

## THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

By Nadine Hafner, Kimberton, PA

The Knights Templar were preparers for the future. The order was founded 1119 under the name Pauperes Commilitones Christi Templique Salomonici (Poor Co-soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon). From the beginning they were controversial but soon also strongly supported. As monks they took the monastic vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and lived under a rule with regular devotional services and prayer. As knights they were highly skilled in warfare, trained in their bodies to be ready for battle at any moment day or night, trained in their wills to selfless subordination and cooperation, essential for warriors.

These warrior-monks were Christian initiates. Bernard of Clairvaux ("In Praise of the New Knighthood") and Rudolf Steiner (lecture given on October 2nd 1916) help us to understand this new path of initiation, which differs from the usual Christian path. This path was to become fruitful for the world in all realms of life. Warfare in the East was not their mission, but necessary at the time to protect Europe from the fetters of a certain type of thinking. The mission was the transformation and preparation of Europe to become the bearer of a new spiritual impulse. New streams of life were to refresh human spirits, bring harmony to human communities and heal the earth. The Knights Templar soon ruled over many domains and castles all over Europe and thus created a living network. Out of their initiation streamed for instance new ways of agriculture, craftsmanship (Gothic architecture), finances (initiators of credit system), medicine and community life (own judges independent of king or pope). Jerusalem was the place where they found a support for their endeavor. They were sensitive to the ether-configuration of places. The Holy Sepulcher was not so much revered as a symbol of death but as the place of resurrection, the wellspring of the new life that overcomes death.

Jerusalem was also the place where the Temple of Solomon stood. Hiram, the master builder, created it out of his baptism in fire (Temple-legend), the new initiation of the will. The Temple is the vessel that can receive the new stream of life—the Grail. The body and blood of every Templar initiate was to be such a vessel. But also every place where Templars worked or fought was deeply transformed. Through the spirit filled enthusiasm that lived in every deed wellsprings of new life were opened in the sphere of the earth.

That called forth adversary powers. King Philip IV of France intended a machine state under his dictatorship, a legal system controlling all levels of human existence. In a national coup all Knights Templar were taken prisoner in the early morning

of Friday the 13th of October 1307, seven hundred years ago. According to the black magic rules King Philip was acquainted with, the Knights were tortured and their order abolished by a puppet pope in 1312. The last grandmaster of the order of the Temple died at the stake where he was burned as a heretic March 18, 1314.

But the streams of Christian life initiated by the Templars are eternal and not subject to death. The Templar initiation of the will is central today, where we encounter adversary powers in this deepest realm of human existence. More than ever do we need those impulses to free human spirits, create the art of living together worthy of human beings and to heal the earth.

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A national Knights Templar Conference will take place in Camphill Soltane, Pennsylvania from October 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in honor of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their imprisonment Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1307 and to create a vessel for their impulses. This conference is cosponsored by Camphill, by the Christian Community, the Hershey Branch "The Corps de Michael," and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Branch. She can be contacted at 610-687-8206 (The Christian Community in Devon, PA) or via email: [nadinehafner@hotmail.com](mailto:nadinehafner@hotmail.com).

## ON THE RECENT HOLY NIGHTS READINGS

By Patricia Lynch, Portland, Oregon

Portland has carried a tradition over the past 21 years of gathering and reading from Rudolf Steiner's lectures on the gospels. There are seven books which rotate over the years. They are: Lectures on *The Gospel of St. Luke*, Lectures on the *Gospel of St. John*, Lectures on the *Gospel of St. Mark*, Lectures on the *Gospel of St. Mathew*, the *Apocalypse of St. John*, *The Fifth Gospel*, and *The Gospel of St. John and Its Relationship to the Other Gospels*.

Thank you to Tom and Ruth Klein for carrying the organization for these readings for so many years. This year's readings took place December 26, 2006 through January 6, 2007. A note from Tom Klein: 49 people attended Holy Nights readings this year and the total attendance for the twelve nights was 240; the most ever.

Along with the rich and provocative lectures that continually bring the participants to a gasping "wow", there is the hospitality that is so warmly shared by the individuals opening their homes for each of the readings. I am

continually honored to accept these invitations to each home. Thank you to all who participate for the questions and lively discussion about all the topics that are generated by these readings.

This year we read the Lectures on the Gospel of St. Luke. Over the years we continually ask questions such as: what is our relationship to the gospels, what is the Christ principle and what does Anthroposophy bring to this? Every year each one of us gets closer to realizing the meanings living behind these questions. I would like to encourage anyone to come to one or as many evenings to participate in these conversations in the coming years.

I would like to close by sharing a quote from this year's reading. To illuminate further it could be helpful to read from the chapters on Faith, Love and Hope in *Love & Its Meaning in the World* lectures by Rudolf Steiner.

"I let Faith germinate within me, I let Love germinate within me and I know that when they grow strong enough they will pervade all external life. I know too that they will pervade everything within me that is the creation of the Father-principle. Thus Hope for humanity's future will be added to Faith and Love, and men will understand that in regard to the future they must acquire firm confidence, saying: If only I have Faith if only I have Love I may entertain the Hope that what has come into me from Christ Jesus will gradually find its way into the outer world. And then the words resounding from the Cross as a sublime ideal will be understood: "Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit!" Luke XXII 46."

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 FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING  
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Revenue	
Donations (restricted)	\$3,820.25
Donations:	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,820.25</b>
Expenditures	
Newsletter Expenses	\$1,583.53
Corporate Fees	610.00
Portland Eurythmy	3,115.83
Lecture Fee	75.00
Meeting Expenses	155.00
Office Expense	101.85
Website Expenses	155.40
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,796.61</b>
Summary	
Current Fund Balance	\$ 1,023.64
Fund Balance as of 12/31/06	\$2,445.43
<b>(Carry-over \$1,421.79 + Current Balance \$1,023.64)</b>	

Gratefully Submitted,

*Ruth P. Klein*, Treasurer

## BIOGRAPHY OF CRAIG THOM

By Diane Rumage, Portland, Oregon

My first encounter with Craig and Pat Thom was more than 16 years ago when I was invited to their house for dinner, while out here deciding whether to teach at the Portland Waldorf School. I was struck by their warmth, humor and generosity. A poor guest, I sat there running the grueling options through my soul of teaching versus more eurythmy work, and weighing the options of moving from the East Coast and leaving one of my sons behind and uprooting the other, etc. Through all the confusion, one certainty was there--it would be a delight to work with Craig. I chose eurythmy at that point. When I later returned to Portland, I heard only good things about Craig and his dedication to Anthroposophy and Waldorf children, saw him as a humorous actor in the "Shepherd's Play", and heard of his ability in spacial dynamics. Still, I never re-met him. Until a few days ago.

I knocked on the door of Pat and Craig's "Abundant Yarn" shop, and was greeted in the same warm, heartfelt manner by Craig, and reintroduced to Pat, neither of whom of course remembered me. Tall, thin, upright, a melancholic build revealing a depth, that nevertheless reached up to the light in levity, and he filled the space around him with awareness. He was like a focal point, ready for anything, yet calm. He generously offered me tea and a muffin, and we sat down to talk in their beautiful store/cafe, with Pat working in the distance, offering comments occasionally.



Craig was born in Seattle, Washington in December, 1958, the third of four boys, each born two years apart. He found himself in the role of peacemaker between the fighting older brothers, and having to deal with a younger disabled brother who nevertheless knew how to manipulate a situation and "get his goat".

His father had a sociology degree and was a Congregational minister, Episcopalian priest, probation officer, and civil rights activist. He was intense, sometimes to a degree of passionate obsessiveness. His mother was a pharmacist and also a talented cellist. She decided to become a missionary, but was so put off by the stupidity of the seminary training that it made her cry and she quit. She had studied Cayce most of her life, and believed in reincarnation. She was delighted to meet an intelligent man who was a broad minded social activist and also a devout minister. During their honeymoon they both, due to the intensity they brought to their love and wanting their marriage to work, experienced the etheric

Christ. It touched them both deeply. His mother comprehended it, though his dad had more of an intellectual reaction to it and called it the "Light".

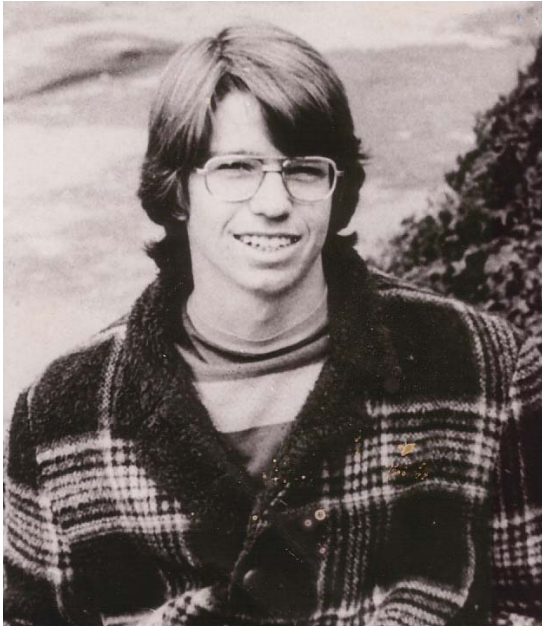
Craig has very fond recollections of his maternal grandparents. Though Craig's family moved to southern California when he was three, they often returned to the grandparents' home overlooking Puget Sound and Olympic Peninsula to visit. That yard was filled with over fifty varieties of rhododendrons, as his grandfather was a botany teacher, as well as a high school music director. His hero was John Muir, and he was also a summer ranger on Mt Rainier. He received conservation awards. He started the first Outdoor School in King County. He was a recycler way back then, standing for hours at a glass factory until they would begrudgingly accept his glass bottles. Craig's beloved grandmother is shown here bathing him in the sink to his delight.

His family moved around a lot in southern California due to his dad often changing churches and careers. His mother made all of her sons play piano for two years, yet he was the only one who continued with it since beginning at age 10. At age 13, he discovered a scholarly Hatha Yoga book amongst his dad's 3000 book library, and it became his bible. The book instructed him not to reveal any of this sacred work, so for five years he did yoga in secret. When he asked his mom which gauze he should use for cleansing, however, she found out. He had no great spiritual experiences doing the yoga, but did find a desire for spiritual experience. He had looked at some of his mom's Cayce books, and always thought reincarnation seemed sensible. Though Craig, competitive, did very well in school academically, and was class president in a high school with over 2000 students, he was eccentric and he longed to escape. While in high school he escaped into books, music and art. Nothing felt real, he was just doing what others thought he should be doing, and the only thing he knew was that he had to get out of there.

At age 17, he came to Reed College in Portland. He thought to major in education, but Reed didn't offer that, so he became an English major. He was quite honest with his dad that his main intent was to discover who he was, and his dad was thrilled and said he could support that. Several threads started weaving together on his path to Anthroposophy. He became mainly involved with the electives of ceramics, Aikido, and music as well as baking bread for his communal household. If one is aware of the intellectual atmosphere and demands of Reed College, that is quite a feat! He connected deeply with Julie Reisner, his ceramics teacher, and she happened to be a good friend of Beth Wieting. During a student piano recital at age 20, he felt warm and relaxed for the first timer while performing. He looked out at the audience, and Beth caught his eye, and he felt she knew what he was experiencing. He spoke with Beth and was determined to study piano only with her. He also felt a need to work outside. Julie's boyfriend had been working as Mart and Ella Pool's gardener for some years and Craig's girlfriend had done housework for them, and they



both urged him to go work for them. So he went and worked there the last 1 1/2 years of college and afterwards as well. He liked them a lot, even though it seemed weird at first to hear that they planted by the moon. Many of his friends at Reed who worked there and felt nurtured and understood by the



Pool, later became Waldorf teachers and anthroposophists. At age 21 he had a spiritual crisis, and felt he had met the etheric Christ. He thought others would think he was crazy, but Beth assured him it might well have been such a meeting. At graduation, Reed asked the students for a notice of future plans to publish. Instead of the usual ambitious "study on a fellowship, go to graduate school, etc.", he said he wanted to go to the Rainbow gathering in Washington. For those who don't know, one might describe it is a gathering of alternative lifestyle folks in a nature setting, reminiscent of a 60's "happening". He went. He loved it.

When he returned, he started going to the Anthroposophical study group, studying "Theosophy", and within a few weeks he heard of the Waldorf Education group that had already started to form the school and was studying "Kingdom of Childhood". Within a year they started the school, and at age 23 he contributed a lot of enthusiasm but little experience. He first volunteered at Helen Gordon Child Development Center at PSU, to see if he wanted to work with children. He realized he did, but not their way. He then provided after school care the second half of the year at Portland Waldorf School. Kevin Murphy and Tom Klein offered to send him to Waldorf Teacher Training, but he felt he wasn't ready for so much responsibility. He decided he wanted to go to Camphill, and also, just from reading about eurythmy and never having seen it, that he wanted to study eurythmy. In the last few weeks before departing for Europe Kingsley Schneider brought a book on Anthroposophical medicine to the study group, and Craig was surprised that such a thing existed. The group gave him the book as a gift just before he left for England. He got the idea that perhaps he could study medicine.

When he applied to Camphill, they almost didn't accept him, since his application letter was too casual, but Thomas Poplawski who was there studying eurythmy insisted that the application was so full of enthusiasm that they couldn't deny him. Craig travelled to Ringwood Camphill in England in 1983, and with great enthusiasm told them he wanted to study eurythmy. They suggested he wait a year and at least see a performance or take a class before taking the leap. So he played piano for some of the eurythmy lessons and also helped with the lighting, while taking the Camphill seminar. While loving eurythmy he totally lost interest in becoming a eurythmist. He applied to the Witten-Herdecke Medical School in Germany (anthroposophically oriented). Though he had no medical or science background and spoke no German, they liked his life experience and interviewed him. They suggested he learn German and take some science courses and then reapply. He decided to work in a German speaking Camphill, and went to Humanus-Haus near Bern, Switzerland. He completed the 3 years of Camphill's social therapy seminar, 1 in England, 2 in Switzerland. By the time he should reapply for the Medical School, he was getting homesick for America, and the doctor who'd been so helpful to him no longer was there.

He returned to America in 1986, and a friend of his mother's in Los Angeles sold him a car for \$1. He decided to visit Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks on his drive back to Portland. There he ran into Sally Fitts whom he already knew from Portland, as Dennis Fitts was the first PWS teacher. She said they needed an extra lesson teacher in Portland, so he applied and worked at that for 2 years. Then a class teacher became ill, and Craig started dreaming of the children, whom he had substitute taught quite a bit that year. Without even knowing if he'd be hired, he felt so strongly that he took a first grade training in Sacramento that summer. He was hired to take over the 3rd grade class. He went to his first teachers' conference in 1987 where he met Pat in the extra lesson workshop, and had a very intense encounter. When they met she was married, living in Colorado on a 40 acre farm and had a big midwifery practice. She visited him that Easter, and that summer they got married in the Christian Community in Colorado (during the harmonic convergence).

Pat moved to Portland with her two year old daughter, Emma. Olivia was born 9 months after their honeymoon. Toby was born while Craig was teaching 4th grade. Pat had a string of intense health problems and almost died twice. He had to take care of the young children, teach, and care for the house as well. They received lots of help from friends and Spacial dynamics sustained him. When he first saw Bothmer exercises in 1983, he wrote to Jaimen McMillen, applied and was accepted to the Bothmer School in Stuttgart, but didn't go. Jaimen toured the US in 1988, and stayed with Craig and Pat, with Craig acting as a tour guide. Jaimen was starting his 5 year training course (intensives 3 times a year in CA and the East Coast), and Craig knew he had to attend, but felt he couldn't leave Pat alone. But she insisted he needed something

for himself, so he went. He completed the training, and guided his class through the 8th grade. Then he took over a 7th grade class that was very difficult for him. He struggled greatly, often waking with worry at 4 or 5 a.m., and then going for long walks and reciting the Foundation Stone verse. He'd memorized that with his extra lesson mentor Mary Ellen Wilby. By the end of 8th grade, he discovered he deeply loved those who'd given him the most grief.

He has always tried to do the 6 Basic Exercises, and other meditations with more or less intensity. When he read "Knowledge of Higher Worlds" during his year in England, he attempted the budding and decaying exercise. He didn't feel he was getting much out of the decaying part, so he dropped it, and just did the budding part. Then that summer of 1984 he budded and blossomed and couldn't stop. He didn't sleep, people were coming to him like a magnet; it was getting out of hand. One of the Camphill founders, Peter Rote, saw him weeping and said "Why didn't you do the exercise correctly!" (He had told him what he'd done.) He felt very out there and empty but capable of doing things. He also met Dawn Langham, speech artist, at Emerson at the "Peace Activists meet the Anthroposophists" week. They took a 3 hour walk in the field and he bombarded her with questions. He wondered if she didn't have to get back, but she said "not until you're done!" He was ill for 3 days upon arriving at Humanus-Haus and had learned his lesson about doing meditations conscientiously. A lecture by Rene Querido on the Foundation Stone was where he and Pat realized their deep connection in the above mentioned conference.

Around his moon node time in 1996 he took a sabbatical, they sold everything, moved to Switzerland, and thought they would work at Humanus-Haus as Camphillers. He was house father and teacher for adolescents, but it became obvious he didn't belong there and he wanted to go back to teaching. The idea of osteopathic school came to him, and he got all the catalogues, but decided they couldn't afford it with small children. He applied to teach at Michael Hall in Sussex, and was hired if they were going to need two first grade teachers. They took so long to decide that he applied instead to Shining Mountain Waldorf School in Boulder, Colorado, and taught there for 4 years. The Thoms didn't feel at home there, though Pat's family was there. When they moved back to Portland Pat's mother Rheba came with.

In 2001 he took the 1st grade class at PWS, thinking he would finally teach all eight grades. During the Holy Nights in 2004, the idea came strongly to him again to attend medical school. He thought he'd let go of the idea. He spent the year investigating the practical issues. It looked

possible but so wrenching that he wanted to give it time and to wait until 2005 Holy Nights to decide. He prayed intensely during the Holy Nights, and had dreams that showed the door would open if he would go through it. So he decided to say yes to that which kept knocking. He left his class in 2006 at the end of 5th grade. With 1 week off, he started a year's worth of chemistry at PSU crammed into the summer. They had started the Abundant Yarn store in 2005, and since it established itself quickly, he felt he could venture into his medical education, while also helping out part time at the store. He hopes to get into Osteopathic School (he will learn this Fall if he will be accepted Fall of 2008), and pay off his student loans before he dies. There would be 4 years study, plus 3 years of residency. He hopes to then work until he dies. The Takacs have allowed him to shadow them in the clinic and been very supportive. He has spoken with Betty Baldwin, and has hopes to weave the medical into Special Education. He has already worked with spacial dynamics with special needs children.

He works with spacial dynamics every morning, and also reads the "Calendar of the Soul". He had always read it during morning circle with the teachers, and now for the first time he has a chance to discover the summer and vacation verses part of the year!

His brothers never ventured into Anthroposophy. One is a safety engineer and international expert on motorcycle helmets. The other is a lawyer in Boston. Of his children, Emma is finishing at Clark University and will work at her Master's in Community Development and is the US Youth Representative to the UN. She spent her junior year in the Paris Waldorf School, and being determined, got better grades than the French students, spent weekends volunteering with handicapped people she met in the train station, and joined a community orchestra so she'd have somewhere to play her viola. Olivia just finished PWS high school and is working in the Favela in Brazil until next December, teaching violin in the slums (supported by a German Waldorf program). Toby is a junior at PWS and is a fierce athlete with great powers of concentration.



He recently ran into the other initial PWS after school teacher, Miriam Rose. He hadn't seen her in years. He was in the airport and wanted to walk instead of sit, and thereby ran into her. She is now in her psychiatric residency at age 50 something. The thread continues to weave. Ask him sometime about his walks. He calls himself a procrastinator, but renamed it a phlegmatic steadiness. He seems to me to be a man walking, listening, giving his all to his highest conscious dreams.

## THE M.D WHO KNEW THERE WAS MORE

Lynn Madsen, PhD, MD



Greetings. My name is Lynn Madsen. My introduction to anthroposophy came through my brother, Peter Madsen, who lives with his family in Camphill Copake. He had introduced me to Steiner much earlier when I first applied to medical school by sending me a few of the medical books. But like many a first-time to Steiner's works, I found the writing a

bit dense, so the words waited patiently for me on my shelf. Frankly, conventional medical training required single-mindedness in order to finish medical school and residency.

During residency, my oldest teenaged son hit one of those challenging times, and we sent him to live with my brother in

Copake. As a family we were not ready to experience an empty nest so soon, and made plans to spend as much time with him as possible. Since my other two children were to spend the following summer at Copake, I arranged an elective month to be spent there, working with Margareta Hertle, the MD for Copake and the surrounding rural area.

I was also able to attend the national PAAM (Physician's Association for Anthroposophic Medicine) conference that month. As they say, "that was that." I was suddenly able to read and find the truth in Steiner's words; I even dreamed them.

During my last year of residency in a family medicine program, I asked the faculty if I could practice some of what I had already learned at Dr. Hertle's clinic, and they agreed. How wonderful to hit the ground running, combining my excellent conventional training with the opportunity to offer anthroposophic remedies when patients were open to it.

I continue my reading, studying, and this year started the anthroposophic medicine training program here in the US, with plans to become board certified. I am deeply grateful to have this opportunity to practice anthroposophic medicine—my heart sings. I am just getting to know the broader anthroposophic community, and look forward to meeting many of you at meetings and other gatherings.

## Portland Anthroposophical Society Calendar - February 2007

### Ongoing Events and Study Groups

#### **African Drumming Classes for Adults and Teens (6<sup>th</sup> grade & up)**

Every Thursday evening (whenever school is in session) from 7:00 - 9:30 pm at Portland Waldorf School (2300 SE Harrison Milwaukie, OR 97222) in the music room located in the high school building. \$15 per class or \$72 for 6 classes. Students: \$5 per class. Drums provided. **Classes resume January 11, 2007.** More information: Marion Van Namen: (503) 956-4046.

#### **Anthroposophical Medicine Study Group**

Once a month Monday 7-8:30 PM at the clinic. Please contact John Takacs at [docstakacs@comcast.net](mailto:docstakacs@comcast.net) or Kevin Kane at [drkev@involved.com](mailto:drkev@involved.com).

#### **Anthroposophical Understanding of Memory Group**

Preparation for medical/pedagogical conference July 11-14. Meets once a month on the evening of the 4th Tuesday, at Bothmer Hall. For information contact Betty Baldwin: [bettybaldwin1@yahoo.com](mailto:bettybaldwin1@yahoo.com)

#### **Biodynamic Agriculture Reading Group**

The biodynamic reading group is reading Steiner's Agriculture Book. Our group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the Parker's, 5720 SE Harney Dr in Portland. We begin with a potluck at 5:30 and start reading at 6. Please contact Sharon Parker at (503) 777-9086 or [sharon.parker@providence.org](mailto:sharon.parker@providence.org).

#### **Eurythmy**

Training offered by Portland Eurythmy on weekends and evenings. Please contact Natasha Moss at 503 233-0663.

#### **Karmic Relationships**

Working through Rudolf Steiner's Karmic Relationships Cycle of lectures. Call James Lee for information 503 249-3804.

#### **Life Beyond Death**

Reading the collection of Steiner's lectures. Call Angela at 503-772-5202.

#### **Mystery Dramas, with Warm-Up Speech-Formation Exercises**

Two Wednesdays a month, 7:30 - 9:00 PM in NE Portland. Currently working on scenes 6 & 8 of Rudolf Steiner's *Portal of Initiation*. No acting experience necessary, just a love of the Word. Call Diane Ramage at 360 241-7854 for information.

#### **Portland Youth Discussion Group**

A new group, spear-headed by a couple of Waldorf alum and some questing individuals, has been forming in Portland, Oregon around the questions of how Anthroposophy compares and relates to other ideas-philosophy, spirituality, religion, economics, social activism, individual and social development, and relationships. We are attempting to form our study group in a new way and are looking for people who are open to the experience. We invite people who are youthful in mind, body or



spirit to join us in bi-weekly meetings where we share a meal, an artistic, musical or physical activity, followed by discussion. We rotate conversation facilitators at each meeting and our readings change, based on the interest of the facilitator. We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month. For more information, please contact Leslie Loy at (503) 819-3399 or [leslielal@yahoo.com](mailto:leslielal@yahoo.com).

### Portland Waldorf School Community Choir

Every Friday morning from 8:45 - 10:00 am (at the Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie) in the music room of the high school building, whenever school is in session. Anyone in- and outside the PWS community who enjoys singing songs through the seasons, across the centuries and around the world is very welcome, including drop ins. This event is free and a community builder. More information: Marion Van Namen (503)956-4046.

### Occult Physiology

A weekly study group meets Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM. A series of eight lectures given in Prague between 20 and 28 March, 1911. We are just beginning our second pass through this book. Please join us. In *An Occult Physiology*, Rudolf Steiner represents the human organism as much more than conventional medical science would even consider. He describes it in form and function, and in its very evolution, as the expression of activities of soul and spirit, both human and super-human. Contact Diane Rumage at 360 241-7854 for information.

### Deepening Our Experience with the Six Basic Exercises

Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM

February 10 and March 10, 2007 at 3135 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Contact Jannebeth Röell at 503-249-3807. Please call to confirm the activity close to the date.

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesdays, JANUARY 17-MARCH 21, 2007

##### Ten painting classes

Ten painting classes will be given on Wednesday mornings from 9 AM-10 AM at 3135 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The theme will be "The Frog Prince" a fairy tale by Grimm. Please call Jannebeth Röell to reserve a place: 503-249-3807

#### FEBRUARY 1 – 22, 2007

##### Micha-el Institute – Introduction to Eurythmy

2/1 Eurythmy for Kindergarten to Grade 5; 2/8 Middle and High School Eurythmy; 2/15 Therapeutic Eurythmy and Movement; 2/22 Eurythmy as a Performing Art. Contact 503 774-4946 or email [johncmiles@usa.net](mailto:johncmiles@usa.net).

#### FEBRUARY 19-22, 2007

##### Multi-Modality Anthroposophic Workshop for Adults

9 AM to 3 PM at Shining Star School NE Emerson Street, Portland, Oregon, 97218. The workshop includes Lecture, Discussion, Interactive Movement, Art Explorations, Games, and Social Gestures, including Speech, Music, and Practical Approaches. Required reading: *Difficult Children, There Is No Such Thing*, [Henning Kohler](#), ISBN: 1888365447. Please call the conference leader Marsha Johnson at 503 753 4459 to save a place. Conference Fee: \$50 for the four days, including snack.

#### Saturday, MARCH 3 9:00-12:30

##### The Art of the Speaking Word a workshop with Helen Lubin *Speech in Education, Speech in Our Lives*

Cedarwood Waldorf School, 3030 SW 2nd Ave., Portland OR

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\$42 **Pre-registration by January 31 is essential:** Contact Helen Lubin by e-mail at [HelenLubin@aol.com](mailto:HelenLubin@aol.com) or phone (916) 966 5749.

Speech artist Helen Lubin (Fair Oaks, CA) received her diploma from the *School for Pedagogic and Therapeutic Speech Arts* (Germany) in 1985. Her main focus is *Speech and Drama in Waldorf Schools in North America*, now in its 12th year. Helen also works in private practice and Waldorf teacher education programs; role of *Maria* in Rudolf Steiner's four Mystery Dramas, co-founder of *The Speech School of North America*.

#### Wednesday, MARCH 7

##### Council meeting of the Portland Branch

Generally the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Tom and Ruth Klein. Call Tom or Ruth at (503) 777-3176 for date and time confirmations.

#### Sunday, MARCH 11

##### First Class of the School of Spiritual Science

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807.

#### JUNE 18 – AUGUST 28

##### Micha-el Institute –Summer Courses

6/18 – 29 Early Childhood Intensive Conference; 6/25 - 29 Art Therapy Workshop - Jill David; 6/29 – 7/1 Veil Painting Intensive - Jill David; 7/6-7/11 Class Teacher Deepening Conferences Grade 1 – 4; 7/13 – 18 Class Teacher Deepening Conferences G 5 - 8 with Christof Wiechert; 7/19 – 21 Working in Community – Christof Wiechert; 8/20 – 23 Home Schooling Workshop; 8/24 – 28 Foundation Conference. Contact John Miles at 503 774-4946 or email [johncmiles@usa.net](mailto:johncmiles@usa.net).

#### JULY 8-15

##### Nineteen Lessons of the School for Spiritual Science

In Ann Arbor, Michigan. Members of the North American Collegium of the School for Spiritual Science, including its representatives from the Class Holders Circle, in collaboration with the Executive Council and Collegium of the School for Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland and the General Council of the Anthroposophical Society in North America is planning to hold all of the nineteen lessons of the School for Spiritual Science in Ann Arbor, Michigan during the week of July 8 to 15, 2007, as an activity of the North American Collegium of the School in conjunction with the Anthroposophical Society. More information will be posted when made available. This conference is open to members of the School for Spiritual Science.

#### JULY 18-22

##### Attention, Imagination and Memory in the Child

For physicians, health professionals, teachers, and others sharing anthroposophic medical, therapeutic & pedagogic arts. Sponsored by AAMTA (Association for Anthroposophic Medicine and Therapies in America). At a location to be announced in Portland, OR. Keynote Speakers include Christof Wiechert, Leader of the Pedagogical Section at the Goetheanum and Susan Johnson MD Pediatrics & Neurodevelopment, Sacramento, CA. Workshops in Art, Music and Speech. For members of the School for Spiritual Science, join us for a pre-conference gathering and Medical Section Meeting. Save the dates! More information to come.

#### OCTOBER 5-7

##### Annual General Meeting of the Anthroposophical Society

The 2007 AGM of the Anthroposophical Society in America will be hosted by the Novalis Branch in Austin, Texas on October 5 – 7, 2007.

See the updated calendar online at  
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