



NSAC News

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Letter from the President

The safety, security and health of each of you is my paramount concern. With the World Health Organization upgrading COVID19 to a pandemic, we must all do whatever it takes to care for ourselves and our loved ones. Each of us need to act with caution to protect ourselves and our community. We may need to adjust our lifestyle to avoid contracting this virus.

Several churches have contacted me regarding suspending their services. This decision should be made by your church leadership team based on your local circumstances and any quarantine in place. Please know that NSAC and I will support those churches choosing to suspend services recognizing that the decision is one based on your specific locality.

At present the Board is still planning to hold its spring board meeting starting April 27. We do not want to disappoint the students who are planning to take their oral OM examinations. I will be monitoring the developments closely and encourage you to do the same at www.coronavirus.gov.

Let us all join in saying the Spiritualist Healing prayer daily and sending healing to those who have been infected. Let us also pray that the worst of this pandemic is behind us.

With blessings and love,
Christine Krithades, J.D., OM, CH
President

Welcome Kim Williams



Kim is a great addition to the NSAC office.

Kim Williams is our newest staff member. She will assist with the NSAC bookstore. With the summer season just around the corner,

Celebrating the Advent of Modern Spiritualism March 28-29

You are invited to join us in celebration of the advent of Modern Spiritualism, as we come together in a traditional Spiritualist service where Spiritualism started. The service will be held at the Hydesville Memorial Park; Sunday, March 29.

Chairing the event will be NSAC Secretary, The Reverend JoAnn Santonocito and the event speaker will be NSAC Trustee and Morris Pratt Institute Administrator, The Reverend Stacy Kopchinski, NST.

Those serving as Healers and Message Ministers will be from local NSAC Chartered Churches.

The service will be held outside the cottage under a tent with chairs. Please let us know if you will be joining us for the celebration.

Location: Hydesville Memorial Park, 1510 Hydesville Road, Newark, NY 14513

Nomination for NSAC Awards Closes March 31

March 31 is the deadline for nominations for an NSAC Award. Awards are presented at the Annual Convention in October, in four categories:

Teacher Award, Literary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Lifetime Service Award. Nominations must be on NSAC Form 14, Nomination for Award. Guidelines for submission are on the back of the form. Go to the NSAC website forms page, www.nsac.org/member-pages/forms.

From the Secretary

The NSAC Yearbook 2020 will be mailed to each auxiliary free of charge. Extra copies are available at \$12 each.

The office cleaning and organizing is ongoing. The new library/conference room off the bookstore for people to

look at our history and browse our extensive book collection is almost complete.

Letters have gone out to anyone who has yet to renew their credentials. If you have any concerns or questions on your credentials or renewals, please contact the NSAC office

The office is now taking bids on the painting of the exterior of the office building. If you know a local licensed contractor, please have them call the NSAC office.

Reminder from the Department of Endowments

Have you looked at the NSAC website lately? If you click on the "Donate Now" button or "Support NSAC" you will see that there is an option to make payments online! This can range from bills for books, TNS subscriptions and listings and more.

Click on "pay an invoice" and then follow the instructions, writing in a description as needed. Once completed, that information notifies the NSAC office. A receipt of acknowledgement will be sent that the payment was processed.

If you are interested in making a donation, you have options for a one-time donation or a monthly recurring donation. The options also appear on the same web page once you click on the "Donate Now" button or by "Support NSAC." One-time donations also allow a gift to be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. There is space to request a gift notification of the contribution (*without the amount mentioned*) to someone else if in memory, or to the person being honored.

Help us streamline processes by using these tools. Thank you! Any questions or feedback on use, please contact department director,

—Rosemary Calderalo, OM
rosemarycalderalo@gmail.com

A Note from the Missionary Department

We welcome the arrival of Spring this month and the energy of renewal, growth and new beginnings. As stated in our NSAC Spiritualist Manual: "Spiritualism teaches continuous progressive unfoldment." As Spiritualists, we know it is our purpose to grow, learn, develop and unfold with the knowledge and comfort that we are never alone.

At the recent 2019 NSAC Annual Convention, our delegates adopted a new bylaw changing the appointment date of missionaries to the NSAC Spring Board of Trustees meeting. New missionary appointments will be made at that time. Meantime, please remember that the Missionary Department is here for you to offer our help, support and encouragement. As we observe the anniversary of the March 31, 1848 Advent of Modern Spiritualism, may we rejoice in the many blessings of the spring season and Spiritualism knowing that we are never alone and that every day is a new beginning.

—Pamela Bollinger, OM, Director
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Reminders

- March 22:** Gratitude Day. The fourth Sunday of March in each year shall be known as Gratitude Day. Chartered church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to The Cause. A special love offering shall be taken for the NSAC Spiritualist Benevolent Society. (*From NSAC Bylaws Article XVI, Section 4*)
- March 31:** Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism
- March 31:** NSAC Awards Nominations due
- October 11-16:** NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix

NSAC Bookstore News

Bookstore hours 10-4 M-F, and Saturdays 10-4. during the Lily Dale

Assembly open season (*mid-June through mid-September*). An updated bookstore catalog will be mailed to each auxiliary at no cost. Extra copies will be available at \$3.50 each.

When ordering the following books from the bookstore, use the coupon



code mentioned above. 10% off the cost of the books will be applied. The coupon expires March 15, 2020.

Talking to the Dead: Kate and Maggie Fox, Detailed story of the Hydesville raps and the Fox sisters.

BKS 4456, \$14.95

Origin of Modern Spiritualism, Reprint statements of witnesses to the rapping's at Hydesville.

BKS 3103, \$2.25

Hydesville in History, History of the Fox cottage and the Fox sisters. A factual account of the birthplace of Modern Spiritualism.

BKS 1122, \$5.00

A Brief History of the Fox Family and the Beginnings of Modern Spiritualism, The unknown story of the Fox family's two-year experience with spiritual phenomena beginning with their stay in the Hydesville cottage. BKS 1143, \$8.00

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, nsacbookstore@nsac.org 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

Gratitude Corner

Thank you to Diane Hull, Bobbie Caswell, and Kyle Samuelson for assisting JoAnn Santonocito in cleaning and painting the first-floor offices.

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 col-

umn, simply contact NSAC with details at: nsacsecretary@nsac.org or 716-595-2000.

Dates in Spiritualism

- March 7, 1891:** Event—Testimony regarding Lincoln séances by Hudson Tuttle.
- March 10, 1973:** Transition—Robert J. MacDonald, 5th President of NSAC (1956-1973).
- March 20, 1833-1886:** Birthday—Daniel D. Home (Greatest gift to Spiritualism; levitation).
- March 22, 1818:** Birthday—J. S. Loveland (Authored first American book on Spiritualism and first lecturer to start regular meetings).
- March 23, 1822-1922:** Birthday—Dr. James M. Peebles (World missionary of Spiritualism).
- March 27, 1837-1892:** Birthday—Catherine Fox (Modern Spiritualism).
- March 29, 1912:** Event—Detroit, MI first Spiritualist Temple.
- March 30, 1873:** Event—First automatic writing of "Spirit Teachings" began.
- March 30, 1848:** Anniversary—Hydesville, NY Modern Spiritualism.

Publicize Your Auxiliary

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

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