



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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Coming Soon

We want to commence a monthly column, Spotlight on Churches, which will feature one NSAC church each month. This will help acquaint others in the NSAC community with information about your auxiliary.

The article can contain brief information on church founding and history, meeting location and schedule of primary religious services, pastor (*not pastoral committees*), photo of church building, and point of contact for information (*name, email, phone*). The purpose of contact information is to help those wanting to attend Spiritualist services when traveling.

Information for an article on your church should be submitted to Carol Luetkens, NSAC Secretary, nsacsecretary@nsac.org. Copy must be submitted in narrative form in a text (.doc) file not to exceed 300 words. Photos of the church building should be in a separate image (.jpg) file and not include people. A contact person about copy and photo submitted should be stated in the covering email.

Amanda Arrives

Amanda Kalfas joined the NSAC staff as Associate Administrator last month. She will be handling operations of the NSAC Bookstore as well as other day-to-day administrative work at NSAC Headquarters.



A native of Cassadaga, in western New York, Amanda holds an associate degree from Jamestown Community College. She plans to resume her studies this fall. In 2015, she was elected as a trustee on the Cassadaga Village Board and continues in that position.

In her free time, Amanda enjoys camping and kayaking during the summer months and snowboarding in the winter. Some of her other hobbies include baking, reading, and spending

time with fiancé Mathew and his daughter, Nataleigh, and their new puppy, Jack.

"I am excited to be working for NSAC and in its Bookstore here in Lily Dale. I've spent a lot of time here working or visiting family. Spiritualism is something that has always interested me and I look forward to learning and working with the Spiritualist community."

Maine State Spiritualist to Meet

The Maine State Spiritualist Association Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Augusta Spiritualist Church, 113 Townsend Road, Augusta. The meeting will commence at 10 am with registration available at 9:30. On Sunday, June 3, a religious service will be held at the Augusta church at 10:30 am. The service will include a commemorative flower service.

Connecticut State Convention

The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association Convention will be held May 12 at Niantic, hosted by the New London Spiritualist Church. The agenda includes a business meeting and election of officers.

Michigan State Association Convention

The Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches is holding its Annual Convention May 17-20. The presenter at this year's convention is the Rev. Jean Kerr-Lerch, NST, who will be presenting workshops on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon.

There will be an All Message service on Friday evening, religious service on Saturday evening, followed by presentation of awards on Sunday morning. There will also be a Children's Lyceum service on Sunday

morning. This entire service is conducted by children who have been raised in Spiritualism. Come and see our future at work!

The Convention will be held at the Odawa Hotel, Petoskey, Michigan overlooking scenic Lake Michigan. For more information, contact Rebecca Strauss MSSAC Secretary, rstrauss52@yahoo.com.

Gratitude Corner

Additional Gratitude Day donations to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society have been received from The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC and Attunement Spiritualist Chapel. Thank you to the congregations of these auxiliaries for contributions to help support credentialed members who have served us for so long.

It becomes clear why people are attracted to Spiritualism when we receive cards such as the following: *To the Directors: I would like to compliment Judith Hyson Schaefer on her teaching of this religion to prospective members. She explained many things and was patient in answering questions in the class. It made me question why I waited so long to join. I will be grateful to her forever. Sincerely, Linda Coburn.*

Call for Trustee Candidates

Now is the time to consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee terms expiring in October include President Christine Krithades, Trustee June Killmer, and Trustee James Ehrhart. All have indicated that they will seek re-election.

If you feel you have the qualifications and time to commit to service as an NSAC Trustee, be sure to obtain a copy of the Call for Candidates, enclosed in our May mailing to auxiliaries, available on the NSAC website Forms page, nsac.org/member-pages/forms It contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your

candidate statement. If you have not requested the password for member pages, it may be requested by email to nsacinfo@nsac.org. Your request must include both the member name and name of church.

A *Candidates for Election* document will be mailed to auxiliaries approximately six weeks before the Annual Convention. Candidate statements with photos will help everyone identify candidates and know more about them prior to the election at the Convention.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday, July 20, 2018.

Affidavits

Affidavits are needed by student workers who want to apply for Certified Medium or Commissioned Spiritualist Healer. This is the only purpose for which affidavit forms should be used.

Affidavit forms available on www.nsac.org should be printed and available in churches. It can be announced by the chairperson of a service as to where these are available at your church. It can also be announced to the congregation that these are needed by student workers seeking certification and if a congregant receives an evidential message or a beneficial healing, it would be appreciated if they completed an affidavit on that day. When completed, the affidavit then is signed by the Pastor, Pastoral Committee member, or Church Board member as a witness that it took place on that date.

The completed affidavit should then be given to the student worker, who keeps them until such time as they apply for certification, when application and affidavits must be submitted to the NSAC Department of Education.

The nine members of the NSAC Board of Trustees evaluate affidavits. A candidate must have six approved affidavits to proceed to examination. Therefore, it is wise to submit more than six affidavits, not to exceed twelve.

Completed applications are mailed to: Rev. June E. Killmer, Director, NSAC Department of Education, 1635 Old Hart Ranch Road, Roseville, CA 95661.

Camp Promotion for 2018 Season

Camps wanting promotion through NSAC for the upcoming season are asked to send 200 programs and other promotional materials to NSAC Headquarters. They must be received by May 31 to be included in the June mailing to churches and ministers. Additional copies may be sent for display and pick up by visitors during the Lily Dale summer season.

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

How to Heal with Color, by Ted Andrews. Andrews presents an effective system for developing your innate healing skills with this easy-to-follow guide where you will learn the basics of color healing, why it works, and simple techniques for healing yourself and others.

BKS340, \$9.95

The Art of Spiritual Healing, by Joel S. Goldsmith. Goldsmith alternates instruction with meditation to demonstrate that physical wellbeing results naturally from attaining a oneness with God.

BKS117, \$12.95

In the Light of Healing, by Nona Brooks. The articles included in this book are a collection of sermons given by Brooks during her many

years as minister of the First Divine Science Church in Denver. They stand as an affirmation of the road she traveled.

BKS302, \$12.95

Spirit Healing, by Harry Edwards. We would warmly recommend to your attention for the undramatic matter-of-factness with which this book approaches this most controversial subject where Edwards is "concerned only with facts."

BKS104, \$10.95

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.

Reminders

May 31: Camp promotion materials due at NSAC for mailing

July 5-7: World Congress of Spiritualist 2018 Conference, Stansted, England

August 12-18: ISF Biennial Membership Meeting, Stony Point Center, NY

September 30-October 5: NSAC Convention 2018, Milwaukee

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