



NSAC News

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Letter from the President

It is February. How do we know? Everything is colored *red*, whether in the stores, or the Empire State Building in New York City, or the London wheel. The whole world seems to be celebrating Valentine's Day. It is estimated that Americans spend \$20 billion on this single holiday alone, making it the most expensive holiday next to Christmas. Valentine's Day is geared towards getting rather than giving. Remember in grade school the Valentine box and your classmates totaling up how many they got?

Why do so many people limit the expression of their love to a specific day? Wouldn't it be great to demonstrate your love every day? We can show our love and concern for each other every day and not wait for a single day in February. Bear in mind that Valentine's Day can create a variety of emotions for different people. For some it is wonderful to celebrate the love you experience with your spouse, partner, friends, family. For others it can cause loneliness and sadness because their sweetheart has passed to Spirit.

As we know from our Morris Pratt Institute lessons, Spiritualists view the Bible as an inspirational text, but not as the absolute word of God. The following Bible quote is from Galatians 5:22: "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness."

Recently a friend of mine from Turkey told me of his childhood bedtime routine. His mother would tuck him in and ask him if he had thanked God today. She would tell him he has two opportunities to thank God: when you breathe in and when you breathe out.

Let us remember to give thanks daily to Spirit for the many loves and gifts in our lives. Valentine's Day can be celebrated because of Spirit's great love for us.

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



Credit: Samantha Kennedy on Unsplash

From the Director of the Education Department

Greetings! I am so pleased to have been appointed as the Director of the Department of Education. I hold all the credentials, OM, NST, CM, and CH, and have been a member of the NSAC since 1998.

I am excited to be of service to all those who are going through the credentialing process. My goal is to assist students as they progress through the examination process. Sometimes this can be a stressful time, and I look forward to assisting in making this easier. My goal is to create forward-looking changes in the Education Department as we, once again, bring Education to the forefront.

There are many new ideas coming this year, and I am sure that we will be able to help the NSAC increase the number of its credentialed workers.

I am currently working with the Education Committee of the Morris Pratt Institute. We are implementing more educational opportunities and courses in response to the call for more education requested by students.

Please join me as we gratefully acknowledge June Kilmer for her long-time service, role modeling, and dedication.

If I can be of service to anyone, please feel free to contact me via email dept.edu@nsac.org or phone 352-237-2277.

In Service,
Sharon A. Watson, OM, CM, CH, NST
Director, Department of Education

Exciting Update of the Hydesville Fund Challenge!

With deep gratitude, the NSAC is delighted to share the news that Alice Robertson, catalyst for the recent Hydesville Memorial Park Endowment challenge, donated an additional \$5,000 beyond her original commitment of \$18,480 upon hearing that the match raised by others was exceeded by the deadline of December 31! Thank you, Alice, for your inspiring generosity and for helping us all rally around this wonderful cause. The Hydesville Memorial Park, with a current balance of \$46,285, will have the benefit of support now for generations to come!

Reverend Rosemary Calderalo

From the Director of the Department of Lyceums

We are proud to present a Zoom class on "How to Start a Lyceum." Learn about creating a Lyceum for children, youth, and/or adults. Date: Saturday February 19. Time: 10 AM MT (9 AM PT, 11 AM CT, 10 AM ET).

Email me if you are interested!
Havi@nsac.org

Havi Richards OM, CM, CH, NST
Director, Department of Lyceums

Acknowledgment of Donation

A donation was made as follows:

The following tribute was received for the Hydesville Memorial Park Endowment Fund in the name of

- Gladys Kellerman

We thank all who contributed to this generous donation.



“Spiritualists Without Borders” Celebration of Hydesville Day 2022

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the service organizations of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, we would like to invite you to join us and, together with our combined efforts, achieve a *Spiritualists Without Borders Celebration of Hydesville Day: The Advent of Modern Spiritualism*.

We found out that with Zoom events, we could make the world a bit smaller and all come together, albeit virtually, to the place where Modern Spiritualism began in a little cottage in Hydesville, New York, USA.

Last year, we all opened our hearts and found each other! Because of contributions from so many other like-minded Spiritualists, we were able to raise money to maintain the Fox Cottage by enabling an Endowment Fund for the Hydesville Memorial Park.

This year, we would like Hydesville Day, March 31, 2022, to be a day where we can all celebrate once again the history and heritage of Modern Spiritualism. With the magic of Zoom participation, we can host our celebration live in Hydesville, NY as well as experience services and events from around the globe. We would love to have everyone's celebration included in one single Zoom Event ticket for which Spiritualists can register and participate regardless of where they live. Please let us know how you will be celebrating and if we can coordinate to have your event(s) as part of our Hydesville Zoom Event.

We'd also like to plan a global Spiritualist team-building exercise and are open to your suggestions. Our goal is to create unity with all Spiritualists so that we have a sense of community and togetherness—even though we are physically separated. We are seeking activities and events that would allow us to congregate and commune.

We would also like to set up a Global Healing Experience. Everyone has been affected by the pandemic and its effects: grief, separation, and loss. We have all had drastic changes as a result in our daily lives. Now, more than ever, the world needs healing. We would like to hear about what you are already doing or working on in a group to create something truly amazing and special, such as a global healing activity, to provide peace and comfort in our currently changing world, whether an interactive workshop or a simple healing service. Let us know your thoughts.

We want to leave room for Spirit. If you have a recording of a trance address or inspirational talk we could include that pertains to Hydesville history or the advancement of Spiritualism, that would be perfect to include in the Hydesville Day Zoom event as well. We are also in need of special music and performing musicians, as well as lectures on Spiritualist history—for instance, information about Kate Fox's time in England.

Please help us by reaching out to others so that we can have a fuller participation in Hydesville Day events.

We'd like to know if you want to participate or if you have any ideas by emailing our planning committee at HydesvilleDay@gmail.com

Here is a link to last year's Hydesville Day events (all 12 hours): <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBp1nRdLWU8yERLaKBU44w9lIDqgGfWqC>

This March 31st, Come Home to Hydesville for Unity, Healing, Peace, and Community!

Sincerely yours,
Charvonne Carlson, Ellen Sklaver, and Carol Caesar
Hydesville Day Planning Committee of the NSAC



Credit: Valerie Miller, 2014

NSAC Office: Help Wanted

The Town of Pomfret, in which the NSAC Office is located, is replacing the waterlines throughout Lily Dale. Once the main line is installed and tested, the NSAC Office will need a NYS Certified and Insured plumber to install a new line from the building to the main. If you know a plumber who is NYS Certified and Insured who would be interested in this project, have them contact the NSAC Office.

The NSAC is also looking to find someone who is willing to mow, trim, and keep the yard at the NSAC Office maintained this summer. If you are interested, or know someone who is, contact the NSAC Office.

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Dates in Spiritualism

February 3, 1811–1872: Birthday—Horace Greeley (Abe Lincoln of Modern Spiritualism).

February 11, 1870: Event—Katie Fox Séance: Automatic Writing of Benjamin Franklin.

February 16, 1836–1907: Birthday—Moses Hull (First President of MPI).

February 20, 1901: Event—Society for Psychical Research Foundation.

February 26, 1798–1872: Birthday—Isaac Post (protected the Fox Sisters).

February 1890: Event—Emma Hardinge Britten founded the National Spiritualist Federation.

February 1901: Event—Sir William Crookes becomes First President of the Society for Psychical Research Foundation.

Gratitude Corner

To express appreciation to members through this column, simply provide details and contact NSAC at Dept.pub@nsac.org

Reminders

Current: Complete Music Committee Questionnaire. See January 2022 NSAC News column by Rev. Lelia Cutler: [nsac.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-01-MusicQuestionnaire-.pdf](https://www.nsac.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-01-MusicQuestionnaire-.pdf)

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

March 22: Gratitude Day (see NSAC By-laws Article XVI, Section 4 for details).

March 31: Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism.

March 31: NSAC Awards Nominations due.

October 9–14: NSAC Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer). Spirit guides and doctors will diagnose the

trouble and its cause, attention being directed to overcoming the cause, and then removing the symptoms.

Please set time aside each day to send healing thoughts for each of those listed below, that they may receive from Spirit that which is for their highest and best needs.

Your healing prayers are needed and benefit others in ways we may never know.

Prayer for Spiritual Healing

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.

Kimberly
Michael
Judi

To Request Spiritual Healing

In order to respect personal privacy, you first must obtain permission from the person, or from their

caretaker, to be placed on the Spiritual Healing list. Then notify the Spiritual Healing Center. Spiritual healing is directed to a specific individual. To list more than one individual from a household or group, submit first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names will be listed for two months unless removal sooner is requested. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center
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