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A Statement From the Board

As we are still in the shadowlands of the pandemic, we hope that you have found ways to make some small peace with this dark time and the spaces it provides. It has been a challenge for each of us and our hearts go out to everyone who has suffered the pains and grief of this time.

And as COVID persists, all Fall meetings of the Society will continue to be held on Zoom. Everyone who has shared their email address with us will receive a link for the upcoming Zoom sessions on the day prior to each presentation.

Annual Membership dues and Presentation fees will also resume in the Fall. We have decided to resume our collection of Membership dues and also the fee for each presentation, and we trust that you will be as supportive as you are able. However we will still send out the Zoom link to everyone on our list for the presentations and hope you can join in. A special thanks to all those who contributed this past year, and we appreciate your support as we go into the new season.

*You can now make payments through a **PayPal** link on our website, or you can use the form included in this newsletter to mail in Membership dues and Presentation fees.*

With our Fall topics we will continue to ponder Jung's "new myth" for humanity. Jung pointed us towards the **myth of individuation**, or a **myth of life-meaning** revealed through a living and immediate connection with the depths of the unconscious, with the **Self** or the **God-image within**.

In the history of our Western culture, the God image has evolved and transformed over centuries. In his critical work, *Answer to Job*, Jung discusses how we are currently living in the time when the God Image is being transformed again. In this presentation we will discuss how this "continuing incarnation" is being experienced through our human psyches today.

Special emphasis will be placed on the Emerging Conscious Feminine and the Repressed Shadow which we are being challenged to individually assimilate. Finally, we will explore the image of the Sun Moon Woman from the Book of Revelation and its promise of the new consciousness which is seeking our awareness today.

Judy Jackson has been a seeker for truth and meaning for as long as she can remember. In her youth she discovered the in-depth writings of C.G. Jung, where she found an epistemology for that

Thursday, September 9th, 2021: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The Continuing Unfolding of the God Image

Lecture by Judy Jackson and Ken Schmitz



persistent and ongoing seeking. Over the years she has guided other seekers, through the enlightenment of Jung's Depth Psychology, to endow them to discover the truth and meaning of their own embodied lives.

She has become an artist of religious archetypes and has completed the three year BodySoul Leadership Training with Marion Woodman. And she has manifested her longtime heart's desire and now lives in magical Manitou Springs, Colorado, where she continues her practice, gardening, and long walks with her dog Benny and her husband Ken.

*Ken Schmitz has been a Jungian based psychotherapist for the past 40 years. Currently he works part time, enjoys joining his dog Benny for morning walks and cooking for his family. He is the author of *Street Stories* from the Street (www.soulstoriesfromthestreet.com) and *Search for the Grail: A Man's Guide for Developing an Inner Life.* (www.searchforthegrail.com)*

Thursday, October 14th, 2021: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado

Lecture by John Wesley Anderson, MB

This presentation is based on two books written by John Wesley Anderson and published by the Old Colorado City Historical Society (OCCHS). *The Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region* and *Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado* are not just about Culturally Modified Trees; they are about the advanced culture of the deeply spiritual people behind these trees.

The Ute were among the Native American people who modified trees for navigational, spiritual, burial, medicinal, nutritional and educational purposes. Most Native American people, including the Ute, believe anything created by the hands of Creator has a spirit, including an eagle, bear, person or a tree and trees would not be modified unless it was with consent of the Prayer Tree and Creator.



John Wesley Anderson, MBA, is a published author, storyteller and TEDx speaker. He enjoyed a 30-year law enforcement career, retiring as a sergeant after 22 years with the Colorado Springs Police Department, followed by 8 years serving as the elected sheriff for El Paso County, Colorado. After being term-limited as Sheriff, John retired from public safety and worked homeland security for ten years in the corporate world. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2012 to launch a small consulting business allowing him the freedom to pursue his love of history, writing and the arts. Most especially, he remains fascinated by the rich history and art discovered in his own backyard in the American Southwest.

Thursday, Nov 11th, 2021: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The Shadow of the Bat

Lecture by John Todd, PhD, LPC

This presentation is an exploration of the symbolism of the bat and what it holds for the modern Westerner. Most early human cultures revered the bat. Not only was the bat held sacred for the essential role they play in our ecosystem as pollinators, seed dispersers, and natural insect control, they were also appreciated for



their uniqueness. Bats are the only mammals that possess the ability for sustained flight, they nurse their young, and they even share brainwave patterns in common with those of primates. And yet, they mostly live under-ground in caves, sleep upside down, have the ability to see in the dark, and are nocturnal.

Despite their clear benefit to humans and our ecology in general, Western culture has demonized the bat and; therefore, one is forced to wonder why so much negative shadow material has been projected onto the bat. What does the image of the bat hold for the Western psyche? What aspects of ourselves have been deemed demonic that are essential to

our own inner ecosystems? A deeper exploration of the symbolism of the bat as not only holding negative shadow material, but also holding that of the light bringer, or psychopomp, reveals a great deal about the human condition in the modern Western world, especially as we experience the darkness of the current pandemic.

John Todd, PhD, LPC is a Diplomat Jungian Analyst based in Evergreen, Colorado. A native of Florida, he began his career as a Children and Families Counselor for Hospice of the Florida Suncoast for over a decade before starting private practice. In 2006 he relocated to Evergreen with his wife and two children. He is currently the Director of Training for the C.G. Jung Institute of Colorado.

Thursday, December 9th, 2021: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Sharing Our Archetypal/Collective Dreams

A dialogue facilitated by Kathryn Kuisle, Alan Drymala and Christine Chapman

As we approach the close of 2021 and anticipate the beginning of a new year, you are again invited to share your dreams of an archetypal or collective nature that have come to you in the past months. Jung noted that times of big social change engender 'big' dreams which carry the new myth, and so we are interested in what the members and friends of our Society have been dreaming. Please email what you deem to be your archetypal or "big dreams" to Kathryn at kkuisle64@gmail.com, Alan at adrymala@gmail.com, or Christine Chapman at cchapman@senet.com.au, anytime between October 1st and December 1st.



Please do not share dreams of a personal nature. Dreams will be addressed anonymously to protect confidentiality and to maintain the sense of the dream as collective. Kathryn will lead the discussion and

again will be accompanied by Alan and Christine. We hope that this will be a warm and supportive discussion for Society members, and you are encouraged to participate with your choice of celebratory fare in hand.

Kathryn Kuisle, Ph.D., is the past president of our Society and a Jungian analyst with a private practice in Colorado Springs and Denver. She is a graduate of the C. G. Jung Institute in Zurich and holds a PhD in analytical psychology from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati. Dr. Kuisle is President of the C. G. Jung Institute of Colorado, where she is a senior analyst and member of the faculty. Her website is www.kkuisle.com.

Christine Chapman studies at the Research and Training Center for Depth Psychology according to CG Jung and Marie-Louise von Franz in Zurich, Switzerland. She is currently establishing a practice here in Colorado Springs and has been working as a psychologist for over 25 years in Australia. She specializes in the feminine aspects of the psyche in Depth Psychology.

Alan Drymala, LPC, is a Diplomate Jungian Analyst in Colorado and Texas and a graduate of the Centre for Depth Psychology in Zurich, Switzerland. He is establishing an analytical practice here in Colorado Springs and has a passion for continuing the wisdom tradition of Jung through individual analysis, dream groups, and Jungian reading groups. www.alandrymala.com

Changes on the Board: Starting in this new season, Donna Van Hook and Alan Drymala have swapped roles so that Alan is now President and Donna is Vice President. We want to express a huge 'THANK YOU!' to Donna for her years of dedicated and skilled leadership as President and are grateful that she is continuing on the Board. And a big welcome to Sasha Elmore, who is joining the Board as Social Media Chairperson and bringing the perspective and gifts of the younger generation.

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-Carl Gustav Jung*

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Lectures: \$10.00 Members, \$15.00 Non-Members; Students Free**

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1. A member newsletter for both Fall and Winter/Spring Seasons.
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