



NSAC News

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Hydesville Memorial Park News

Once again this year, NSAC will be present at Hydesville Memorial Park the last weekend in March. On Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 5 pm, we will be greeting visitors with coffee and cookies. On Sunday, March 29 at 1 pm, we will hold a religious service at the property, and greeting visitors until 4 pm. We look forward to seeing many there.

The service on Sunday will be chaired by the Rev. JoAnn Santonocito. The speaker will be the Rev. Stacy Kopchinski.

This year, an enclosed tent will be available for visitors and the service.

The Reverend Janet Nohavec, of the Journey Within, North, will be conducting a service at 4 pm on Saturday memorializing the Fox family. Her organization purchased and is refurbishing the schoolhouse adjacent to Hydesville Memorial Park.

In other news, a contractor has been located who is willing to lay the engraved paver bricks at no cost. A toilet will be available at the Park from mid-March through mid-September.

Affidavits

Church members seeking credentials as a Certified Medium or Commissioned Spiritualist Healer are required to submit completed affidavits with their application to the NSAC Department of Education. These forms are available on the NSAC website at www.nsac.org/member-pages/forms. They should be available on a literature table at your church service so attendees have access to them.

To help student workers and make congregants aware of affidavits, it is helpful for the chairperson, during announcements, to say something like, "Our Student Healers and Student Mediums are working toward credentials with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches and are required to have a given amount of

affidavits. If you received a beneficial healing or an evidential message, we appreciate if you complete an affidavit, which can be found on our literature table.

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Affidavits are voluntarily given and it is inappropriate for a student to ask for one. Completed affidavits must be witnessed by two people. Authorized to sign as a witness are: Minister, Certified Medium, Board Member, or NSAC Missionary. This signature is to testify *only* that the healing or spirit greeting took place.

After affidavits are complete, they are handed directly to the Student Healer or Student Medium. The student workers should keep them in a file until ready to submit their application to the Department of Education.

Candidates are required to have six affidavits approved by five NSAC Board Members. Therefore, it is recommended that 8-10 affidavits be submitted. Following approval of affidavits, candidates proceed to the written examination.

There is one other type of affidavit and that is the one used to evaluate the chairing of a service or delivery of a sermon by someone who chooses that path toward ordination. They may be written by an Ordained Minister or Board Member of the church where the sermon was delivered. These affidavits are not given to the candidate or shown to anyone. They are sent directly to the NSAC Secretary.

Publicize Your Auxiliary

If your church or camp has an institutional or program brochure and would like to have it available for visi-

tors to NSAC Headquarters, send about 25 to the NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

Lily Dale is visited by several thousand visitors each summer. Many stop in at the Bookstore for purchases and also pick up available free information. This is an additional way to publicize your church or camp.

Welcome Rina Salvemini



Rina Salvemini has joined the headquarters staff. Rina will work part time, assisting in the NSAC Bookstore and with administrative duties.

Look for her cheerful voice when you call NSAC.

Reminders

Past Due (January 31): Renewals of Credentials for LM, CM, and CH due at NSAC. (*Ordained ministers holding CM and CH certifications are exempt from this filing. File with church secretary; payable to church. Church secretary forwards as group to NSAC Headquarters*)

March 2: Mail IRS forms 1096 to IRS and W-3 to Social Security Administration

March 22: Gratitude Day (See NSAC Bylaws Article XVI, Section 4 for details)

March 31: Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

March 31: NSAC Awards Nominations due

October 11-16: NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix

Free Magazine Racks

The NSAC Bookstore still has available a number of plastic magazine racks. They are available free on a first-come basis to auxiliaries. You are asked only to pay the shipping cost. Contact Rina Salvemini at nsacbookstore@nsac.org or call 716-595-2000.

Gratitude Corner

Are there members in your church or camp who deserve special recognition for their continuing service in helping build and support your auxiliary? Gratitude Corner is a place where they can be introduced and publicly thanked.

To express appreciation to these members in this column, simply contact NSAC with details at nsacsecretary@nsac.org or 716-595-2000.

Bookstore News

The NSAC Bookstore is required to charge New York sales tax on all

Bookstore purchases. If the purchaser has tax-exempt status with a tax ID number, they may submit an acceptable copy of their tax-exempt form to the Bookstore prior to, or at the time of, the purchase. The form will be kept on file so it will need to be submitted only once.

A new book catalog is being compiled. When it is published, a copy will be sent to each auxiliary.

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