

MAGICAL AND MYTHIC COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

*These courses and events are open to all who are on their spiritual path. FIOS MASTERCLASSES marked r may require some practical experience and familiarity with the topic, as indicated within each announcement. Courses marked * give £20 member's discount*

6-8 February 2012 VESSELS OF CHANGE: RITUAL FOR OUR TIME with Caitlín & Angela Cotter. Quakers historically rejected ritual, but has the time come to reappraise its place in our lives? This course looks at what ritual is, how and why we can do it. Ritual is not a fixed format but rather a vessel which is created for specific needs and conditions, in which change, healing, intention and dedication can happen. Using the tools of ceremonial patterns, ritual formats and the constellations of Systemic Ritual, we will explore how ritual can enable change and open closed doors in personal, ancestral and socially radical ways. The aim of Systemic Ritual is to restore resources, and to create pathways and patterns that strengthen and give dignity to individuals and groups, so that they experience the flow of life once more. Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ, 0121 472 5171, enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk. Standard - £245, En Suite - £255, Non Res - £194



**30th March to 2nd April 2012
LUCIUS ARTORIUS CASTUS:
THE REAL KING ARTHUR CONFERENCE**

At the Hotel Meridian, in Split, Croatia.

So you wanted to know what was the history behind the 2004 King Arthur film? Find out how myth and history combined to provide elements of the Arthurian legend at this international conference.

Image: Grave slab of Lucius Artorius Castus

An international group of scholars gather to discuss, argue, and celebrate the life of Lucius Artorius Castus, the only figure with this name whose military activities in Britain can be traced and whose connections with the myths and legends of King Arthur are well established. Confirmed speakers include Dr Linda Malcor (USA) Dr Christopher Gidlow (UK) Antonio Trincesi (Italy) and Professor Emeritus N Cambi (Croatia). The conference includes guided tours of local archaeological sites, museums and the site of Lucius Artorius Castus' grave slab, which describes his phenomenal career. We will also visit the Roman city of Salona and the palace of the Emperor Diocletian. There will be a special showing of the 2004 film "King Arthur", based on the life of Artorius, introduced by historical consultants John Matthews and Linda Malcor & swordmaster, Mark Ryan. Tickets for this unique four day conference do not include travel, hotel accommodation or evening meals, but light refreshments are provided daily. Full Registration: £125 E135 \$200. Retired and unwaged rate): £100/110 euro \$160. Postgraduate student rate: £75/ 85 Euro/ \$120. One day ticket: £35 38 Euro/ \$56. Conference Dinner (optional): £35/ 38 Euro/ \$56. To book, please write to: KŠD ARTORIUS, Cesta Sv. Martina 44, 21312 Podstrana. CROATIA. You may pay directly to: Marin Marić Banje Account # 2360000-1102123687, Zagrebačka Banka, CROATIA 9. A discount of 20% is available at most hotels in the area, on application. For further information, or to book, please contact: John Matthews: john.films.57@gmail.com (UK) Zoran Jurisic : jurisic_zoran@yahoo.com(Croatia.) Or write to: KŠD ARTORIUS, Cesta Sv. Martina 44, 21312 Podstrana. CROATIA.

13-15 April 2012 THE WILDWOOD TAROT WORKSHOP You are cordially invited to enter the Wildwood with Mark Ryan and John Matthews and to explore the symbolism of this best selling deck and its foundation on The Wheel of the Year system. The sessions include an exploration of the background and history of the deck and symbolism. The programme includes practical, hands-on work involving shared table-top readings, visualization and role playing to personalize your individual relationship with the system and the archetypes. Learn to work with the powerful Wheel of the Year, discover the ancient and powerful archetypes of the Wildwood, and learn new ways of reading. Explore the core of the Major and Minor Arcana and

understand the Court Cards through shamanic journey. This is a unique opportunity to work with the creators of the Wildwood Tarot. Mark Ryan, who lives and works in Los Angeles, is rarely in this country, so this is a chance to meet him in person and to hear him talk about the origins and creation of the deck. John Matthews, experienced tarot teacher and co-creator of The Wildwood Tarot, will bring his own expertise to the event, including a chance to learn shamanic journey techniques from one of its foremost teachers. Mark & John will be happy to personally inscribe your copy of the Wildwood Tarot. Copies will be on sale at the event. £175 for the two days (tea, coffee and biscuits included) Early Bird Booking £150 if you book before the end of February 2012. There is £5 supplement for a two-hour social meeting on the Friday to cover refreshments. You may just attend 14-15 April if you choose. Non-returnable deposit £75, cheques payable to John Matthews. Bookings via Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com. *If booking after 5th of April please call 07881965738.*

3-5 July 2012 THE INNER TEMPLE TRADITIONS RETREAT with R J Stewart and Inner Temple Traditions Teachers, including Anastacia Nutt, Caitlín Matthews & Marie Geever. *This retreat is open only to those who have attended a previous Inner Temples course in USA, UK, Europe or Israel.* This retreat will open up the Inner Temples Convocation work, with many new methods that help deepen our practice. We hope to have practitioners with us from Israel and USA as well as those who have attended previous Inner Temple Traditions courses in UK from 2009 onwards. There will be more information concerning teacher-training sessions for Inner Temple Traditions initiates in U. For those who are ready, there will be the opportunity to receive the unique consecration handed down through the inner esoteric lineage conferred on R J Stewart by W G Gray and A R Heaver, two of Britain's most powerful 20th century adepts. **Please send a non-returnable deposit of £100 payable to HAWKWOOD COLLEGE and SAE for map and details to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW. 01453 759034 email: info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk.** Single £306, Shared £276, Non-Res £236

***5-8 JULY 2012 THE MIRACLE TREE With R.J.STEWART** The Miracle Tree offers a revolutionary new approach to the Tree of Life. This course teaches the practical performance of meditational and magical qabalistic forms which help us embody the Tree in our own souls and bodies. Almost all spiritual or transformative traditions are oral and experiential rather than merely written: as RJ himself writes, "they depend upon being there, rather than reading about being there." We will explore some hitherto hidden techniques, including Withdrawal from Time, The Qabalah of the Three Suns, Walking Participation and rediscover the Primordial Rivers. These techniques produce powerful and rapid results when the student practices them regularly: they work directly within us, founded upon the truth that we are already the Miracle Tree. This is the most straight-forward and practical introduction to the Tree of Life that you will encounter, given by a leading teacher in the Western Mysteries, who has practiced Western Qabalah for more than 30 years. This course is open to all. Please send a non-returnable deposit of £100 payable to HAWKWOOD COLLEGE and SAE for map and details to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW. 01453 759034 email: info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk. Single £389, Shared £344, Non-Res £284
http://www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk/courses/The_Miracle_Tree_July

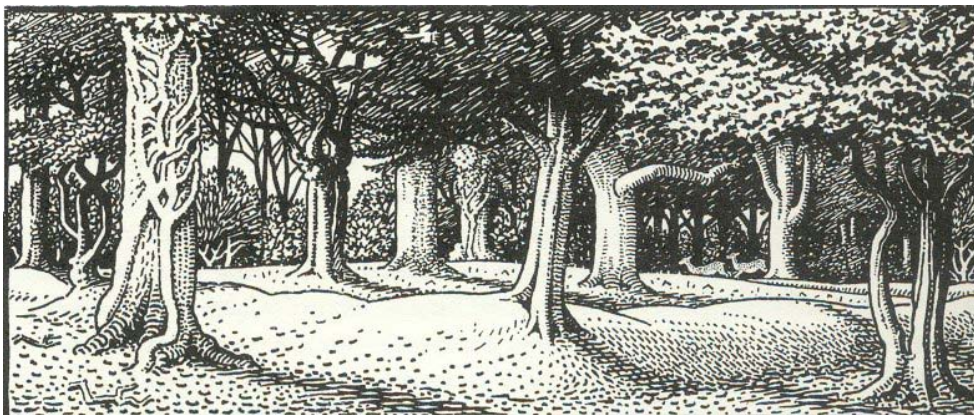


R.J.STEWART is a composer, author, and t with 45 books in publication, translated into ma languages worldwide. He is widely experienced i theatre, film, and television, and is a skilled perf and presenter. His unique contribution in teachi ancient traditions of the Western Mysteries is unparalleled. His best-selling books include *The Tarot, Celtic Gods and Celtic Goddesses, The Underworld Initiation and The Miracle Tree.*

See www.rjstewart.net for more details of his b

27-29 July 2012 TAROT: READERS AND DECK CREATORS with Rachel Pollack, Mary Greer, Robert Place, Joanna Powell Colbert and Caitlín. Imagine if you could go back 100 years in time to attend a seminar with A. E. Waite and Pamela Smith, creators of the Rider Deck, the world's most famous tarot. What would it be like to have Waite and Smith teach you how to read the cards? This conference brings together an extraordinary group of tarot readers and tarot deck creators for a wonderful weekend of readings, art, and practical skills. Discover what inspired them to "dream the tarot onwards," creating new images and ideas deeply rooted in the tarot's ancient traditions. No matter what your level as a reader or your knowledge of tarot is, learning directly from deck creators will help you develop your own natural abilities. Discover what inspires a new deck and what goes into the making of cards that really work. Guided by this passion and knowledge, we do readings—for ourselves, for friends, for complete strangers. Creating new decks has changed these teachers' lives. Learn how the passion for tarot can change yours. *Bring your own tarot decks. Held at Omega Centre, 150 Lake Drive Rhinebeck, NY 12572, U.S.A. For booking visit www.eomega.org.*

4-5 August 2012 CELTIC VISIONS: SEERSHIP, OMENS AND DIVINATION FROM NATURE with **Caitlín Matthews**. This non-residential course explores the realm of Celtic divination and vision that was once the preserve of the druidic seers of the Celtic world who used subtle perception to reveal nature's truth and the soul's knowledge. Caitlín has made a special study of the oracular and sacred traditions, finding simple, practical ways by which these methods can illuminate the present moment. Participants will learn how to use traditional methods, including 'the Three Illuminations' - ancient Irish modes of oracular divination by incantation, resonance and shamanic incubation - and 'the Augury of Brighid' which was employed by the ancestral freers of Gaelic Scotland. There will be opportunities to give and receive oracles and auguries, by means of the dha shealladh or 'the two seeings' and by other traditional methods. Held in beautiful Maine, USA. \$250 with \$50 deposit. Booking: Candance 001 207 7670920 candance9@earthlink.net who can also help you arrange local accommodation.



24-27 August 2012 WEST COUNTRY STORYTELLING FESTIVAL Caitlín will be performing along with Ben Haggerty, Frankie Armstrong and many others. Her sessions include: **How Lies the Land with Thee?** a shamanic storytelling workshop in which participants will discover and begin to tell the untold myths and ancestral stories that lie beneath our feet. (Suitable for adults) and **StoryWorld**, a workshop for families in which we use the StoryWorld cards as a means of jumping straight into story-making. (Suitable for beginners, children & adults.) The theme of the Festival is 'patterns under the plough' in honour of George Ewart Evans: many of the stories will be about the earth beneath our feet. Adult weekend £85, Child weekend £35 (for 3-16; under 3s free), Concess. £75. <http://www.weststoryfest.co.uk/> Held at Embercombe, nr. Exeter, Devon.

8 September 2012 THE STEAMPUNK TAROT: GODS OF THE MACHINE with John & Caitlín Matthews & Wil Kinghan. Announcing the launch of a revolutionary and magical new Tarot at the awesome steampunk gathering The Asylum <http://asylum2012.eventbrite.com/> in Lincoln over 7-9th

September. Roll up and see the amazing *Steampunk Tarot: Gods of the Machine!* We present the 22 Gods of the Machine, whose primal impulses beat out the determining rhythm of life in the Steampunk Imperium. From the Technomancer and the Aviatrix to Spring Heeled Jack and The Moon Voyage, these Gods of the Machine are the main attractions in the Theatre of the Mysteries. The fourfold leagues of Airships, Engines, Submersibles and Leviathans surround them, transmitting their life-navigating messages through a further 56 cards across time and space. A magic-lantern showing of some of the cards will be accompanied by a presentation by the time-traveling antiquary, Major Jack Squares and the metaphysician of the séance, Madame Hypatia Tetraktys, with the masked artist and technomancer of the digital paint brush, 4124C. One lucky ticket-holder will receive a signed copy of this new tarot which is published in September 2012. <http://steampunk.synthasite.com/>

20-21 October 2012 Celtic Visions: Seership, Omens and Divination from Nature with Caitlín Matthews. This non-residential course explores the realm of Celtic divination and vision that was once the preserve of the druidic seers of the Celtic world who used subtle perception to reveal nature's truth and the soul's knowledge. Caitlín has made a special study of the oracular and sacred traditions, finding simple, practical ways by which these methods can illuminate the present moment. Participants will learn how to use traditional methods, including 'the Three Illuminations' - ancient Irish modes of oracular divination by incantation, resonance and shamanic incubation - and 'the Augury of Brighid' which was employed by the ancestral *freers* of Gaelic Scotland. There will be opportunities to give and receive oracles and auguries, by means of the *dha shealladh* or 'the two seeings' and by other traditional methods. Held at Casa do Fauno, Sintra, Portugal. Booking: casadofauno@gmail.com More details: www.casadofauno.wordpress.com



Almendres, Portugal

27th October 2012 THE RIVIERA TAROT CONFERENCE. John Matthews will introduce Lost Tarot of Nostradamus with an exploration of the images, telling the story of the work that went into creating it, and continuing with an opportunity to work with the new spreads specially created for it. Discover for yourself the power of this amazing combining of the greatest prophet of the Renaissance and the predictive wisdom of the tarot. Part One: The Recreation of the Lost Tarot - a PowerPoint presentation exploring the archetypes of the manuscript paintings and their use in the restored tarot. Part Two: The Alchemist - a chance to do some hands-on work in groups, using one or more of the spreads specially created for the new deck. Held in Torquay. **E-mail:** info@rivieratarotconference.co.uk. Speak to Isla on 07817 591 546 or Natalia on 07894 702 797. Mail to Riviera Conferences, 79 Dolphin Court Road, Paignton, Devon TQ3 1AB <http://www.rivieratarotconference.co.uk/Tarot/Welcome.html>

14-16 December 2012 HEART OF THE HEARTH: Coming Home to Our World with John & Caitlín Matthews & special guest Ari Berk. CELEBRATE THE MYSTERIES OF HESTIA!



ARI BERK is a poet, folklorist, visual artist, and a scholar of myth, literature & iconography. He teaches folklore, mythology, American Indian studies, and medieval literature. He is a director of the Mythic Imagination Institute & author of *Hobgoblins*, *Mermaids* and *Death Watch*, first of the *Undertaken* trilogy. He lives in Michigan
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This year our annual open mystery school event celebrates the Mysteries of Hestia with Ari Berk. Whoever kindles a flame at their hearth acknowledges the sacred heart of the home. This course explores our relationship with the hearth-wights, ancestors, guardians & family spirits who support the hearth. They do not grow old as we do for they are spirits of place or else family members who have become ancestors. The hearth-wights see many comings and goings as children grow up and leave home, welcoming visitors, friends and relatives, watching as we grow older, supporting us with welcome, joy and rest. (The image above is one of Aeneas and his ancestral guides.) When we nourish these guardians, we nourish our whole household. We will explore what makes us at home in the world so that, from the Temple of Hestia to Kenneth Graham's House of the Perfect Eaves, we will learn how to keep the hearth sacred in times of unrest. Work will include the courtesies of the hearth, making a hearth token, meditation, and a ritual entitled: *Guardians of the Hearth Flame*. shared room £256, single room £286, non-res £216. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £90 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk
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