

# Anthroposophy Atlanta

## Branch News & Events February 2017



*Eurythmy Figure by Rudolf Steiner*

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## The Branch Planning Committee Wants to Hear from You!

**Dear Friends,**

**Anthroposophy Atlanta** has been a recognized branch of the Anthroposophical Society since 2014. Over the recent months, we've been meeting regularly as a small group to explore how our Branch can continue to take form and grow to serve our community in the development, communication and practice of Anthroposophy. We hope the Branch can be a beacon in service, personal growth and social engagement and nurture the life of Anthroposophy in Atlanta.

There have been long conversations about designations, such as members, friends, and supporters. If we have formal membership, do we charge dues? Do we ask for donations? Do we have events for members only and what comes from membership in Anthroposophy Atlanta? Does one have to belong to the Society to be a member of the Atlanta branch?

We'd like **you** to join us in this discussion--to hear your thoughts, and to hear from as many people as possible in the Atlanta area. Here are some ways to participate:

- Join us for a **potluck meal and conversation** about the Branch on March 4th at the ARC at 4pm (see flyer on next page)
- Complete the online Branch **survey** by following the link in your email or here:
  - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CH88BDX>
- Contribute your ideas, comments, suggestions via **email**, snail mail or in person to any of the Planning Committee members. [anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com)

Respectfully yours,

-Linda Brooks-Cooper, Katherine Jenkins, Angela Foster, Jeff Powell, Nelson Fredsell, and Francis Wolf

*"Anthroposophy must bring the light of true humanness to shine out in thoughts that bear love's imprint; knowledge is only the form in which man reflects the possibility of receiving in his heart the light of the world spirit that has come to dwell there and from that heart illumine human thoughts." -Rudolf Steiner*

*You're invited!*

# Anthroposophy Atlanta Branch Pot-Luck Meal



Saturday, March 4, 2017

at The ARC

761 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA 30033

This will be a family affair and you're invited. We want to hear your ideas.

**Conversation starts at 4:00pm and Dinner at 5:00pm**

- *How can the branch nurture Anthroposophy in Atlanta and the Southeast?*
- *What kinds of activities and events would you like to see?*
- *How might you want to contribute or be involved?*
- *What are your thoughts on branch "membership"?*
- *How can the branch support you and how can it be supported?*

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## Upcoming Events and Activities

### **All Things to Know and Love**

A View of First Grade Homeschooling with Inspirations from Rudolph Steiner and the Traditions of the Waldorf Schools

**February 18th 9am-3:30pm** at the ARC, 761 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA

Join us as Carrie Dendtler from The Parenting Passageway shares her knowledge and experience of first grade. Cost is \$75 for the day

Please register by emailing [jkernstine1@gmail.com](mailto:jkernstine1@gmail.com)

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### **Into the Light**

A presentation by Sara Walsh

**Saturday, February 25, at 1pm** at the ARC, 761 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA

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### **Mashenka and the Bear**

A puppet show based on a Russian Folk tale adapted by Bronja Zahlingen.

**Saturday, March 4 at 11am** in the Decatur Library auditorium, 215 Sycamore St, Decatur, GA 30030. This lovely story about a clever girl who outsmarts a bear will be enjoyed by children of all ages. The Waldorf School of Atlanta's Early Childhood Faculty is delighted to bring this enchanting puppet show to the community. Admission is free, so come and enjoy!

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### **Branch Pot-Luck Meal and Conversation**

**Saturday, March 4, at 4pm**, at the ARC, 761 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA. This will be a family affair and you're invited! We want to hear your ideas. Conversation starts at 4p and Dinner at 5p.

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### **The AWSNA Regional Conference on Waldorf Education**

**Friday-Saturday, March 10-11**

hosted by the Waldorf School of Atlanta this spring. Click here for details:

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1090773/b92c8a6cf3/519716841/52cfc779da>

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**The Broken Heart and the Mystery of the Cross**

A weekend workshop with Reverend Patrick Kennedy of Spring Valley, NY

**Friday, March 10:**

**Experiencing the Transformative Power of the Cross in Our Time**

7:30pm, a public talk for adults at the ARC  
761 Scott Circle, Decatur GA 30033

**Saturday, March 11:**

**Exploring the transformative power of our destinies and the spiritual power of 'bearing' them**

9am- 1pm, workshop with conversation and art, at the ARC

**Behold the Human Being: how Christ's path to the cross was a true victory for humanity**

7:30pm, a public talk for adults at the Waldorf School of Atlanta, in the Hospitality Room  
827 Kirk Rd, Decatur GA

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**Christian Community Services**

**Sunday, March 12 at Waldorf School Atlanta's Hazelwood Hall**

9:30am - Children's stories followed by service for children  
10:30am - The Act of Consecration of the Human Being  
Services are followed by Potluck Lunch and Community Conversation with Rev. Kennedy

All are welcome to join the lecture and services. For more information, email [katjenks@negia.net](mailto:katjenks@negia.net).

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**Christ in the Light of Anthroposophy**

A presentation by Marion Shearer

**Saturday, April 1, at 1pm** at the ARC, 761 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA

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**Saying Goodbye to Ophelia's Shadows: Clearing Space for Resolutions**

*Ophelia thought she had it under control and used to keep her shadows pushed down in her bag. Somehow they would always manage to pop up in the most inappropriate times, leaving Ophelia in awkward situations!*

Nowadays people are expected to move on and there's usually no time for acknowledging the pain brought by major life changes such as health, job, move, divorce, to name a few of grieving situations not related to death of a loved one.

In this workshop, participants will develop a safe space to share sorrows in order to integrate the different aspects of change. The proposal is to meet at least 3 times for two hours.

**Practical details of cost, location and dates will be tailored after gathering a group of at least 3 (and no more than 5).** The workshop will be led by Jolie Hanna Luba, who is a Kindergarten teacher at the Waldorf School of Atlanta and has been a Waldorf Educator for almost 20 years.

If you are interested, please contact Jolie at [johaluba@yahoo.com](mailto:johaluba@yahoo.com)

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*The Anthroposophy Atlanta Planning Committee is always interested in ideas for speakers, events and workshops that local friends want to participate in. Let us know what you are interested in and let's work together! Email us at [anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com)*

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# Community Contributions

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## A Salute to Black History Month

*Linda Brooks-Cooper*

*We must seek—in all things around us, in all our experiences—for what can arouse our admiration and respect. Rudolf Steiner, Knowledge of Higher Worlds*

### **The Normal School**

Did you know that just two hours south of Atlanta, there exists a town called Tuskegee Alabama, and that little city houses one of the oldest Historic Black Colleges in America? It was not always known as Tuskegee Institute however; at its humble beginning it was called the “Negro Normal School in Tuskegee.”

What is a normal school, you ask, for in 1896 when the Normal School began it was as a thought for education just for Negroes (as African Americans were commonly known at that time). The Normal School started just that way, a thought; a deal was struck in exchange for votes and the Alabama Legislature appropriated money for the school. There was no land, no buildings, no teachers, only the state-appropriated money. George Campbell, a former slave owner sent to Hampton Institute for a teacher and Booker T. Washington appeared. Destiny, for Washington led the school from 1881 until his death in 1915. The initial space was provided by the Butler Chapel AME Zion--a one-room shanty.

Dr. Washington, who assisted many “Negro Schools” in the south, brought Tuskegee from a “normal school” to a school of independence.

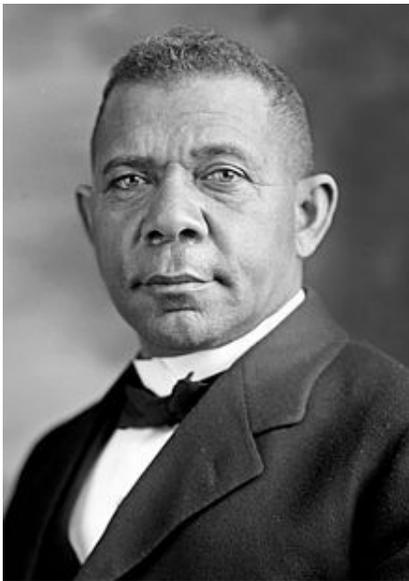
Tuskegee rose to national prominence under the leadership of its founder, Dr. Washington, and it was Dr. Washington who invited George Washington Carver to Tuskegee. Carver became head of the Agriculture Department. Dr. Carver taught at Tuskegee for 47 years, where he developed the Agriculture program into a strong research center. He taught young black students crop rotation and new farming techniques.

George Washington Carver became famous for his work with the peanut. He eventually became the “Peanut Man.” In 1920, he spoke at the United Peanut Association of America and from that appearance was invited to speak before the U.S. Congress, where he was a success!

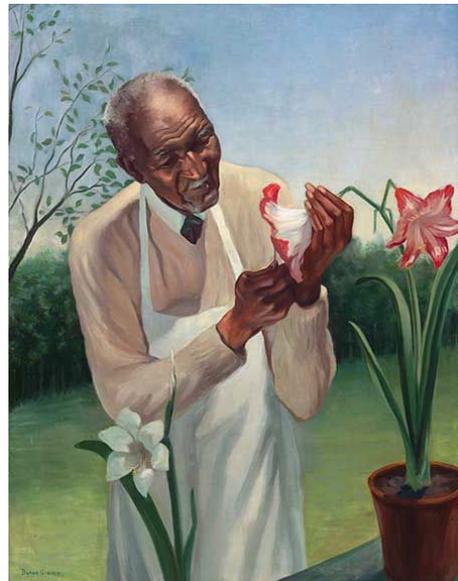
He created many products from peanuts such as milk, dyes, flour and cheese. He even felt that he could cure polio with peanut oil, but no scientific evidence ever showed that it could.

Carver never kept a list of the products he created from peanuts and thus, although he became famous for his work with the peanuts, he was never fully recognized for such work.

The “normal school” became a university, thanks to those who were committed to it and its people: the Church, the Slave Owner, the legislator, the “peanut farmer” and the students who believed in it.



*Booker T. Washington, 1905*



*George Washington Carver (1864–1943)*

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*Do you have an artistic creation, poem, article, event or anything else you would like to share?  
Please send it to [anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com). We welcome contributions!*

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## Ongoing Area Study Groups

Group or Text	When	Meeting Time	Location
<b>Apocalypse of St. John</b>	First Monday of the month	1-2:30pm 'Bring your own' lunch at noon for those who can make it	ARC
<b>Mystery Dramas</b>	Tuesdays	10-11:30am	ARC
<b>Theosophy</b>	Tuesdays	5:30-7pm	ARC
<b>Fifth Gospel</b>	Wednesdays	7-8:30pm	Academe of the Oaks
<b>Knowledge of Higher Worlds</b>	Thursdays	8:30-10am	Decatur

*\*\*If you would like more information on any events or activities, or have a calling to take up a new study, please email us at [anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com)*

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## ARC Updates

The Anthroposophical Resource Center (ARC) is a private residential space offered by Patrick and Angela Foster in service to human enlightenment, growth and healing through Anthroposophy and the Arts.

**Chair Fund:** Thank you to **Bob and Betty Hare** for the Auburn Steiner Group, **Katherine Jenkins**, **Catalina de Luna Garza**, **Melissa Grable**, **Sara Michelson**, and **Stanley Evans** of Tennessee for your donations for our CHAIR FUND! We have more chairs to go around, and are seeking financial donations to cover the cost. We have already purchased the wooden folding chairs with padded seats for use in meetings and classes. Each chair cost \$30. **If you donate \$30 for a chair, you (or someone that you designate) will be listed as a donor on the back of the chair on a small plaque** ~ Think of it as a way to support our community work in a concrete way for years to come (since no one wants to stand up for an hour during a study group!).

2017 will continue to be a time of exploration as to what the ARC will become. If you have an idea for a class, study group or workshop and are looking for an ensouled space, consider renting a room at the ARC. The house is available room-by-room, or as a whole space for parties, retreats and larger gatherings.

*The ARC is located at 761 Scott Circle, Decatur 30033. For more information about how you can support the ARC, or to inquire about guest reservations, email Angela at [arc@thirdbody.net](mailto:arc@thirdbody.net)*

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## Library News

The Anthroposophical Lending Library of Atlanta is located at the ARC and is open on **Tuesdays from 9am-2:30pm** with other times by appointment. You are also welcome to browse the collection before or after a gathering or study group. We currently hold over 300 titles, with more than 100 by Rudolf Steiner, and more are being added all the time. Stop by and see what we have to offer!

The catalog will soon be available on the branch website, but in the meantime you can request a PDF copy via email Melissa at [anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com)

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## Calendar of the Soul

(February 12, 2017 - February 18, 2017) Forty-seventh Week

The world is threatening to stun  
The inborn forces of my soul;  
Now, memory, come forth  
From spirit depths, enkindling light;  
Invigorate my inward sight  
Which only by the strength of will  
Is able to sustain itself.

Die Welt, sie drohet zu betäuben  
Der Seele eingeborene Kraft;  
Nun trete du, Erinnerung,  
Aus Geistestiefen leuchtend auf  
Und stärke mir das Schauen,  
Das nur durch Willenskräfte  
Sich selbst erhalten kann.

*English translation by Ruth and Hans Pusch*  
<http://www.rsarchive.org/COTS/COTS.php?cots+47>

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## About the Anthroposophical Society in America and Anthroposophy Atlanta

The Anthroposophical Society in America is a non-sectarian, non-political “association of people who would foster the life of the soul, both in the individual and in human society, on the basis of a true knowledge of the spiritual world.”

The Anthroposophical Society in America supports the development, communication, and practice of anthroposophy in the United States. Anthroposophy is a discipline of research as well as a path of knowledge, service, personal growth, and social engagement. Introduced and developed by Rudolf Steiner, it is concerned with all aspects of human life, spirit, and humanity’s future evolution and well-being.

As a branch of the Society, **Anthroposophy Atlanta seeks to nurture the life of anthroposophy in the Atlanta area and in the Southeast. Our branch supports the individual path of self-development and community path of social health and renewal in the light of anthroposophy.**

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