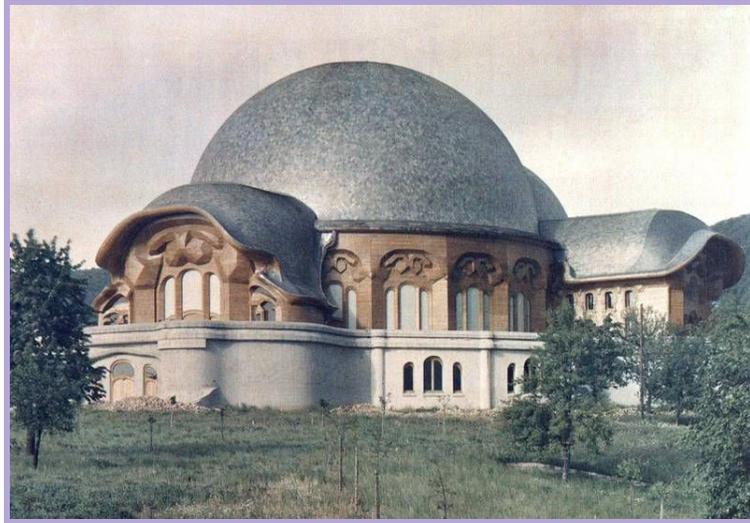


Anthroposophy Atlanta

Branch News & Events

March 2017



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Notes from the Branch Potluck

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful afternoon of good food and great conversation at the Anthroposophical Resource Center (ARC) on Saturday, March 4th for the Anthroposophy Atlanta Branch Potluck and community gathering. Linda Brooks-Cooper opened with the “Verse for America” and shared comments about the recent work of the Branch Planning Committee.

We discussed ways our branch could receive the efforts of community members and foster anthroposophy in the Atlanta area, including celebration of festivals during the year, inviting visiting speakers, and supporting local

individuals, groups, and initiatives. We discussed our hope to welcome participation of all who are interested while still acknowledging our relationship to the Anthroposophical Society, and



we reviewed comments from the branch survey that was sent out. There were a lot of exciting ideas and we are eager to continue our work in the Branch and to hear more from our community!

For now, the online Branch survey remains open. Please take a moment to complete it, if you have not already done so:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CH88BDX>

We are also including an Interest and Support form on the final page of the newsletter--we hope you will complete and

mail this to us. As always, we welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions via email or in person to any of the Planning Committee members.

Respectfully yours,

-Linda Brooks-Cooper, Katherine Jenkins, Angela Foster, Jeff Powell, Nelson Fredsell, Mark Hancock, and Francis Wolf anthroposophyatlanta@gmail.com



The Verse for America

*May our feeling penetrate
Into the center of our heart
And seek, in love to unite itself
With the human beings seeking
The same goal,
With the spirit beings who,
Bearing Grace,
Strengthening us from realms of light
And illuminating our love
Are gazing down upon
Our earnest heartfelt striving.*

-Rudolf Steiner

Upcoming Events and Activities

The Broken Heart and the Mystery of the Cross

A weekend workshop with Reverend Patrick Kennedy of the Christian Community. This weekend's presentations are part of a series on Esoteric Christianity sponsored by The Christian Community, Movement for Religious Renewal, Atlanta Affiliate.

Friday, March 10:

Experiencing the Transformative Power of the Cross in Our Time

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

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 Waldorf School of Atlanta,
Hospitality Room, 827 Kirk Road, Decatur, GA

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
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Christian Community Services

Sunday, March 12 at Waldorf School of Atlanta's Hospitality Room

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.

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Canceled: Christ in the Light of Anthroposophy

A presentation by Marion Shearer

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

***Please note: this offering has been canceled with hopes to reschedule for a future date*

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The Waldorf School of Atlanta's 30th Auction Gala

Silent and Live Auction to benefit the Waldorf School of Atlanta

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 7pm at the Museum of Design Atlanta

1315 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta GA 30309. Open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts. Tickets \$75, early bird \$60 (before March 20).

Purchase tickets at www.waldorfatlanta.org Formal cocktail attire (suit and tie requested).

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"Calendar of the Soul" Workshop

Saturday, April 15 10am at the ARC

One of the tools that Rudolf Steiner has given to humanity is his "Calendar of the Soul," which consists of 52 meditative verses that are designed to help human beings awaken to our relationship with Cosmic and Earthly rhythms. You are invited to join me as I share my experience working with the verses over the last 3 years. I will share my practices and techniques, and we will brainstorm about how to find your own unique practice. The calendar is organized from Easter to Easter, so this is a good time to consider starting your own practice for the coming year. I will provide materials to start you working artistically with Week One. The workshop will begin with a presentation at 10am, followed by an opportunity to work artistically with the Calendar. We can work together through lunch and end by 1pm. Feel free to leave early or BYO lunch. **\$25 materials fee, with partial proceeds going to support the work of the ARC.**

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The Hierarchies and Their Importance in Our Lives

A presentation by Jeff Powell. Jeff is a member of the Branch Planning committee and the Anthroposophical Society.

Saturday, April 29, at 1pm at the ARC, 761 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA

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

Community Contributions

Growing Up in Another Country

A chapter in my life, from Marian's Memories by Marian Shearer

Mexico was known for its many colorful social contrasts. From one extreme to another, from very rich to very poor. The little Town of Tlalpan where we lived was no exception. Across the street from our front gate was a community dwelling for the very poor. From the street you couldn't really see much. An adobe building with a small door in the middle, at the far left a small door and to the right a long window next to an arch, the main entrance to the dwellings. As time went on, life beyond the adobe wall became intriguing and irresistible. Some dwellers were indigenous people, who had come a long way in order to better themselves. Others had been there for a while but had not yet found a way to move on. There were single people as well as families, some with large number of children some with only a few.

Rachel was a short, sweet ten-year-old and very shy. She kept her head covered with a dark worn-out cotton *reboso*.¹ Her dark cotton skirt came down to her calves, showing her little bare feet with visible sores and cracks, heavily covered with dirt. Her full face and bony cheeks, very thin lips, a nice fine nose and the prettiest big black eyes, made her a shining child. When she spoke, she covered her mouth with the *reboso* and lowered her head as an acceptance of her humble background. I had seen her several times walking down the street and disappearing behind the big adobe arch. I so wanted to speak to her and ask her to play with us but never really had the chance.

One day my younger brother Jimmy and I were catching tadpoles from the rain puddles on our dirt road, when she happened to come around the corner. "Hello," I said, jumping to my feet trying to get her attention and hoping to make a friend. "Hello," she said in a soft voice through the *reboso*. "My name is Marian," I was quick to add, "and what is yours?" "Rachel" she answered softly. "Look what my brother and I got." Showing her the tadpoles in a jar. "Would you like to catch some? I have an extra jar!" She smiled and nodded a yes. I gave her a jar and for about one hour we had a great time catching tadpoles.

Suddenly someone was calling her by her name from the archway, when abruptly as she was

¹ *Reboso* (or *rebozo*): A long woven scarf (Spanish).

turning her head, the *reboso* slid off her shoulders uncovering her black short hair. "Oh no!" she said, covering her head as fast as she could. So I asked her, "What is wrong?" After a moment of hesitation Rachel almost whispered, "I did not want you to see me in short hair." Not understanding and trying to make her feel at ease, I said, pointing to my hair, "I have short hair too!" "But I liked my long hair" said Rachel. Like an idiot I asked, "Why did you cut it then?" "My mother sold it," she said. "Sold your hair?! I never heard of people doing that. But why, can you tell me?" I asked. She was nodding as she answered. "So we could buy medicine for my sister who is very ill." My heart fell to my toes, feeling an incredible pity and love for her. Wanting to say something but, taken aback by her revelation I could not utter the first word. Rachel was called once more, this time without saying anything, she ran home. Standing there with a jar in each hand, I watched her disappear beyond the adobe arch. With fixed eyes I kept looking at the arch for a long time, trying to understand this painful side of life, until now unknown to me.

We only saw Rachel from a distance a few times after that. She always ran into the adobe building, avoiding us. But we were now painfully aware of her living situation and wished her well.

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Marian Shearer was born in Mexico and lived there until she married and moved to the United States. She lived on the West Coast for several years and finally ended up here in Georgia. She has been associated with Rudolf Steiner and the Anthroposophical Society for more than 30 years. Her mother taught at a Waldorf School in the small city where she grew up. Marian is the mother of four wonderful children, the grandmother of nine and the great-grandmother of one. She and Rhett have been together for over 30 years and they live in the quiet city of Forsyth, Georgia. This little story is from the larger biographical piece written by Marian entitled "Marian's Memories."

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The Lighthouse

Anthroposophical Prison Outreach, by Linda Brooks-Cooper

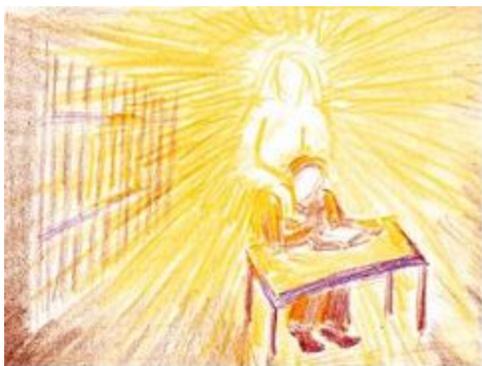
Located at the ARC is a beautiful replica of a lighthouse. **It is up for auction**--super silent (sealed bid) auction, that is. It is a remarkable piece of work. Consider taking it home or making it a gift for a friend who loves lighthouses.

The lighthouse that adorns the table was made entirely by a prisoner housed at the Reid State Prison in Georgia. All materials from which the piece is made are "found" materials. The pebbles were found on the walkway outside, the walls and roof are made of cardboard, perhaps from toilet tissue holders. The wood is from pieces of twigs and small branches.

Prisoners earn the opportunity to create art for sale, so each piece is taken seriously, an earned activity, that is not taken for granted. Each prisoner is allowed to work on his project for only a couple of hours per week, so a piece can take a considerable amount of time. While this particular piece came from another support group for prisoners, the Anthroposophical Society also has an outreach program: the Anthroposophical Prison Outreach Program.

The following comes from their website: <http://www.anthroposophyforprisoners.org/>:

Anthroposophical Prison Outreach Supports Self-Rehabilitation



Every human being has the potential to develop a healthy, vital spiritual life. Anthroposophy, a science of the spirit developed by Rudolf Steiner, offers new ways of understanding life's riddles as well as a path of meditation and self development.

Over 2.2 million individuals are currently incarcerated in jails and prisons in the United States and over 70% return to prison within 5 years. This means that 1 in every 142 citizens is behind bars and imprisonment rates continue to rise with the established punitive rather than rehabilitative attitude toward crime. Anthroposophical Prison Outreach makes the work of Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925) available to a growing number of these individuals who are interested in self-rehabilitation.

Anthroposophical Prison Outreach (APO), a non profit program, encourages incarcerated individuals to take responsibility for their lives. This is accomplished through the study of anthroposophical teachings, the practice of meditative exercises, meaningful reflection on their own biographies and the development of positive human relationships.

Our goal is to help prisoners:

- ~ foster a harmonious inner life
- ~ leading to a balanced public/outer life
- ~ resulting in successful reintegration in community life

It is my desire to transform my current prison experience and life, into something better, something freer, and something more independent. I like reading about the "wiser person" and the "inner being within my human make-up." Benjamin, Lone, CA

Our Inspiration

"The second condition is that the student should feel himself coordinated as a link in the whole of life. Much is included in the fulfillment of this condition, but each can only fulfill it in his own manner. ... Such an attitude of mind, for instance, alters the way I regard a criminal. I suspend my judgment and say to myself: "I am, like him, only a human being. Through favorable circumstances I received an education, which perhaps alone saved me from a similar fate. I may then also come to the conclusion that this human brother of mine would have become a different man had my teachers taken the same pains with him they took with me. I shall reflect on the fact that something was given to me which was withheld from him, that I enjoy my fortune precisely because it was denied him. And then I shall naturally come to think of myself as link in the whole of humanity and a sharer in the responsibility for everything that occurs."

- Rudolf Steiner, from *How to Know Higher Worlds*, Ch. 5

From: <http://www.anthroposophyforprisoners.org/>

To place a confidential bid on the hand-made lighthouse replica, place your bid amount along with contact information in the provided envelope at the ARC, or send your bid in an email to Linda Brooks-Cooper lbrookscooper@gmail.com The winning bidder will be announced at the end of March. Proceeds will go to support the ARC.

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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. We welcome contributions!*

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Ongoing Area Study Groups

Group or Text	When	Meeting Time	Location
Apocalypse of St. John	First Monday of the month	1-2:30pm 'Bring your own' lunch at noon for those who can make it	ARC
Mystery Dramas	Tuesdays	10-11:30am	ARC
Theosophy	Tuesdays	5:30-7pm	Midway Woods
The Fifth Gospel: From the Akashic Record <small>(new book begins 3/15/17)</small>	Wednesdays during school year	7-8:30pm	Academe of the Oaks
Knowledge of Higher Worlds	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*

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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.

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

Anthroposophical Lending Library News

The Anthroposophical Lending Library of Atlanta (ALLA) is located at the ARC, 761 Scott Circle, Decatur 30033. The two large bookshelves in the front room are stocked with over 300 titles, more than 100 of which are by Dr. Steiner. There is sure to be something to meet your interests! **The library is open on Tuesdays from 9am to 2:30pm with other times by appointment.** There is a check-out form for on the desk between the shelves.

Donations are always welcome, and can be left in the donation basket near the bookshelves. If you would like recognition, please leave a note in the book with your name. If you have multiple books, you can bundle them or place them in a bag.

If you have a love of books, we can always use a helping hand with cataloguing, labeling, and shelving. We have a large batch of books to be catalogued from a variety of topics.

If you would like to receive a catalog of titles, check availability, volunteer, or reserve a book, please send an email to the **new ALLA email address:** anthrolendinglibraryatl@gmail.com

Calendar of the Soul

(March 05, 2017 - March 11, 2017) Forty-Seventh Week*

There will arise out of the world's great womb,
Quickening the senses' life, the joy of growth.
Now may it find my strength of thought
Well armed by powers divine
Which strongly live within my being.

Es will erstehen aus dem Weltenschosse,
Den Sinnenschein erquickend, Werdelust.
Sie finde meines Denkens Kraft
Gerüstet durch die Gotteskräfte,
Die kräftig mir im Innern leben.

English translation by Ruth and Hans Pusch

<http://www.calendarofthesoul.net/>

Based on adjusted dates for 2017 suggested by Herbert Hagens

<http://www.anthroposophy.org/fileadmin/festivals/Soul-Calendar-2016-17.pdf>

In Memory - Reverend Richard Dancey

Many Atlanta area community members will remember Richard Dancey, a visiting priest and speaker from the Christian Community who brought great warmth, thoughtfulness, attention and sincerity to all he met. This is an excerpt from an obituary that appeared in the Peoria Journal Star.



Richard Charles Dancey, 71, formerly of Pekin, left this life, unexpectedly, in the early morning hours of Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland, where he was a priest in the Christian Community Church. His wife, Margaret, was at his side.

Richard was born in Pekin on December 28, 1945, to Charles L. and Nina E. Dancey, who survive him. Also surviving, in addition to Margaret, are three children, Jacob (Leah), Amos (Mara) and Abigail; and three grandchildren, Simeon, Isabel and Tula Rose. Brothers, Burt (Tina) and Clint (Debbie), also survive; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins, with many, many friends and many, many, many others touched with his life and his love.

He left, confident in the sure and certain knowledge that his next journey would be a reunion with those gone before, and as, if not more, interesting, wonder-filled and joyful as his time here with us, knowing that love abides.

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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<https://anthroposophyatlanta.org/>

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Yes, I would like to be connected with Anthroposophy Atlanta

Please add/keep me on the mailing lists for Anthroposophy Atlanta so I can know about speakers, events, study groups, and other activities in the area

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

I am: A member the Anthroposophical Society in America

Not a member of the Society but interested in Branch activities

I am able to support the activities of the Anthroposophy Atlanta with a donation:

\$80

\$40 (suggested)

\$5

I can provide time or materials during the year

Donations can be made by mail with checks payable to Anthroposophy Atlanta and sent c/o 225 East Hancock Street, Decatur GA 30030. For questions about making a tax-deductible contribution, please contact us by email at anthroposophyatiana@gmail.com

Areas of Interest:

Education

Music, Eurythmy, Drama, Speech

Medicine

Inner Development

Visual Arts

Youth Initiatives

Agriculture

Math and Astronomy

Literary Arts, Humanities

Natural Sciences

Social Sciences

Other:

Suggestions for Branch activities: