



# C.G. Jung Society

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## Our 2020 theme: The Eternal Sophia

This year we have chosen as our central theme the archetype of Eternal Sophia, the personification of Feminine Wisdom. Most creation myths picture the progenitors of life as a fertile couple, a God and Goddess; for example, Gaia and Uranus; Yahweh and Sophia; Elohim and Shekinah; Vishnu and Lakshmi; Binah and Chokma; Shiva and Shakti; Father Sky and Mother Earth. For many generations Western theology lost touch with the Goddess and our God images are only masculine. Jung imagined in Answer to Job, that Job's attempt to bring God to awareness of His failure of conscience, stirred in God the lost-memory of His partner, Sophia, who had been with Him from the beginning of time, but forgotten. The revival of Sophia was acknowledged in the Papal Bull of Pope Pius XII, promulgating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the bridal chamber with the Son, and as Sophia united with the Godhead, bringing the Feminine Principle into the Trinity. Jung saw this as the beginning of a new concept of incarnation to be experienced in the psyche of humankind. Our programs in 2020 will reflect aspects of the Wisdom of Sophia as manifest in our present. ☉

-Deldon Anne McNeely, PhD

## The Magic Table

Marilyn Marshall, LPC, Jungian Analyst

Once upon a time in a kingdom far away, a rumor spread throughout the land of an ancient, magic table hidden deep within a forest and beside a still and quiet lake. Whispers declared that hawks hovered with heads bowed above the table's beauty and birds of every color streaked the sky's blue canvas in honor of its mystery. Among the towering trees that shielded and cooled the table's sacred precinct during the day, a chorus of cicadas exchanged refrains of gratitude for its magic during the night.

It was also said that this table was always set with fine, polished silverware, beautiful white china plates and bowls, and the clearest crystal water and wine glasses. Lilies, hydrangeas, and roses cascaded in splendor from graceful vessels and chairs stood with anticipation on solid ground. Four chairs for four guests.

Rumor had it that Psyche, Aphrodite, Persephone, and Demeter feasted on fruits, vegetables, and multi-grained breads at this table; even Gretel, Cinderella, Snow White, and Briar Rose delighted in their desserts of rich, dark chocolate and sesame seed cookies; and, although no one could be certain about this bit of gossip, Emma, Sabina, Toni and Marie-Louise sat at that very table and raised their glasses in a toast.

Although no one knows how or when the rumors began, they have become timeless. Not so long ago, it just so happened that four women heard about this table tale. In spite of each family's reminder that the woman had her own dining table as well as an abundance of foods prepared from the recipes of gourmet cookbooks, each had decided to

leave the familiar in search of the magic table. These four women donned comfortable clothes and shoes, packed their lipsticks and moisturizers, their i-pads, computers, and cell phones, and typed The Magic Table into their GPSs hoping some distant satellite could identify the location. But as fate would have it, the location of this table was hidden from outer space and each had to find her own way with only the landmarks of the rumors.

And as fate would have it, years after their journeys had begun the four ran into each other in a city known throughout the world as a sort of Camelot of cuisine. If this place, each had thought, was not the location of the magic table then perhaps its rumor would be alive here. While waiting for a table in a crowded restaurant in an area called The Quarter, the four women struck up a conversation over a glass of cabernet. It was after the typical introductory small talk of identifying which city each was from, what profession had been chosen, if a spouse or partner was in the picture. And it was after three of the four passed around cell phones sharing photos of their children and grandchildren while the other retrieved a 4x6 photo she lovingly described as her sweet, neurotic Chihuahua, that one of the women, anxiously aware of her own neurosis, suddenly murmured, "Have you all heard the rumor of the magic table?" The smiles just as suddenly disappeared and each looked expectantly from one to the other for any element of recognition.

"Yes, I've been looking for it."

"Yes, that's why I couldn't stay."

"Yes. Something in me wanted to believe the rumor was true."

"I'm so glad I asked. So you are longing for something too."

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## The Magic Table, cont.

They began to talk about their search thus far. There were many beautiful tables to which they had been invited and others to which they had invited themselves. But these were tables for two. Tables for six or eight. Tables with nourishing food but no wine. Tables set with plastic or Styrofoam. Tables on mountaintops where the hawks soared and a clear lake sparkled but the flowers were absent or a light snow covered the site. Other tables were nestled among trees in the forest but no lake anywhere near. Each thought she had come close on her journey over the years, and she had. But no, not one of them had found the magic table.

Why, they wondered aloud, after so much time and dedication, after so many roads and tables, had the table eluded them? Doubt had announced itself. Maybe it was just a rumor. Maybe Psyche, Aphrodite, Demeter, and Persephone had never left Olympus or the Underworld and, if reality is to be a factor, Emma, Sabina, Toni, and Marie-Louise were never in one place at the same time much less able to sit together and raise a toast.

In the silence of their disappointment, a somber young server approached them and announced a table was ready. He asked if, together, they would want to take it, as it would be a longer wait for each to dine alone. The women looked at one another with expectant resolve, put down their empty wine

glasses and followed him through a dining area enclosed within centuries-old brick walls. These walls could tell stories, they thought, as their eyes scanned the room. People seated at tables draped with crisp white cloths and adorned with simple glass vases of vibrant flowers enjoyed food and conversation. The sounds were alive with the music of emotion translated by the jazz trio in the corner. The women could see ahead the double French doors that opened out onto the lush courtyard. The server invited them there to a table for four nestled beneath the branches of a towering magnolia. As their chairs scraped the courtyard's brick foundation, birds fluttered from gathering breadcrumbs and perched on the shaded limbs of this very old tree. ☺

## SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS

Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 pm

### Regenerating the Feminine Chronicling the Rapid Rise of the Feminine Principle

Presenter: April Heaslip, PhD, Mythologist and Educator

The historic and imaginal exile of the feminine principle in Western cultures—lasting for millennia—has had enormous traumatic impact creating a complex, gendered Wasteland. Her return is inherently regenerative and offers perhaps the most significant and far-reaching potential for revitalization in our times. Identifying patterns via a transdisciplinary approach within this innovative and global fourth wave of feminism—from cinematic and literary expressions to emerging global political and religious leadership—offers unique opportunities for tending the relationship between gender, trauma, grief, the collective un/conscious, and the curative powers of synchronicity and creativity. Central to this shift is the amplification of feminist revisions of Joseph Campbell's *S/Her o's Journey* and the integration of the unconscious as a necessary regenerative step for interdependent individuation, cultural revitalization, and environmental sanity.

*April C. Heaslip is a mythologist and educator who earned her doctorate in Mythological Studies with emphasis in Depth Psychology at Pacifica Graduate Institute and a master's in Social Ecology from Goddard College. Her forthcoming book is Regenerating the Feminine: Chronicling the Radical Rise of the Feminine Principle in Psyche, Culture & Nature. She teaches Interdisciplinary Studies, Popular Culture, Women's & Gender Studies, Sustainability, and World Mythology.*



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## SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS

Tuesday, February 4, 7:30 pm

### Alchemy and Individuation

#### The Washer Women as a Feminine Image of Transformation

Presenter: Sarah Shelton, MS, LPC-S

In Alchemy, Jung found a profound metaphor for the process of psychological transformation that he called Individuation. He observed a correspondence between psychological processes and alchemical operations, and that study of these images helped to create a kind of psychological vessel or “vas,” in alchemical terms, in which to hold our own transformational process. One image from the Splendor Solis series stands out as an uncommon scene of everyday life: an ordinary scene of women washing clothes. This plate offers us a beautiful metaphor for the hard and tedious nature of working through a core complex. Some of this work is not “heroic” as much as requiring an attitude of being ready and willing to work, an attitude we can observe as necessary to adopt for the heroine’s journey.

*Sarah Shelton is an analytic training candidate in the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts. She has a private practice close to Audubon Park in New Orleans. She celebrated her twentieth anniversary of residency in the city last year and continues to have a deep love for the music, food, cultures, and geography that have shaped its soul.*



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Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 pm

### Relating to Dreams

Presenter: Marilyn Marshall, LPC, Jungian Analyst

Without the ego’s will and consciousness, the dream appears and offers us what Jung remarks as “the inner truth and reality.” When we can confront our resistance and relate to the dream, we find meaning in its image of inner truth and we deepen and broaden our personalities. Undivided, there is more of us to live life. This presentation will focus on how we can relate to the dream. Jung’s concepts of the structure of the unconscious, the complexes, the archetypes, the dream’s perspectives, and active imagination will help us explore its rich and layered potential.

*Marilyn Marshall is a Jungian psychoanalyst in private practice in New Orleans. She is a senior training analyst in the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and the Coordinator of the New Orleans Jungian Seminar. She presents lectures, seminars and workshops on C.G. Jung’s Analytical Psychology. Her articles have appeared in Spring: A Journal of Archetype and Culture.*



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## SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS



We are proud to present a  
lecture and workshop by  
**Climate Scientist and  
Jungian Analyst  
Jeffrey Kiehl, PhD**

*Jeffrey Kiehl* carried out basic research on climate change for forty years at a national research center. He is a Diplomate Jungian Analyst and senior training analyst for the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and the C.G. Jung Institute of Colorado. He has an M.A. in psychology. He is an adjunct professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and an adjunct faculty member of Pacifica Graduate Institute, where he teaches a course on Ecopsychology. He is the author of **Facing Climate Change: An Integrated Path to the Future**, which provides a Jungian perspective on climate change. He has presented on various Jungian topics at national and international conferences and lives in Santa Cruz, California.

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Lecture: Friday, April 3, 7:30 pm

### **A Jungian Perspective on Climate Change**

Human-caused climate change has placed life on the planet in a precarious state. It is imperative we address this situation as soon as possible for the longer we wait, the more we commit future generations to great suffering. Yet there is tremendous resistance to addressing this issue. Jungian psychology provides a unique means to understand the problem of climate change for it recognizes the importance of the unconscious in our lives.

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Workshop: Saturday, April 4, 10 am-1 pm

### **Alchemical Ecopsychology**

Alchemical Ecopsychology recognizes the deep, subtle interconnectedness of psyche and matter through combining the sacred, psychological practices of alchemy with the discipline of ecopsychology. Through the union of these two subjects, one ancient, the other relatively new, we discover a path to not only understanding how life interacts with the environment, but how life and environment are inherently sacred.

2.75 CE credit hours for LPCs and Social Workers, \$10.

**\$45 (students \$35), Jung Society members \$35**

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## SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS

### 7th Annual ART & PSYCHE IN NEW ORLEANS

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 pm

## The Transformative Power of Feminine Rage

Presenter: Constance Romero, LPC, Jungian Analyst

Psychoanalysis has a complicated past when it comes to conceptualizing feminine development and expression. Though much has changed, the field of Psychology has both championed women's creative expression and, at times, reinforced cultural stereotypes that deter access to female desire and agency. In these tumultuous times, the complex, transformative dynamics of feminine rage have found a newly articulated voice in both the Arts and in Depth Psychology. How we view and hold what are often felt to be transgressive and shameful feelings are explored through feminist drama, film and a Depth Psychological approach to trauma. Join us for this years annual Art and Psyche program as we explore the creative, transformative potential of feminine rage in our time.

*Constance Evans Romero is a Jungian analyst practicing in New Orleans and Mandeville. She is a Senior Training Analyst with the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and is on the faculty of the New Orleans Jung Seminar. She has a professional background in theater and lectures nationally and internationally on the interface between Depth Psychology and the Arts. Publications include articles and reviews in Psychological Perspectives, The International Journal of Jungian Studies, and The Journal of Analytical Psychology.*



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## New Orleans Jungian Seminar

Founded in 1997, The New Orleans Jungian Seminar offers advanced study in the psychology of C. G. Jung. It is designed for individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of themselves, for mental health professionals desiring to enhance their perspectives and analytic skills, and for those intending to apply for analytic training with the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts (IRSJA). For more information, contact Constance Romero at 985-778-1641.

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## SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS

### Little Girls

The world is crowded with little girls  
Reflections in tears,  
Women's and men's.  
Strawberry strands  
Auburn curls  
Brunette pony-tails  
Golden locks  
Enter dreams, visions, consulting rooms  
Wanting to be remembered  
Waiting to be remembered  
Do they all play together  
On some dimensional 'I-land'  
Like Pinocchio's or Peter Pan's  
So they can forget  
Forget they were  
Forgotten by time  
Ignored by maturity  
Silenced by shame  
Rejected by reason  
But no,  
For they do enter  
And want  
And wait  
To be remembered.

*Marilyn Marshall*

### Dream Groups led by area Jungian Analysts

#### NEW ORLEANS

Facilitator:

Jungian Analyst

Constance Romero.

Information at

985-778-1641

#### MANDEVILLE

Facilitator:

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985-778-1641

#### BATON ROUGE

Facilitator:

Jungian Analyst

David Schoen.

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### Pink

When little girls are born  
The color pink is theirs  
First on security blankets  
Then ribbons in their hair  
Do you know why pink?  
It is the red of passion  
Judged by the white of purity  
It is the red of anger  
Cursed by the white of goodness  
It is the red of blood  
Diluted by the white of innocence  
A golden vessel contains the pink  
After numerous sips and spills  
After half a lifetime of use  
Notice  
Its vessel has a mysterious crack  
But the pink doesn't leak out  
The water seeps in  
And now the pink  
Is the white of purity  
Enlivened by the red of passion  
The white of goodness  
Redeemed by the red of anger  
And the white of innocence  
Transformed by the red of blood.

*Marilyn Marshall*

**JUNG READING & DISCUSSION GROUP.** Facilitated by Deldon Anne McNeely, PhD.

Currently reading Jung's Tavistock Lectures. Meetings every first Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30 at the Women's Center for Healing and Transformation in Abita Springs.

## Jung Society membership is open to all

Best bargain ever! For the annual \$60 membership fee, you receive free admission to all evening programs, a discount on Saturday workshops, and checkout privileges at the Society's library. You can join online now at [jungneworleans.org](http://jungneworleans.org) or at the door anytime you attend one of the Society's monthly programs.

## Be more involved! Join us as a volunteer

We love our volunteers and include them in our board retreats and social events! Ever wonder how they help us? They assist with hospitality and refreshments, CEU applications and evaluations, room setup and breakdown, audiovisual, publicity, social media, website development, website updates, membership list maintenance, social events, retreats, dissemination of flyers, and many other things. We invite you to join us as a volunteer!



### C. G. JUNG SOCIETY OF NEW ORLEANS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Following the general thrust of Carl Jung's analytical psychology, the Society presents an interdisciplinary program to foster self-understanding by the individual. Jung's deepest interest was in arriving at insights capable of bringing genuine help to the individual. His theories laid the groundwork for a new understanding of man, the significance of which extends far beyond the boundaries of psychology in the conventional sense. The goals of the C. G. Jung Society, then, are to offer a forum for the exchange of ideas in the sphere of the humanities, that family of knowledge that deals with what it is to be human, to make value judgments, and to select wiser courses of action. As Jung often stressed, it is within the individual, and not on the level of collective social measures, that the problems of our age must be met and the foundations for a healthy society preserved and strengthened.

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# SPRING 2020 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Tuesday **Regenerating the Feminine:**  
Jan. 7 **Chronicling the Rapid Rise of the Feminine**  
7:30 pm *April Heaslip, PhD*  
\$15, students \$10, members free

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Feb. 4 **The Washer Women as a Feminine Image  
of Transformation**  
7:30 pm *Sarah Shelton, MS, LPC-S*  
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Tuesday **Relating to Dreams**  
March 3 *Marilyn Marshall, LPC, Jungian Analyst*  
7:30 pm \$15, students \$10, members free

Friday **A Jungian Perspective on Climate Change**  
April 3 *Jeffrey Kiehl, PhD, Jungian Analyst*  
7:30 pm \$15, students \$10, members free

Saturday **WORKSHOP:**  
April 4 **Alchemical Ecopsychology**  
10 am- *Jeffrey Kiehl, PhD, Jungian Analyst*  
1 pm \$15, students \$10, members free

Tuesday **The Transformative Power of Feminine Rage**  
May 5 *Constance Romero, LPC, Jungian Analyst*  
7:30 pm \$15, students \$10, members free

**Please put these dates on your calendar...  
we look forward to seeing you!**

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