

2024 Conference “The Genius of Language”*

**September 13 to 15
Toronto, Canada**

**The Section for the
Literary Arts and
Humanities of the School
for Spiritual Science in
North America**

Rudolf Steiner College Canada / Toronto Waldorf School
9100 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, Ontario

Conference fee: \$175 USD

Registration includes a ticket to “Fire in the Temple” as well as two
vegetarian lunches and refreshments

Registration:

<https://theliteraryarts.com/2024-north-american-section-conference/>

Limited funds may be available for travel assistance. To enquire
contact NASectionConference2024@gmail.com

- The title “The Genius of Language” is taken from a cycle of lectures by Rudolf Steiner given to the teachers of the first Waldorf School in 1920. The title might suggest the conference is about linguistics. Although linguistics does fall within the purview of the Section, the focus of this conference is on the developmental power of poetic language and the literary imagination.

Image: F.H. Varley, Stormy Weather, Georgian Bay, 1921

Event Schedule

Friday Evening, September 13

7:00pm to 9:00pm

- Christiane Haid – Beauty, Truth, Goodness: Their Meaning and Significance for the Literary Arts and Humanities

Saturday September 14

9:00am to 5:30pm

- Philip Thatcher – The Spirit of Canadian Literature
- Arie van Ameringen – Folk Soul, Language and the Language of the Consciousness Soul
- Christiane Haid – Rudolf Steiner’s Last Address and its Significance for our Section and the School of Michael
- Clifford Venho –The Genius of the English Language
- Arie van Ameringen and Denis Schneider – L’esprit de la langue française au Québec (in English)
- Glen Williamson – The Playwright’s Process
- The day includes eurythmy and a poetry-writing workshop.

Saturday Evening Event

7:00pm to 8:30pm

- Poetry Celebration and Open Mic / Section Poets and Others

Sunday, September 15

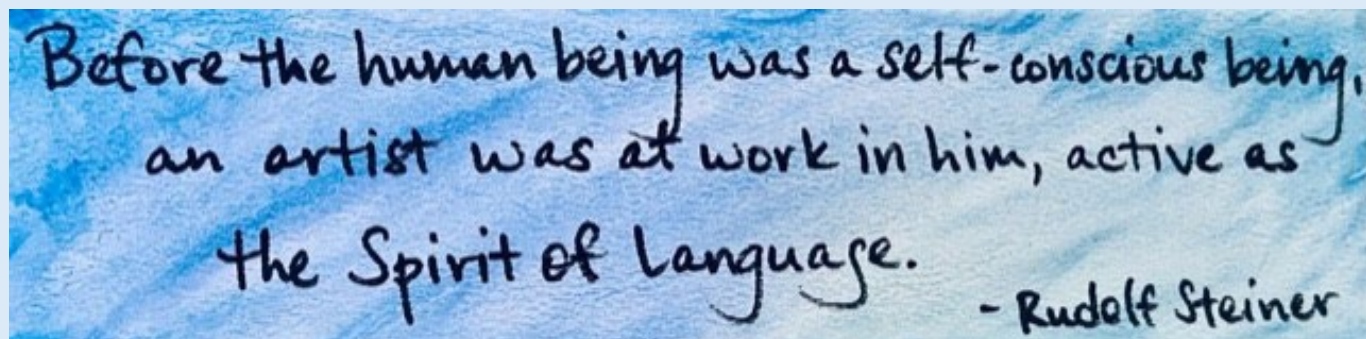
9:30am to 12:30pm

- Bruce Donehower – Spirits of Place: American Literatures
- Conversation – What Lies Ahead for our Section Work in North America and Europe?

Sunday Afternoon Public Event

2:00pm to 5:00pm

“Fire in the Temple” – Dramatic reading by by Glen Williamson and Laurie Portocarrero (includes an intermission)



Before the human being was a self-conscious being,
an artist was at work in him, active as
the Spirit of Language.
- Rudolf Steiner