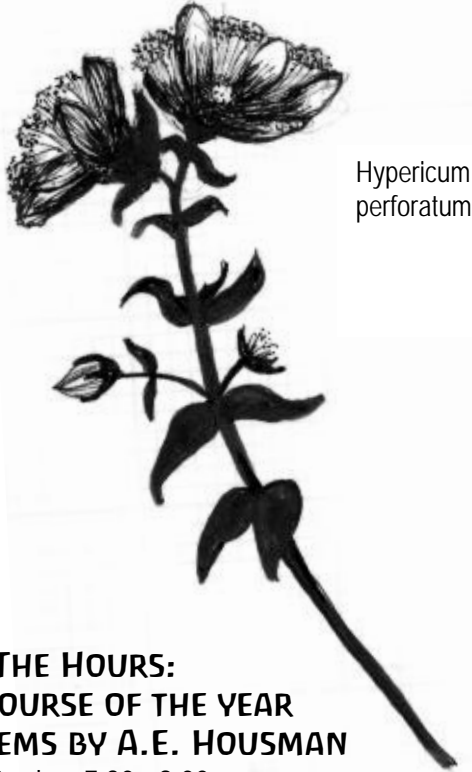


# LOS ANGELES BRANCH

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

## SUMMER CALENDAR 2009



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### TO TELL THE HOURS: THE COURSE OF THE YEAR IN POEMS BY A.E. HOUSMAN

June 6, Saturday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

This celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of A.E. Housman is brought by **Vanessa Underwood** of Orpheon Voices. Poems are "through the eyes of the ploughboy, poet, lover, soldier and criminal who were the Shropshire Lad".

Vanessa works as a freelance actress and lecturer within the realm of literature. She brings the Housman poems from England, where she hosts poetry meetings and gives workshops for those seeking a closer relationship with the English language and literature.

Suggested donation: \$10.00

### FIRST CLASS

June 7, Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Review of Lessons 1-10. Class members only.

### MEMBERS' MEETING

June 14, Sunday, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

In April and May we studied the first two lectures of *The Fifth Gospel* in preparation for Virginia Sease's talk on these lectures and their relation to Rudolf Steiner. This afternoon we will study the third lecture, given in Oslo on Oct. 3, 1913. Please read it ahead of time if possible. The afternoon will begin with Kim Barrett sharing Michael Chekhov's reminiscences of Rudolf Steiner. It will conclude with Margaret Shipman's words on the significance of the musical interval of the fifth -- notes which are 5 steps away from one another.

### A MEDITATION WEEKEND WITH GERTRUDE REIF HUGHES

June 19, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

June 20, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday lecture: "The Religion of the Gods"

Saturday workshop: Thoughts and Exercises for Contemplative Living

On Friday night, Gertrude will explore Steiner's bold statement that we human beings are "the religion of the gods." What does Steiner mean? What is the evolutionary significance of our new status? What does it have to do with meditation?

On Saturday, we will work with ideas and exercises central to contemplative living, including relationships between meditation and poetry.

Both the lecture and workshop will be suitable for beginners as well as experienced practitioners of meditative living.

Gertrude Reif Hughes is Professor Emerita at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where she taught literature and feminist studies before her retirement. Her course, Poetry and Insight, incorporated some basic meditative exercises, and she often teaches meditation at the Rudolf Steiner (summer) Institute. She has served as president of RSI, as Board Chair of Steiner Books, and is active in the School of Spiritual Science and its Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities.

Suggested donation:

Workshop: \$35.00 Fri. only: \$15.00 Sat. only: \$25.00

**ST. JOHN'S IMPORTANCE TODAY  
WITH MARIJO ROGERS AND CINDY HINDES**

June 27, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

In daily life we typically meet someone, then get to know them. In spiritual life, the approach can be the reverse: we learn about a being, and our sustained interest and engagement lead us to a meeting with that individuality. You are warmly invited to join us in learning about John the Baptist, to honor the annual festival of his birth and to deepen a relationship with him.

Cindy and MariJo will make presentations about John the Baptist and the "other John". We'll take in the beauty and deeper meaning of John in various works of art, we'll read about John the Baptist's key role in developing a new form of community life, and we'll participate in music and movement to enjoy the community of our gathered selves. Come with your thoughts about John and bring any art cards or reproductions about him that you have to share.

**RUDOLF STEINER AND THE FIFTH GOSPEL:  
AN EVENING WITH VIRGINIA SEASE**

July 8, Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., potluck  
7:00 p.m., talk by Dr. Sease

*The Fifth Gospel* has special importance in the work of Rudolf Steiner, and for us in our time. This profoundly humane lecture series is grounded in Steiner's awareness that "The only true name of Christ is 'I am'" (Rudolf Steiner, esoteric lesson of May 27, 1909). Now, when every human being has the possibility of encountering the "I am" of humanity in the etheric realm, Anthroposophy can make a significant contribution to such a heartfelt recognition.

Virginia Sease has made an in-depth study of Rudolf Steiner's work concerning the Christ Being. A member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society at the Goetheanum, she also has responsibility for the Anthroposophical Studies Program in English at the Goetheanum. For several years she lived and worked in Southern California, where she was a teacher at Highland Hall, earned her Ph.D. in German at USC, and taught German at Occidental College.

Please bring a dish and share in this rare opportunity to meet with Virginia in a social setting.

All donations given this evening will go directly to the work of the Goetheanum

**THE TEMPERAMENTS**

July 18, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:00

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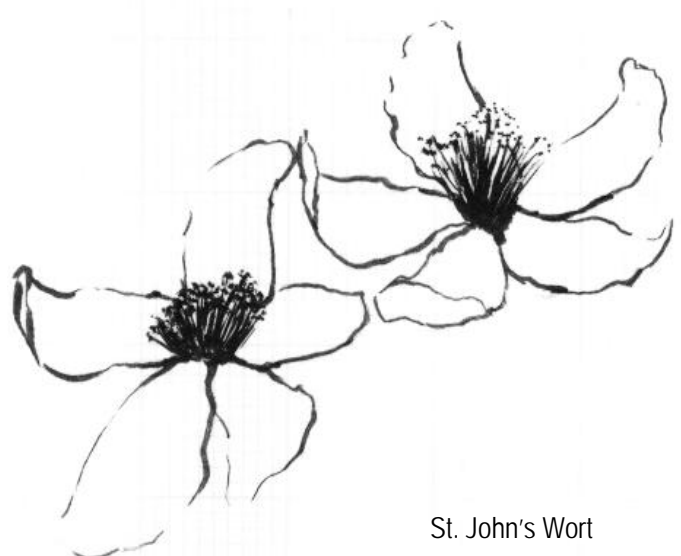
Feeling boxed in by your temperament?

Would you like to be more objective and understanding toward your friends, family and co-workers?

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Come join Bari Borsky, Linda Connell, and Judy Haney for some fun as we investigate the idiosyncrasies of the human condition as revealed through the temperaments, and discover various ways of balancing them.

The themes "Man, know thou Thyself", "We're all the same, but different", and "Love, that's what we're all here for", all of which are practices leading to a culture of the heart, will be woven into our discussions.



St. John's Wort

Hans Pusch's introduction to Rudolf Steiner's Mystery Dramas includes these words: "In theatre workshops it is a new custom to call the script of a play a 'score'. This translation of the four Mystery Dramas wants to be read aloud and listened to, in the way we listen to a musical score. It is meant not only for eyes looking at the paper, but for ears, and larynxes that are active.....If this translation serves as a 'score' for the spoken word and the listening ear, it may live up to the challenge contained in the words addressed by Benedictus to Capesius in the First Scene of *The Soul's Probation*:

'I do not wish my words alone to say  
what they convey as covering of concepts.  
They turn the natural forces of the soul  
to the realities of spirit."



## **MYSTERY DRAMA SUMMER STUDY**

August 8, Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

August 15, Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

August 22, Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

August 29, Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

September 5 Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

September 12 Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

September 19 Saturday, 10:00-12:00 a.m.

Rudolf Steiner wrote four Mystery Dramas, the first of which carries the title "The Portal of Initiation". We will study this great Rosicrucian drama this summer as a special Branch Study. Work will include reading and discussion, insights into Chekov's approach to drama, and ongoing work with the temperaments and their relation to the characters. Please come as your schedule allows.

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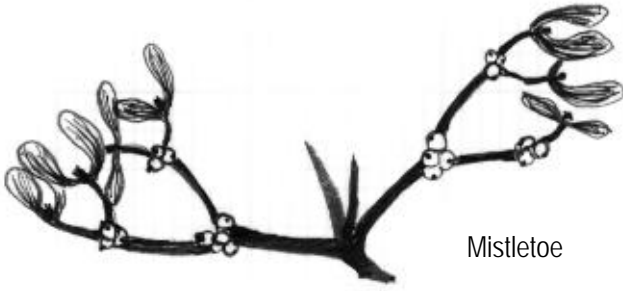
The Rudolf Steiner Verlag in Dornach, Switzerland, has published an electronic database of the entire collected works (Gesamtausgabe or GA) by Rudolf Steiner, all printed works from no. 1 to 354. Through a generous donation we were able to acquire this database which is housed on a tiny external drive hooked up to the computer in the library. It is in the German language. Drawings, paintings and other art works are not included (yet).

The database is searchable for individual words, concepts, a particular series of words, lecture date and/or place, etc. For a project Linda is working on, we did a search for Nicodemus and received a list of all the books in which Nicodemus is mentioned showing GA numbers, titles and page numbers. In addition the entire page of the highlighted book, with the searched word highlighted, is shown so you can see the context. From that page you can scroll up and down through the entire book. The search result can be saved in a file, printed or emailed.

Come and try this new toy out! It is truly amazing what it will do. And if you don't know German Judy or Philip will help you.

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We lost a faithful volunteer. We are in urgent need of two or three people who are familiar with anthroposophy and are able and willing to staff the library and bookshop one Saturday per month. Please call Philip at 818-247-8192.



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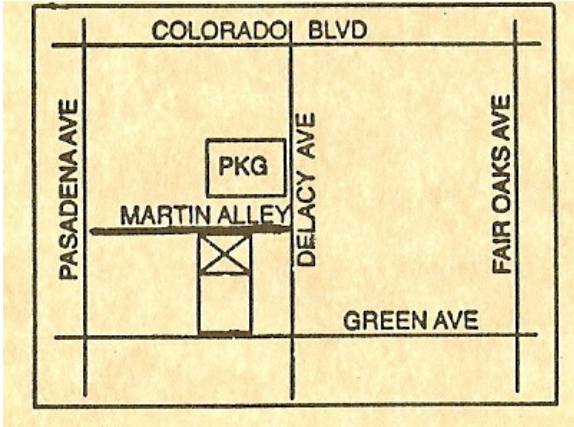
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