical Medicine and Healing with Dr. Kelly Sutton, M.D. 7:30 – 9 pm.** Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA

June

TBD **Annual General Meeting.**

The First Class of the School of Spiritual Science for members of the First Class is held monthly in the 4th Grade Room at The Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington. A conversation begins at 9 am. The lesson starts at 9:45 am generally on the 2nd Saturday of each month:
1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11.

For information, please contact Vanya Yoors at yoors@me.com



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Study Groups

Opportunity and Challenge

Last September, we offered a challenge to our members and friends concerning study activities in the downtown area. We deeply appreciate those of you who responded with possible locations, ranging from Arlington to downtown Boston. These are being reviewed as we look at scheduling events for the coming months.

As ever, we need you to actually help in organizing and hosting study groups. Happily, such a group has been established in Brookline, currently meeting at the Christian Community church (see below). As always, your Planning Committee is prepared to help by sharing the names of potential participants and/or offering guidance on how to establish and carry on group activity.

Those interested in hosting gatherings or in joining a group can contact Ken Ingham (amazability@rcn.com or 617-795-0134). Again, by building a strong presence in Boston, we can meet the needs of those seeking a deeper understanding of spiritual science.

Study Groups provide a community-life-filled friendly environment in which to work with others to gain insights into Spiritual Science.

As we are highly dispersed around the greater Boston area, face-to-face study gives us an opportunity to both learn and to awaken to one another. On the other hand, offering study activities online allows those who cannot easily travel to work together.

The following listing is in two parts. The first (I) consists of active study groups whose members meet in person. These are listed in alphabetical order by location.

The second (II) consists of available studies offered online.



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Amesbury. The Amesbury Study Group began Rudolf Steiner's *The Gospel of St. John* in October following more than a year's study of Gisela and George O'Neil's *The Human Life*. We are a small group of three or four and meet at the home of Pamela J. Fenner in Amesbury, MA.. from 9:30-11 am Wednesday mornings. Come anytime after 9 am for coffee/tea/nibbles and social time. We are easily accessible from Routes 95 and 495 (about 10 minutes south of the Hampton, NH toll booths). Pamela J. Fenner (Michaelmas Press) 978-388-1450 (home) pjfenner@mac.com

Beverly. The Cape Ann Study Group meets every other Monday at 7:30 pm at the Waldorf School at Moraine Farm, 701 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA. We are working with Rudolf Steiner's volume: "The Foundations of Human Experience" (also known as "The Study of Man"). We welcome all who would like to engage in a lively and warm exploration and reflection around Rudolf Steiner's work. For further information please contact facilitators John and Carrie Schuchardt 978-356-9395 thehouseofpeace@yahoo.com

Beverly. Six Attributes Study Group with Alton C. Frabetti, Ph.D. - The six exercises were conceived by Rudolf Steiner to develop gently five attributes of the heart chakra, the sixth as balance itself as the attentive selection of rotating techniques. Participants meet together to discuss the exercises, their significance, their overall effects, and to respond to any questions each may have. The first session was held on Wednesday, June 27th, 2018. For information on future sessions and location, please contact Alton directly at altonfrabetti@gmail.com

Brookline. We are a small group reading Rudolf Steiner's "Riddles of Philosophy" and would welcome your participation. The Study Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Christian Community church, 366 Washington St., Brookline, MA. If you would like to join us please call or email Barbara Martin, 617-460-9852 barbmartin@gmail.com

Concord. Rudolf Steiner Study Group gathers on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Concord Library, 7:00-9:00 pm. Our group reads and discusses Rudolf Steiner's "Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts." For more information, please contact Michael Marlow at ymimarlow@gmail.com

Lexington. The Lexington Group is held, when school is in session, at the Waldorf School of Lexington Friday mornings from 8:30-10. For questions or information on the current topic and room location, please contact Irene Goncharov at 781-229-6382.

Newton/Waban. The Rudolf Steiner Group of Waban meets at the home of the Ingham's, 14 Lorraine Circle, Waban, the first and third Thursdays of each month. The evening begins at 7:00 pm with a social time followed by reading and discussion. The group is working with the lecture series entitled "The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness" by Rudolf Steiner. For more information, please call Joanna or Kenneth Ingham at 617-969-0388 or email amazability@rcn.com



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II. Online Study Groups

Monthly Members Meeting. The members of the Anthroposophical Society are invited to meet via zoom the 2nd Wednesday of the Month from 7:30-9 p.m. There will be quarterly potluck gatherings, dates and locations to be determined. All members of the Anthroposophical Society are welcome. For more information, please contact: Cynde Reilly cyndeswims59@gmail.com Zoom address: <https://zoom.us/j/765439710> - Voice only: 646-558-8656 pin: 765-439-710

Mystech Online Study Group. MysTech meets online Mondays 8:30-9:30 pm. This international group will study Rudolf Steiner's work on on the issue of "Technology." A new group commences on January 14. Limited to 12 participants. For more information contact Andrew Linnell at jandrewlinnell@yahoo.com

Reading From *Jesus to Christ*; a new Skype Study group will be starting on Wednesday, April 17th from 8 - 9:30 pm. Meet every 3rd Wed. Each week we will read one of the October 1911 lectures. <https://join.skype.com/qFUQ5zM74DMF> - let Diane know if you want to join, her email is below.

Anthroposophical And Christology Study Groups via Skype.

- The Christian Year by Evelyn Francis Capel 1st & 2nd TH 8-9:30 pm,
- Karma of Untruthfulness Vol. 2, 3rd TU 7:30-9 am,
- Michael and the Two-Horned Beast by Bernard Nesfield-Cookson, 3rd TH 8-9:15 pm,
- Life Between Death and Rebirth, 4th Wed 8-9:30 pm,
- Meditations on the Signs of the Zodiac by John Jocelyn, 4th TH 8-9:15 pm.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Diane McGary 617-840-5544 or mccgary.family@comcast.net



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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. Make your check payable to The Anthroposophical Society In Greater Boston or ASinGB. You may also contribute via our web site at www.anthroposophyboson.org.

If you know someone who has no access to email and would otherwise like to receive paper notices, please let us know with a note sent to our treasurer:
Cynde Reilly, 87 Stony Brook Rd., Westford, MA 01886.

Editor's Corner: For many years, the Goetheanum's leadership has offered to members a theme for the coming year that will have broad interest. For 2019 and the coming years, rather than a theme, the leadership has chosen to make the Foundation Stone Meditation the center of our work together. I suggest that each of us can work with this meditation which, in our hearts, serves to unite us in purpose.

Members of the Planning Committee and Officers

*Andrew Linnell, President; Barbara Martin, Vice President; Cynde Reilly, Treasurer;
Geneva Cooper, Secretary; Dan Emerson, Joanna and Kenneth Ingham, Cecelia Leigh*

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.*