



Calendar of Events 2019

September

29 (Sun) **Michaelmas Festival** Saturday, Sept. 29, 4 to 7 pm, Waldorf School of Lexington. Michaelmas calls to us to take up the courage to meet both the outer cold of the coming seasons and our own inner challenges. We celebrate conquering dragons while bringing forth our own warmth and strength when we align with the help offered by the spiritual world. All are welcome to join us for our annual celebration of Michaelmas, gathering for a meal, artistic activities, and community contributions. For more information, contact Cynde Reilly at cyndeswims59@gmail.com. See you there! Activities will include:

- A potluck meal – easily served sweet and savory dishes
- A form drawing for courage
- A short talk
- Participants can bring a brief reading or poem, aligned with the season
- Music and community connection

October

4 (Fri) **Attaining Imagination and the Life of Owen Barfield** with Luigi Morelli 7-9 pm, Waldorf High School of MA Bay, 160 Lexington St. Belmont. Barfield made the content of anthroposophy so thoroughly his own that he could recreate it in his soul and indicate to his contemporaries the way to the attainment of Imagination. This offers each human being a new relationship to knowledge, to the Cosmic Christ, and for a new place in the world. His early literary imaginations point the way to the whole of his literary estate. Barfield shows us how Imagination has been reached in a single individual, Barfield himself, through his most autobiographical books. Luigi is the author of several history and philosophical books. He will be speaking at the Christian Community on Sat and Sun Oct. 5 and 6 about Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. Contact [Lisa Hildreth](#) for those events.

November

9 (Sat) **Anthroposophical Meditation, the First Class, and the Sections of the School For Spiritual Science, Waldorf School of Lexington, 11:30-12:30 pm.** This gathering is intended for those wishing to inquire about the nature of Anthroposophical meditation and its School for Spiritual Science. Interested attendees can find answers to questions about the Sections and the Class Lessons. While constructed for members and friends of the Anthroposophical Society, Waldorf parents and others are welcome.



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December

8 (Sun) **The Birth of Christ Within, an Exploration in Art, a seasonal lecture by Andrew Linnell**, 1-2:30 pm. The Christian Community, 366 Washington St, Brookline. Steiner surprised his audience when he first began to speak about the births of Jesus in the gospels of Matthew and Luke as different boys. Since that time, several researchers have determined that esoteric groups from before Christ expected Two Messiahs. This talk will draw from a number of Renaissance painters and it is open to the public. We will explore this research and what it means especially as a Christmas theme.

More events may be posted at our website <https://www.anthroposophyboson.org/events/>

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: **9/14, 10/19, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/4, 5/9.**

For information concerning membership in the First Class, please contact Vanya at yours@mac.com. Vanya also offers Class lessons in Ipswich, MA. Contact him for that schedule.

Report on our Annual General Meeting of the Anthroposophical Society in Greater Boston

8 members met at the Ingham's for our AGM in June. We heard the President's report of our last year's events and the Treasurer's Report showing we are typically in good shape even without many dues coming in voluntarily this past year. Cynde will send out dues request via mail to our 100 people on the membership list. A suggestion was made that the request for dues include ideas of how the money is used. We donate annually in lieu of paying the local Waldorf schools for the use of their facilities for our various events. We have Website expenses (\$250/5 years) carried by Andrew. There is a cost of about \$100 for the mailing requesting dues. Speakers fees were discussed and it was hoped by some that we could increase how much we pay. It is hoped that our branch can commit to celebrating each of the 4 seasonal festivals and a committee was set up to create the programs for each of them. We currently co-host some of our speakers with the Christian Community in Brookline and with the Lexington Waldorf School. Locally we have a rich variety of Anthroposophical Initiatives: we are lucky to have 1st Class celebrated for members, Christian Community, a Waldorf School, a part-year Anthroposophical Physician, several study groups in the homes of members and at local libraries, as well as via the internet, a speaker/event almost every month of the year (arranged by various members of the 'executive' committee). All in all we have a healthy Branch here in the Greater Boston area. For the coming year the following are the officers: President: Andrew Linnell, Vice President: Jennifer Goodman, Secretary: Barbara Martin, Treasurer: Cynde Reilly, Business Executive: Ken Ingham, Strong Supporting Member: Joanna Ingham



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Signs of the Times, Michael's Battle and Its Earthly Reflection

“What began five hundred years ago for the consciousness of man had already taken place for a wider sphere of his whole being at the time when the Mystery of Golgotha took place on the Earth. It was then that, imperceptibly to the consciousness of the majority of human beings at that time, human evolution gradually glided out of a world in which Ahriman has little power, into one in which his power is great. This gliding into a different stratum of the world was completed in the fifteenth century.

Ahriman's influence upon man in this stratum of the world is possible and can act so destructively because the activity of the Gods related to man has died in this sphere. But man could not develop free-will in any other way than by entering a sphere in which the Divine-Spiritual Beings connected with him from the very beginning were not alive.

Considered cosmically, the Mystery of the Sun is contained in the nature of this evolution of humanity. The Divine-Spiritual Beings connected with his origin were united with that which — up to that important turning-point in his evolution — man was able to perceive in the Sun. These Divine-Spiritual Beings have separated from the Sun and have left there only the part of them that has died, so that the bodily nature of man can now receive through the Sun only the power of dead thoughts.

But these Beings have sent Christ from the Sun to the Earth. For the welfare of humanity Christ has united His being with the dead part of divine-spiritual existence in Ahriman's kingdom. Thus two things are possible for man, and through this possibility his freedom is guaranteed: — to turn to Christ consciously in the spiritual frame of mind which he possessed subconsciously during the descent from the vision of supersensible spirit-existence to the use of intellect; or to wish to feel his severance from spirit-existence and thus fall in the direction taken by the Ahrimanic powers.

Humanity has been in this situation since the beginning of the fifteenth century. It was prepared — for everything takes place gradually in evolution — after the Mystery of Golgotha, which, as it is the greatest event that has happened on the Earth, is destined to rescue man from the destruction to which he must be exposed because he is to become a free being.

Now we may say that what has hitherto been done by humanity itself within this situation has taken place half unconsciously. It has led to what is good in the modern Nature-conception which lives in abstract thought, and it has led to many practical principles of life, equally good.

But the age in which man could unfold his life thus unconsciously in the dangerous sphere of Ahriman has come to an end.



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It is the duty of the investigator into the spiritual world to draw the attention of humanity to the spiritual fact that Michael has taken over the spiritual guidance of human affairs. Michael does what he has to do in such a way that he does not thereby wield an influence over human beings; but they may follow him in freedom, in order with the Christ power to find the way out of that sphere of Ahriman which they were obliged to enter.

One who honestly, out of the deepest being of his soul, can feel himself one with Anthroposophy, understands this phenomenon of Michael truly. And Anthroposophy would like to be the message of this mission of Michael.” [leading thoughts #106-108 followed] -- Rudolf Steiner, *Michael's Task in the Sphere of Ahriman*, Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts, GA 26.

Editor's Corner: Meeting Topics and Michael's Battle

We are thrilled to offer a Michaelmas Festival (and perhaps more festivals through the seasons). If you would like to volunteer for the Festivals Committee, please let Cynde, Lisa McManus, or Jen Goodman know or write to me at jandrewlinnell@yahoo.com.

Senior Lecturer at Harvard Divinity School, Daniel McKanan published this article on Camphill's caring for the land: <https://theecologist.org/2019/sep/09/caring-land-people>.

Our summer meeting was held jointly with the International Association for Near Death Studies at the Watertown Public Library on the theme of Near Death Experiences. We invited researchers Robert and Suzanne Mays of Durham, NC who joined us via live stream video. A recording of this is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-F4eNHhcmc&feature=youtu.be>

Treasurer's Note: Give what you feel is right to support the work in Greater Boston. Our **contribution** guideline continues to be \$25 per individual or \$40 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 Stony Brook 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.anthroposophyboson.org.



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Study Groups – Autumn 2019

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

Newton. 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 beginning Sept. 19th. The group will be finishing the lecture series entitled *The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness* by Rudolf Steiner. The evening starts 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 Wednesdays at 9:30 am. We are beginning with the lecture series "*The Gospel of St. John*" by Rudolf Steiner. If you would like to visit or join us, please do! Contact Pam Fenner 978-388-1450 (home), 978-609-0025 (cell), pjfenner@mac.com, or Cecilia Leigh 717-304-3043 cmleigh88@gmail.com.

Rudolf Steiner Study Group of Concord gathers together on the first and third Tuesday of the month, from 7 – 8:50 pm, at the Concord Library beginning Sept. 18th with the study of *Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts*. For more information, please contact Michael Marlow at ymimarlow@gmail.com.

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

The Cape Ann Study Group Our group meets every other Monday evening from 7:30-9:00pm at the Waldorf School at Moraine Farm, 701 Cabot St., Beverly, MA 01915. Our first session will be on Monday, October 7, 2019. This year we will study Rudolf Steiner's work: *Rosicrucian Wisdom: An Introduction* (formerly known as *Theosophy of the Rosicrucian*), a series of 14 lectures given in Munich from May-June, 1907. We welcome all who would like to engage in a warm and lively exploration and reflection around Steiner's work. For further information please contact facilitators John and Carrie Schuchardt at thehouseofpeace@yahoo.com (978-356-9395).

Six Attributes Study Group in Beverly with Alton C. Frabetti - The six exercises were conceived by Rudolf Steiner to develop gently five attributes, or virtues, of the heart chakra, the sixth as balance itself to the attentive selection of rotating techniques. The group might meet to discuss the exercises, their significance, their overall effects, and to respond to any questions one might have. For information on future sessions and locations, please contact Alton C. Frabetti directly at altonfrabetti@gmail.com.

Brookline Study Group is held at the Christian Community on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm. The group is currently studying *Riddles of Philosophy* by Rudolf Steiner. For questions please contact Barbara Martin at barbmartin@gmail.com or 617-460-9852.

See below for online study groups.



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Online Study Groups – Autumn 2019

Anthroposophical and Christology Skype Study Groups with Diane McGary: 617-840-5544 or mcgary.family@comcast.net.

- **Karma of Untruthfulness Vol II: Third Tuesday morning 7:30 - 9 am EST ending January 2020 (using Skype)**
- **Secret Brotherhoods and the Mystery of the Human Double: Third Tuesday Morning 7:30 - 9 am EST starting February 2020 (using Skype)**
- **From Jesus to Christ: Fourth Saturday 8 - 10 am *Mountain time* ending February 2020 (using What'sApp or FaceTime)**
- **Karmic Relationships: Fourth Saturday 8 - 10 am *Mountain time* starting March 2020 (using What'sApp or FaceTime).**

MysTech Study Groups with Andrew Linnell, Lindsey Cole, and Daniel Perez. Two different groups meet online. **Group 1 Mondays 2:30-3:30 pm ET. Group 2 Tuesdays 8:30-9:30 pm ET.** These international groups will study Steiner's work on Mechanical Occultism and Moral-based Technology. These groups commence the week of Sept. 16th. Limited to 12 participants per group. For more information contact Andrew Linnell at jandrewlinnell@yahoo.com.

Members of The Events Committee and Officers

Andrew Linnell, President; Jennifer Goodman, VP; Cynde Reilly, Treasurer; Barbara Martin, Secretary; 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.*