



C.G. Jung Society of Colorado Springs

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Location of Events: All events occur at Unity Spiritual Center in the Rockies

1945 Mesa Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Friday, February 12, 2016 – 7-9 p.m. **Building on Memory: The Role of Dreams and Memory in the Individuation Process**

Lecture by **Thordis Niela Simonsen**,
Creative Non-fiction Writer

Fee: \$8-members, \$12 non-members

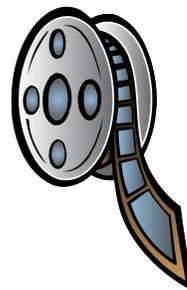
In *Jung and the Story of Our Time*, biographer Laurens van der Post observes, "...the art of writing, indeed all art, [is] a continuation by one's waking daylight self of a process begun in some dreaming process in the darkness of sleep." In her multi-media program, writer-artist Thordis Niela Simonsen reveals the role that dreams and memory have played in her own individuation. Simonsen sets recollections of a 1950s Lake Erie childhood against a backdrop of biographical photographs taken by her father. She sets explorations of her life-altering relationship with her adopted Greek village—and the abandoned house she restores there stone by stone by hand—against a backdrop of her color photographs. And she sets reflections upon her lifelong effort "to kindle a light in the darkness" against a backdrop of her arresting paintings. The program integrates what Jungian analyst Jung Singer calls the inward and outward movements by which one discovers who she is and her place in the world.

As the spirit moves her, Denverite Thordis Niela Simonsen writes creative nonfiction, (You May Plow Here, Dancing Girl, and Dances in Two Worlds), she conducts writing workshops and hosts intimate small-group excursions in Greece, where she has restored a roofless house by hand; she engages in spontaneous painting; and she facilitates "The Art of Intuition : The Realm of Possibility," an interactive workshop. She is prone to taking risks; she is committed to intuition as a way of knowing; she believes in the life-sustaining value of creative self-expression. Her presentations have been enthusiastically received by The C.G. Jung Society of Colorado and Boulder Friends of Jung.

Friday, March 11, 2016 – 6:30-9:30 p.m.

"The Wall" (German – "Die Wand"):

The 2012 film adaptation by Julian Roman Pölsler of Marlen Haushofer's 1963 novel by the same name



**Showing of this film
will be sponsored by
the C.G. Jung Society
of Colorado Springs**

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“In this mysterious and riveting tale of survival, Martina Gedeck (“The Lives of Others”) stars as a woman who finds herself inexplicably cut off from all human contact by an invisible, unyielding wall surrounding her lodging in the beautiful Austrian countryside. Accompanied by her loyal dog, Lynx, she becomes immersed in an unpredictable Walden-esque world governed solely by the laws of nature.” – (DVD jacket)

“The Wall” is a beautifully filmed story of adventure and suspense. It asks profound philosophical and psychological questions about human nature and the meaning of our existence.

The sound track is in English. The viewing of the film will be followed by a panel discussion with ample time for audience participation.

April 8 & 9, 2016
Lecture & Workshop

Friday, April 8, 2016 – 7-9 p.m.
**Mary Magdalene and the
Renewal of the God-Image**

Lecture by **Laurel Howe, Ph.D. &
Jungian Analyst**

Fee: \$8-members, \$12 non-members

Mentioned by name twelve times in the New Testament, Mary Magdalene fulfills a crucial role in Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. Laurel Howe will discuss Mary’s role in Biblical and Gnostic texts and discuss its profound symbolic meaning, not the least of which is the loving, realizing partner to the god-man. Laurel will also explore how Mary Magdalene demonstrates for women and men the importance of their own, individual experience of the death and resurrection archetype in the face of transformative psychological challenges. We will consider how masculine and feminine realms are mutually engaged in our development, and how both realms help guide us in contributing

to the evolution of collective values and spiritual understanding.

Saturday Workshop, April 9, 2016
**Mary Magdalene and the
Church Fathers’ Imaginations**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$40 members; \$45 non-members; \$20-students

Reservation Contact: (719) 201-4899 or

donnaivanhookhome@aol.com

Bring a sack lunch; snacks, coffee/tea provided

In this workshop Laurel will lead the group in exploring Mary Magdalene’s allure in the imaginations of church fathers and clerics, who greatly elaborate her image through the centuries. In explaining to each other and their flock why a woman was given such an important role and by imagining Mary’s intense love for Jesus, they reveal how she carries an important psychic reality for them, and for us. Her hagiographic legends connect her to fairy tales in which the redemption of the feminine is a key aim. Laurel will help us see how Mary might even be seen as having a divine role for us as an archetypal image of redemption and renewal.

Laurel Howe, M.A. is a Jungian analyst and sandplay therapist with a private practice in Lakewood, Colorado. She earned her analytic diploma in Zürich. Her book, War of the Ancient Dragon: Sandplay and the Alchemical Imagination is forthcoming early 2016 from Fisher King Press.

Friday, May 13, 2016 – 7-9 p.m.
**Nature as Medicine in the Quest
for Wholeness**

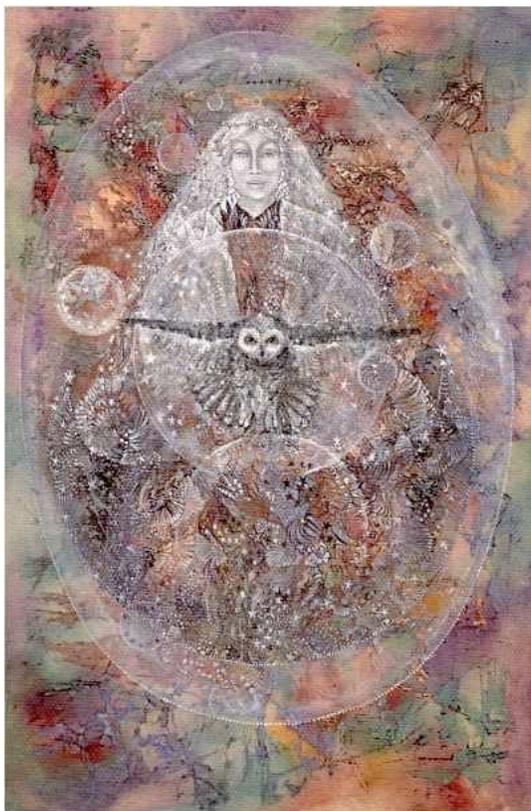
Lecture by **Donna Van Hook, MA
and Karen King, MBA**

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Who has not been changed by intimate contact with the natural world? Loving an animal,

tending a garden, walking beside flowing water, listening to the bugling of a bull elk as he vies for the attention of females, soaking up the energy of a bright sun, smelling the smoke of a wildfire as it burns a forest, witnessing birth or death—such experiences have the potential to awaken deeper levels of awareness and consciousness in the individual. We are fortunate in Colorado to live within easy reach of wildness and wilderness. This close proximity and our experiences while traveling have inspired this exploration.

C.G. Jung spoke and wrote extensively of his relationship with nature. He believed that “nature is not matter only, she is also spirit.” He often capitalized the word “nature,” perhaps as a way of conveying his awareness of its divinity. With Jung’s holistic view of nature in mind, we will use story, dreams, poetry and photographs to explore our ever-evolving personal and shared relationships with the beauty and wildness of nature.



Donna Van Hook and Karen King live in the wilds of Manitou Springs. Donna is the chairperson of the Program Committee of our local Jung Society. She was born and raised in the farm country of Kentucky and has spent most of her adult life in Colorado. She has traveled to Switzerland for Jungian seminars, and to the tower at Bollingen where Jung found solace and inspiration. Donna’s interest in the work of Jung originated during graduate school as she earned a Master’s Degree in Clinical Psychology. In her career as a psychotherapist, she specialized in work with elders and survivors of trauma.

Karen’s photographs reflect her unique way of seeing the natural world. Several years ago she left the corporate world, happily swapping her briefcase for a camera. While travel in the “civilized” world is exciting, travel in the wild thrills her more. Karen has wandered in six continents, and has shot photos in over forty-five countries. Her interest in photography did not begin while she was studying for her MBA!

Fairy Tale and Dream Groups

7-9 p.m.

Contact : **Kathryn Kuisle, Ph.D. & Jungian Analyst** @ 719-527-0622 for details
Each Session is \$20

Dream Group:

Jan 26, Feb 2 & 16, Mar 1 & 15, Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 17

Fairy Tale Group:

Feb 9, Mar 8, Apr 12 & May 1

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Membership entitles you to:

1. A member newsletter describing each event for our 2015/2016 season.
2. A reduced entry fee at each of our events per season.
3. Stimulating events, making the ideas of Carl G. Jung more accessible.
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