

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013

From R. J. Stewart and Anastacia Nutt



“under the shadow of thy wings...”



Inner Temple Traditions Inner Convocation® (ITIC) 1988-2013

Teacher Training now in its second year

This summer we begin Level Two of our Teacher Training in Britain and the USA. There are now three training groups plus an advisory group drawn internationally. The training program is directed by Anastacia, and we are both deeply moved by the commitment and the hard work of these advanced groups within the Inner Temple Traditions network.

In Britain we have a group of twelve teachers including several who started Inner Temples work in the early 1990's; this group includes seven from Britain, one from Ireland, three members from Europe and one from Brazil.

In the USA we have twenty two teachers training on the West Coast, including members from **Canada**, and several long-term Inner Temple facilitators from Seattle and the Bay Area. On the East Coast the group has twelve members, including some of our most experienced members who have been doing Inner Temples work since 1990.

Our most experienced teacher-training group members have been facilitating local Inner Temple Traditions Inner Convocation meditation meetings for years, while newer members have a minimum of three years continuous practice and confirmed workshop experience.

This new level of teacher training enfolds and replaces all previous classes with a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum that combines the well-established basic Inner Temple material (published and distributed as printed pages of class material between 1988 and 1997) with substantial new content and advanced methods.

Additional support material includes R.J.'s two *Magical Arts* volumes from the 1980's, the Inner Temples CD series, *The Miracle Tree* and *The Sphere of Art* series. We also found inspiring and thought-provoking material in W.G.Gray's book *An Outlook On Our Western Inner Way*, published in 1980 during the last decade of W.G's life. R.J. remembers reading an early typescript of this material in the 1970's.

The teacher-training includes retreats and classes, group networking, a detailed study program, and monthly meetings by GoToMeeting or phone.

Assistant Teachers and Facilitators

Inner Temple Traditions workshops and events have included assistant teachers for many years, and our new program continues

this established practice. Teachers work in pairs (not one-on-one) or as small teams, to offer the best possible experience to students.

Teacher Training groups are now closed to new applicants until 2015.

Publishing News

Books

We are gradually moving some of our titles to our associates at Skylight Press, based in Britain and in Colorado in the USA. The new editions will be available from both Skylight and our bookstore website at www.rjstewart.net

R.J.'s new book, *The Arch of Heaven* is going into design for publication in August. This is a small book, around seventy pages, describing, in depth, how to work with the powerful invocation first published in 1985 in *The UnderWorld Initiation*.

Anastacia is currently writing two new books: *Stillness Practice*, a smaller book, and *The History and Anatomy of Ritual* a larger comprehensive work.

Recordings

Several archive recordings have surfaced during a storage frenzy! They will gradually be re-mastered and issued as CDs. More news when available.

New Workshop and Retreat Locations, and Other News

In Britain

The Locket; We recently held our Teachers' retreat at *The Locket*, a historic country property in the Wiltshire Downs, near Avebury. Everyone loved this old thatched house that has a long history of creativity and literary life, a retreat for earlier luminaries such as Lytton Strachey, Bertrand Russell, Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster and other "Bloomsbury group" creative writers and artists. We will be returning to *The Locket* for new workshops in 2014. Our deepest

thanks to Zoe Young for inviting us to *The Locket* for her kindness and hospitality, and to Rohan White for his hard work on the large yurt that he set up in the garden.

Hawkwood College: Also in 2014 we return to *Hawkwood College* in Stroud, to teach an international retreat on sacromagical ritual and ceremony for the new era. We expect this event to fill very early, so please join well in advance to secure a place. The event will be on the Calendar at www.rjstewart.net shortly, for advance information and early reservations. Our thanks to Caitlin Matthews for organizing our Hawkwood events and for her long-term commitment to the Inner Temple Traditions network and practices.

Glastonbury: Most of our gatherings in Glastonbury are private for small experienced groups. However, in November we have a larger open workshop at the Town Hall; *The Faery Oath, the Mystery of Oak Ash and Thorn*. More information at www.rjstewart.org/calendar.html . Our thanks, as always, to Nigel Breen for his years of sterling work as national co-ordinator in Britain.

In the USA

We have a very full calendar of events for 2013 and 2104, and our on-line calendar and workshop and event descriptions are updated periodically.

Our Autumn retreat, September 2013, at *Indralaya* on Orcas Island in the Pacific North West, is sold out. There is a waiting list that you can join in case of any cancellations. More information at www.rjstewart.org/calendar.html

New workshop venues include Raleigh Durham N.C.(now coming up for the third workshop in a new series) and Wimberly T.X. Another new workshop series is opening in Portland O.R. in the Autumn.

In 2014 we will be returning to *PantheaCon*, one of the largest magical and pagan conventions in the USA, to give workshops and a concert.

The Fairy and Human Relations Congress: (the new one!) Also in 2014 we have been invited to give a workshop and concert at the new *Fairy Congress* to be held in Montana. R.J. has supported *Fairy Congress* in Washington State for twelve years, and the new Congress in Montana is a back-to-the-roots event organized by Michael Pilarski, founder of the Fairy Congress, based on the work of British seeress Daphne Charters. Her huge book, *Forty Years with the Fairies* is available at www.rjstewart.net

In Israel : November 2013

We return to Israel to teach classes in our on-going Inner Temple Traditions series there in November of this year. Anastacia will also be leading one of her *Mothers of Change* retreats for women. Prior to the retreats, we will be in Jerusalem with a small group of our international students and teachers, including a visit to the Garden Tomb that featured strongly in the life of the late A.R. Heaver, one of R.J's spiritual mentors. The story is told in full in *The Hidden Adept and the Inner Vision* (R.J's biography of ARH, published in 2012).

Please Note: The Jerusalem visit is open to any of our students. The Inner Temple and Mothers of Change classes are primarily for our Israeli groups. If you have attended previous workshops with us (anywhere) and you wish to join us in Israel in November, please email anastacianutt@gmail.com

We wish you all a wonderful summer!

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