

AAP Association for the Advancement of Psychosynthesis

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Roberto Assagioli's Birthday, February 27

Roberto Assagioli was born in Venice in 1888. This photograph was taken in 1905, when he was 17. (Many thanks to Carol Blanchard for sending this image.)



"... The essential unity of origin, of nature and of aims, and the unbreakable interdependence and solidarity between all human beings and groups are a spiritual, psychological, and practical reality. It cannot be suppressed, however often it may be negated and violated through the numberless conflicts in which men, foolishly and painfully, squander their precious energies and even deprive each other of the sacred gift of life.

"... An increasing number of men and women are animated by the will to implement [synthesis] and are actively working within different groups and in all fields, outwardly unrecognized but inwardly closely connected by a common dedication to the same purpose: the psychosynthesis of Humanity."

– Roberto Assagioli, from *Psychosynthesis: Individual and Social*, Psychosynthesis Research Foundation, New York, NY 1965.

AAP 2011 Conference Alternatives Explored

As you may know, AAP has canceled its conference, which was to be held in Santa Cruz, CA from July 15 to 17. Steering Committee (SC) and the Professional Development Committee (PDC) members are discussing other options for a gathering that is more informal and less energy-intensive to produce – and serves our needs for spiritual replenishment, community building, and open dialog. We are also looking at this as an opportunity to spend more time listening to our members and volunteers about what they want and need in this time of change. One option is to set apart some part of the event for strategic planning as an organization going forward.

The enthusiasm is high for such an event to be held in summer or fall this year. We are actively seeking your input. If you have suggestions for format, content, location, ambience, date, and so on, please send your ideas to Judi White, SC member and membership coordinator, at membership.aaa.sc@gmail.com. You may also call Judi at 586-698-4256. *Thank you! Dori Smith and Judi White.*

"Foundations of Psychosynthesis" Training Update

The 5-training course that was to be held at Santa Cruz after the conference, July 17-22, will not be held at that location. The organizers are searching for another place; the course may have to be rescheduled. We will let you know as soon as a decision has been made.

Meanwhile, the Foundations course is planned for January 2012 in the Bay area. The flyer is at aap-psychosynthesis.org/events/Foundations-of-Psychosynthesis.pdf

AAP Steering Committee Nominations: Deadline Extended

The AAP Nominating Committee is calling for prospective Steering Committee member nominations, and we hope you will consider nominating yourself and/or other worthy AAP members. Instructions and more information are on the attached form, which is to be sent to aap.input@gmail.com by March 15.

Reminder to Renew Your AAP Membership

Your participation in the ongoing mission of AAP is valued highly. We are entering a time of change. Ongoing connections, as well as new members, are important to our future. The form for renewal is on our website at aap-psychosynthesis.org/renew.htm. Or call Sharon Mandt at 606-678-5752 to renew by credit card. As soon as we receive your form, we will send you the 2011 username and password for the members-only section of the website, and make sure that you get all publications. If you need any help with renewal, or have any questions, please contact Judi White, membership coordinator, at membership.aap.sc@gmail.com.



Synthesis Center Presenters Conference

The Synthesis Center's 10th Annual Presenters' Conference will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 in Amherst, Massachusetts. The theme, "Transformation and Synthesis of Polarities: Meeting the Challenges of Our Time," focuses on how psychosynthesis can help people respond to the conflicts that arise within us and in the world around us. To sign up or get more

information, refer to the attached flyer or go to the Synthesis Center website at www.synthesiscenter.org/

"Trauma and Transformation from the Inside Out"

Presented by Wendy Webber and Jan Kuniholm

Sunday, April 17, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Synthesis Center in Amherst, MA.

The presentation will include experiential exercises, and attendees will learn simple tools and techniques for:

- Being a guide for clients who have experienced early-life trauma
- Clearing and shifting blocked energy in the client
- Successfully navigating a partnership approach to the therapeutic relationship

For further information, email Jan Kuniholm at Jan.Kuniholm@verizon.net

Soul Weavings: From the Center for Awakening

The winter issue of Soul Weavings, a newsletter from the Center for Awakening, is available on their website at www.centerforawakening.org/. Among the announcements:

- 2011 Retreat, "Living the Vision," scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 2
 - Meditation Workshop led by Hedi Weiler, July 29 and 30, in Clear Lake, Iowa
 - Centering Meditation, 5 minutes long, available on their website
 - *Wabi-Sabi: The Beauty of Imperfection*, Marilyn Wedberg's book of her lovely photos with text, is available for order from the bookstore at www.blurb.com
 - And more.
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International Psychosynthesis Conference **Rome, June 21-24, 2012**

"PSYCHOSYNTHESIS IN THE WORLD"

"To see a World in a Grain of Sand
and a Heaven in a Wild Flower
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour."

William Blake

Soon we'll have a conference website.
I am looking forward to seeing you there.

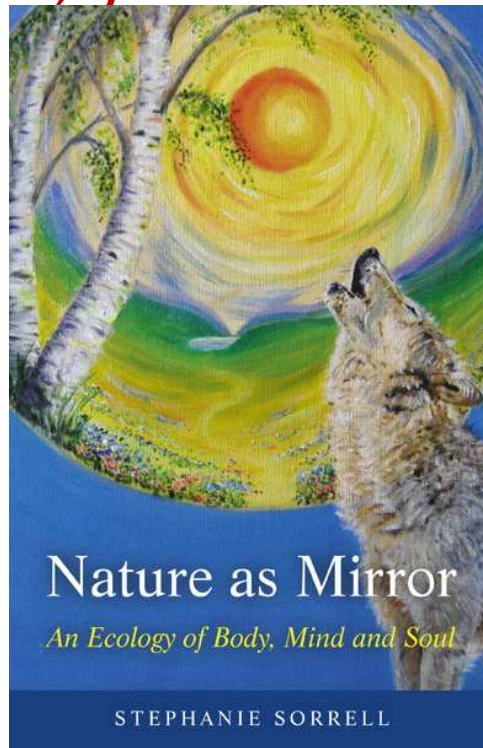
Warmest wishes,
Yoav Dattilo <daatyoav@infinito.it>

"Nature as Mirror" Workshop in Texas, April 22-27

"Nature as Mirror, An Ecology for Body, mind and Soul," is a spiritual retreat led by Stephanie June Sorrell, an AAP member based in the UK, will be held April 22 to April 27 in Montgomery, Texas. The retreat is based on her book of the same title, expected to be published in March, 2011.

It is an invitation to explore the natural cycles of Budding, Blossoming, Ripening, Fall, the Long Wait and the Wilderness experience and how these impact on our body, mind and soul. The retreat will have taught as well as experiential components, with plenty of time for space and reflection amidst a backdrop of 76 wooded acres of beautiful landscape. There is use of a beautiful temple and delicious vegetarian food.

For more information, contact Stephanie at steffiesorrell@gmail.com or go to <http://www.whiteaglelodge.org>



Yoga and Psychosynthesis Retreat in Maine, August 12-16

Diane Meckelberg, M.Ed., ERYT, is offering a retreat at the Belfast Yoga Center in the beautiful harbor town of Belfast, Maine. The event, " is a four-day personal journey with yoga, meditation, guided dialogue, and guided journeying.

For more information, call 410-409-2295 or go to her website at http://www.beyondpostures.com/html/yoga_retreat.html



AAP Regions: Please Send Input

The Membership Committee has been experimenting with the concept of organizing as "regions." There are regional representatives who presently welcome new members.

Your participation in the open dialogue toward an organizational form that beckons increased participation will be most welcome. The question is "What is the role of the concept of regions in the future of AAP?" The purpose of this conversation is to move toward a statement of purpose, and a definition of a more localized network of AAP members. Please submit your response to membership.aap.sc@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your input to this conversation. *Judi White for the Membership Committee*

"History" Edition Prepares for Publication in April

The volume, *Psychosynthesis in North America, 1957 to 2010: Discovering Our History*, has been delayed while the managing editor, Dori Smith, recovers from a serious accident. She is improving, and we are hard at work finishing this wonderful book of stories and images. The delay has offered some of the writers a chance to bring their articles up to date and in some cases, to substantially enhance them. We are still taking advance orders; contact Sharon Mandt at sharonmandt@gmail.com.

Seed Loan and Mini-Grant Application

AAP recently sent members an announcement of its new initiative to offer modest grants and seed loans that (1) advance the theories, practices, and historical accounts related to Psychosynthesis and (2) support the sustainability of AAP.

The application is now located on the Members-Only page of the website. The deadline for this year is March 15, 2011.

Welcome to New Members

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Editor's note: We look forward to your feedback and your suggestions for our next issue. The deadline is March 15. Please send your comments to aap.input@gmail.com. Thank you!

Dori Smith,
Managing Editor

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