

Sacramento Faust Branch

Fall/Winter 2009

All events are open to members and friends and, unless otherwise noted, take place on Wednesdays at Rudolf Steiner College from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Studies are free of charge. Admission for lectures: non-members \$8, students and seniors \$4, Faust Branch members \$2, Supporting Faust Branch members and donors: no fee. Admission for other events: as noted. Those with special circumstances may make arrangements in advance or at the door.

- September 16 Festive Opening - Ronald Koetzsch & Gayle Davis
- 23 *Reaping What Has Been Sown - Our World's Harvest - Food, Biodynamics and GMOs* - LECTURE, Nancy Poer, David Basile and Harald Hoven
- 30 *Connecting with Michael in Our Time* - LECTURE, Astrid Schmitt-Stegmann
- October 7 *The Phenomenology of Embryology for the Adolescent Soul: a Genesis* - Experiential Presentation - Judith Kutney - Kay Brown will host a check-in session preceding the presentation -
- 14 *Darwinism and Spiritual Freedom* LECTURE, Clifford Monks
- 21 *The Metamorphosis of Occult Science* - LECTURE, Dennis Klocek
- 23/24 *The Metamorphosis of Darwin's Legacy: A Goethean Perspective* - WORKSHOP, Mark Riegner, David Basile and Patrick Wakeford-Evans (see *Workshop Descriptions*)
- 28 Continuation of October 7, with Judith Kutney
- November 2 (Monday) All Souls Festival

Speech WordShop with Helen Lubin: Poetry for All Souls. Wednesdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28: 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Time/day can be modified at first session, if needed.) Contact: helenlubin [HYPERLINK "mailto:helenlubin@gmail.com" @gmail.com](mailto:helenlubin@gmail.com); 916-966-5749. Pre-registration is a must: anytime between now and Sept. 15. Sliding scale: \$ 48-\$80.

Study Group: Monday evenings at 7 pm at Uwe and Lotti Stave's. Call the Staves for information 916-903-7136 (please note new phone number)

- November 4 *From 'Philosophy of Freedom' to' Occult Science': Deepening the Mystery of Love* - LECTURE, Irène François
- 11 *Occult Science*, chapter four - STUDY, w/ seed talk by Brian Gray
- 18 *Occult Science*, chapter five - STUDY, w/ seed talk by Richard Schmitt
- 25 No meeting
- December 2 Members and Friends Meeting - Advent Preparation
- 9 Christmas Conference (1923-24) Revisited - Kay Brown
- 16 *The Mystery of Two Children* - LECTURE - Nancy JewelPoer
- 18/19 *Esoteric Science, Cosmology and the Holy Nights*
WORKSHOP (see *Workshop Descriptions*) William Bento,
Brian Gray, Dennis Klocek

Welcome to the lecturers

Gayle Davis, M.A. has worked in anthroposophical adult education for over 25 years. She is president and CEO of Rudolf Steiner College, as well as a longstanding faculty member.

David Basile is the beekeeper and manager of the horticultural gardens at RSC, a former Zen monastic and a graduate of John Jeavon's Biointensive agricultural three year apprenticeship.

Irène François, M.A. is Director of the San Francisco Waldorf Teacher Training Program of Rudolf Steiner College. Former Director of the Rudolf Steiner Institute in Québec, Canada.

Brian Gray, M.L.Arch. is the Foundation Studies Program Director at Rudolf Steiner College. His research includes the realms of Star Wisdom, Cosmology, Sacred Architecture and Esoteric Christianity.

Harald Hoven is Director of the Biodynamic Gardening Course and the Raphael Garden, master gardener, Rudolf Steiner College faculty member, and founder of BDANC (Biodynamic Association of Northern California). He has been at RSC for 25 years and is well known as a regional and international speaker on biodynamic farming and gardening.

Dennis Klocek, M.F.A. is a founder of the Coros Institute and Director of the Consciousness Studies program at Rudolf Steiner College.

Ronald Koetzsch, Ph.D. (Harvard) in World Religions, is the Dean of Students and an instructor at Rudolf Steiner College.

Judith Kutney, M.Ed. is a class teacher, remedial educator and eurythmist. She is currently researching human embryology as a basis for understanding remediation of learning challenges.

Clifford Monks, M.A. is the former co-director of the Teacher Education Program at Rudolf Steiner College and a retired Waldorf teacher with many years of experience; former publisher/editor of the magazine *Towards*.

Nancy Poer, B.S. One of the founders of Rudolf Steiner College, Nancy has spent decades educating and writing about life passages - at both the threshold of birth and of death.

Astrid Schmitt-Stegman, MA In addition to heading the Waldorf Teacher Education Program at Rudolf Steiner College for many years, Astrid has taught in teacher training centers, lectured, and mentored Waldorf schools internationally. Currently she assists Dr. Michaela Glöckler, head of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland, with international support for the worldwide Waldorf movement, and teaches in various programs at RSC.

Workshop Descriptions

The Metamorphosis of Darwin's Legacy: A Goethean Perspective, with Mark Riegner, David Basile & Patrick Wakeford-Evans. We will explore the foundation of Darwin's theory and its philosophical context, as well as what constitutes a Goethean scientific approach. Goethe's view of metamorphosis will be applied to deepen the understanding of morphodynamics of animal form and how new advances in biology concur with ideas Goethe presented in his lifetime. Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5:30 pm. Fee \$105; students and seniors \$75. Friday lecture only \$15; students and seniors \$10.

Esoteric Science, Cosmology and the Holy Nights, with William Bento, Brian Gray, Dennis Klocek. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's Rosicrucian grail book, *An Outline of Esoteric Science*. Join us in re-imagining mysteries of the spiritual world, cosmos, earth, human life and destiny, and prepare for the twelve Holy Nights from Christmas to Epiphany. Friday 7-9 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5:30 pm. Fee \$115; students and seniors \$80. Friday lecture only \$20; students and seniors \$14.

About the Faust Branch

This local branch of the Anthroposophical Society is in its fourth decade of active work in the greater Sacramento area. Applications for membership in the General Anthroposophical Society and in the local Sacramento Faust Branch may be obtained by contacting Helen Lubin at 916-966-5749 or faustbranch@gmail.com or by speaking to any member of the Faust Branch coordinating committee.

Membership dues are \$30 per year, payable in September. Dues and contributions help pay for mailing and paper costs, room rentals, honoraria for lecturers and artists, as well as festival celebrations. Donations beyond the membership fee of \$30 are gratefully received to keep programs and activities going for the benefit of the entire community. Those with special financial circumstances are encouraged to speak with a member of the coordinating committee.

The Faust Branch Coordinating Committee

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