

❖ THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ❖

PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH

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May/June/July/August 2010

304 Church Street, Palmerston

- Study
 - Meditation
 - Service
- The Three Arms of the Theosophical Society

The Three Declared Objects:

- To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste and colour.
- To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
- To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the

powers latent in man.

VISION/MISSION/ETHIC:

The Vision of The Theosophical Society in New Zealand is to inspire and serve the spiritual evolution of humanity and all life. Our **Mission** is to encourage enquiry with open hearts and minds into world religions, philosophy, science and the arts; and to support the individual's endeavours to

understand and apply the ageless wisdom, respect and honour all life, and pursue spiritual self-realisation.

Our **Ethic**: - The Society holds that our every action, feeling, and thought affects all other beings and each of us is capable of and responsible for contributing to the benefit of the whole.

Not only does the Society have a Vision of union with one another, and a mission of exploration, but also an ethic of putting these high ideals into action.

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

SEE OVER FOR DETAILS

The following are Saturday 7.30pm, members \$2, others \$5, unless otherwise stated.

May 22nd TSNZ National President Warwick Keys with a workshop for members on the future of The Theosophical Society, preceded by Potluck vegetarian meal at 6.15 pm.

TUESDAY May 25th 7.30 pm, Living the Real Self- on Creativity/Intuition/Life Choices with Sally Tennent-Brown;

Saturday, June 5th, Enlightenment—A Self Defeating Experience, with Astarte;

June 19th, Auric/Magnetic Healing—A Power Point Presentation and Demonstration with Lyn Pollock and Ken Ward;

July 10th, 1pm till 5pm, How to Increase Your Creativity—Lessons from the Artists with Dr Romuald Rudzki;

July 24th, The Light Of The Soul with Ricky Cribb, both a Workshop from 1.30 till 5 pm and a presentation at 7.30 pm. Attend either or both.

August 7th—Murray Stentiford, TSNZ Education Coordinator, facilitating an afternoon



members' workshop, 1.30 till 5pm - Sacred Activism—Wisdom and Love in Action, and public presentation, 7.30 pm Global Consciousness—Possibility or Pipe-Dream? PotLuck vegetarian meal precedes at 6.15pm.
August 21st Organic Farmers Friends - WWOOFers and Farmers Markets with Greg and Joanne Turner.
COMING UP Mid-September - William Meader;
October 16th - Jan Lawson—afternoon workshop and evening presentation,
November—C.V.K. Maithreya, President of the TOS in Channai, India & his wife, Dr Sunita Maithreya.

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Wednesdays, World Healing Meditation Service—4.55 till about 5.30 pm followed by a hot drink.

Saturdays, LIBRARY OPEN—10 till noon

UPDATES: Keep an eye on the **Guardian** and **Tribune** to see 'WhatsOn'. If you wish to be on the email list please give your email address to the secretary, anthealclement@value.net.nz. To be notified of any changes to the programme by telephone please contact the secretary— 353 6221 or 027 240 2069

DISCLAIMER: Please note that the views expressed in both newsletter and presentations are those of the individual authors and not necessarily those of the P Nth Theosophical Society. The use of word "man" or "brotherhood" is to be understood in the generic or traditional sense, not as gender related.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Saturday May 8th 7.30 pm

The Seven Rays - Pathway to the Higher Self - A more in depth Workshop with Ricky Cribb.

[Members \$2, others \$5]

This teaching will establish a back ground to the Seven Rays and these energies that links us to all things in a synergy of Oneness with the Universe.

We will discover the laws that govern our existence and our connection to the divine...

Each individual will be challenged to unlock what Rays they are conditioned by Physically, Emotionally, Mentally, their Personality Ray and their Soul Ray.

"Seek and you will find...The truth will set you free..."

Saturday 7.30 pm May 22nd T.S.NZ National President Warwick Keys with a presentation for members -

Transcendence: From Theory to Practice:

Practical Theosophy— A short talk by the National President on Transcendence and its relevance to TS today, and then a discussion on the future of the TS, its relevance in the world today; putting theosophical thinking into practice and living it in the twenty-first century. This is an opportunity for members to put forward and discuss constructive and positive ideas to assist the National Council in formulating policy and developing initiatives to move the TS into a dynamic new space, back at the cutting edge of religious and philosophical thought and concepts.

NB: Potluck vegetarian meal precedes it at 6.15

Everyone is invited to help host it, and to spend some time with Warwick.

TUESDAY May 25, 7.30 pm

Living the Real Self - Discourse & discussion on Creativity, Intuition & Life choices, with Sally Tennent-Brown

[Members \$2, others \$5]

We live in a time of immense change, transition & opportunity. This can be exciting, challenging, wonderful. Above all, we need to get clear - and honest - about what we want.

Sally will talk about her work & her vision, and then offer the opportunity for questions and a little exploration of current personal challenges. The group energy will define how the session unfolds.

Recently returned to NZ, **Sally Tennent-Brown** is a **natural Intuitive** and international teacher/ counsellor in **Human Potential** and **Consciousness Development**. She has been working in these fields for the past fifteen years, giving workshops and private consultations in Brussels, Belgium, and Vienna, Austria.

A qualified teacher (Auckland Teachers College/ Auckland University), with follow-up studies in Transpersonal Psychology (International Therapy Centre, Brussels), she integrates these backgrounds with her own spontaneous, psychic experiences and abilities of many years, offering practical & spiritual life guidance.



Saturday, June 5th, 7.30 pm Enlightenment— A Self Defeating Experience, with Astarte
[Members \$2, others \$5]

There are many paths to enlightenment although, just like the finger pointing to the moon is not the moon, no path to enlightenment is enlightenment. Enlightenment is merely a choice and is possible for anyone in any moment - if you believe Eckhart Tolle. Yet most people who are looking for it never find it. Come and find out just what enlightenment is and how to have it if you really want it. Be warned, though, you could be in for the biggest disillusionment of your life! This talk is only for those of sound mind.

**Saturday June 19th 7.30 pm,
Auric/Magnetic Healing— A Power Point
Presentation and Demonstration
with Lyn Pollock and Ken Ward**
[Members \$2, others \$5]

"Auric / Magnetic Healing is using high vibrational energy through the trained practitioner's hands to facilitate healing of the auric field and physical body". The auric field (also known as the aura) is a field of electromagnetic vibrations that directly relates to the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of the individual. It is an energy field that surrounds the body in the form "of liquid light" which moves & pulses. It's energy around the outer body flows from the cells of the body; creating the electromagnetic field. This energy field surrounds all living things, e.g. humans, plants and animals.

Auric/Magnetic Healing is complementary to all medical treatments.

This form of Healing has been known to help in the following ways:-

- Cleansing the blood system
- Clearing toxins from the liver
- Reducing infertility
- Relieving pain, by clearing inflammation
- Reducing healing time from operations by $\frac{1}{2}$
- Reduce discomfort from common ailments such as colds, flu, fever
- Helping reduce stress and its effects
- Alleviate depression & anxiety
- Increasing your energy
- Strengthening and balancing your whole energy field
- Generally bringing a feeling of wellbeing to mind & body

Lyn Pollock & Ken Ward (Golden Touch Healers Co-ordinators) will give a presentation on Auric/Magnetic Healing and a Demonstration of this simple Healing modality.

**Saturday July 10th 1pm till 5pm—
"How to Increase Your Creativity— Lessons
from the artists."** [Members \$2, others \$5]
Dr Romuald ('Rom') Rudzki is the Director of the New Zealand School of Export but also has another life as a practising artist with his own studio at Square Edge. He is a member of the

New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and sits on the Editorial Board of the journal 'Philosophy of Management'. In 1996 the Financial Times newspaper presented him with its David Thomas Award for his pioneering work on education for entrepreneurship. This illustrated talk is workshop based and allows participants to identify a problem of their own upon which to use the various creative approaches described. The talk was first given in Cannes, France during the 2009 IATTO Global Forum where it was ranked in the top three papers presented at the conference. Anyone wishing to have feedback on their artwork from Rom is also asked to bring it with them.

**Saturday 24th July — The Light Of The Soul
with Ricky Cribb. Both a Workshop from 1.30
till 5pm and a Presentation at 7.30 pm**
[Each session —Members \$2, others \$5.]

We are immortal beings ...
Learn to align our Mind
and Emotions with our
soul.
Meditation Exercises ...
Prana Breathing ...
Third Eye Alignment ...
Self Realisation.
Discover The Light and
Power of your Soul ...



**Saturday, August 7th 1.30pm till 5pm
Sacred Activism—Wisdom and Love In Action
Workshop for members with TSNZ Education
Co-ordinator Murray Stentiford.**

Challenging times call for all the creativity we can muster, and old solutions don't seem to work well any more. As Einstein said, a problem is not solved from the level of consciousness that created it. Sacred Activism—a term coined by Andrew Harvey—is a quantum leap of consciousness that fuses love and wisdom in action. In this talk, we look at the major challenges and possibilities facing Earth's inhabitants today from a spiritual viewpoint that is well described as Sacred Activism. [Koha]
NB 6.15 pm Potluck vegetarian meal at 6.15
Everyone is invited to help host this and to spend some time with Murray.

Saturday August 7th

7.30pm—

**Global Consciousness—
Possibility or Pipe-Dream?
with Murray Stentiford.**

[Members \$2, others \$5]

While the signs of conflict and violence grow stronger every day, what degree of global consciousness might be emerging in the midst of it all? While the internet connects us all in crazy and wonderful ways, do deeper layers of being link us in silent oneness? Hear how the growing body of evidence from Distant Healing, the Global Consciousness Project and self-transformation programs, support this amazing realisation. Science and the Transcendent are brought together.



Saturday August 21st 7.30pm—

**Organic Farmers Friends - WWOOFers and
Farmers Markets, with Greg and Joanne Turner.**

[Members \$2, others \$5]

Organic farming can be a difficult job, often labour intensive, and often more costly than conventional agriculture. Despite these factors many organic farms are thriving all over the world thanks to a growing network of support from schemes such as WWOOF and farmers markets. What is a WWOOFer? What is the difference between a farmers market and a general market? Greg and Joanne Turner will answer these questions and explain how these schemes work, and their experiences with them.

Greg and Joanne have a small farmlet near Palmerston North where they have been certified to the Demeter organic standards for biodynamic production since 2001. They have hosted WWOOFers and marketed their produce at farmers markets in Palmerston North and Feilding.

N.B. COMING UP —

**Mid- September William Meader Workshop, and
Saturday October 16th— JAN LAWSON* WORK-
SHOP— ~ 1 till 5pm [\$20 T.S. members and benefi-
ciaries, \$35 others]**

**7.30 pm— Jan Lawson Presentation [Members \$2,
others \$5]**

Jan Lawson* Workshop and Presentation -

We are all used to hearing about IQ and EQ. But what do you know about AIQ, LQ and WQ?

In this important workshop you will explore the three primary energies which all of us, individually and corporately, must urgently develop and learn to work effectively with over the next decade.

What is Active Intelligence? Love? Will?

How do you score on each of them - not just at a personality level, but at a far deeper soul level?

How can you fine tune your prime energy, and develop the other two energies to give you a highly functional working triangle?

Why is the intentional development of this working triangle crucial for all individuals, all groups and all leadership, world-wide?

What happens if groups, or humanity as a whole, has a very low quotient in one, two, or all three energies?

What if these energies are expressed at a personality level only?

And, how can we assist young people develop and maximise far more than their IQ?

This workshop will be geared for both regular TS members and the general public. It will be a workshop that is both very personal and totally global in its application.

*** Jan Lawson BA, MSE (Psych), ND, Cert Psychosynthesis, Dip Advanced Yoga Studies, Dip Teach** Jan's 45 years of spiritual training embrace Christian, yogic and trans-Himalayan traditions. She has taught yoga philosophy, written nine training manuals for students of the Ageless Wisdom, and been deeply involved with the International School for Transformation. She has also tutored at the TSNZ School of Theosophy.

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MEDITATION and SERVICE -

Group participation, whether in person or consciously participating from wherever you are, increases the power and effectiveness exponentially.

T.S.N.Z. GROUP MEDITATION FOR N.Z.

Optimum time 6.30 am.

Details are at <http://www.theosophy.org.nz/Meditation/TSGroupMeditation.html>

WORLD MEDITATION - FOR THE HEALING AND UPLIFTMENT OF THE WORLD

Wednesday 4.55-5.30p.m. at the Hall.
Everyone including the Public welcome.

A hot drink and biscuit follows.

P.N. THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The P.N.T.O.S. provides a service arm to our centre.
Donations accepted.

Details on the T.O.S. at <http://www.theoservice.org>

LIBRARY—Tapes and CDs - BOOKS TO BORROW and FOR SALE

Saturday 10 a.m.- 12 noon. Public welcome.

Please browse and join in discussion.

A full T.S. membership @ \$25 annual subscription includes full library borrowing rights.

A 'Library only' subscription @ \$15 per year has borrowing rights to the library only.

Library Books:

Books must be **returned or renewed** before three weeks or a fine of \$1 per week overdue is charged.
Use the door slot to return books after hours.

MAINTAINING and OPERATING OUR CENTRE -



The Hall — showing its Heritage Ceiling

The Hall is available for hire to like minded groups :
Hall charge out rate is \$28 minimum for up to two hours, \$12 per hour thereafter.

Use of the data projector is a separate additional charge.

(The Hall is alcohol and smoke free, and has a Vegetarian kitchen)
Inquiries to 353 2310, or to Anthea 353 6221 or 027 240 2069.

FINANCIAL - Managing *your* branch

Funding—

The T.S. offers wisdom to the world with a "no-charge-for-spiritual-knowledge" philosophy however, it **needs donations to exist!**

(Donations over \$5 are tax deductible. Please see the treasurer if you would like a receipt).

If you are **buying a new spiritual book** ask the secretary if she can get it for you at a **discounted price**.

WISH LIST :- Donations towards: 1) under-floor insulation \$2000; 2) Library book shelving (~\$400); 3) Weatherproof Outdoor Literature holder \$60, 4) Donations towards new books listed as recommended reading by T.S. 5) Donations and/or labour to paint the Hall's exterior next summer, 6) Labour for painting the second Toilet.

Thank you to Central Energy Trust, who have granted \$1,500 towards floor insulation. This work has been completed but has left a \$2,000 hole in the branch's bank account.

THANK YOU to all who help with the running of the P. Nth branch of The Theosophical Society.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WANTED

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

WELCOME to new members— Jack Whitehead, Deborah Anderson and Joshua Tombleson.

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We welcome prospective new members and encourage them to attend several meetings before joining. The membership fee entitles a member to receive the Palmerston North branch's newsletter, and the official quarterly magazine of The Theosophical Society in New Zealand "TheoSophia"; to attend organized workshops, study groups; to borrow books from the library

and make use of the national postal library, obtain videos, cassettes, CDs, DVDs and attend presentations. See the pamphlet on **Membership** available in the foyer.

It is great to have somewhere in the community where we have a sense of belonging. The Theosophical Society is a place where new and old ideas and revelations can be explored and initiated. Where we can make a positive contribution towards the world's and mankind's evolution. Where we can freely claim and express both our brotherhood and our individuality. Where healthy argument and discussion is encouraged as part of the T.S.'s investigative nature. Where Truth is not merely sought but also acted from and expressed.

The T.S. recognizes the worth of each member's individual spiritual pursuits and that of their unique group and offers an evolving yet integrated and synthetic centre where all can meet and evolve to a greater brotherhood.

We need, support and celebrate each other. As theosophists we belong to a group that stands for altruism and what is progressive and good!

SUBSCRIPTIONS for this financial year **September 1st 2009 to 31st August 2010** are due. There are a very small number of subscriptions still due from 1st Sept 2008 till 31st Aug 2009 year. Constitutionally membership lapses after two years of unpaid subs.

Subscriptions are still **ONLY \$25** with a special Family Membership for the spouse and/or children of a full member (living at the same address), who may become a full member/s at a reduced Annual Subscription of \$15.00.

Prospective members please note, having beliefs in alignment with the declared three objects (see Page 1) is the requirement. Membership application forms are available on request.

*Please remember the subscription is deliberately low to enable you donate at a level you are personally happy with. The 2009 - 2010 financial year finishes on the 31st August. If your subscription is still due, please send it now to
The Treasurer, PNTS, 304 Church St. PN 4410.*

Because PNTS is a registered Charitable Trust donations of \$5 or more are tax deductible.

ADJACENT CARPARK

The parking area next door to the T.S. hall is a private car park belonging to gsadesign It does not belong to the P.N.T.S! There has been some misunderstanding concerning this, which we hope can be avoided in future. Notwithstanding, Grant Smith, a gsadesign Director, has again extended a gracious invitation to T.S. members and their legitimate visitors, to use this parking area, **outside** the gsadesign working hours, (i.e. most evenings and weekends) and **exclusive** of long term parking. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity, especially with the introduction of parking meters, so please do not abuse it. Thank you, Grant and co.!

The photo shows the PNTS's information board recently displayed in the PN Public Library for a week.



COMMITTEE for 2009/2010—

President : Lorraine Alston;

Co-vice-presidents: Richard Downes and Dr Sivakumar Velayutham;

Secretary: Anthea Clement Cooper;

Treasurer: Helen Sussmilch; Minutes Secretary: Greg Turner;

Membership secretary: Julie Jeffrey;

Committee members: Ponniah Manickavasagar (Manik),

Joanne Rowe, and Phillipa (Pip) Rhodes.