

## MAGICAL AND MYTHIC COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

*These courses, events and signings are open to all who are on their spiritual path. FIOS MASTERCLASSES offer an opportunity to deepen spiritual practice with a living exemplar of a tradition. Courses marked \* give £20 member's discount.*

**\*24-27 Aug 2018**

### ICONS OF THE HEART: PAINTING OUR SACRED IMAGES

Caitlín Matthews and Felicity Wombwell

On this course, we welcome people of all spiritual traditions, so that you can make an icon of one of your sacred sources. Icon of Li Ban by Betsy Porter



Icons are sacred windows showing genuine visions of divine beings and holy ancestors, already observed by the eye of the heart. Mediating the sacred images for ourselves and our community enables essential myths of many traditions to continually inspire us. We will learn the art of egg tempera to make our own sacred icon, painting, praying, and mediating the sacred presences that we have first met in our souls. This course is for people of *all* spiritual traditions. *This is the first time this course has been offered.* PREPARATION BEFORE THE COURSE: *No formal art training is required.* Please bring a rough sketch of what you want to paint, bearing in mind the size of the board is 5" x 7" or 13cms x 18cms. Choose a single figure with uncomplicated background: this will take all your time to paint, since icons are made up of many layers. Leave space for the name/short title of your subject. Please bring a technical pencil, rubber, apron to cover your clothing from pigment spillage, and a clean tea-cloth to protect your icon on the journey home. All other materials are provided, including gesso-board, pigments and brushes. **Caitlín Matthews** is the author of *Diary of a Soul Doctor*, *Celtic Book of the Dead* and *Sophia, Goddess of the Wisdom*. [www.hallowquest.org.uk](http://www.hallowquest.org.uk) **Felicity Wombwell** is a creative arts therapist with a private practice on the south coast. She is the author of *The Goddess Changes*.

PRICES including materials: Single £455, Shared £395, Non-res £335. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £90 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation. *A few places still available.*

Card Reading  
Magic Summit

Hosted By  
Tori Hartman

Featuring  
John & Caitlin Matthews

[www.CardReadingMagic.com](http://www.CardReadingMagic.com)

12-16 September 2018  
CARD READING MAGIC SUMMIT

We will be discussing *The Complete Arthurian Tarot: A 30 Year Journey*, and divination insights and deck creation tips in conversation with Tori Hartman on 14 Sept at 9.30am

Learn card reading tips from tarot experts like Benebell Wen, Arwen Lynch Poe and Steven Bright with whom Tori will be talking.

Watch all interviews live and free. From \$5-\$47 you can also receive 14 day access or download everything, as well as receiving the many gifts offered with this summit. Read more and register here:

<https://gj248.isrefer.com/go/crm/matthews/>



30 November-2 December 2018

**THE HARMONY OF THE HEARTH:  
Honouring the Heart of the Home**

Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glos

Join us for our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Mystery School

Caitlín & John Matthews  
And special guest, Janet Piedilato

Keeping the hearth of the home harmonious is an essential and ancestral rite, ensuring that souls are nourished and upheld. This course restores an ancient skill, maintains stability, despite family fragmentation, social change or uncertain times. By exploring the myths of the home, and identifying our household gods and spirits, we seek the wisdom that reweaves the home, so that peace and harmony may dwell with us. We will be inviting ancestors to the hearth to find and welcome our deep gifts. With song, story, and ritual. Please join us for the 33<sup>rd</sup> open mystery school where we make merry together as we enter the heart of deep winter, and seek the nourishment for our souls. If you have not yet joined us for this special, never-to-be repeated mystery school weekend, then you have a treat in store, as we herald the coming of deep winter with good cheer and spiritual community. **Janet Piedilato** is a transpersonal psychologist, a complementary health care consultant, and an ordained minister. She conducts services and courses at Temenos, her environmental sanctuary, and is the author of *Pieda's Tales* and the *Mystical Dreams Tarot*. Janet is an extraordinary teacher whose natural ritual skill leads us surely.

**PRICES:** Single £330, Shared £290, Non-res £250. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £120 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation.

**22-24 February 2019 VESSELS OF CHANGE** with Caitlín Matthews. OBOD Lage Landen is very pleased to announce that the renowned Celtic shamanic-teacher Caitlín Matthews will come to the continent in February 2019. Caitlín is one of the most inspiring Senior Teachers within OBOD and we are looking forward to meeting her here again. Just after Imbolc, Caitlín offers you one of the profound courses from her Shamanic Practitioner Training Programme. In this still introspective time of the year, you can immerse yourself in this practical course to deepen your (daily) druidic practice. We will start by deepening our connections with spiritual allies, building upon those relationships, and learning how to mediate between the worlds. Exploring and renewing our relationship with those beings with whom we work together. Then we can create rituals as vessels from which intention, change and healing can flow forth in our worlds. Tailored to our own druidic path, our development and the needs of our worlds. We will be building a foundation for our individual work at home, as well as for our work in larger settings like seasonal and other ceremonies.

The centre, we will be working in, is pleasantly located in a rural area and easily accessible from Holland, Belgium and Germany. There is room to work, to interact with one another and to relax. Seminarhof Schöppingen, just over the Dutch border in Germany, between Enschede and Munster. Costs: € 285,- (bed, tea, coffee and vegetarian food included). The workshop will be in English. Please book before November 1st 2018. For more information: Marjorie Pennings: marjoree@planet.nl. For booking contact: nickyreitsma@planet.nl

5-7 August 2019 PATHS TO THE GRAIL: RESTORING THE COURTS OF JOY with Caitlín.



The Grail is a quest for all living beings. Blending pre-Christian and medieval sources, this myth shares a familiar resonance with our own times: the rape, wars, exploitation, and dedication to regenerate the earth. Following a newly-translated Grail text, the *Elucidation*, we experience the regenerative Grail as a gift in which all participate. Through discussion, meditation, prayer, and simple ceremony, we will walk its paths, discovering timeless ways to embody its wisdom, enabling its healing to irrigate our world. This course is for anyone who is moved by the spiritual truths and wisdom within mythology. At Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ. Prices tbc. [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk), 0121 472 5171.

**\*23-26 AUGUST 2019 CONNECTING HEAVEN TO EARTH:  
THE CHANT OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN with Dame Emma Kirkby & Caitlín Matthews**

**The FÍOS Masterclass 2019**



The visionary music of Benedictine abbess, Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) explores the connecting of heaven to earth. Her sublime chant came to popular attention nearly 900 years later, notably with the album *A Feather on the Breath of God*, sung by Emma Kirkby with Gothic Voices in 1985. We are delighted to welcome Emma to this FÍOS Masterclass. She will guide us to sing and discover the beauty of Hildegard's unique chant, while Caitlín will help us explore Hildegard's life and work. All singers are very welcome. *Early Booking is recommended.*

**Dame Emma Kirkby** is one of the world's most renowned Early Music specialists, who has sung on over 100 recordings. Her career has seen her perform Renaissance and Baroque repertoire all over the world. She was appointed Dame Commander of the British Empire in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours. <http://www.emmakirkby.com>



Price: Single £470, Shared £410, Non-res £350. *Please send your non-returnable deposit of £120 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation.*

### CAITLÍN IN THE USA IN SEPTEMBER

I will be in just two locations: at Hinsdale, MA. and in Nashville TN. I will be available for any brief meetings at both Boston Logan Airport and Nashville International Airport at either ends of this trip where I have to spend some time before flying onwards. I am particularly interested to make contact with members of the Fellowship of Isis on this trip, if possible.

**6-8 September 2019 The NINEFOLD CONFERENCE** Caitlín is giving the key-note address at this conference which is held at Camp Emerson, 212 Longview Avenue, Hinsdale, MA 01235, USA <http://www.ninefoldfestival.com/> More details will follow next issue.

**14 September 2019 THE ANCESTRAL GIFT** a public evening talk at the United Universalists, in Nashville organized by the OBOD grove Celli Sanctaidd O Gerridwen A Llew in Nashville. Contact [grove@druidrynashville.org](mailto:grove@druidrynashville.org) for more details.

**6-8 December 2019 BRUTUS AND THE MYTH OF NEW TROY: After the Illiad and the Aeneid.** With John & Caitlín, and special guest, Charles Newington.



On this our 34<sup>th</sup> Open Mystery School weekend, we explore the myth that sees all Britons as ‘the remnant of Troy,’ according to the Welsh poet, Taliesin. After Homer’s account of the *Illiad* and the Fall of Troy, the story of Aeneas, last survivor of that doomed city, is recounted by Virgil in the *Aeneid*. Geoffrey of Monmouth and others continued the story by relating the adventures of Aeneas’s descendant, Brutus who comes to Britain, challenging the giants who are the land’s guardians, and founding Troynovant, or London. Following Brutus from his founding footstep at Totnes, to the parade of the giants Gog and Magog at the Lord Mayor’s Show, we will explore the impact of this myth. We are delighted to welcome artist Charles Newington who will speak about his own involvement with the Brutus legend, and introduce us to the making of contemporary chalk hill figures. Together we will enact the *Masque of Brutus*, helping to recreate the giants, as well as following the myth of Troy to its very native conclusion.

**BOOKING:** Single £340, Shared £300, Non-Res £260. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £120 to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd, Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) [info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](mailto:info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk). Enclose SAE for map & confirmation.

**Charles Newington** is an acclaimed artist. He is the creator of the Folkstone White Horse, a chalk hill figure. Charles was Artist Recorder for ARC at the gathering the world’s religious leaders at Windsor Castle in 2009. His recreation of the now-lost Gogmagog and Brutus figures at Plymouth Ho is currently under consideration. Charles’ art is in collections worldwide

