

TRANSFORMING SOCIAL CAPACITIES THROUGH SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES OF NATURE

**October 15 – 17, 2010
at the Chicago Waldorf School**

A working conference sponsored by the
Anthroposophical Society in America,
in collaboration with the
Natural Science Section and the
Section for the Social Sciences
Hosted by the Chicago Branch

Modern education tells us that what we see,
measure, and weigh are the criteria by which we can know the
reality of the natural world. And by penetrating ever deeper,
we will come to understand the more hidden realities of nature.
This perspective can lead to a profound misunderstanding of
nature, creating a mistreatment and exploitation of the
earth, plants, and animals. This same way of knowing
carries into the human realm. By only seeing the
outer human being, unhealthy relationships and
anti-social attitudes find a foothold in our dealings
between one another. We become less human.

*Our task in evolution is to become more fully human, not less so.
Anthroposophy supports this evolutionary path.*

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Chicago Waldorf School

1300 W. Loyola, Chicago, IL 60626 • 773.465.2662

Friday, October 15

- 6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Welcome
Setting the Theme, a presentation by Jennifer Greene
Collage Concert – a performance with artists from the Central Region

Saturday, October 16

- 7:30 a.m. Class Lesson – Blue cards required.
9:00 a.m. Announcements
The Foundation Stone Meditation, speech with Kim Snyder-Vine
9:45 a.m. *The Spiritualization of the Natural Sciences as the Basis for our Further Evolution*, presentation by Gunther Hauk with questions and answers
11:15 a.m. Break
11:45 a.m. Guided small-group conversations
12:45 p.m. Lunch at the school
2:00 p.m. Working Groups – practical explorations of the theme
3:30 p.m. Break
4:00 p.m. Plenum
What do we need to do to become more fully human?
5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own
7:30 p.m. *Shedding Light on the Rights Sphere*, a presentation by members of the Section for the Social Sciences. Right relationships to nature and to our fellow human beings go hand in hand.
The Section for the Social Sciences will present the rights sphere through song, word, fun, and discussion with the Foundation Stone – inspired panel.
9:30 p.m. Conclusion

Sunday, October 17

- Annual General Meeting of the Anthroposophical Society in America
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Images adapted from the
work of Theodor Schwenk*

Registration Information

Conference Fees: Fee for members is \$140; for non-members \$180; seniors 65 & over, \$70; youth 25 & under, \$50. The conference fee covers all lectures and workshops, the Friday evening performance and Saturday lunch. 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.

There is no fee for the Class lesson, nor for the Annual General Meeting.

Cancellations: Refunds of the conference fee, minus a \$35 processing fee, are available if requested by Monday, October 18th.

For information about the Chicago Waldorf School call Maureen Flannery: 773.225.8067 (c)

Travel: For air travel, you can arrive at either O'Hare International Airport or Chicago Midway Airport. O'Hare is closer to the hotels, but Midway services Southwest Airlines.

There is a very efficient web of elevated trains in Chicago and it can get you everywhere! The "el" stops at both airports and will take you to the hotels, and from the hotels to the school. Travel time from the hotels in Evanston to the school is about 20 minutes. There will be more information in your registration packet about navigating this transit system, including how to purchase a pass for unlimited rides for the three days of the conference.

If you are driving, directions will be provided in your registration packet. There is parking at the hotels, but you should check in advance how it works and what the costs are. Parking is available near the school at the Loyola University garage for a flat fee of \$7/day.

Housing: Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels. For discounted rates, please make your reservation by September 17, 2010 and refer to "Conference at the Chicago Waldorf School" when booking.

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Registration Form

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Return with your payment to:
Anthroposophical Society in America
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Phone: 734.662.9355
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Donation to scholarship fund _____

Total enclosed _____

checks payable to the Anthroposophical Society

Credit card authorization (Visa or MasterCard)

Card number _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____
(name on card)

Single event registration will be available on-site only, space permitting.

Register online at www.anthroposophy.org



Our Presenters

Gunther Hauk has been a teacher, lecturer, biodynamic gardener and beekeeper for more than thirty-five years. He co-founded the Pfeiffer Center in Chestnut Ridge, NY in 1996, and Spikenard Farm, Inc., a non-profit honeybee sanctuary in 2006. Over these decades, he has given many workshops on the successful use of biodynamic principles in gardening and sustainable beekeeping methods throughout the United States. In his book "Toward Saving the Honeybee" (2002) he calls for a radical change from current approaches to beekeeping. The Spikenard Honeybee Sanctuary is now located in Floyd, VA.

Jennifer Greene is Executive Director of the Water Research Institute in Blue Hill, Maine, and works in association with the Institute of Flow Sciences, founded by Theodor Schwenk, in southern Germany. Jennifer travels world-wide offering water phenomena workshops, most notably at the World Water Forums. She works with state and federal environmental protection agencies in the bio-remediation of wastewater, and has the only laboratory in the U.S. working with Schwenk's Drop-Picture Method to look at water quality from the standpoint of minute movement capacities in water. Jennifer is co-author of the book *Wasser bewegt: Phänomene und Experimente* with Andreas Wilkens, Herbert Dreiseitl, Michael Jacobi, Christian Liess and Wolfram Schwenk, available through Haupt Verlag in Switzerland.

Kim Snyder-Vine holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Arizona; an Orientation Certificate in Anthroposophical Studies, from the Waldorf Institute of Mercy College, Detroit, MI; and a Four-Year Goetheanum Diploma from the London School of Speech Formation, London, U.K. She has been teaching, performing and consulting in creative speech, drama, and hygienic speech, for children and adults, in Waldorf schools and Waldorf teacher training institutes, as well as private and public venues, worldwide, since 1983. Kim was a founding member of Portal Productions, London, U.K. and Alchymia Theatre, Chicago, Illinois. Among others, she has performed with Ashdown Eurythmy, The London Eurythmy Group, Midwest Eurythmy Group, Eurythmeum Stuttgart and Lemniscate Arts, in conjunction with Eurythmy Spring Valley. Kim's favorite and most notable performance to date has been in the lead role of the proud mother/step-mother of three wildly creative and amazing, former Waldorf students. She is presently residing in Northwest Ohio helping her elderly parents.

Registration Information

Hotels

Hotel Orrington
1710 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
847.866.8700
\$159

Hilton Garden Inn
1818 Maple Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
847.475.6400
\$139 Parking \$13

Best Western University Plaza
1501 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
847.491.6400
\$99 Parking \$14
Breakfast included.

The Margarita European Inn
1566 Oak Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
847.869.2273
\$74 Parking available.
Breakfast included.

Hostels

International Hostel
6318 N. Winthrop, Chicago, IL 60660
773.262.1011
\$25 - \$55
Walking distance to the Chicago Waldorf School

Chicago Getaway Hostel
616 W. Arlington Place, Chicago, IL 60614
773.929.5380
\$34 – \$90

For private housing or sleeping bag space call Janis Ignoffo at 773-549-5753 beginning in September.

Meals

A reception will be offered Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. including light, finger foods. The lunch on Saturday is included in your conference fee. Other meals (breakfasts, Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch) will be on your own. A list of restaurants within walking distance of the school will be provided in your registration packet.