



The Anthroposophical Society
La Société Anthroposophique Canada

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Greetings Members,

In this edition of the eNews former President- and now General Secretary - Catarina Burisch and previous President Dorothy LeBaron reflect on last week's Conference and AGM that took place at the Toronto Waldorf School and Hesperus.

But first, notice is again given of the Special General Meeting (SGM) which will propose motions to accept a new President and a new Secretary of the Society. This could not be done within last weekend's AGM for procedural reasons. Your attendance is important as we must have a quorum of 7% of members. We will take this opportunity to also introduce our new Membership Administrator Elisabeth Chomko who will be replacing Claudette Lablanc as of July 1, 2025. The meeting is only 45 minutes. Thank you for joining us and participating in confirming two new officers of the Council of the The Anthroposophical Society in Canada. See information and zoom link below...

Events and offerings for the upcoming summer months are listed below. For book orders and so much more, remember you can contact either Frey-Sophia Waldorf Store in Duncan BC, Paper Pipit in Thornhill, Boutique La Grande Ourse in Montreal QC and Madragore Café-Boutique Waldorf in Waterville, QC for easy ordering. See their contact information at the bottom.

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**Notice of Special General Meeting 2025
to confirm a new President and Secretary**

Sunday June 15, 2025

**12:00pm -12:45pm Eastern Time
(45 minutes)**

Zoom Link [HERE](#)

2025 Conference and AGM Reviews



THE SUBTLE ART IN EVERYTHING - A QUEST FOR THE SPIRIT TODAY

Catarina Burisch

President (outgoing), The Anthroposophical Society in Canada

This conference was an outstanding and excellent event, the echoes of which continue to reverberate in those who were there. *A breath of fresh air!* The strong and dedicated planning team of Regine Kurek, Dorothy LeBaron, Grant Davis, Corinna Sons and Linda Lee who met with enthusiasm over the past 6 months in Catarina's home was palpable and ongoing.

The intention of bringing visibility to the School of Spiritual Science through the work and research of the North American Collegium, the body of the various Sections, was realized. *Great conference! So rich and substantial.* The intersectional presentations engaged the audience in meaningful and unique ways and the attentive and warmth filled audience willingly responded. The key note speakers on Friday evening were inspiring and launched the theme of the conference with depth and humour. *Everyone seemed to enjoy it. A wonderful job. Thank you for all your work.* Our attentive guests gained insight into the various Sections of the School of Spiritual Science beginning with the General Section which underpins all specialized sections which we later heard from.

The Visual Arts had us working in groups of four with four different mediums. We gained insights which can only arise for oneself out of collaboration. The Youth section, Social Science section along with the Medical section brought interactive applications and made visual to everyone how our immediate social interactions are mirroring what the earth and its natural convulsions is expressing more and more forcibly recently. *Thanks for the privilege of taking part in your wonderful conference.* Our relations with one another, our thoughts are more powerful than we often realize. The General Secretaries from Canada the United States and Hawaii shared insights from their unique geographical and cultural perspective, arising from the leading questions of the conference.

The Natural Science section in collaboration with the Agricultural section and Pedagogical section inspired us powerfully. *Such an excellent conference. Brilliant job!* From the mystery of bees to the wonder of observation to asking what the stick does to the water and what the water answers left us deeply moved and touched.

The consolidating clay activity that we all partook in left an indelible impression as we intimately shared the process of outward and inward impressions left on our soul from the interactions of the day made visible in the clay which we carefully held in the palm of our hands. *Thanks! What a fantastic event.* The artistic offerings of our Soiree offered a beautiful balm to our senses and imagination to bask in and allowed the richness of the day to settle and touch us deeply. We

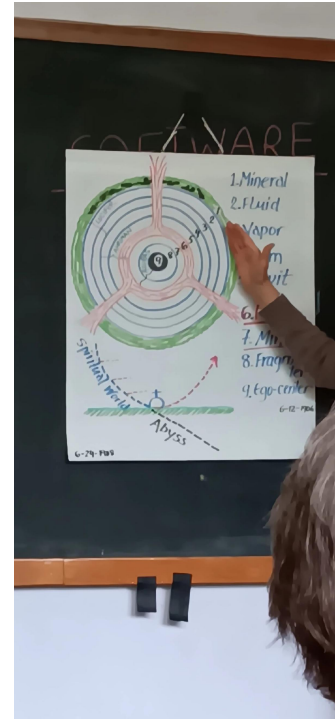
were nourished through rhythmical breathing, rich conversations, meaningful meetings and encounters with a wide world that reflects our most inner being. *Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. It was such a joyful experience.* The many anthroposophically inspired exhibitors from the area delighted in sharing with a genuinely interested audience.

On Sunday morning, we were skillfully guided through our cross-country feedback in both official languages to hear the experiences of various branches exploring the content of the conference their own way. The breadth, depth and expanse of our world continued to be filled with wonder. *It was a lovely conference.*

The impeccable care that was given to every detail of the event, from the artistically beautiful flower arrangements, comfortable setting, variety of activities from social braiding, to laughter, thoughtful reflection, to delicious and nourishing food, the warm reception and welcome package that each of our 120 guests received left everyone feeling special and valued. *What a glorious weekend. There is a new energy ... flowing*

We thank our guests who travelled from as far as Hawaii, from the west coast of both the United States and Canada and from all the places in between to make this gathering of many Societies and one School a profoundly meaningful experiential reality. *The best conference ... attended in recent years... felt that there was something truly different going on... appreciated the spirit of collaboration in the presentations, instead of just one person talking and everyone listening.*

With warmth and immense gratitude to each participant and planner who made this event an endeavour of human excellence.



CONFERENCE REVIEW

Dorothy LeBaron

The conference was very successful in many ways. It felt "new". I think for me, it was that the artistic way of working was a foundation of the conference instead of "art" being relegated to a workshop. Regine brought a small art exercise right after the class lesson. Then the keynotes with

Kenneth McAlister and Paul White were creative and collaborative (and humorous!). It was very different. Then, with the research presentations, especially the Social Sciences section, people who spoke came up front, and kind of picked up the thread where the person before had left off. Again,

creative and collaborative, not just a delivery of content. A wonderful social art exercise, as research into creativity, brought by the Visual Arts section. A small clay exercise brought by our ever-creative Regine at the end of the day (for 100 people), to help us process the day... An added richness was brought by our American friends. A foundation has been laid for moving forward together in a new way.

SUMMER EVENTS



The Communications Committee presents...
Anthroposophy Canada Wide - with Gopi Krishna

THE SPIRITUALITY OF NUMBERS

Sunday July 6th
1pm PST / 4pm EST

Widely respected as an anthroposophical scientist, Gopi recently translated into English a critical book for the times written about a century ago: ***The Spiritual Foundation of Numbers* by Ernst Bindel** (German Title: *Die geistigen Grundlagen der Zahlen*)

As Gopi says, "It is a fantastic work that explores the moral quality of numbers as well as the importance of different numbers to different human capacities. It covers a breathtakingly wide range of topics - the Trinity, the Pentagram, the Ten Commandments, the witches' magic square puzzle in Faust, the mathematical riddle in the Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz, the relation between plant growth and arithmetical operations, the Kabbalah, Gematria, deeper meanings of Seven, the Number 666 in the Apocalypse, the geometrical construction of the golden ratio. This 1935 book predates the New Age wave of the 60's, and as a result, it is refreshing to see the topics treated with no sensationalism but only systematic and thorough anthroposophic thought. And as a bonus, this volume also includes a brilliant exposition of the properties of the Periodic Table of Elements, where Bindel clearly shows how the Periodic Table is a document bearing testament to the cosmic history of the Earth. This part was a real joy to translate."

**Join us on July 6th for an inspiring 90-minute exploration into the spirituality of numbers.
Look for the zoom link in the June enews.**



**Rudolf Steiner
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2025 RSCC Summer Festival of Arts and Education

Week One - July 7-11

MORNING + AFTERNOON 9:00-3:00

Grade 1 – Reka Borbely
Grade 2 – Patrice Maynard
Grade 3 – Warren Cohen
Grade 4 – Imke Jorgensen
Grade 5 – Megan Gruner
Grade 6 – Sarah Cooper
Grade 7 – Jessica Gladio
Grade 8 – Paula Rosa

AFTERNOON 3:15-4:00, 4:15-5:00

Eurythmy, period 1: grades 5-8, period 2: grades 1-4,
Jonathan Snow
Blackboard Drawing Through the Grades, period 1:
grades 1-4, period 2: grades 5-8, Henry Muth

Week Two - July 14-18

Week Two MORNING 9:00-12:30

Social Understanding, Gender and
Sexuality in Our Time, Meaghan Witri
The Magic of Class Plays, Merwin Lewis
A Puppet Story for All Seasons,
Dianne Goldsmith

Week Two AFTERNOON 1:30-4:45

Speech and Storytelling Through the Grades,
period 1: 5-8, period 2: 1-4, Seamus Maynard
Art Through the Grades, period 1: grades 1-4,
period 2: grades 5-8, Berit Strasser
Working with Wood the Waldorf Way,
Warren Cohen

Co-creating with the Living World, Elyse Pomeranz, Laurie Harper Burgess (all day)

Week Three - July 21-25

Week Three MORNING 9:00-12:30

Developing the Developmental
Curriculum, Martyn Rawson
How Does your Garden Grow?
Mary-lu Spinney
Anthroposophical Perspectives on DEI,
Mark McGivern

Week Three AFTERNOON 1:30-4:45

Embracing the Unknown
Compassionately and Playfully,
Catherine Bryden
Rudolf Steiner's Biography and Mine?
Regine Kurek
Veil Painting, Jef Saunders

Who Shall Raise the Children: the Living Art of Parenting, Marg Beard & Kati Gabor (all day)

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Invitation

3d International Members' Forum (online)

Sunday 1 June 2025 at 15:00 -19:00 CET

The 1st Forum was devoted to the question: What is the current situation of the General Anthroposophical Society and what are the burning issues for Anthroposophy or the Anthroposophical Society in the different countries and in our present time? (Please find the identified issues and their prioritization by participants attached.)

In our 2nd Forum we worked with the results. The participants started to work on solutions for the top prioritized issue «Disconnection» on various levels. This Forum was also devoted to Rudolf Steiner for the centenary of his death to honour him and his lifework, representing exactly the opposite of disconnection.

In the upcoming forum on June 1, while continuing to explore the various aspects of disconnection, we will expand our work to three additional identified challenges. These are:

- the **relationship between the center and periphery** (topic 1- see list of topics attached). How could this relationship be enhanced and improved? And how can center and periphery collaborate with each other?
- the **deepening of the impulse of the Christmas Conference** (1923/24) (topic 12) and
- the perceived **tendency to rely too much on mainstream rather than anthroposophically inspired ideas** (topic 11, see detailed description attached). In topic 11 a reflection about the corona crisis is integrated for which a motion was approved by the past annual general meeting of the General Anthroposophical Society in Dornach.

We will form breakout rooms which you can select in order to work on one of those topics, find ways to come into a productive process and engage towards solutions. The outcome of your work will be shared in the plenum.

Space for initiatives

Additionally we would like to offer space for initiatives! If you have an initiative in relation to the listed or additional challenges, which you would like to present and work on with other members, please send a brief description of your initiative to: contact@initiative-memberforums-worldwide.cl

Please limit your description to three sentences (approximately 500 characters) using the language which is your preferred one for that work. We need to receive your initiative by May 14, 2025 in order to assure its inclusion in the June 1 forum. We will compile the initiatives and create a schedule for the forum which will be published by May 18.

Following the received feedback by participants of the 2nd Forum, we will offer breakout rooms in different languages. Please let us know which languages should be considered in addition to English as you subscribe to join the Forum. But remember we are a benevolent initiative and cannot guarantee to answer every request.

And do not forget to register for the June 1 forum! You have to register to receive the up to date Zoom link. Registration link:

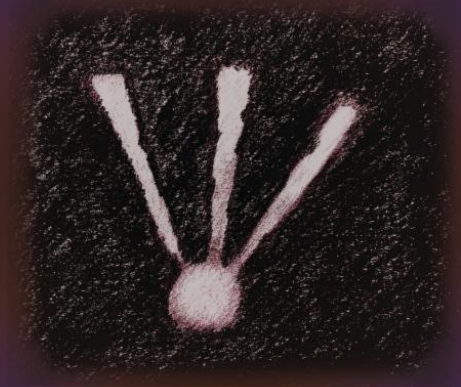
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Please contact us if you have any questions: contact@initiative-memberforums-worldwide.cl
Or visit our Website: <https://initiative-memberforums-worldwide.cl/>

Warm greetings from the organizing group,

Dag Balavoine (NO), Claudia Bartholomeyczik (DE), Moritz Christoph (DE), Roberta Csernay (HU), Cristina Etchegaray (UY), Tatiana García-Cuerva (CH), Lohengrin Jaramillo (CO), Bruce Kirchhoff (US), Bernadett Kiss (HU), Jérémy Langella (FR), Amalia Michielli (BR), Victoria Ponce (CA), Jenyffer Tovar (VE), Pablo Vidales (CL), Daniel Wittenberg (AR), Olena Yeschenko (UA)

Space, Time, and the Human Heart



August 14-17, 2025

Threefold Educational Foundation
Chestnut Ridge (Spring Valley) NY

Are you interested in the work of the School of Spiritual Science?

You are warmly invited to join others seeking to understand, deepen and enliven the work of the School for Spiritual Science in North America. This gathering is open to all who seek to further the transformative impulses for human culture rooted in the path described in the Class Lessons given by Rudolf Steiner.

We come together to cultivate a greater living connection to the work of the School while fostering a vibrant and evolving community of practice: spiritual activity within a social field of engagement, reflection, and research. Can we learn to work together in ways that foster compassion and the will to respond selflessly to what the world asks of us?

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Current prevailing assumptions reduce the world, including us, to supposed component particles, which are thought to work with inexorable necessity (reductionism). Identifications are regarded as mere conventional labels, meaning that true beings do not exist, or at best are unknowable (nominalism). This causes illnesses in the soul, and in culture as a whole.

Therefore the world needs a genuine university, where you can learn living thinking. Until it comes about, take your education into your own hands, choosing your teachers wherever you may find them, and teaching yourselves as well. Any such beginning, however imperfect, sets a decisive deed.

In September 2024, a new learning initiative began in Aesch, Switzerland, near the Goetheanum: Introduction to Anthroposophy. It offers a full-time, one-year training for young adults 18 to 26 years of age, rich with examples of applied Anthroposophy. Twenty-two teachers are contributing, in addition to the undersigned. The year ends on June 6th, 2025. The next group starts on September 14th, 2025!

The course is in German, with interpretation in English as needed. The more German you learn, the better you can experience Rudolf Steiner's use of language.

[Read More Here...](#)



Coming this Fall...

Sundays – September 7 through October 5

Imagining a Threefold Society

::: Webinar Series :::

Exploring the Basic Idea of Social Threefolding

with T. Michael Cox and Christopher Hahn

In a series of five 60-minute online sessions, offered free of charge, we will explore Rudolf Steiner's social ideas – called social threefolding – which offer us hope at this time of social confusion.

Register by Friday 5th of September [HERE](#)

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