Green Meadow Waldorf School

Celebrating 100 Years of Waldorf Education

Speakers & Events Series
2019-2020
Green Meadow Waldorf School

is committed to supporting parents and families, within our school community and also in the community where our school is located. Our Speakers & Events Series has grown significantly in recent years to meet the needs before us. The offerings we bring to you this year aim to provide sustenance and depth to help each of us build our individual resilience and the resilience of our families and communities, and to celebrate 100 years of Waldorf education.

The first Waldorf school was founded in Stuttgart, Germany in 1919. Today there are over 1,100 Waldorf schools and almost 2,000 Waldorf kindergartens in 80 countries around the globe, with more opening all the time. This centennial is an occasion to further develop Waldorf education for contemporary times, and focus more consciously on its global dimensions. 100 years are just the beginning!

Events listed in this brochure are free and open to the public and take place on our campus, unless noted otherwise. For event times not listed, please see www.gmws.org/calendar.

For information about our vibrant Parent Council (open to all parents); our affordable, public After-School Classes; our bus from NYC; and other ways to connect, please see www.gmws.org.

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**Special Events**

All talks begin at 7pm in the Arts Building Music Room, unless otherwise noted. Missed a talk? Most are online at [www.gmws.org/videoclips](http://www.gmws.org/videoclips).

- **Saturday, September 21**
  Waldorf 100 Celebration
  With John Wulsin, Nathaniel Williams, and Ed Manning

- **Wednesday, October 23**
  Technology and Waldorf Education – the past, present, and future
  With Allen Broadman and Harlan Gilbert

- **November 8-9, 2019**
  Teachers Conference: Addressing Sensory Development in the School-Aged Child
  With keynote speaker Adam Blanning, MD

- **Tuesday, January 7**
  Anthroposophy and Waldorf Education
  With Anna Silber
  Anna taught as a class teacher at Green Meadow Waldorf School for five years and served as a mentor on the teacher development committee; she also worked on curriculum-related projects and offered teacher support. A student of anthroposophy for many years, Anna is a member of the Board of Sunbridge Institute, lectures about Waldorf education throughout the country, and is the originator of Sunbridge’s “Waldorf Weekend” workshops. Prior to her work in Waldorf education, Anna had a career in commercial real estate finance at JP Morgan Investment Management.

- **Tuesday, January 28**
  Otto Specht and the Development of Healing Education

- **Wednesday, February 26, 7:30 pm**
  How to get real about discussing race and racism with children: a parent conversation
  With Keelah Helwig
  Keelah’s Waldorf journey began 43 years ago, when her parents enrolled her at the Waldorf School of Garden City (WSGC) as a Kindergartener. Keelah attended Spelman College, where she obtained her BA in Theatre. Shortly after enrolling her daughters at WSGC, Keelah enrolled in the Franz Winkler Adult Education Foundation Studies program at WSGC, and later received her Master’s degree in Early Childhood Education at Sunbridge Institute. At WSGC, Keelah has served as a faculty member, on the Board of Trustees, as College of Teachers Chair and continuing member, Early Childhood Program Chair, and Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

- **Tuesday, March 3**
  Steve Sagarin
  Steve is co-founder and faculty chair at the Berkshire Waldorf High School in Stockbridge, MA, where he teaches history and art. He is also a former teacher and administrator at the Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School and the Waldorf School of Garden City, the high school from which he graduated. Steve has taught history of education at Teachers College, Columbia University, and human development at the City University of New York.
Events for New, Prospective, and Visiting Families

**New Family Welcome Coffee Hour**
Fridays, 8:30-9:30am in the Arts Building Lobby, on: September 6, September 13
Registration preferred; please contact Admissions Director Melissa McDonagh at 845.356.2514 x302 or mmcdonagh@gmws.org.

**Introductory Sessions**
Fridays, 9-11am in the Arts Building, on: October 11, December 6, January 10, March 6, May 8. To register, contact Melissa McDonagh (info above).

**High School Open House**
Friday, November 1, 7-9pm in Rose Hall
To register, contact Melissa McDonagh (info above).

**Morning in the Nursery/Kindergarten**
Saturdays, 10:00-11:30am, Kindergarten Building, on: November 2, December 7, January 11. To register, contact Melissa McDonagh (info above).

**An Introduction to the Lower School**
Tuesday, March 10, 7-9pm, Rose Hall.
To register, contact Melissa McDonagh (info above).

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**Wednesday, April 15**
**Douglas Gerwin**
Douglas is the Executive Director of the Center for Anthroposophy (CfA) and Chair of its Waldorf High School Teacher Education Program (WHiSTEP), as well as Executive Director of the Research Institute for Waldorf Education (RIWE). He is a visiting high school teacher in life science, history, literature, and music; lecturer and mentor to Waldorf high schools across North America; and adjunct faculty member at Antioch University New England.

**June (date TBD)**
**Florian Osswald**
Florian Osswald is a Waldorf high school teacher and educational consultant from Switzerland with 30 years of experience in the fields of math and technology.
Ongoing Events

Parent-Faculty Study Group with Laura Radefeld
Meets every other Monday from 7-8:30pm in the High School Spanish Room. We will read and discuss one of Rudolf Steiner’s basic texts on anthroposophy or Waldorf education. This group is open to all (new to Waldorf education or old-timers). Please contact Laura Radefeld at x318 with questions.

Parent Handwork
Wednesdays, 8:45am, Handwork Room, Arts Building, beginning September 13. Contact Kei Zemlicka for details: kei.zemlicka@gmail.com.

Parent Study Group
Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30am. A peer-led study group on parenting and anthroposophy, open to all parents. Meets in the Multi-purpose Room in the Arts Building. Contact: Carol Avery, carol.avery@fellowshipcommunity.org.

Dads’ Group
A chance for Green Meadow dads to connect. Meets the third Saturday of every month. Contact Andrew Littlewood, Andrew.Littlewood@mediacom.com.

Festivals & Other Events

Fall Fair
Saturday, October 5

Annual Benefit and Auction
Saturday, March 28

May Festival: A special day for grandparents and friends
Friday, May 1
“The healthy social life is found when, in the mirror of each human soul, the whole community finds its reflection and when, in the community, the virtue of each one is living.”

–Rudolf Steiner, founder of Waldorf education