

2011 Annual Conference
and
Members Meeting
of the
Anthroposophical
Society in America



Rudolf Steiner's Vision:

*How can we create a future
worthy of the human being?*

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's birth

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October 14-16
2011
Portland
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Rudolf Steiner's Vision

How can we create a future worthy of the human being?

Friday, October 14 – Sunday, October 16, 2011

Portland Waldorf School

2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222 • 503.654.2200

Friday • October 14

- 5:00 p.m. Registration and reception
7:00 p.m. *An Evening with Rudolf Steiner*

Saturday • October 15

- 9 a.m. Foundation Stone Meditation – an offering by Lemniscate Arts
9:20 a.m. *Rudolf Steiner's Vision for the Human Being: Love Manifested through Spiritual Activity* – presentation by Virginia Sease
10:30 a.m. Break
11 a.m. Conversation Groups
12 p.m. Speech with Kim Snyder-Vine
12:30 p.m. Lunch at the school
1:30 – 2 p.m. Singing with Diane Rowley
2 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops *How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?* (Choose one) – [details are on back page](#)
1. *The Human Terrain: Exploring the Influence of the Four Ethers in Health and Illness* – Dr. Paul Kalnins
2. *Working with Christian Rosenkretz and Master Jesus* – Linda Connell and MariJo Rogers
3. *The Future of Waldorf Education* – Torin Finser
4. *Working with Questions* – Leslie Loy, Luc Schloss, and members of the Youth Section
5. *Eurythmy Forms* – Anna Marie Baeschlin
6. *Holding the Vision for the Cultural/Spiritual Sphere* – Members of the Section for the Social Sciences
7. *Biodynamics and the Promise of the Food Movement* – Robert Karp
8. *At the Intersection of Money and Spirit* – John Bloom
9. *A Bridge Across the Threshold: Creating a Living Connection* – Marianne Dietzel
10. *What are the New Mysteries?* – Matt "Matre" Sawaya and Kathleen Morse
3:30 – 4 p.m. Break
4 – 4:30 p.m. Sharing Workshop experiences and bringing responses to the question: *How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?*
4:30 – 5 p.m. Speech with Kim Snyder-Vine
5 – 5:15 p.m. Virginia Sease – Closing words
5:15 p.m. Foundation Stone Meditation – an offering by Lemniscate Arts
6 p.m. Dinner at the school
7:30 p.m. *Rudolf Steiner's Birthday Bash!*

Sunday • October 16

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Annual General Meeting

At this conference we want to understand how what Rudolf Steiner brought to the world is crucial to a future worth living, and how that vision can remain living and evolve. We will explore the contribution we each can make to gain and fulfill such a vision. Our explorations will proceed thoughtfully, artistically, and out of our own life experience. The goal of our time together is that we gain inspiration to bring something new into our life and into the future. Our task in evolution is to become more fully human. Anthroposophy supports this evolutionary path.

Keynote Speaker



Since 1984, Virginia Sease has been a member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society in Dornach, Switzerland. While working on her BA in German Literature, Virginia also studied voice in NYC. After attending the University of Tübingen on a Fulbright, she received her Waldorf training at the Waldorf Teachers Seminar in Stuttgart, Germany. Upon returning

to the States, Virginia became a Class teacher at Highland Hall Waldorf School in Los Angeles. She then went on to receive a Ph.D. from USC in German literature. From 1967 - 1974 she was Assistant Professor at Occidental College and worked simultaneously to help establish the Waldorf Institute of Southern California. Virginia has served on the Western Regional Council and the General Council of the U.S. Society. From 1991 - 2001 she was the leader of the Section for the Arts of Eurythmy, Speech and Music at the Goetheanum. In addition to her work on the Executive Council, Virginia also established and is responsible for the Anthroposophical Studies in English program at the Goetheanum.

Registration Information

Conference Fees: Member fee for the conference is \$130; non-member \$160; youth under 25 and seniors over 65, \$50. The conference fee covers all lectures and workshops, the Friday evening performance and reception, and the Saturday evening Birthday Bash. Saturday lunch and dinner are an additional \$15 each. If you need financial assistance, please contact Marian León at the Society's office, 734.662.9355. A few scholarships are available. Donations to our scholarship fund will be gratefully accepted. The scholarship fund will be used to enable others to attend the conference.

Cancellations: Refunds of the conference fee, minus a \$35 processing fee, are available if requested by Monday, October 17th.

Travel: For air travel, you will be flying into PDX [www.portofportland.com]. There is easy, direct transportation all around the city and you can use the MAX system [www.trimet.org] from the airport straight to the hotel and from the hotel to the school. If you are driving, directions and information about parking will be provided in your registration packet.

Housing: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel deLuxe for \$109 per night. For this discounted rate, please make your reservation by September 12 and refer to "Steiner" when booking.

Hotel deLuxe [www.hoteldeluxeportland.com]
729 SW 15th Avenue
Portland, OR 97205
503.219.2094

For private housing or sleeping bag space call Valerie Hope at 503.775.0778 (email: valerieannhpdx@aol.com) beginning in September.

Meals: A light supper reception will be offered Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The lunch and dinner on Saturday will be served at the school and cost \$15 for each meal. Sign up on the registration form and indicate a vegetarian or non-vegetarian option. All other meals will be on your own. There is a restaurant in the hotel, and others nearby, for breakfast.

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Workshop details

How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?

1. *The Human Terrain: Exploring the Influence of the Four Ethers in Health and Illness* – Dr. Paul Kalnins

Modern medicine is founded upon the belief that health and illness are determined by the activities occurring within the body's cells. In recent years, research has revealed that the extracellular matrix, or the space between the cells, may be an even more important determinant of cellular function. The matrix forms a vast web, connecting all the body's individual cells, tissues, and organs together into a comprehensive whole. This workshop will explore the basic features of the extracellular matrix, and how imaginative perception reveals it to be the working ground of the four ethers discussed by Rudolf Steiner in relation to anthroposophic medicine.

2. *Working with Christian Rosenkretz and Master Jesus* – Linda Connell and MariJo Rogers

Rudolf Steiner was clear that relationships are at the heart of anthroposophy. Anthroposophy enables us not only to know about leading figures in human evolution, such as Christian Rosenkretz and Master Jesus, but to develop living relationships with them. Through his years of lecturing and writing, Rudolf Steiner spoke often about these two individualities, their importance for humanity's spiritual progress, and how to develop a relationship with them that can deepen and enliven our daily lives. MariJo and Linda will provide initial seed talks followed by conversation among participants.

3. *The Future of Waldorf Education* – Torin Finser

What is being asked of us in the years ahead in terms of the needs of our students, parents, current trends in education in the U.S.? How can we as teachers and parents best prepare ourselves to meet these present and future challenges? How can we better foster collaboration between Waldorf schools and the broader anthroposophical movement in general and the Anthroposophical Society in particular? Rather than just "react" to events, can we find new ways to support initiative?

4. *Working with Questions* – Leslie Loy, Luc Schloss, and members of the Youth Section

For some time, the Youth Section has been working with different social technologies to understand how open social spaces can be created where new ideas can emerge and where the future can be listened to. Our recent collective work has intersected around moving questions into actions. How can we learn to listen, develop, reframe and move questions into an impetus for change? This workshop will be collectively developed during the course of the Youth Section's event prior to the Society's conference and be offered up as an experiential journey.

5. *Eurythmy Forms* – Anna Marie Baeschlin

This workshop with master teacher Anna Marie Baeschlin will focus on the eurythmy forms given by Rudolf Steiner, through his work with Edith Maryon, in Eurythmy in the English Language. Anna Marie is recognized throughout Europe as one of the leading eurythmists today. This is her second trip to the U.S., and her first visit to the west coast. This unique opportunity is open to all.

6. *Holding the Vision for the Cultural/Spiritual Sphere* – Section for the Social Sciences

Rudolf Steiner contributed a wealth of insights about a healthy life in the realm of economics and in the rights sphere. His most developed innovations, however, were in the cultural/spiritual life. What was his vision of the cultural/spiritual sphere? How does this life manifest today? How can we, as individuals and together, aid in the necessary transformation?

7. *Biodynamics and the Promise of the Food Movement* – Robert Karp

Biodynamics is an intimate part of a growing food movement that has become a genuine source of spiritual, social and economic renewal in America. This workshop will explore the esoteric dimension of this movement, its evolving forms, and the role that we each can play in helping this movement fulfill its promise in our lives and communities.

8. *At the Intersection of Money and Spirit* – John Bloom

Whether by its presence or absence, money affects our lives on a daily basis. It connects us to the economic world. How can we understand money and our relationship to it well enough to cultivate resonance and reciprocity between our inner and outer lives? In this workshop, we will look at this money journey as a basis for co-creating the new economy.

9. *A Bridge Across the Threshold: Creating a Living Connection* – Marianne Dietzel

How do we let go of someone we were close to after they have crossed the threshold, while at the same time feeling a nearness to them as a spiritual being? Experience a condensed exercise in staying connected through the moods of nature, using gesture painting.

10. *What are the New Mysteries?* – Matt "Matre" Sawaya and Kathleen Morse

What is initiation in our modern times? How are the new mysteries emerging through our daily experiences? How can modern art forms, or new arts forms—ranging from music to the social arts—help us to begin to perceive these initiations into the New Mysteries? This will be an exploratory, experiential workshop.



Registration Form

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Donation to scholarship fund _____

Lunch \$15 Vegetarian _____ Non-vegetarian _____

Dinner \$15 Vegetarian _____ Non-vegetarian _____

Workshops First choice _____ Alternate choice _____
(in case your first choice is full)

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checks payable to the Anthroposophical Society

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(name on card)

Single event registration will be available on-site only,
space permitting. **Register online at www.anthroposophy.org**



*We are a bridge
Between what is past
And future existence;
The present is an instant:
Is momentary bridge.
Spirit become soul
In enfolding matter
Is from the past;
Soul becoming spirit
In germinal vessels
Is on the path to the future.
Grasp what is to come
Through what is past;
Have hope of what is growing
Through what has emerged.
And so apprehend
Existence in growing;
And so apprehend
What is growing in what is.*

~ Rudolf Steiner
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