

The Healing Power of Anthroposophy and Waldorf Education **2010 Conference Description, March 19-20, Brooksville, FL**

"Fairy Tales and Meditation" by Herbert Hagens

Rudolf Steiner considered fairy tales to be a "fitting connecting link" or "bridge" between the world of spirit and the world of the everyday. Listening to fairy tales can have a healing, nurturing and strengthening effect on the inner life of our souls. We will explore some of Steiner's own tales as well as those from other traditions and try to experience what it is that awakens in us.

Herbert Hagens served for many years on the Eastern Regional and National Councils of the Anthroposophical Society in America and is a former editor of the Society's Newsletter. He lectures on Rudolf Steiner's Mystery Dramas in the Anthroposophical Studies Program at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland. His fields of work are adult education and audio/video production. Herbert and his wife live in Princeton, New Jersey.

"Educational Support in the Classroom and at Home" by Michelle Cumming

This is a hands-on workshop to provide insights for working with students who may need additional support in the classroom. Parents benefit from attending this workshop to understand indicators of the many developmental challenges our children experience today. With shared experience, parents and teachers can work together in mutual support of the student's progress. Strategies and accommodations will be shared, including ideas relating to morning circle and seatwork.

Michelle Cumming was born in Beaver Run, Pennsylvania and attended Waldorf schools in both Toronto and Denver. She worked professionally in both film and theatre for several years before being called to the teaching profession. She received her Masters in Educational Support at Sunbridge College, and taught as a class teacher for five years. Michelle has worked with several Waldorf schools, providing student assessment and establishing student support guidelines and programs. She has been the Student Support Specialist at The Waldorf School of Atlanta for the last three years. In addition, Michelle has participated in clinical observations at Miami's Children's Hospital and The Children's Therapy Place, as well as presented several workshops on child development.

"Anthroposophy and Health" by Dr. Richard M. Halford

The presentation is an introduction to understanding the human being through Anthroposophy and how to apply various anthroposophic principles for maintaining health in children and adults.

Dr. Richard M. Halford, MD, F.A.C.S. graduated Albert Einstein College of Medicine - Board Certified in General and Plastic Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has studied Anthroposophy since 1983 and has applied Anthroposophical medicine to his practice and surgery since 1985.

"Honoring the Development of the "I" by Dr. Stephen Salamone

The healing power of growing an 'I' speaks through its own authoritative voice. The teacher's 'voice' grows with and nourishes the 'I' and authority of the student. Their purposeful and loving communication generates a strong sense of trust and intergenerational respect; a mutual respect that contributes to the healing of humanity and of all life on earth and in the cosmos.

Dr. Stephen Salamone, Ph.D was formerly Chair of the Classical Studies Department of Boston University. In 1968 as an undergraduate philosophy major at the State University of New York, Steve was assistant to Ron Brady, an Anthroposophist who introduced him to Rudolf Steiner. Steve accepted a four-year fellowship to study in Thessalonika, Greece at Aristotle University and afterwards worked as a University Professor for more than 30 years. Steve teaches classes for adults at the University of South Florida, lectures at the Jung Society and gives monthly talks at the Steiner-Circum-Study Group in Clearwater.

Singing with Barbara Bedingfield

Barbara will lead the conference group in new songs as well as familiar ones we've sung together for the past five years. She will also bring "Sing-Along" songs for around the campfire and invites others to bring instruments and lyrics for all to join.

Barbara Bedingfield has been a student of Anthroposophy since 1985. She led the initiative for founding Suncoast Waldorf School that opened in 1998. The school, situated now on its own property in Palm Harbor, Florida, graduated its first eighth grade last year. Barbara graduated from the Waldorf Teacher Training Program at Antioch University New England in 1996 where she also received a Master's in Early Childhood. She has taught kindergarten and grades one through four. This year Barbara teaches a combined first/second grade at the Suncoast Waldorf School.

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Friday, March 19

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00	Evening meal
7:30	Introductions and Opening Remarks
8:30	Campfire Singing (bring instruments)

Saturday, March 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30	Singing with Barbara Bedingfield
9:00	"Fairy Tales and Meditation" by Herbert Hagens
10:30	Break
11:00	"Anthroposophy and Health" by Dr. Richard M. Halford
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30	Singing with Barbara Bedingfield
2:00	"Educational Support in the Classroom" by Michelle Cumming
3:30	Break
6:00	Evening Meal
7:30	"Honoring the Development of the "I" by Dr. Stephen Salamone

Sunday, March 21

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00	Singing and Closing Remarks
9:45	Goodbyes
10:30	Meeting for Members of the First Class of the School of Spiritual Science with Herbert Hagens (Blue Card required)

About the Location

The Pines Conference Center, 7029 Cedar Lane, Brooksville, FL 34601 owned by the Unitarian Universalists of Florida, is situated among tall southern pines, Magnolia trees, and great live oaks. A nature trail deeper into the pines provides a quiet, peaceful setting for walks and contemplation. The Withlacoochee River, with canoeing opportunities, is a 30-minute drive from the center. The small town of Brooksville offers quaint shops and unique restaurants. The conference center can house 58 participants in 20 rooms. Depending on conference enrollment, it may be necessary to share a room.

Pines Conference Center phone: 352-796-4457.

Directions: From I-75 go west on State Road 50 for 6.2 miles. You will see a tiny country store called "Blanches" on the right with four big soft drink tanks. The second left after that is Cedar Lane where you will see "Deep South Barbeque" on the southwest corner. Go down Cedar Lane past a pond and look for the "Pines" sign on the right.

From Veteran's Expressway continue on this road and it becomes Suncoast Parkway. At Spring Hill Drive exit to the right. Go 2 miles to the light (Hwy 41). Turn left and go 1 mile to Powell (traffic light there). Go right and continue a little over 5 miles to Cedar Lane where you will turn left (Goldsmith is on the right). Go 2 miles to the conference center on the left.

For questions and scholarships call Barbara Bedingfield 727-786-8311 (Suncoast Waldorf School) or before 9 p.m. at 727-581-6195.

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

About You _____

**Please note conference menu includes some alternative protein sources.
Check your conference attendance and enter all amounts on the right:**

___ \$155. full conference with meals & lodging \$ _____
___ \$110. full conference with meals only \$ _____
___ \$130. Sat. only with meals & lodging \$ _____
___ \$100. Sat. only with meals \$ _____
___ \$ 30. Attendance per presentation \$ _____
___ \$ - 5. I will bring my own linens (deduct \$5) - \$ _____

CONFERENCE TOTAL..... \$ _____

***\$50 minimum registration deposit due by March 10**

Amount Enclosed..... - \$ _____

BALANCE DUE..... \$ _____

___ I will attend the First Class Meeting.

Please send checks payable to: Suncoast Waldorf School
Attn: Conference
1857 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

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