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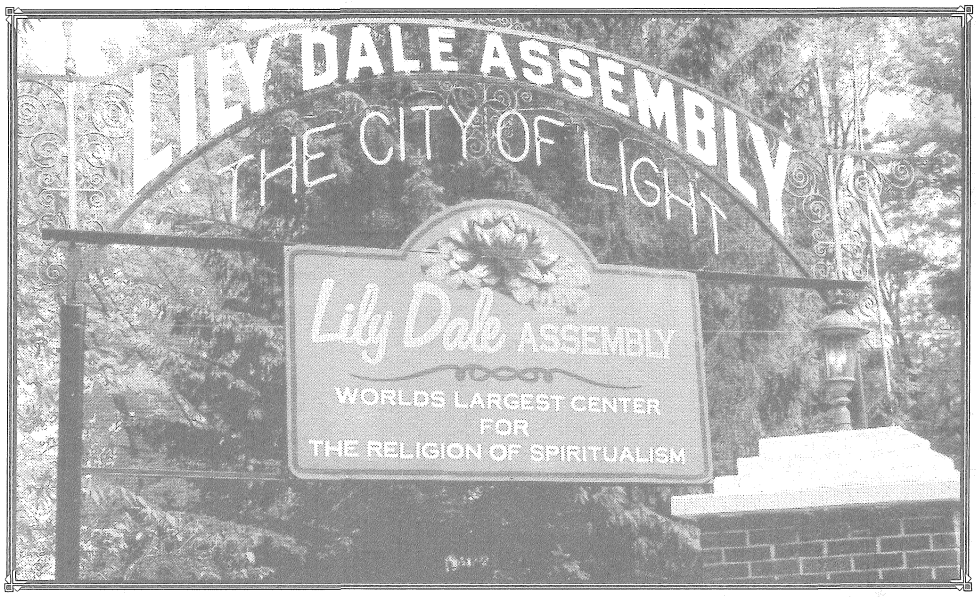
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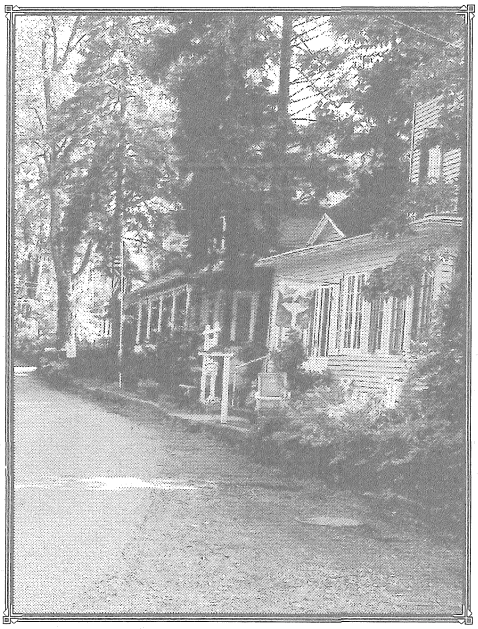
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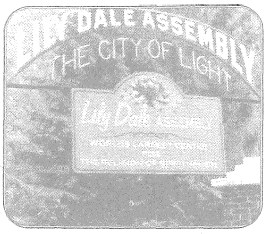




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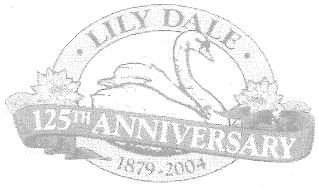
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A "Dale" By Any Other Name

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

– Cassadaga Lakes Free Association – City of Light
– Lily Dale – Lily Dale Assembly



Entrance to Lily Dale Assembly – The City of Light.

How would one describe Lily Dale? It is a beautiful small religious community filled with caring, friendly Spiritualists who have a loving respect for life, others, Infinite Spirit, and who believe that life continues after death of the physical, with communication possible from the other side of the veil. The beautiful natural grounds and the Victorian homes bring our thoughts back to an earlier setting in time. In fact, even to a different name.

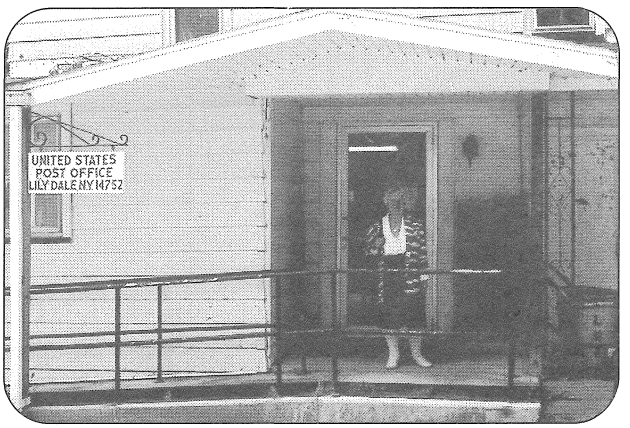
What's in a name? Well, a Spiritualist Camp called Lily Dale Assembly is the world's largest Spiritualist community. It reminds us of the early days of the religion when thousands of people flocked to "the Dale" to learn of spirit and receive communication from beyond the veil. The history of Free Thinkers in the area began long before the founding date, but it has been a Spiritualist and educational community since "1879, when members of the Spiritualist church in Laona, New York, purchased 18 acres of land and founded a Religious Membership Corporation called the Cassadaga Lakes Free Association." *The Centennial Book.*

The search for the history of the name did not find just one name, it surfaced lots of interesting stories about the early years. The Alden family, Willard and Corintha with son, Theodore, and daughter, Theodosia, owned the land where the Leolyn Hotel now stands, and began Spiritualist picnics and camp meetings. Picnics and camps were fashioned after Sunday School picnics and camp meetings held by some of the religions of the day.

Mrs. Alden was given the honor of naming the grounds or camp when a permanent location was purchased. Her choice in 1897 was Cassadaga Lakes Free Association. The name was changed to the City of Light Assembly in 1903 and to the Lily Dale Assembly in 1906. Some history accounts say the last change was inspired because of the lilies that grew around the Cassadaga Lakes. In fact, the Middle Cassadaga Lake was sometimes referred to as Lily Dale.

A few have even speculated about a very active couple in early Spiritualism who lived at "the Dale." They were John T. Lillie and his wife, R. Shepard Lillie. In fact, Mr. Lillie (who was the general supervisor of the vocal music because of his fine baritone voice with a tenor quality) was also active in Spiritualism on the National level, as well as at the Camp. However, not many believe the camp was named after them, or after the Victorian parlor song that was popular around that time which talked about a lady, poor Lilly Dale, dying.

The railway stop was called Lilly Dale, and when a post office was established in the area on June 27, 1888, it was also spelled Lilly Dale, with a double L. It took until 1927 to get the Lilly Dale postal name officially changed to Lily Dale.



Patricia Bartlett in front of the Post Office.

The City of Light Assembly name did not begin because of the spiritual light found at the Dale, although there is an abundance of energy, but because the camp was the first city in the area to get electric lights. Lily Dale became a city, quite self sufficient with its own water, own fire department, own roads which were made, plowed or repaired by crews from the camp, etc.

During the research, I found Lily Dale referred to as "the Great Spiritual Mecca." After spending some time there, I can see why. The Camp's grounds, now 167 acres, are a place of peace and renewal located on the shores of Cassadaga Lake, with a variety of natural beauty, lovely sunsets and the majestic Leolyn Woods. Of course, to visit Lily Dale, one must also see the swans, Lily and Dale.

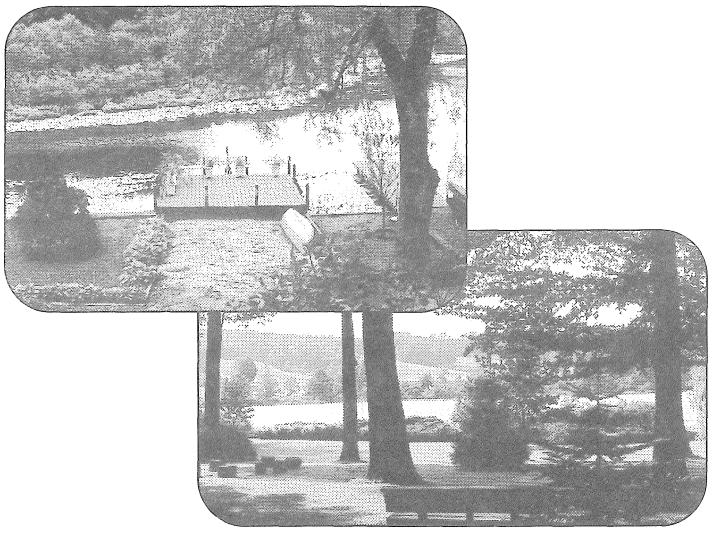
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PROUD BEGINNINGS
"A Little Bit of History"

If you want some history of the Camp, there are many knowledgeable people, books and articles, with a wonderful, growing Lily Dale museum. It is exciting to be able to actually mingle with the artifacts of Spiritualism, its beginnings and its pioneer workers.



There is a booklet, *A Little Bit of History*, by Paula M. Vogt and Joyce La Judice, that tells of the beginnings of the summer movement. It would be interesting to quote the entire contents, but space only allows a few quotes, a brief summary, plus some other interesting items.

The Association developed because of the interest in Spiritualism of the people in the area who were open minded and searching in their thoughts. Mesmerism, trance, healing and spirit communication influenced the residents in western New York, and they decided to gather to hold meetings and picnics in the grove on the farm of Willard Alden. On June 15, 1873, a day was set aside to "dedicate the grove especially to the use of the Spiritualists." Lyman C. Howe was the first speaker for the "One-day" meeting. Each year, until 1877, a "One-day" meeting was held and called the "June Picnic and Sunday Assembly." Then it was extended to a three-day meeting. Jeremian Carter was inspired to extend the meeting for a "camp season." Mr. Carter and Mr. Alden, and others, worked on the great spiritual experiment. In 1878, the camp season was extended to ten days, the grounds were fenced in, and the first cottage was built in connection with the camp on the edge of the Alden's land.

When Willard Alden died in 1878, there was discord about his estate within his family. As a result, the Spiritualists found it was better to move to the adjoining property, and twenty plus acres along the east side of upper Cassadaga Lake were purchased in 1879. Spiritualists began the backbreaking work to clear the wilderness and make it a place for future cottages and camp meetings. The president,

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Albert Cobb, felled the first tree, and brave men and women worked hard on the home of the new association. "Everyone was determined that the grounds would be ready for the 1880 camp meeting. A hotel was built and opened on August 7, 1880, with W. J. Colville as one of the first registered. The hotel was originally the barn and is known as a "hung building." Each time additional floors were needed, the building was raised and the new floor built underneath. The top floor still shows evidence of the original horse stables.

Three sides of the property were fenced in, a speakers stand built with plank benches in front, a ticket office was put up at the gate, and the grounds were beautified. The dedication of the Camp was June 15, 1880, with the speaker, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson. About twelve hundred people listened to her two hour oratory.

They were a social group in 1880 and it seems there was no dance floor at the Camp. A floating raft of logs was made by some people, called The Water Lily, and was used for about three years. When the new auditorium was completed, dances were held there on Wednesday and Saturday nights to a live orchestra. The Saturday dances were grand balls, and everyone dressed up in gowns and tuxedos. When Susan B. Anthony was at Lily Dale, she would always lead the grand ball. Then at the Iroquois Hotel, which was outside the gate, on the third floor, they had a dance hall and people would go over there in the winter time.

Cottages began to be built, but many people and events were first located in tents. In 1883, an auditorium was built. (It was remodeled in 1916.) The entire structure was fifty feet square and was simply a roof supported by pillars with curtains around the outside. It seated twelve hundred, but there were some speakers that attracted so many people that sometimes people still had to stand outside. A water tower was constructed, and that really helped the camp. Many books were donated by Marian H. Skidmore and



Library Hall is now called Assembly Hall.

others, to create the first library. It was located in a tent close to the auditorium. The library moved into the Assembly Hall, first called Library Hall,

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and it remained there until 1924, when the present library building was constructed. Lyceum meetings were held in a large tent, for it was felt that training of the young was very important.



A workshop held in Assembly Hall.

A popular spot in "the Dale" 1890's was the billiard parlor. Later, a bowling alley, with four lanes, was added, and the billiard tables moved upstairs. They used wooden bowling balls with two holes in them. In 1946, the building's foundation was in such need of repair that it was torn down.

"By 1893, there were two hundred and fifteen cottages, and about forty families lived on the grounds year around. When one purchased a home in Cassadaga Lake Free Association, there were certain stipulations that went along with it. Designed to make the camp the nicest possible place in which to stay, these admonishments often involved thoughts we now find humorous. For example, the owner agreed that *he shall not throw or discharge, or suffer or allow any other person to throw or discharge upon said premises or upon the streets..., any kind of kitchen slops or any other kind of slops growing from the culinary affairs permitted on said premises..."* The land is rented by the home owners from the Association for 99 years.

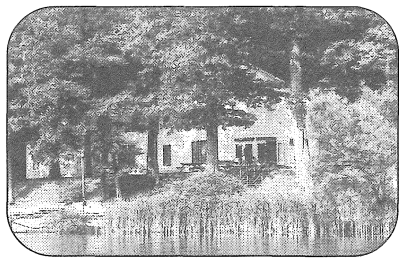
The Dunkirk train had a railroad station which was just across the bridge from the property, so people could get to the Camp without great strain or excess traveling. The ease of reaching the Camp was a great asset to the growth of the community, for the other camps around the country required the traveler take a stagecoach or horse and buggy. The roads people had to travel were toll roads and not necessarily in the greatest condition, so to be able to take a train was a real benefit.

Spiritualism and Lily Dale explored new ideas and continued to grow and progress. Mrs. Marian H. Skidmore invited the Suffragists to meet at the Camp in 1887, and for the following "Woman's Days," most of the prominent "Women's Rights" advocates appeared on the platform. "Susan B. Anthony, the grand lady of the Woman's Suffrage movement, made her first public appearance at Lily Dale in 1891...So emotion filled was the event at Lily Dale, that Miss Anthony herself wrote about that special first day. *People came from far and near. Finally three thousand were assembled in that beautiful amphitheater, decorated with yellow, the suffrage color, and the red, white and blue. There hanging by itself, was our national flag, ten by fourteen feet, with its red and white stripes, and in the center of the blue corner, just one golden star, Wyoming, blazing out along.* (Wyoming was the first state to recognize woman's suffrage.) *Every cottage in the camp was festooned with yellow, and when at night the Chinese lanterns were lighted on the plazas, it was gorgeous as any fourth of July celebration, and all in honor of Woman's Day and her coming freedom."* Miss Anthony came to the grounds every summer for several years.

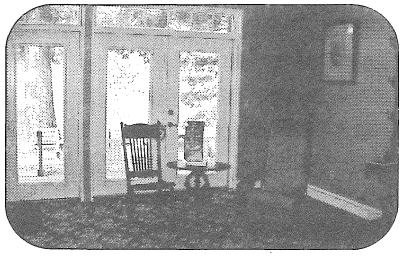
In 1895, the Alden House, on the lake across the road from the entrance to the Assembly grounds, and 23 acres of woodland, including the Grove, were purchased by Abby Louise Pettengill. She expanded and improved the old house, adding many fine qualities, and renamed it The Leolyn, after her granddaughter. The well on the side of the hotel was said to have health-giving waters, and an analysis showed medicinal properties. Many came each year to use the waters for healing, and stayed to delve into the wonders of Spiritualism. There were few structures in western New York that equalled the hotel in the late 1800's. The Leolyn was either given to the Assembly or purchased from Mrs. Pettengill in later years (two differing reports were found) and is still a beautiful place to spend time.



Leolyn Inn



The Leolyn Hotel as seen from the lake.



A parlor in Leolyn Inn

Improvements continued to be made—the "Octagon Building" was constructed, the swamp was filled in, the iron arch with the letters "C.L.F.A." replaced the old gate, a sewer system

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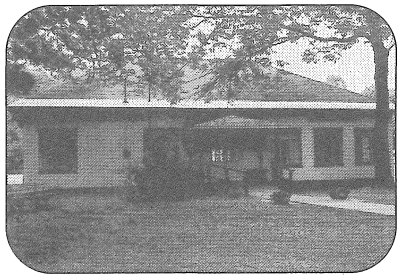
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was put in, fire protection begun, the children's lyceum expanded, and the conveniences of a most modern town were added. In 1898, the Sunflower Pagoda was built by William P. Bach, and he also began a newspaper called *The Sunflower*.

On December 28, 1900, there was a "great Lily Dale fire." It could have wiped out all of the homes, but squads of workers were arranged and a bucket brigade was organized. Five cottages were burned, one torn down and others moved, but the Camp was saved. On February 1, 1901, a fire department was organized with its first president Thomas Skidmore, and the firemen were Camp volunteers.

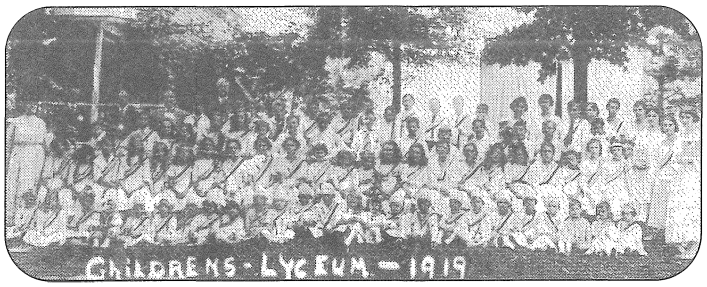
The great thinkers, speakers and mediums of the times came to Lily Dale for the Camp meetings. "Between 1900 and 1903, the business of the camp proceeded in orderly fashion. Library Hall was used for meetings, classes, thought exchange, and the children's lyceum. The Octagon building was another classroom and housed the dancing school. A bath house near the beach provided 'hot and cold tub and shower baths that could be taken at any hour.' All of this, and much more, could be enjoyed for the price of admission to the grounds—15 cents a day; $3.50 for the season."

The hotel which had been called "The Grand Hotel" changed its name to the "Maplewood Hotel." Its old time charm is still intact today. "Electrical lights became a part of life at Lily Dale, and even a telephone switchboard was installed at the gate."



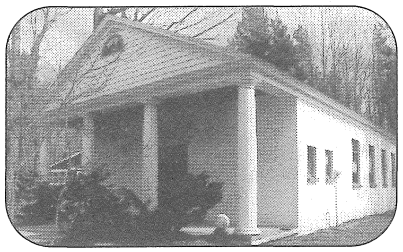
Andrew Jackson Davis Memorial Lyceum Building

In 1928, the Andrew Jackson Davis Lyceum Building was constructed and given to Lily Dale by Mercy Cadwallader, the editor of *The Progressive Thinker*. It was dedicated in honor of Andrew Jackson Davis, "The Poughkeepsie Seer" and founder of Spiritual Lyceums. The grounds of the Lyceum Building and the "Children's Acre" are a beautiful garden with a playground adjacent to the building for the enjoyment of the children.



Children's Lyceum – 1919

The lovely and stately Healing Temple was inspired and built at the direction of T. J. Kelly and his guides in 1955. It was a gift to Lily Dale by Louis Vosburg and is dedicated to the principles of spiritual healing. When one walks into the Temple, a feeling of peace and renewal can be felt.



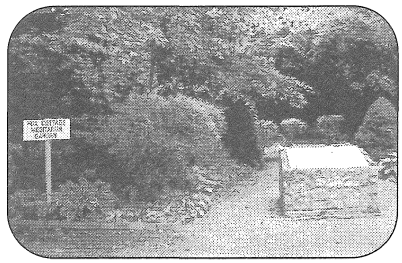
The Healing Temple

Benjamin Bartlett of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, arranged to have the original Fox Cottage moved from Hydesville to Lily Dale. A medium, Miss Flo Cottrel, for many years used to sit in the cottage and give readings with the raps that continued to manifest. She gave her first demonstration in Lily Dale in 1911, and was considered one of the greatest mediums at the time. She had been tested by many of the leading Psychical Research Societies and Scientific Organizations of the United States. Her reputation was one of definite proof and of convincing phenomenal psychic power.

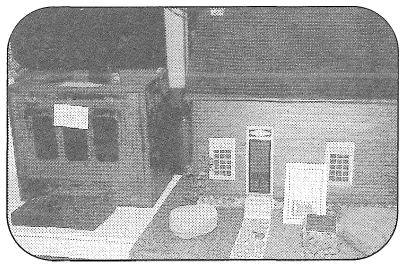


A morning healing session begins with a prayer.

Many of Spiritualism's artifacts were housed in the cottage for visitors to see. Tragically, in 1956, the cottage and all the memorabilia within it burned. The Peddler's trunk, containing a charred Fox family Bible with valuable information about the family in it, was fortunately saved and is currently on display in the Lily Dale Museum.



A meditation garden marks the location where the Fox Cottage once stood.



The Peddler's Trunk and a model of the Fox Cottage.

A handout by the Rev. Betty L. Putnam states: "The original Lily Dale Charter contained these words, *For the discerning of the spirits.* Truly Lily Dale lived to that early promise...It is a worn cliche that the first hundred years are the hardest. If that is so, then Lily Dale weathered the storms and kept the faith, knowing that the guiding light has been, and forever will be 'THE ETERNAL LIGHT OF SPIRIT'."

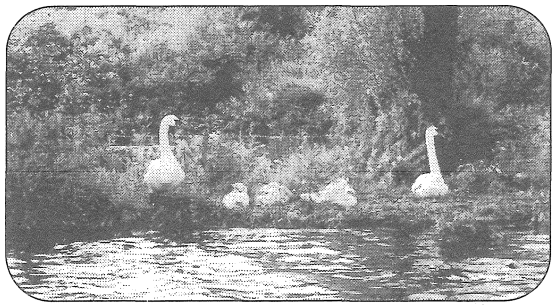
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LILY DALE TRIVIA

• Did you ever think, each time the name of the Camp was changed, they had to make a new sign at the entry gate?

• Someone humorously asked if Lily Dale was named for the pair of swans who are called Lily and Dale, but the name came before the swans, so put this question to rest.



The swans have three babies this year.

There are lots and lots of geese, some ducks, beavers, turtles and bullfrogs, along with birds, butterflies and squirrels in the area. In days long gone by, young boys used to earn extra money selling the flowers from the lakes. They charged more money for the pink water lilies which were rarer.

• The Assembly Grounds are bordered by swamps, marshes and the lake, which makes "the Dale" almost an island—in fact, at one time a section of Lily Dale was an island until the course of the channel between the lakes was changed to join the land. The island was called Fern Island. The Leolyn Woods is majestic with its "virgin timber" and has been set aside as a Nature Conservancy. It is rare in this day and age to see such an awesome sight as an unspoiled forest with huge beautiful trees. Some have called the Leolyn woods "The Cathedral in the Woods." To have maintained these woods in virtually unspoiled nature, some trees reaching heights of 160 feet, all these years is a tribute to the residents of Lily Dale, and to the Assembly with rules to protect the trees, prohibiting cutting. There are about 40 different varieties of trees including hemlock, poplar, birch, ash and cherry. From an old brochure: "Nature is always lovely, here she has been lavish, and after passing a time amid the hills and valleys, on the bosom of her quiet lakes, under the canopy of her starlit skies, it seems very easy to believe that the spirits of the dead hover around us there, for the veil seems very thin between the knowable and the unknown, so that verily one can almost seem to hear their voices."

• Early publications such as *The Sunflower* spelled thought, "thot." An example in these poetry lines by Annie Aldrech: "Make the world a little better as you go; And be thotful of the kind of seed you sow;..."

• Did you know there was once a dancing academy in Lily Dale? In fact, there were weekly dances held in the auditorium. On another day, a boat would pick up anyone who wanted to dance some more and take them to a place up the water for dancing.

• When the train stopped running, during World War II, there was no coal to run the generators for the electricity or water, so the Camp began to use city water and electricity. Before this, they were self-supporting.

• The Camp, in an attempt to interest families, with many things to do such as swimming, fishing, hiking, etc., put a ferris wheel on the grounds, but only for a short time. It was steam driven and so loud that "its excessive noise disturbed the various programs." Even though it was located in the park area near the beach, it was too loud, so only lasted about a year. There was also a building with a small bowling alley, and upstairs there were billiard tables to help entertain the guests and create a resort atmosphere.

• Over the years, Lily Dale has had a wonderful fine arts program.

• To honor America's big birthday in 1976, Cecil Savage organized a parade in Lily Dale. It was a fantastic celebration with Mr. Washington, who was 100 years old, as the guest of honor. There were several marching bands, floats, fire trucks, honor guards and clowns. It was a nice parade that included the spirit of '76 and Lily Dale's history.



Lily Dale, July 10, 1976: Fox Cottage float; Lori Sheppard as Kate; Linda Savage as Margaretta.



Youth Group float; Gayle Hart, Clara Miller, and Elaine Bens.



Lyceum Sunflower Float

• In the early 1900's, there used to be an ice cutting business on the lake during the winter. The lakes are spring fed, so it is pure water which could be used for the ice boxes. They would cut the ice, put it in the ice house and then it was shipped off to Buffalo and surrounding towns. A trailer was pulled by horses, and when one of the horses died and it was buried on the other end of the grounds. Then someone buried their dog and then a cat, and the area became the pet cemetery.

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It is the oldest pet cemetery on record with all sorts of pets and animals honored there.

At one point in the '60's, for about four or five years, there was a water skiing school in Lily Dale. It attracted all ages, but mainly young people from the camp and from surrounding towns. Usually there were about 75 people on



Built in 1890 on the beach—the Bowling Alley & Billiards.

Saturday, and about the same amount on Sunday, to learn basic water skiing and also some fancy ski tricks. The group would then put on a ski show off the Lily Dale beach for those in the Camp. Some of the team, such as, then teenager Peggy Johnson, our current NSAC bookkeeper, were invited to other areas and countries to perform.

Os-ka-non-ton was a Mohawk chief from the Bear tribe out of Canada. He had a beautiful voice, was heard singing, and brought to New York City. He became an opera singer, made records and had his own radio program. Os-ka-non-ton traveled all over the world with his group, singing and putting on Indian plays. He came to Lily Dale in 1917, and like many people, fell in love with the area and the philosophy. So when he was done with his tours, he came and settled in Lily Dale.

Os-ka-non-ton was a remarkable spiritual healer who freely gave of his services to all who were in need. He was a favorite of all the children of Lily Dale, and a day did not pass for them without a visit to see Oska, sit in his handcarved healing chair, and visit his authentic tepee. His sister, Marge, ran the "trading post," a souvenir gift shop for many years at Lily Dale.

One story that was told in many ways was also printed in an old *TNS*. John Slater was at Camp Lily Dale and as "he stood near a group of young people, he overheard them laughing and jesting about Spiritualism. The story goes that he called to one of them, something perhaps like this: 'Young man, you there, standing near the young lady in the yellow dress!—be sure and stay clear of the lake today.' Later when the boy went rowing, he apparently lost control of the boat and it capsized. It was evidently some time later when the boy's body was found floating in the reeds and rushes near the shore."

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Humor to put you in GOOD SPIRITS

These are true stories that happened in Lily Dale at one time or another.



- A young medium at the Stump message service started to tell a woman that on the way to the camp, she had to pass some water. Everyone laughed—the medium was talking about the lakes.
- Each year, during Canadian Week, there is a tradition that all of the group would troupe out to the stump at mid-night. One year, a couple of them went around the other way, put on white sheets, and came through the woods. It is told there was a quick mass exodus from the area.
- There was a gentleman who was the librarian for about five years there. He had some visitors asking questions. One of them asked if all the people who lived in Lily Dale were witches. He replied, "There are no witches that live here, but if you change 'w' to a 'b,' we have a few of those."
- One time the residents at the hotel came running down to the desk where Joyce La Judice was on duty. They told her about some awful "spirit noises" they were hearing in one of the rooms. It turned out to be a guy sleeping in his room who was snoring so loud, people thought it was spirit coming in.

Joyce also related her first experience with independent voice. She was at the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church service, and the Rev. Betty Putnam was to be the speaker. Joyce was in the second row, and when Betty was ready to talk, her independent voice started speaking—it seemed to be coming from Betty's solar plexus. You could hear every word they were saying. Betty looked down and asked spirit, "Are you going to give the lecture or am I?"

- Another medium that was terrific was Jack Kelly who did blindfold billets. One day while Kelly was doing a billet demonstration, Robert Macdonald, the former NSAC and Lily Dale president, stuck his head in the window. Jack said, "Okay Bob, you're supposed to be working, what are you doing, checking up on me?" When Kelly was through with a billet, he would throw it in a waste basket—still blindfolded of course. Bryon Candy was about 12-14 at the time and helping to clean up. He decided to be smart, so moved the basket with his foot. Jack never turned around or anything, but said, "Bryon, you put that back where it belongs."



Joyce told the story about being in the hotel alone and she looked up and there was this lady in a long white dress coming down the stairs. It was Cora L. V. Richmond, but it really shook her. Later she saw a picture of Cora in the same outfit.

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Another time Joyce was painting her house. She bought the house from Martha Rushbult. As she turned around, she bumped into a man. Later, she described this man to Martha, and Martha said, "Oh, are you painting? My dad was a painting contractor." So now, when Joyce picks up a paintbrush, she tells Martha's dad he can watch, but she'd rather not bump into him.

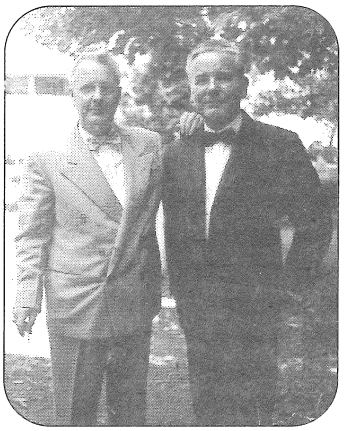
- Louie Joy was once Lily Dale Assembly's maintenance man, and at times he would run out and say, "Someone's sweeping the hallways again, and no one's in there!"
- Hilda Wilkinson was in her nineties when she passed to spirit, and still very active. She made and drank fresh vegetable juice every day. Someone asked how she had so much energy at her age, and the response was, because she was "on the juice" for so many years. The person didn't realize it was vegetable juice until a couple years later. Hilda is quoted as saying: "That *new age* stuff is a bunch of baloney. New Age is the commercialized version of psychic guessing."

TODAY AT THE LILY DALE ASSEMBLY
THE CITY OF LIGHT
125th Year Anniversary 1879-2004



A Native American Flute Concert by Ken Green and Laura Perkins.

The past was fascinating, and what has been recounted here is only a minuscule minute in the 125 years of Spiritualist free thinking history. Each year, names and personalities that are indeed in the forefront of growth and spiritual upliftment, present lectures, classes, workshops for those attending. This year, some of the wonderful workshop presenters were: Patricia Price, Ted Andrews, Dick and Tara Sutphen, Cathy Snell, Bunny Starr, Rik Kristinat, Pat Bell, John White, Gretchen Clark, Wayne Dyer, Raymond Buckland, Kevin Ryerson, B. Anne Gehman, Neal Rzepkowski, M.D., James Van Praagh, to name just a few. There were sweat lodges, native American speakers, Tibetan Monks creating a mandala sand painting and presenting sacred music and sacred dance; Reiki Certification, Hypnotherapy Certification, sound, color and aura classes; mediumship, healing, home circle and Natural Law workshops; Native American flute teaching and performance; doctors, scientists, authors, etc., creating an exciting program to choose from. Each year is different, and speakers such as Dr. Raymond Moody, Jr., Shakti Gawain, Ted Andrews, Patch Adams, M.D., Gerald Epstein, Dr. Rocco Errico, Deepak Chopra, M.D., Sarah Estep, Patricia Hayes, and other well known people have participated at various times. Just a few of the visitors or presenters of previous years that have been reported to visit were Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Countess Alexandra Tolstoy, Robert Engersol, Helena Blatvasky, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Doreen Virtue, Ph.D., Melissa Gilbert, Albert Hubbard, John Edwards, Mae West and Stephen King. Of course, most of the famous pioneer workers of Spiritualism served the platform of the largest Spiritualist Camp.



Jack Kelly and Billy Hammond at Lily Dale in 1958.

"The ideals that stood then, stand today, even in our ever changing world. The pursuit was Spiritual Enlightenment, Knowledge and Exploration into the unknowns to make them knowable.

"In the peace and tranquility of the lovely rolling hills of Western New York State, nestled along one of three lakes of Cassadaga, Lily Dale remains, an area untouched by modern civilization.

"Surrounded by ageless forests, the timelessness of the area lends itself perfectly to the ongoing pursuit of the founders original purpose. Hence, the attraction is to many. The many who seek and the many who are willing to share."

The above quote was extracted from a handout and tells the story well. My stay at Lily Dale was like moving from the bustle of city life and chaotic energy, to a natural gentle, uplifting, peaceful energy. A week or weekend in this atmosphere is healing. It is indeed a rare and unique Spiritual Community, a treasure each summer for the seekers. Community and spirituality are two words to emphasize. The residents of Lily Dale must be commended for they are friendly, helpful and necessary to keep the summer program moving for all those who come. Talk about volunteering!



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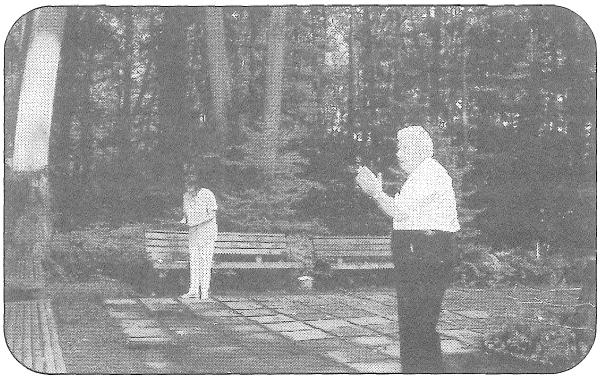
Most of those who live there, and are able, are busy helping with the programs, taking tickets, directing visitors to locations, running the wonderful museum, acting as mediums, healers, speakers or chairpersons for the daily services. Without their love of the religion and the Association, their work and dedication, the summer session would not run so smoothly, and, there is something going on from early morning all day long and into the evening. Because it was the 125th anniversary, there were 125 workshops or classes scheduled. That's awesome—at times there was more than one interesting thing happening at the same hour. Decisions, decisions, but whichever choice was made, the seeker learned something wonderful.

The summer season at Lily Dale offers a variety of workshops and seminars, mediums and healers, dinners and so many special events people wish they could stay the entire summer. There was the Thought Exchange, with lively discussions and thoughtful questions. There were message circles, spiritual healing, clairvoyant demonstrations at Inspiration Stump, The Forest Temple, and development classes, meditations, a wonderful library, message services and discussions.

Besides an individual being able to grow when they participated in the many events offered, they often experienced wonderful healing—health restoration of body, soul and spirit. Someone who visits the Dale can do something every minute or do nothing except enjoy the peace and beauty of the space. People seem to understand both are needed, and there are quiet areas and noisy, talkative spots.

Most try to expose themselves to as many events as possible each day, so the enlightenment of the place will become a familiar energy. The day could begin with meditation to set the energy, then proceed to the Healing Temple for strong vibrations of the wonderful healers, next on to a class or workshop, lunch in the courtyard of the Pagoda—Karma Cafe, or seated in the Lily Dale Cafeteria, or on the patio of Monika's Delite (mmm—garlic soup). Good food in all of them. After lunch, there are message services at Inspiration Stump, at Forest Temple, and a lecture and messages in the auditorium. There are more classes, additional healing services, thought exchanges, Lyceum, circles and a labyrinth.

Twice each day during the Camp session, people walk past the pet cemetery through the Leolyn woods to the **Inspiration Stump.** It is easy to feel the energy building as one enters the quiet trail that leads to the meeting place. Inspiration Stump began because student mediums wanted a place to practice, so they met in the woods to give messages to each other. The news of messages spread, and soon others gathered, hoping to receive a greeting from their loved ones. After years of demonstrations of mediumship in this location, the spiritual energies are high. Visiting and student mediums give short messages to those in attendance. These services began in the late 1800's and have continued since. The stump began to show much wear with the continued use, so the mediums now stand in front of it to deliver the spirit greetings.



Medium Al Kleinschmidt giving a message at the Stump.



Hoping to get a message at the outdoor message service.

"Dedicated to the principles of spiritual healing, the **Healing Temple** was opened in 1955. It has remained a place of peace and solitude for all those who come to renew their energies through healing or quiet meditation and prayer." There are two healing services each day and all are invited to share the healing energies channeled through men and women healers who serve the Temple. The healers serve all who come, but there is also healing received by those who just sit in prayer and meditation.

Guidelines for Receiving Spiritual Healing

1. Please be respectful by remaining quiet prior to and during the service. When you leave, we ask that you be considerate of others and leave as quietly as possible.
2. RELAX and enjoy the experience. Place your feet on the floor, hands in your lap with palms turned upward. Breath in and out slowly several times. You may choose to close your eyes and relax even greater.
3. The true value of Spiritual Healing is not

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Guidelines for Receiving Spiritual Healing, *Cont'd.*

always measured immediately, although you may verify and notice immediate changes. Healing energy will remain with you. ALLOW

4. There are many healers who serve the temple. They each have their own unique gifts of healing. If you have any questions. They will be happy to assist you after the service. EXPECT GOOD

5. Before receiving, ask that God's healing source remove all obstacles from your path so you may truly receive. ASK

6. Only ONE Healing per service is necessary.

7. Spiritual healing is not a substitute for medical treatment.

8. You are not expected to discuss your condition or problems with your healer, however, general information may be helpful. Please do not ask for any messages.

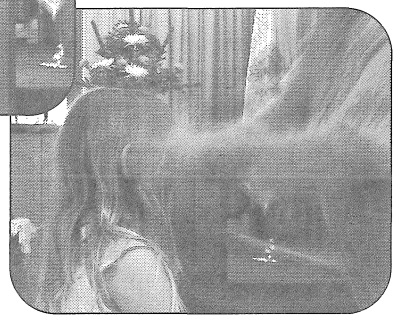
9. Remember to give thanks for the Healing brought through the healer. GRATITUDE

Healers who serve are qualified through training, and registered with Lily Dale Assembly.

A few pictures taken, with permission of the healers, during the service, show the strong spiritual energy.

This recent picture is with the Rev. Jean Warner, healer, and a young girl, Jennifer, who always comes to Jean's healing chair, as she loves the energy she feels. The girl's mother asked Shannon Taggart, a professional photographer from Rochester, to





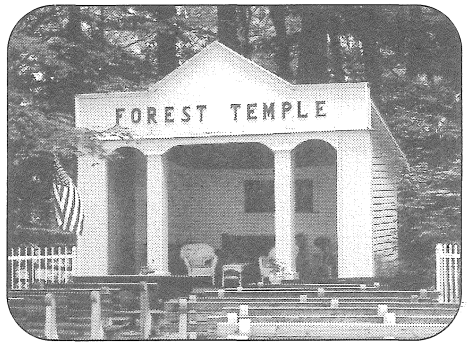
take a picture of Jennifer during the healing. The healer appears almost to be moving through the picture or fading as the vibrational process of sharing energy proceeds. It is fascinating that the energy around the two of them is blurred, while the rest of the photograph is clear. There are several points where you can see through the healer and she is a larger woman than she appears in this picture.

Healer Ron Robertson was pleased to see this picture of himself and Hilda Wilkenson that showed spiritual energy during a healing in the Temple. If the picture was in color, you would see that the energy that is in front of them is rainbow colored. Notice that the curtains of the temple can be seen through the energy.



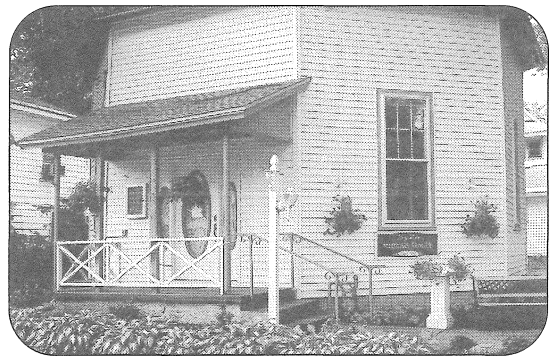
Ronald W. Robertson

The tranquility of the **Forest Temple** invites visitors and spirit friends alike to open the channels of communication between the "Two Worlds." Each day messages that prove that we never die and that our loved ones can commune with us from the "Other Side" are delivered through registered mediums, as well as visiting and student mediums. The temple began operating in 1894 and has continued to uplift the emotional, mental and spiritual energies of the individual ever since.



Forest Temple

The Octagon House was built before 1897 to be used for classes, gatherings and for dance instruction. Later the Junior League activities were held there. The octagonal shaped building is one of seven such octagon designed



Medium's League

buildings in New York State. Currently it is the home of the Lily Dale Medium's League which "was founded in 1930 for the purpose of promoting the Religion of Spiritualism and the demonstration of Mediumship." The League offers education, workshops, helps developing mediums, holds circles, and hosts the Wednesday evening thought exchanges.

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Suggestions For A Reading

1. Mediumship is not fortune telling. A good reading should explain the philosophy of right living. EXPECT TRUTH.
2. Allow the medium to proceed in his or her manner. Do not expect your first problem to be discussed at once. PATIENCE.
3. No medium wants or needs help, but do not attempt to confuse them. Let them know when they are correct. BE FAIR.
4. Skepticism, demanding proof, arguing or wanting things done your way only leads to failure. EXPECT GOOD.
5. Spirit often manifests by name. Evidence comes in many other ways, description, relationships, simple tests, etc. BE WILLING TO VERIFY.
6. Do not be too quick to say "no." Welcome the spirit even if you are unable to recognize immediately. Later, you may recall the name or the incident.
7. The true value of a reading is not always measured by prophecy. Prediction is always possible, but you have free will to make changes. GUIDANCE is the keynote.
8. Seek a medium's help at a time when you are relaxed and undisturbed. Put your mind at ease. RELAX.
9. Every medium has his or her unique way. It is unfair to compare the abilities of mediums.
10. Do not try to prolong a reading. The medium realizes when the force is gone.
11. Before going to a meeting where there is communication with the Spirit World, whether by means of a circle, public séance, outdoor meeting or private sitting ask your spirit loved ones to attend the meeting with you.
12. If you wish to ask a question or questions, ask spirit well in advance of the meeting. Give them ample time to get an answer. No spirit claims to have an answer on the spur of the moment.

REMEMBER: Although those in the Spirit World can see further than we, they do not profess to have all the answers, just as we, here, in the physical world, cannot know everything.

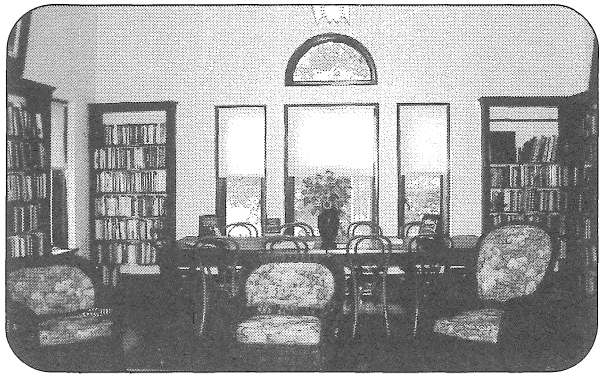
The Pagoda was built in 1898 by Mr. Bach, and originally called "Sunflower Pagoda." The building was run by Evielena Bach who sold books, took subscriptions to Spiritualist publications, and sold supplies such as stationery, ice cream, candy, soft drinks, novelties and cigars. It served the summer residents and visitors in this manner for 49 years. Since then, it has continued to function in many ways during the Camp season and is currently being used as the Karma Cafe.

The Marion Skidmore Library has one of the largest and most outstanding collections of Spiritualist books known. Marian Skidmore began it by donating her books,



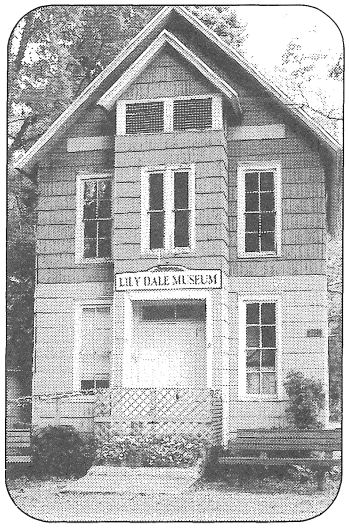
Marion Skidmore Library

and others have continued to contribute. An information desk can help you locate the old books you may be looking



The reading room at the Marion Skidmore Library.

for. It has a fine collection of rare Spiritualist and metaphysical books and because of the rarity of the material, no books are allowed to be taken from the premises. However, there is a lovely, comfortable reading and research room available. Also, each day, except Monday when the library is closed, a video presentation highlighting the history and philosophy of Lily Dale is shown.



Lily Dale Museum

The Lily Dale Museum, built in 1890, was once a one room school house until 1938. Harrison D. Barrett was the first teacher. In the past few years,

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the Museum has accumulated wonderful artifacts and information on Spiritualism, its pioneers, and its beginning. Due to the hard work of Joyce La Judice and other Lily Dale



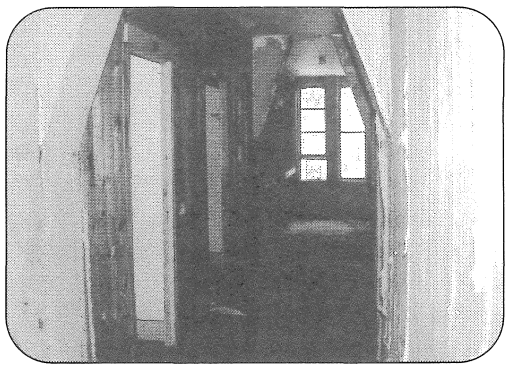
Joyce LaJudice, Ron Nagy, and Sandra Pfortmiller at the Lily Dale Museum.

residents, it is a comprehensive wonder of the history of Spiritualism. The dedicated workers at the museum must know Spiritualism, besides know the artifacts. They show visitors the peddler's box, the Fox family's *Bible*, precipitated spirit painting by the Bangs sisters and the Campbell brothers, slates by famous mediums with messages and drawings, Spiritualist newspapers, photographs and paintings, magazines and pamphlets, early lectures or write-ups by or about famous mediums, artifacts, photo albums and memorabilia of an earlier era. The Lily Dale Museum has an extensive collection that keeps growing and is a source of research and interest. Take a "walk back in time" when you visit this display of Spiritualism's past. Ron Nagy conducts a walking tour of Lily Dale every Saturday morning throughout the season, telling those in attendance interesting stories about each building and area.

When the first settlers of the Camp began to build in 1878, they put a horse barn on the far corner of the property, away from the lake. In 1880, the need for a hotel was evident, so they took the horse barn and raised it (hung suspension was very common back then), put a floor underneath, and called it the **Grand Hotel**. In 1883, again they wanted more room, so they raised the two floors and added another floor underneath. In 1886, they raised all three floors and added another floor. The hotel is now called the **Maplewood Hotel** and has a wonderful ambiance, fantastic artwork, many by the Bangs sisters and Campbell brothers, and interesting antique furniture. The porch is a group meeting place between activities or a nice place to meditate when alone.



Maplewood Hotel



The horse stables on the top floor of the Maplewood Hotel.



The Leolyn Hotel

There are two hotels in Lily Dale. **The Leolyn Hotel** outside the camp gates has already been mentioned as an active beginning for Free Thinkers and it continues in this manner with classes, concerts and lively discussions among the guests.



Peggy Johnson, Paula Vogt, Tina Lynch, and Sharon Snowman.

The National Spiritualist Association of Churches has their office in the home where Marion Skidmore once lived. NSAC is recognized as the oldest and most respected Spiritualist organization and was incorporated on November 3, 1893 in

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . OCTOBER 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 I welcome the beautiful fall colors and am inspired by them.	**2** "Quality not quantity is my measure." – *Douglas Jerrold*
3 "What should a man be like? I would say like himself." – *Henik Ibsen*	**4** May I be inspired by Spirit to follow my soul's path.	**5** Only in stillness can we hear guidance.	**6** "We carry our homes within us, which enables us to fly." – *John Cage*	**7** Measurement of life goes with the intensity of the experience.	**8** "Be thy own palace, or the world's thy jail." – *John Donne*	**9** I pray and am quiet first thing in the morning when the energy is clearer.
10 "There is nothing worth more than this day!" – *Goethe*	**11** Feel the fall wind and find comfort in its coolness.	**12** "Ideal society is a drama enacted exclusively in the imagination." – *Santayana*	**13** We cannot touch a flower without affecting the earth and the air.	**14** Observe yourself listening to another and see how good it feels.	**15** "...everyone must measure his way with his own ruler." – *Horace*	**16** I create the joys or the sorrows that I experience.
17 "True religion will never oppose intellect." – *Italian Quote*	**18** "My time is TODAY." – *George Gershwin*	**19** Life offers plenty for everyone, including me.	**20** "A cold causes less suffering than an idea." – *Jules Renard*	**21** We are born with instincts and abilities, not good or bad.	**22** "The unknown always passes for the marvelous." – *Tacitus*	**23** "The best way to please those around you is to listen to them." – *Anonymous*
24 "Man's feet have grown so big that he forgets his littleness." – *Don Marquis*	**25** Pause and dream. Then follow your dream.	**26** If you cannot heal the body, heal the heart and good things will follow.	**27** "To oblige persons often costs little and helps much." – *Baltasar Gracian*	**28** "I try to arrange my life to myself, and not my self to life." – *Horace*	**29** All items in life are in relation to all other things in life.	**30** "Freedom is only conceivable when it has to do with intelligence." – *J. G. Fichte*
31 Commune with the Spirit World today, sending love.		***Understanding can come from the past or the present.***				





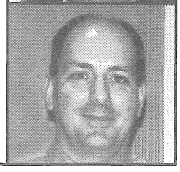

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Pres., Graham Connolly, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071, (207) 655-6673; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273; Treas., Jeanne Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915, (207) 338-1355.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
P.O. Box 2492, 04338, (207) 622-8980, corner of Perham & Court Sts.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Co-Pastor, Earl Wallace, (207) 582-6745, e-mail: godfreed@aol.com; Co-Pastor, Vaikko Allen, (207) 622-2799, e-mail: vallen@adelphia.net; Secy., Phyllis Norton, e-mail: secretaryasc@yahoo.com.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Tesoro Restaurant); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail: simpsonb@hermon.net. Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather; From July 1 to third Sun. in Sept. the church may hold evening church services or cancel church services for the summer. As of this printing Gallery Readings are held the second Friday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please call the secy. for more information.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
Mail address: 25 Camp Rd., 04220-5207; Open July and August - Service, Seminars and Classes; Co-Pastor & Secy. Virginia Norris, LM, CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST. For information, Phone (207) 597-2600, Fax (207) 597-2295; e-mail: rupert@megalink.net.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
Mail address: 25 Camp Rd., 04220-5207; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Wed. 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Co-Pastor & Secy., Virginia Norris, LM, CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST; For information, phone (207) 597-2600, e-mail: rupert@megalink.net.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan, ME. We meet July 11th through August 15th. Schedule to be announced. For information, contact President John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, phone (207) 877-2204; e-mail: jdavidson@gwi.net; Secy., Debi Ludden. There are no accommodations for the general public for rooms, camping, or meals. There are plenty of locations in the surrounding area.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp session is from mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Church services Sun. at 2:30 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.; Gallery Readings at 7:30 p.m. on Mon.; Message Circles Wed. & Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/seminars on Sat.; Accommodations available; June-Sept. call (207) 338-3029; Off season contact Pres., Earl Wallace at (207) 582-6745 or 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; e-mail; godfreed@aol.com or Secy., Sue Jalbert, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071; e-mail; cats2@maine.rr.com.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the Shore Road, Saturday Cove, Northport from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915-6003, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Aloha Foley, Belfast, 04915-6003.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Graham Connolly, (207) 655-6673; e-mail: pschurch@maine.rr.com.

PORTLAND - Inner Light Spiritualist Church
32 Thomas St. (Welliston-West Church), 04102; Secy., Linda Smith, P.O. Box 2484, So. Portland, 04116-2484.

• MARYLAND •

GLEN BURNIE/BALTIMORE - The Light Center Spiritualist Church
HELD AT: 13 1st Avenue SW, Glen Burnie, 21061. (410) 761-7666. OFFICE: 7851 Foxfarm Lane, Glen Burnie, 21061-6324; (410) 590-9167, Fax (801) 730-9109, Info@LightCenter.org, www.LightCenter.org. SERVICES: 1st Sunday: MPI Study Group - 10 a.m., Devotional Serv. - 11 a.m., Thought Exchange - 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Sun: Adult Lyceum - 10 a.m., Devotional Service - 11 a.m., Seminar - 12:30 p.m.; 5th Fri: Healing/Message Serv. - 7:30 p.m. CLASSES: 1st Fri: Meditation - 7:30 p.m.; 2nd/3rd/4th Fri: Development - 7:30 p.m.; EVENTS: Workshops, Guest Speakers/Mediums, Picnics, Field Trips, Seances, Circles, Dinners, Community Awareness/Aid Programs.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace
Sunday Serv. held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St.; Serv. at 5:00 p.m., Healing Lecture and Messages; For Info. call Acting Pastor/Treas., Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
Season opens June 9th till Labor Day weekend; Camp phone (860) 439-1395; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Service 7:30 p.m.; Mediums Day's - Message Circles - Workshops/Seminars scheduled; Secy., Rev. Susan Ferency, 12 Butlertown Rd., Waterford, CT 06320, (860) 439-1395. Prior to season call or write for a full program.

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC
Services held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at the Anawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mailing address: P.O. Box 145, 02769, e-mail: firstspiritualistchurch.com. For more information contact Secretary Jodi Sheffer at (401) 885-3838.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (978) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - June; Pres., Bradley Gosselin, 147 Sylvan St., Danvers, 01923 - (978) 774-1571, e-mail: BGoss92409@aol.com; Secy., Nancy L. Karolides, 144 Boston St., Middleton, 01949, (978) 774-4048.

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 2nd Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes with sign-up; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Tom Ruelke, 86 Orchard Hill Rd., Littleton, NH 03561, e-mail: bigrock@localnet.com; Secy., Denise St. Pierre, e-mail: Denise1957@aol.com.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, *(Continued from previous page.)*

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Rev. Marguerite I. Gutt, NST, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030-3106, (248) 548-2240.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422, (231) 347-3899; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., except during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location. (During cold weather months it is advisable to call our Secretary just in case. We held services for the winter of 2001/2002, but weather is beyond our control.) Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium; website: www.churchseek.net/church/goldenrule; Contact Person: Jinki Boyer-Goodwin, Secy., 9546 Ingleside Rd., Levering, 49755, home phone 231-537-2938.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information, driving directions, or website www.nlmsc.org: Open July and August for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m.; Potluck follows Sunday service and bonfire with snacks follows Wednesday service; Classes, circles and readings/private consultations available. Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium.

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit
2724 Goodrich, 48220; Sun. Serv. 8:00 a.m.; Secy., Diane Smith.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
Jackie North, e-mail: J91943@AOL.com, (517) 589-9259.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Marguerite Gutt, NST, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 1, 2004 through Sept. 1, 2004; Annual Retreat July 11-16, 2004; Lyceum Dir., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089.

• MINNESOTA •

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services at Lake Harriet Comm. Church at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services Mon., 7:00 p.m., 21st Century Building, 2130 S. Broadway, Ste. 140; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 225-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Gerold Kemling, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255.

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Student Minister/Pastor, Toye E. Stinson, 9540 Miriam, Overland, 63114, (314) 423-3516; Secy., Lisbeth Tintera, 901 Peace Haven Dr., 63125, (314) 845-3492.

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC
321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church
3355 W. Spring Mountain Rd., Ste. 68, 89102, (702) 876-8783; Service times: Sun. 11:00 a.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m., Thurs. :30 p.m., Healing Meditation, with a Spiritualist development class following the service, every welcome. Vicky Homann, Pres., (702) 369-9449, e-mail: VickyVJean@aol.com.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 144, 03079; Year Round Services; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:15 p.m.; Call Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wingood, (978) 454-4163; website: http://www.NHSpiritualist.homestead.com.

• NEW JERSEY •

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun. Healing, Worship & Message Serv. 11:00 a.m., (856) 456-2196 for cancellations; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 300 McCourt Ave., Berlin, (856) 767-1651, e-mail: spiritone@snip.net; Pres., Russell E. Joyce, 300 McCourt Ave., Berlin, (856) 767-1651; Secy., Kathleen M. Pollack, 1762 Crown Pt. Rd. #537-A, Thorofare, (856) 848-7053; website: http://users.snip.net/~spiritone.

WENONAH - Stow Memorial Foundation
Muriel De Young, 305 Carnegie Ave., Wenonah.

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716) 652-5018, www.FST-East-Aurora.org; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month followed by Circles; Secy., Rae Cogar-Shelton, (716) 648-3881.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Donna S. Riegel, Secretary.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Pillsbury, e-mail: pillsbury@madbbs.com; Secy., Sueanna Vollmar.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Rd. (Nisequogue River Rd.), Smithtown; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg; Asst. Minister, Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631) 588-3150; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741-3902; e-mail: asisli@optonline.net.

LONG ISLAND - New Horizons Spiritualist Church
Meeting: at 10:00 a.m., 1130 N. Broadway, Massapequa; Classes available; Mail to: Frances Werbeck, Secy., 43 Grand St., Lynbrook, 11563, (516) 593-7213; Pastor, Rev. N. A. Lloyd, NST, 10 Muncy Ave., Apt. 301, W. Babylon, 11704, (631) 669-3226, e-mail: nlloyd@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

LONG ISLAND - Summerland Church of Light, NSAC
Healing and Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m. service held at 225 Wireless Blvd., Hauppauge; Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5209, Hauppauge, 11788-5209, (631) 732-0421; Pastor, Rev. Richard Schoeller, NST, (631) 271-2985.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
So. Ocean Ave. & Baker St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Hugo Ruiz, NST; Mailing address: P.O. Box 3400, Patchogue, 11772, 800-316-1231; website: http://www.TMS-Li.org.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
29 Vick Park A, Rochester, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Third Wednesdays All Message and Healing Services 7-9 p.m.; Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org; Pastor, Robin Higgins; Pres., Joanne Antinore.

• OHIO •

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association
Wooley Park Drive, P.O. Box 277, 43003; Secy., Nikki DeWitt, (740) 747-3825, e-mail: www.ashleycamp.com.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
4230 Main Ave.; Sun. Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; **TELEPHONE FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.** Pres., Dorothy A. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093; Phone: (440) 293-7056; For information contact: Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093; Phone: (440) 293-7056. **LET PHONE RING.** Services are held starting with the 2nd Sun. in Sept. and continue through the last Sun. in May. Church is not in session during June, July, and Aug.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211, (614) 263-1631; Pastor, Natalie Smith Blakeslee.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC
611 Watervliet Ave., 45420, (937) 878-1165.

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1306 S.W. 38; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, NSAC
1123 Oak, 18102; e-mail: getter@entermail.net; Lyceum 9:30 a.m. with Sun. Service to follow at 10:00 a.m. including healing and message work; Pastor, Rev. Ludwig Zernicek, NST; e-mail: rev_lance@entermail.net, phone (610) 770-7560; Pres., Sharon George-Politz, C.M., (610) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, e-mail: getter_sec@entermail.net. or phone (610) 770-7560.

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 1:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230-1981, (412) 461-7002; Vice Pres., Jim Rocky, (412) 381-7584, Secy., Dianne English, 820 Stanton Ave., Pittsburth, 15209.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun. 4:30 p.m.; Healing and Worship Service 5:30 p.m.; Wed. all message, 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison, Sr.; Co-Pastor, Betty Hutt; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
4200 Ave. "D", 78751, (512) 458-3987; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Wanda Garcia; Corr. Secy., Dora Hamburg.

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church of Cameron
Pres., Pearlie Kreneck, P.O. Box 1152, 76520-1152, Fax: (254) 697-2275.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church, NSAC
4905 Inwood Dr., Rowlett, 75088; Devotional, Healing and Message Serv., 2nd and 4th Sunday's each month at 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.; Class/Circle following service at 4:30 p.m.; Pres., Julie de Araujo, (972) 276-8232; Student Pastor, Robert Croteau, (972) 675-9080; Mail: P.O. Box 464, China Spring, 76633; e-mail: SSC@SSCNSAC.ORG; website: http://SSCNSAC.org.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC
2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Garcia-Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Liana Liles, 20214 No. Briar Dr., 77073; e-mail: L_creat@hotmail.com; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. open healing and meditation 7:30 p.m.; Messages from Spirit 8:00 p.m.; Fri. Spiritual Development 7:30 p.m., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: ITZNOWOO@aol.com.

McMAHAN - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church, NSAC
2714 FM 713, Lockhart, 78644-4163; Devotional, healing and message serv. followed by class/circle, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Dr. Jean I. Hamner, (512) 376-5310; e-mail: ALSCNSAC@AOL.COM.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
1627 PanAm Expwy. North, 78208-1143, (210) 225-2354; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Hector Caldera and Alex Sifuentes.

TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
1300 W. 4th & Ferguson, P.O. Box 1113, 76574; (512) 251-5425.

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 N. Washington St.; Mailing Addr. CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040--6535; (703) 645-8060; website: www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Serv.; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:00 a.m., followed by Worship Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Judy Griesse, Lyceum Dir.; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Wayne Knoll; Secy., Larry Leonard, 5905 Sherborn Lane, Springfield, VA 22152, (703) 569-1541; e-mail: larry@larryleonard.com.

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
307 W. 37th St., 23508, (757) 622-5070; Service held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Healing available at 7:00 p.m. Sun. and Wed.; Pres., Fred H. Brown; Secy., Ann Marie Croteau; Lyceum Director, Beth Yates.

• WASHINGTON •

KENT - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC
Services held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at The Spiritual World, 216 First Ave. So.; All Correspondence to: Allers, 11113 S.E. 323 St., Auburn, 98092, (206) 824-7454; e-mail: Info@divinegrace.org.; Pres., Bernie Allers; Secy., Lezlie Deuchress; website: www.DivineGrace.org.

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Tel. (253) 927-2050, Fax (253) 927-7531; Pres., Colleen Mohler, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Karen Wennerlind.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, LaVerne Pemberton, (206) 722-2348; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Catherine Cesaro, (206) 782-3779; e-mail: csunsac@yahoo.com.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association of Wheeling, WV.
(Way Memorial Temple) N. Broadway & Maryland Sts., (304) 233-5065; Sun. Lyceum at 9:30 a.m.; Healing and Worship Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Tues. Development Circle; Wed. Healing 6:30 p.m., Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Fri. Open Circle and Discussion. Lyceum Conductor, Beverly Goff, Asst. Conductor, Josetta Ludwig; Pastor, Rev. Raymond Jones, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003, (304) 232-5795; e-mail: pastorray@1st.net; Church website: http://users.1st.net/pastorray; Church e-mail: waymemorialtemple@1st.net. Church open year round.

• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis
6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, (414) 545-7650; Pres., Manila Kochanski, W1371 Hwy. O, Oconomowoc, 53066, (920) 474-7332; website: fscwa.org.

WONEWOC - West Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
304 Hill St., 53968, 1-800-974-7035 or (608) 464-7770; Open mid-June to mid-September.

• CANADA •

BRITTEN MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CANADA
657 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6H 3Y2.

CHURCH OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM
674 Kennedy Rd., Scarsborough, Ontario M1K 2B5; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Lecture & Message Serv., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Delphi Center for Development, Enlightenment, Spiritual Healing; Contact Rev. Judy Merrill (416) 264-6758; e-mail: jmmevolve@yahoo.com.

THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL
2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF GALT
72 Grand Avenue North, Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K9; Sun. Serv.: Healing 2:30 p.m., Devotional 3:00 p.m.; Summer (June, July, Aug.): Healing 6:30 p.m., Devotional 7:00 p.m.; Meditation, healing and message circle, Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Development & Healing Classes available; Pastor, Rev. Ed Kenning (semi-retired); Pastor, Rev. Karen Charles (519) 622-7177; website: http://members.rogers.com/fscg; e-mail: fscg@rogers.com.

SPIRITUAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP
Office: 1974 de Maisonneuve W., Montreal, QC H3H 1K5, (514) 937-8359, Fax (514) 937-5380; Location: Days Inn, 1005 Guy St., Montreal; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Mid-Week Serv. Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Classes, Workshops, Teas, Meditation, Conferences, Discussion Groups, Spiritual Healing, Message Circles, Visiting Mediums; Pres./Pastor, Rev. Dr. Marilyn Rossner.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA
83 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Y9; Pres., Rev. Alva Folkes; website: www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com.

SPRINGDALE CHURCH, TORONTO
30 Merritt Rd., Toronto, Ontario M4B 3K5; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing & Messages, 7:00 p.m. Address and Spirit Messages; Tues., 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing & Meditation; Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Messages and Open Development Circle; Development Classes; Pastor, Rev. Doreen Bauld, (416) 759-3958.

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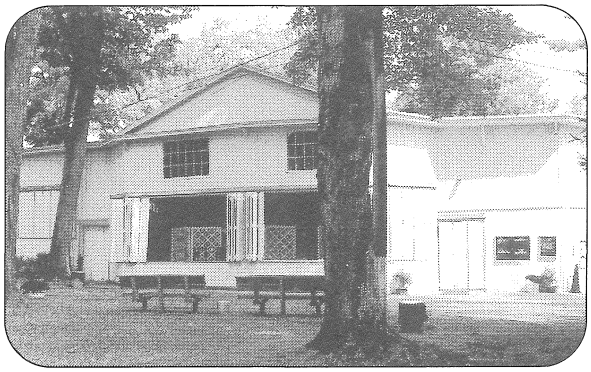
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Washington, D.C., as a non-profit religious organization. The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, Peggy Johnson and Tina Lynch keep the office and book store running smoothly, answer many questions each day and hand out reams of informational literature to help those visiting to understand more about Spiritualism. On the second floor there are Spiritualist publications and books from the past, where serious researchers often come to seek information. It has frequently been visited by visitors from the U.S. Library of Congress and Smithsonian Institute. Sylvia Kincaid has been organizing much of the old material, to keep it for future generations. NSAC is proud of its distinct religious history and has maintained a continuous record of its history in the archives of the Research Library.



Auditorium

The Auditorium building is unique, with sides that open to allow fresh air in, or close to keep the breezes out. It seats 920 people, and is often filled when a feature speaker is present. On Sunday morning and each afternoon in the summer, it is used for worship services. Occasionally, there are weddings held in the auditorium, but usually they are conducted on a smaller scale at the Healing Temple, Inspiration Stump, or Forest Temple.

Shopping is available on the grounds of Lily Dale. The Lily Dale Bookstore carries tapes, books and pamphlets on subjects relating to Spiritualism, along with a selection of children's books. The Lily Dale Gift Shop is located in the same building and has souvenirs and gifts for all ages to purchase. The Lily Dale Fire Company helps raise funds with the Second Time Around Shop where they sell new and used items, gifts, jewelry and some clothing. The Crystal Cove has unique gifts, jewelry, cards, books, oils, candles, music and more. The Bargin Shoppe has a unique offering of gifts, jewelry, souvenirs, and peanuts to feed the friendly squirrels of Lily Dale.

There are **sports** such as hiking, biking, boating, canoeing, swimming, fishing, jet skiing, water skiing, and golf, available at the Camp or close by. There is a lovely tent and travel trailer park.



The First Spiritualist Temple picnic.

There are **Special Weeks** such as Canadian Week, Virginia Week, and probably more. I was fortunate to be present during the First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora, NY, annual picnic, which is on the third Sunday in July, each year. However, I should have arrived to take the picture before lunch for two reasons. (1) The food spread was impressive and yummy looking, and (2) by the time the picture was taken, half of the people were out and about wandering the beautiful grounds. Gladys Kellerman said there were around 100 members and friends of the church who attended this year, and by the wonderful, abundant spread of food everyone brought, they probably could have fed many, many more. Helping myself to a piece of banana bread made by 92-year-old Edna Mays, I was thankful for being able to enjoy their company and the good desert. Susan Blessing and I talked healing, as we had both been involved with the NSAC Healing Center, and Donna Azzarelli greeted me warmly like a sister. I received lots of hugs from this friendly, loving, accepting group. Aren't Spiritualists wonderful!

There is a special vibration and **Sense of Community** in Lily Dale, when push comes to shove, everyone that lives there, pulls together. Someone suggested going to Inspiration Stump at night, when no one is around and you will find spirit is very active too, pulling together. The Stump is a sacred spot, and you can relive the history of Spiritualism. The rows start to fill up with spirit friends and spirit mediums. They will tell you their story, talk about who is there. This has happened to many people.

There is something about the energy in Lily Dale. It seems whatever you need, if you will go and find a comfortable spot, sit and pray, asking for what is important to you, someone will come to you with help. They might be in the physical or someone from the spiritual, but it is as though questions are

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answered quickly here if a person takes the time to be open to receive. For example, in one story, a woman was concerned about her son and had prayed for healing. As she recounted the story, she said she must have "fallen asleep or something," for there were three or four people standing around, and they told her that her son was receiving healing because she had asked for it, and within seven days she would begin to see a difference in him. Sure enough, within this time span her son began to get better and made a full recovery.



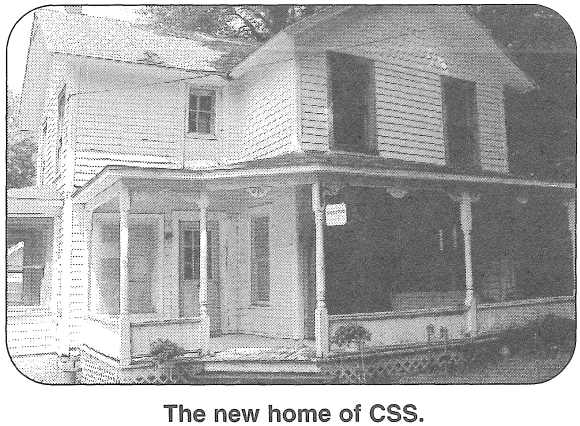
Volunteer workers from Canada were striping wallpaper and painting the new CSS building.

EDUCATION FACILITIES



Alvin and Carol Gasper

In addition to the seminars and workshops offered during the summer, there are two educational facilities located on the grounds. Morris Pratt spent six years in Lily Dale before he donated the **Morris Pratt Institute** building, which was put in Wisconsin, then all the teachers went up there to teach. Its main headquarters are now in Milwaukee, but it also has a lovely building on the Lily Dale grounds. MPI offers a nationally accepted correspondence course in Spiritualism, for certification and ordination. It uses the Lily Dale building for workshops, discussions, and for teaching a two-week Pastoral Skills Course each June. Alvin and Carol Gasper have begun a weekly discussion group during the summer months which has been well received.



The new home of CSS.

Center For Spiritual Studies (CSS – Spiritualist Seminary) has just been gifted a building in Lily Dale for its headquarters. Work is in progress to restore the building and restructure it for workshops and classes, with an office and library. Extensive work on the exterior of the building will have to wait until the camp has closed so any noises made will not disturb the Camp Session. The Center has recently received recognition with the State of New York as a state recognized educational institution, and will partner with another college for basic programs needed. It offers a correspondence course that is striving for BA and AA degrees. The late Rev. Barbara Thurman willed her extensive library of books to CSS, and others have also donated books. Tom Rugani is CSS's registrar who is working hard to get the Center accredited.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

We all wonder what the implications of the greater awarenesses people are experiencing will do for humanity and for Spiritualism. More and more people are hearing about mediumship, meditation, spirit guides, continuing life, honoring all life and eternal progression. These concepts are a breakthrough in the evolution of humanity, a door opening as people transform from using only the five senses, to using their sixth sense, and to depending on their intuition, their spiritual gifts and their spirit guides.

Think of the culture with a new modality of thinking people working toward the greater good; of people trying to live in love; of men and women respecting nature and knowing all of God's creation is here for a purpose. Places like Lily Dale, that attract people working to transform, are wayshowers and a light to those who want to grow. Searching people create change in society. Change is gradual, but change brings growth, especially when it is an inner spiritual change. Individual growth expands and touches others.

Several speakers made comments as to the future of Spiritualism and Lily Dale. This is a brief

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summary of some of the discussions.

As President of the Lily Dale Assembly, **Susan Glasier** is a busy woman. She said that Lily Dale works hard to keep the Camp uplifting and a Spiritual community, and the future will continue in this manner as it has for 125 years. There are 428 members of Lily Dale with thousands of people that come to learn, grow and experience each summer. Mediumship is many people's first experience with Spiritualism, so it is important to keep mediumship according to guidelines set. Each medium that is registered is tested to assure ability and to guide them in the mediumship principles. If a complaint comes about a medium, it also affects the Camp, so Lily Dale works hard to keep the quality of mediums high. The Village always comes together when they are needed, looks out for each other and helps those in need. Some rarely even lock their doors. The grounds are such a pretty place, in fact, a pleasanter location for personal renewal would be difficult to find. This feeling of peace and beauty will always attract spiritual seekers.

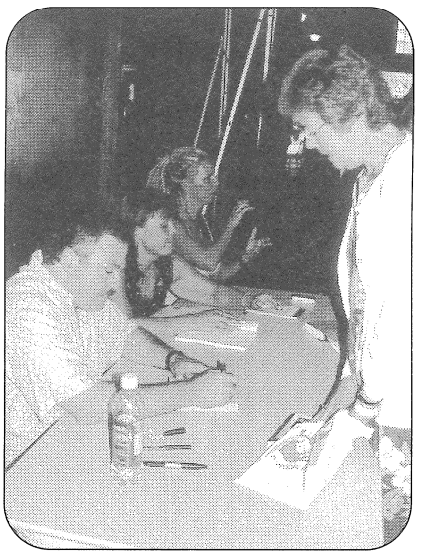


Susan Glasier

Kevin Ryerson feels Lily Dale is part of the free thinking tradition. Spiritual residents still debate ideas, but have not abandoned the intimacy of neighborhood. The beauty and naturalness of the place, with the physical and spiritual energy shared, is powerful because there is a sense of home. Life is not without conflict or drama, but the future of enlightened persons will know that "One drop of joy transforms oceans of fear, anger and jealousy." Joy is a strong emotion, and when used to create reality, it will help overcome lower reality to transform you and the people around you. We are the new Atlantians sharing the sacred centers of the world which help align our personal sacred spiritual centers. As we practice our inner values, we become harvesters and realize the abundance of life that is available as we choose what we care to receive. There is a high concentration of healing energy in Lily Dale. It is a way station where some walk away with more guides and more energy than they came in with. Lily Dale, with its romantic past, its healing vibrations, and its spiritual energy is the future, the now. The nature of energy is to flow toward balance, and nature is all around you in "the Dale." The cities, with the financial, material or earthly goals, separate people and scatter energy. As each person leaves Lily Dale, they are disciples, so they may open the hearts and minds of others.

A group discussion commented that if you look around at the people you see coming into Lily Dale, you will notice they are now a younger group, families and singles, in their thirties and forties. They are seeing spiritual events happening on television, in the movies, in magazines and books that inspire them to want to know more. They ask wonderful, intelligent questions and are open to spirit communication. The children and younger generation that are coming into adulthood are open to spirit energy and questioning unusual things they are experiencing. Lily Dale calls the free thinkers of every generation. Spiritualism will always prosper if we continue to interest the youth to grow and develop their mediumistic abilities, to dare to search outside of the box for spiritual truths.

Peggy Johnson feels we need quality mediumship, not psychics, so the Camp will continue to grow. In order for any camp to survive, there must be diversity, and this variety interests a variety of seekers. Hopefully, when they are here and see good mediums who offer proof of survival, they will come back for true mediumship.



James Van Praagh signing books.

James Van Praagh, world famous, medium extraordinaire, is a nice guy who takes time with everyone and makes them feel special. He felt the future would find more spiritual awareness and more consciousness evolving into the mainstream of life. He has traveled around the world and has had physical phenomena when sitting with another group of mediums in Brazil and with the Scole Group in England. Mr. Van Praagh has agreed to a phone interview for *TNS*, so look for that in a future edition.

Joyce La Judice thinks we will see an influx of young mediums, for the kids are getting interested again. The young people in their twenties and thirties are natural mediums, but they have to learn before they can give,



Joyce La Judice

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so hopefully they will take courses and develop their natural abilities. Being around some of the young adults that come into the Lily Dale Museum, the questions are not just about the history and artifacts, but about 90% of the questions are about mediumship and Spiritualism. She also foresees for the future, the coming back of true physical phenomena, in controlled situations. What they do at the museum is to give out hundreds of free literature samples and the extra *Summits*—people are not leaving them on the ground—people are definitely interested.

Raymond Buckland, a writer and presenter this summer at Lily Dale, Mr. Buckland is very optimistic for the future. He felt, each year the religion would gain greater acceptance as a religion, and Spiritualism will eventually be part of mainstream religions. It is in a renaissance period right now, reestablishing itself. The people of England seem to be more open to Spiritualism, but with John Edwards and other mediums in the public eye now, people in the US are stopping and thinking about possibilities. These are really exciting times for Spiritualism. People are more open to explore, and many are dissatisfied with their current churches, and want more. Raymond Buckland has written several books on Spiritualism: *Doors to Other Worlds, Book of Spirit Communications* (which he won an award for), and he is currently completing *The Spirit Book Encyclopedia of Clairvoyance, Channeling and Spirit Communication.*

Sharon Snowman writes, Lily Dale is a unique Spiritualist community, a spiritual and experiential retreat for everyone who enters. The sylvan aspects and peaceful meditative atmosphere add to its tranquility and healing restorative energies. Walking through the gates of Lily Dale visitors are heard repeatedly to state they feel that they have stepped back through time and found a place of rejuvenation and peace. It is visited annually by individuals worldwide who return to partake of the Lily Dale experience. For 125 years, generations have returned to Lily Dale for the physical, mental, and spiritual fulfillment they receive. Here, they are able to partake of the universal healing energies that permeate these grounds and additionally receive veridical greetings from people in spirit that definitely prove the basis of our religion—the continuity of life. She believes that the future holds untold marvels in the areas of Mediumship and Healing. We would be foolish to assume that we have discovered all the phenomena, physical or mental that is attainable. As we have moved into the electronic age, we have seen additional phenomena develop such as Independent Instrumental Communications—automatic computer messages, automatic typewriting, Electronic Voice Phenomena, White Noise communications, and who is to say it has reached its end. It is, simply, that in our striving for our eternal progression, we awaken to new unbound reaches of paranormal investigation and research. May the next 125 years be as fruitful, progressive and enlightening.



Established by Spiritualist "free thinkers," Lily Dale continues as a community to be dedicated to the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. It schedules a series of presentations, events and experiences each year to share information, uplift and enlighten, create a spiritual awakening, hope and peace for those who are open to receive these loving, expanding energies. The atmosphere may be 19th Century, but the experience will take Spiritualists and seekers into the 21st Century. The World's Largest Spiritualist Community has touched hundreds of thousands and will continue to reach out to hundreds of thousands more in the future.

Today's mediums, healers, lecturers, and volunteers, continue the work at the Camp. Lily Dale is a living, growing, memorial to Spiritualism. In talking to residents and people who arrived for the first time, often they commented, "When I walked onto the grounds, my first impression was it felt like home." Many interviewed said, "Once you have been to Lily Dale, it calls you back and you come again and again." Change continues as we evolve, as Lily Dale evolves and the future is bright, for the Assembly will always be guided by spirit. Lily Dale's residents accept the challenges the years ahead have to offer. The 125 years of history of Cassadaga Lake Free Association was one of courage, stamina and dedication—surely the next 125 years will continue this tradition.

In addition to fine mediums, wonderful featured workers, teachers and speakers, powerful healers, there is laughter, wisdom, friends, thoughtful discussions—all in a place of natural beauty. There were times when I felt the energy so strongly, I knew our past was still present. As was said at the end of a service: "Please come back to see us here in Lily Dale, for here you will always find an open mind, an open heart, peace and a smile. Greetings.

TNS wishes to thank the friends of Lily Dale who made the research trip possible. A special thanks to Ann, Lelia, Sharon, Peggy, Anne, Patricia, and Carol. The information received, the interviews given and the pictures taken could have filled several magazines instead of just one, but we hope you enjoy this feature issue.

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The Rev. Carol Brown

THE PORTRAIT THAT SMILED

BY THE REV. CAROL A. BROWN, NST, Virginia

Many years ago, between eight to seventeen people from the Memorial Spiritualist Church of Norfolk, Virginia, would travel to the Lily Dale Spiritualist Community each summer. There we would meet to form a loosely knit group and enjoy the many benefits of spending a week or two at the "oldest and largest" Spiritualist camp in the United States.

Each person in our group had been actively working at our home church all year. Most were in highly demanding career positions. We really enjoyed taking some time off—to attend (rather than lead) church and healing services, message services, classes, workshops, and thought exchanges.

Each of us understood and respected the right of other members to participate in group activities or to choose to be alone...to sit quietly by the lake, spend time in the meditation garden, sit silently at the Healing Temple, or to "lump" (as in "to become a lump") in a rocking chair on the porch of the Maplewood Hotel. I will admit that I spent a great deal of time "lumping" on the porch and meeting the most wonderful array of people from all over the world while doing so.

Although each of us enjoyed the opportunity and freedom to "just be" during our quiet time, we also enjoyed gathering as a group to attend the various services, play cards, or to go to Wally's store for an ice cream sundae or banana split (many times having to supply our own bananas).

Most members of our group gathered in the sitting room just off the Maplewood Hotel lobby one afternoon where there were plenty of sofas, love seats, and chairs. A tapestry on one wall had been hand-made years ago by a young girl while in an unconscious trance state. There were a number of spirit paintings on other walls of the room—portraits done in the style of the times—stern, serious, even dour, expressions on each face.

One of the portraits was of a well-known pioneer of Modern American Spiritualism, *"The Animated Encyclopedia of Spiritualism,"* Mrs. Mercy Cadwallader. It was hanging on the wall directly above a wonderful (out of tune) **old, old, old,** piano.

Fred Brown (no relation), the music director at our church, graciously agreed to tickle the ivories while we sang. And sing we did! As we called out the number of a hymn in the NSAC Spiritualist Hymnal, Fred played, we sang, and a crowd began to gather. Others joined our group. They began to call out names of songs of long ago—*Bicycle Built For Two, Over There,* and *She'll Be Coming Around The Mountain* were a few of the oldies, but goodies, we sang that day in addition to familiar hymns. There was a sense of excitement in the air. Singing and laughter filled the room. And—as many of us looked up at the portrait above the piano—Mercy Cadwallader smiled.

CADWALLADER, Mrs. M. E. – "The Animated Encyclopedia of Spiritualism"

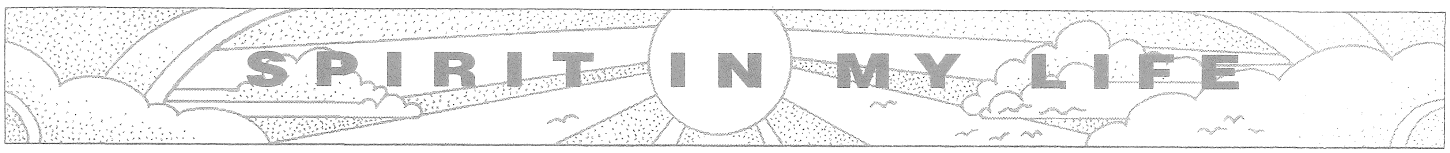
A zealous worker for many years, Mrs. M. Cadwallader was one of the organizers of the National Spiritualist Association. In 1894, she was elected as Honorary Vice President of that organization. However, she resigned that title to become a missionary for the movement. She was editor of the *Progressive Thinker* for twenty-four years.

Through her efforts, the Andrew Jackson Davis Lyceum was built in Lily Dale, New York. She was a dedicated lyceum worker.

As one of the most outstanding contributors to the religion of Spiritualism, she was responsible for the erection of a marker placed in the front yard of the Fox Cottage, rebuilt by John Drummond, at Hydesville, New York, and the message inscribed thereon "There is no death and there are no dead." She also helped to erect a shrine, placed by the Spiritualists of the World, at the Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Rochester, New York. Although the church has been moved, the hallowed ground and marker was rededicated in October of 1978.

During World War I, she organized the movement for equipping and sending eight American Spiritualist ambulances to France. She served well in the field. After forty years of service, she retired to Philadelphia and passed to spirit on December 12, 1924. Some of her publications are *Hydesville in History* and *Antiquity Unveiled.*

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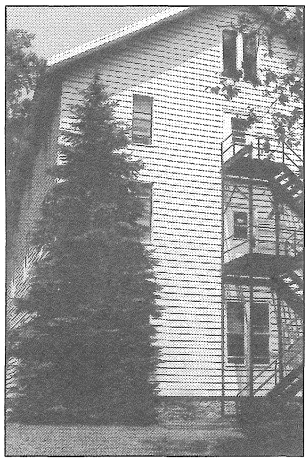


Spirit In My Life *is a monthly column for each of us to share something that has affected our lives where our spirit friends are involved. We all have a story, let us hear yours.*

Virginian Spiritualist Vacation in Lily Dale, New York

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB, NST

For decades every summer, a group of Virginian Spiritualists would make the long drive up to Lily Dale, NY, for a one-week vacation. Most of us would stay in the Maplewood Hotel, and a few would bunk in with the Rev. Joe Merrill or one of the other residents of the Dale. Everyone would gather on the hotel porch to share stories and rock in the old wooden rocking chairs. We practiced the rocking and chatting technique so much that we officially named it "Lumping." Once a Virginian settled herself into a rocking chair, she was probably going to stay in it for a couple of hours like a lump of clay stuck to the seat cushions.



Maplewood Hotel

In the summer of 1990, Frank Cribb and Kathleen Backus visited the second floor of the hotel. This room had a window looking out on the parking lot, a closet, a dresser and two twin beds separated by a night stand with a lamp. Around 10 p.m., Frank went up to the room and climbed into the bed closest to the window. Kathleen was so busy playing UNO with the girls in the parlor that she didn't think about going to bed until around midnight.

When Kathleen arrived in the room, Frank turned on the little lamp and they talked for a few minutes. He was explaining how next-door the rocking chair made creaking noises that had kept him awake. Then, just as Kathleen started to change clothes for bed, the light went out. Neither Frank nor Kathleen turned the lamp off. It was perfectly clear the spirits were not going to allow any hanky panky in this room. Frank awoke about 6 a.m. and sat up on the edge of his bed. A strange female voice said "Good Morning." Frank was gazing lovingly at Kathleen's face just as the woman spoke. It was definitely not Kathleen who spoke to him. She was fast asleep, purring softly. When Frank mentioned it to Judy at the front desk, she said no one was staying in the room next to his. However, there is an old rocking chair in that particular room. A couple of days later, Frank saw a woman wearing a dark Victorian dress with a very full skirt walk into the bedroom closet.

On one of her trips to the stump in the Lewellyn Woods, Kathleen watched a cat entertain the little children during the message service. When the service was over, the cat strolled back down the path, turned right toward the pet cemetery and disappeared into thin air. She was later told that the spirit cat is a regular at the services.

The Virginia group enjoyed a special treat during the summer of 1990. The Rev. Anne B. Gehman invited them all to her house for dinner. After dinner we all learned how to bend silver spoons by channeling energy through our bare hands.

There was always something happening at the camp. There was one time Frank ran upstairs to tell Kathleen about a conversation he overheard in the lobby. The desk clerk was apologizing to one of the patrons who wanted to have her room changed. The desk clerk explained that she didn't have a vacant room that wasn't haunted.

A WEDDING IN LILY DALE

Frank and I decided to celebrate our marriage during Virginia week of 1992 in Lily Dale, NY. We made this choice so we could be surrounded by the Spiritualist friends we love, many of which actually live in Lily Dale. We also chose it because Lily Dale represents great beginnings for Spiritualists. The campgrounds exude the energy of love and excitement.

We called ahead to arrange for the Dale to allow us to hold the ceremony in the Bandstand overlooking the lake, and the Maplewood Hotel to allow us to use their parlor for our reception. We also phoned a local grocery store to bake a wedding cake for us.

As soon as we got settled in our room, we drove down to Fredonia to check on our cake and buy the marriage license. Unfortunately, the bakery clerk lost the phone order. They were not going to be able to bake a wedding cake on this short notice. Fortunately, one of the store clerks remembered Frank's calling in the order. They apologized profusely and assured us the cake would be ready before noon on the day of the wedding.

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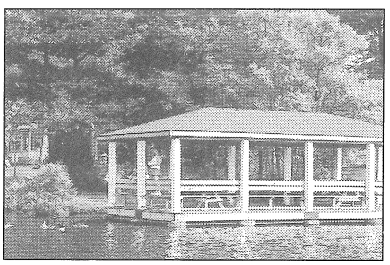
chant on everyone's lips. It had rained continuously for a week and everyone was beginning to wonder if we were ever going to see sunshine again. The temperature was only in the 50s; pretty chilly for July. Joe Merrill told me he was actually praying for sunshine for our wedding. He was such a sweet man.

Meanwhile, Frank and I are driving all over Fredonia trying to buy flowers and a license. After following some bad directions from locals, the florist finally told us how to locate the county clerk's office. We arrived in her office looking like drowned rats who were out of breath from running in the rain. She sold us a marriage license and a fishing license, all at the same time. Now, we felt like we are making progress.

The next day we drove around the countryside looking for the perfect place to hold the rehearsal dinner. We found a rustic Amish Restaurant in Cherry Valley. They agreed to set our party off to the side, away from the regular crowd.

My mom drove up from Baltimore, Maryland and Frank's mom and his son, David, drove up from Wilmington, North Carolina. David was to be the best man, and my friend, Marlene, was my maid of honor. Fred Brown planned to play the electric portable piano, and Raquelle and C.C. Hill were singing and playing a guitar. The Rev. Lelia Cutler was going to officiate the service.

Everything was slowly falling into place. Everything except that awful rain. The afternoon before the wedding, we held our rehearsal carrying umbrellas and wearing rain coats. Yuck! Then we went to our rooms to get dressed for the dinner.



Feeding The Geese

Shortly after arriving in her room in Fredonia, my mom had an upset stomach. She was so ill she could not join our dinner party. The rest of us piled into cars and drove caravan style 20 miles to Cherry Valley. It was just perfect. The food was delicious and the service was terrific. C.C. brought his guitar with him and sang love songs to us. We all joined in and made quite a joyful noise. The groom suddenly got so excited that he got a sick stomach too. He spent a good part of the night in the men's room.

After dinner, we sat around the lobby of the Maplewood making large Kleenex flowers. Our plan was to decorate the bandstand in the morning. That was assuming the weather would cooperate.

On the morning of our wedding, Frank and I drove to Fredonia to pick up the cake. We had to shelter a three-tiered cake from the driving rain. Then we placed it in the back of the Ford Escort praying it would not slide all over the car. Whew! It made the trip without melting or falling apart.

Approximately one hour before the wedding was to take place, the rain stopped. Raquelle, Marlene and I all ran out to the bandstand and taped the paper flowers onto the columns. Then we rushed back inside to get dressed for the ceremony. The plan was for everyone to be standing in place before the bride descended the staircase inside the Maplewood. Someone was to tap on my door as my cue to come down.

Five minutes before the ceremony was to start, I heard a knock on my bedroom door. When I opened the door, my sister, Barbara, was standing in the hallway greeting me. I thought she was in Chicago working on her doctorate in Christian Theology. My mom wanted to surprise me; so, she bought Barb an airline ticket. I was surprised all right. But, Barb was a nervous wreck. As soon as they drove mom's car through the gates of Lily Dale, the engine had caught on fire.

Finally, I got my cue to start down the stairs. Halfway down I was told to stop. The groom has just run off toward the cafeteria. David had left the rings in the room. While Frank is running back to the room to retrieve the rings, our friend, Bob, stepped on a nail as large as a railroad spike. It went clear through his foot. He wasn't watching where he was walking because he was taking pictures of the ceremony. Bob handed the camera to Jim and made a hasty exit to the nearest hospital.

The sun was still shining, thanks to Joe's prayers, and everyone was back in position. I walked down the stairs, out the door and down the porch stairs toward the bandstand. Just then a frightful gust of wind ripped the hat right off my head and it sailed across the lawn. I ran after it, cursing rude obscenities all the way. Fortunately, the hat did not get muddy, since it never touched the ground. Placing the lacy Frisbee back on my head, I regained my composure and walked properly up to my rightful place by the groom.

Everything was beautiful. Lily and Dale, the swans, were swimming in the background of the lake, and most of the residents of Lily Dale showed up to witness the blessed event. This was truly a grand occasion!

Fred's music was beautiful. Rev. Cutler delivered a dignified and memorable service. Then just as Raquelle and C.C. were in the middle of an enchanting love duet, my sister tore off after the AAA tow truck. The driver was about to haul my mother's car off to who knows where.

Once again, we all took a few deep breaths of air and regained our composure. As bride and groom, we made our vows and each said "I do." Then Lelia said, "You may kiss the bride," and Frank responded, "You Betcha!"

Everyone retired to the parlor of the Maplewood Hotel. No sooner than all of us were inside, the rains returned. Everyone toasted the rain, the sunshine and the new couple with champagne in Jim Buchanan's wine glasses. We ate cake and laughed for at least an hour.

PS: The Cribbs are still happily married and laughing about their wedding foibles.

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I Remember Lily Dale

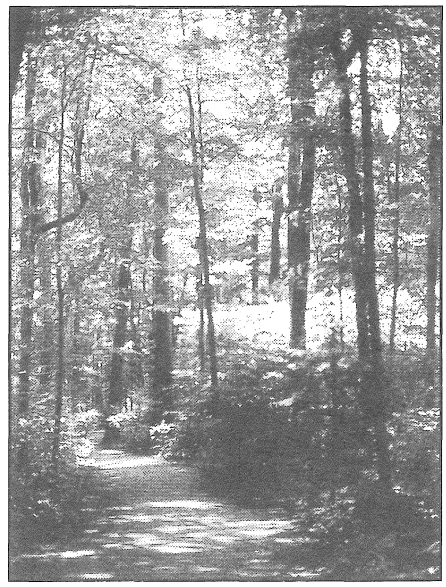
BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York

A staunch Presbyterian family, from about the age of eight, I remember yearly pilgrimages to Lily Dale to marvel at those "strange people and their weird ideas about talking to the dead." We would pack a picnic and laughingly head for the Dale. I was expected to behave properly and politely or risk being banished to the car. Truth be told, I don't remember much about those services in the auditorium except how lovely the ladies looked in their long gowns and how full the room was with people in their Sunday best, which confused me, since they called this place a camp.

There was a great cafeteria, and even more exciting was "The Pagoda" where Mama would allow me a trinket to take home if I had behaved. It was run by the Ladies Auxiliary. There were little shops under the Auditorium that had a dank and dusty odor, but always had interesting cast offs from the ladies of the assembly. Today, The Second Time Around Shop and The Gift Shop have replaced them. For today's children, I'm sure, the wares are just as exciting, but I miss the magic of the handcrafted merchandise and musty smell and the treats at "The Pagoda." Today it is used for the "Karma Cafe" and has delightful desserts, but you can't wander around this circular structure and dally in the little room on the side as I did years ago.

The mediums and people of Lily Dale had a special aura around them, (remember I was just a child). Perhaps because they were always stylishly dressed, in lovely dresses and suits and ties, at least, when they served the outdoor meetings and the auditorium. There was a rule (I don't know if it was actual or simply agreed on by the citizens of Lily Dale), but from two until four, it was absolutely quiet around the auditorium. The mediums closed their homes and everyone found themselves with only one place to go, the afternoon service. Children on the grounds were quiet and there was no traffic on Cottage Row. This might be a rule to reconsider today when it is sometimes hard to hear the message for the competing voices and sounds outside.

We would take the long hike out to the stump. A reverent quietness seemed to enfold us when we entered the woods. Trees and birds were pointed at, but there was little conversation, we would stop at the Pet Cemetery and talk about how they loved their animals so much they must have been special people to make a place like that. Then we would rejoin the walkers. For several days after we came home, my sister, Lura, would take delight in telling me she saw spirits and I had to be careful. She would wait until I sat down and then say "Charlie says you better get off his lap."



As I entered my teens, things began to change in the Dale. More and more people came dressed casually and treated their adventure with less respect. In my childhood, no one would have thought of coming in shorts and jeans. In those days, anyone who did was turned away at the door of the auditorium, reminded that it was a spiritual service for the Spiritualists, just as their church services were at home, and proper dress was expected. There were benches outside where they could sit and hear the service. I don't remember when it changed, and I suppose as we do with everything these days, it is easier to go along with the changes of society than to require respect for traditions.

Our annual trips to Lily Dale gradually subsided as I became older, and occasionally we would talk about it, but rarely did we go. When I was around fifteen, Lura went through a period of studying mediumship at Lily Dale. I was allowed to ride along to keep her company. While she was in class, I had a wonderful time just strolling around the Dale, the century old homes and the ambience often made me feel like I had crossed a threshold to a gentler time. Some of the people came to know me and would invite me in. How sad I didn't know then what I know now, I was treated to visits with mediums who talked, to what appeared to me, to be empty chairs. Now I would listen more attentively, and hopefully have the privilege of seeing the unseen guests.

Although I found Spiritualism's viewpoints interesting, I still clung to my belief system. The first time I began to really believe they knew what they were doing was when I went to a message service in the Assembly Hall. I was eighteen at the time, and a young man I thought was my "sole mate" had passed over shortly before.

The medium said to me, "There is a young sailor standing behind you with his hand on your shoulder—(huge gulp because I kept looking over my shoulder from the moment we arrived to see who kept squeezing it and of

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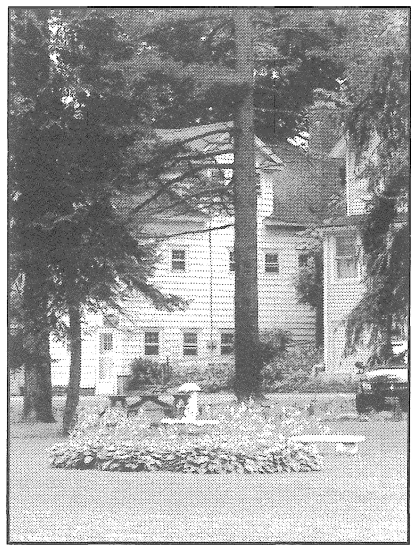
course, I saw no one). He went on to tell me I would someday find my path and do what he was doing, that Art was going to guide me. You can imagine the hoopla going home and the laughter at such a notion as my becoming "one of them" much less, poor Art being my guide!

After a disastrous marriage, at twenty eight, Mom and I began going to Lily Dale again. It took ten years, but suddenly I began to think these people knew something I wanted to know.

I began to study. It proved at times a daunting task and occasionally Mom would laugh and say, "What did you expect with Art for a guide? He always went around in circles until he got to where he meant to be!" Sometimes the longest way proves the better trip!

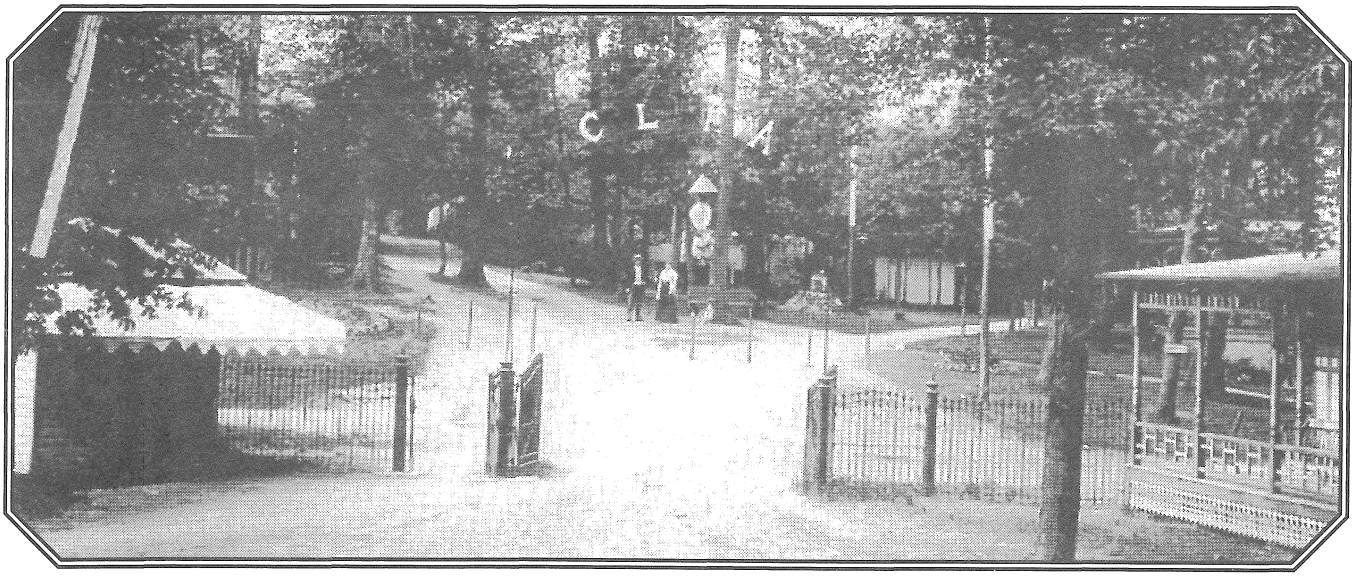
How fortunate I was to have been in Lily Dale then. My personal pioneers were people who lovingly and inspirationally spoke their truth, in spite of derision and false assumptions. They were quick to address wrongs and publicly speak up for their values. What a privilege it was seeing superb trance workers and skilled orators. I started to list them and it became evident this article would take the whole magazine. These people were demanding of those whom they felt would someday carry on the banner. A Canadian gentleman, Mr. Albert Batten, would sit in the back, and after a service would critique it to those who served, reminding ladies to sit like ladies on the platform and gentlemen to be sure their tie was in place. Even noted mediums respected his views and anxiously awaited his commentary. He was quick to catch little missteps in information given and remind the worker it was important to give correct information to the public.

The first time I served the auditorium as a speaker, I remember looking up and sitting like birds on a fence was the upper echelon of Spiritualism in the seats in the back. A thunderstorm began with loudly crashing blows and lightning. Suddenly the chairperson handed me a microphone. I belted out my lecture into the now cavernous black hole, where just shortly before I had been so petrified. Luckily the comments were kind, and thanks to Lily Dale, I became certain I too was going to speak for what I believed as far and wide as possible. I learned so much from having the privilege of being in Lily Dale over my formative years, and sometimes I hear myself saying something that I remember hearing in those long ago days when I sat mesmerized by the ladies beautiful gowns.



It was in Lily Dale I made a friend, the Rev. Colleen Gagliardi, who questioned why I wasn't going forward to Ordination. How fortunate I was to be surrounded by family and friends who encouraged my steps on the path of truth. How privileged I feel to have been Ordained in this beautiful citadel of spiritual truth.

Lily Dale is a beautiful Spiritualist community, and I am sure those coming through the gates for the first time today find the same peace and loving atmosphere I did. May Lily Dale's beautiful light, ever shine bright. ◊



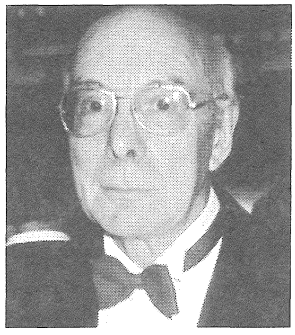
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October 2004 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

David Thompson Séance. There has been a lot of information coming out of the UK on the remarkable physical phenomena that is happening during David Thompson's Séances. The April 2004 *Journal of Religion and Psychical Research* published a case study written by Montague Keen regarding a Thompson séance that he attended in October 2003. Keen took detailed precautions to prevent fraud. During the séance, the medium and his chair were moved to another part of the room. The medium was bound with plastic ties and yet his sweater was reversed during the séance even though the ties remained unbroken. There were loud and clear spirit voices that answered questions and many other types of physical phenomena. Keen concluded that the "effects were genuine."

Montague Keen Continues his Work. Montague Keen made his transition to the other side on January 15, 2004. He was a psychic researcher and was a member of the Society for Psychical Research for 55 years. Monty was the principal investigator of the Scole Group of physical mediums, and author of the Scole Report, published in the Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research (SPR) (Vol 54 Pt 220) in 1999 with his co-investigators Arthur Ellison and David Fontana. His wife, Veronica, has reported that he fully materialized at a David Thompson séance in England about a month after his passing and that there have been other communications from him in New Zealand, Ireland and the United States. He has communicated that his work is now even more important than the work he was doing when in the physical.



Montague Keen
COURTESY VERONICA KEEN

Separation of Consciousness. In the Spring 2003 *Journal of Near-Death Studies* a nurse describes a cardiac arrest patient who said that she was "flying above everyone" while she was being resuscitated. She told the doctors that there was a one-cent coin on top of a cabinet. A nurse climbed up on the cabinet and the coin was most assuredly there. We have reported on studies that are being conducted in England where items are being placed on top of cabinets so that just this kind of thing will hopefully happen under controlled circumstances.

Discontinuities. In November 2003, the SPR focused its Study Day on the "jottle." The jottle, we are told in April 2004 *Paranormal Review,* "Is a particular form of JOTT (Just One of Those Things), a general term for discontinuities with time and place." Mary Rose Barrington has identified six variants of the jottle:

1) **Walkabout:** The basic jottle; when an object disappears from a known location and reappears in a new location.
2) **Comeback:** An object disappears and later reappears in the same place.
3) **Flyaway:** The object disappears and never comes back.
4) **Turn-up:** An object appears in a location where it couldn't have been before.
5) **Windfall:** An object appears that has never been seen before.
6) **Trade-in:** An object disappears, and is replaced with a similar object.

The article written by Nicola Holt tells us that, "The jottle is distinguished from apports in séances and bereavement cases, or from the movement of objects in poltergeist cases, the term referring to discontinuities out of the context of an ongoing paranormal event or syndrome."

From Study Day No. 45: "Discontinuities: Things That Come, Go and Relocate" by Nicola Holt, *The Paranormal Review,* April 2004, Issue 30.

Psypioneer News: Some people may recall the Psychic Pioneer web site which carried information on Spiritualism and reports on early workers in the field. Leslie Price of London, England is planning to relaunch this project, starting with a free monthly electronic newsletter. You can obtain the newsletter direct from leslie.price@blueynder.co.uk by heading a

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message "Subscribe." You can also find copies on the web at http://www.woodlandway.org/PSYPIONEER_NEWS.HTM. An interesting item we noted in the first issue, *Psypioneer Newsletter* - Volume 1 No. 1 - May 2004, is that the famous Society for Psychical Research was started by some of our Spiritualist Pioneers.

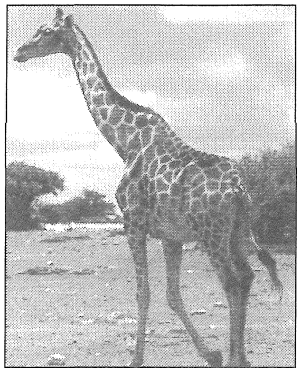
New Book: *Talking to the Dead:Kate and Maggie Fox and the Rise of Spiritualism,* by Barbara Weisberg, is receiving great reviews for its balanced look at the Fox family and the rise of Spiritualism. The book is well researched and brings out new details regarding the lives of Leah, Kate and Maggie Fox. One of the last things that our dear friend, The Rev. Barbara Thurman told us while she was still on the earth plane was how good this book was.

Animal Minds: The June issue of *New Scientist* shows that current research on various animals is proving that they are much smarter than humans give them credit. There are not many people who think of fish as being particularly smart. In his article, "Not just a pretty face," Culum Brown, a researcher with the University of Edinburgh in the UK, has shown that fish learn quickly, use tools, have sophisticated social structures and also possess impressive long-term memories. In five attempts, Brown trained fish to find a hole in fishing net. Eleven months later, he re-tested them and they immediately found the hole again, this after not seeing the net during those eleven months.

Alex Kacelnik, in his article, "Don't call me bird-brain," writes about a famous crow named Betty who made a complex shaped tool for a problem that she hadn't experienced before using a material that she had no experience in working with. Keith Kendrick in, "Here's looking at ewe," writes that, "Our studies show that sheep are remarkably good at recognizing, differentiating and remembering both sheep and human faces—an ability that suggests a level of mental and social sophistication way beyond what they are usually credited with...After seeing them in tests over the course of a few weeks, they can remember all these faces for at least two years.

In the article, "Trait spotting," author Liz Else asks, "Does your pet have a personality?" Most of us would certainly say our pets do and when we talk about personality, aren't we also talking about survival?

From: *NewScientist,* June 12-18 2004 Vol 182 No 2451



Giraffe Talk: From the Encyclopedia Britannica comes this information on the giraffe "The voice of the giraffe has so rarely been heard that the animal is popularly supposed to be voiceless, but it is capable of producing low call notes and moans."

Denise Forester wrote about a program that she had been watching on a researcher who was working on a project and had a computer hooked up with a microphone and an editing program. She was recording and accidentally picked up the sounds made by a herd of giraffes. She went to Africa to record the giraffes and has since recognized a pattern of language in the noises that they make. Their voices are inaudible to the human ear.

Interestingly, Denise said that this same program briefly touched on the fact that Thomas Edison was working on a way to communicate with those who had passed over. Is it possible that people will learn that just like the giraffe the dead can also speak through mediums and EVP? Picture from www.galenfrysinger.com/giraffe.htm

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Quotes taken from *The Sunflower*, January 13, 1906

"We are conscious waves in the all-permeating Life which flows from the Living Central spheres, or Circle of Light."



"Men and women with living, loving hearts in their bosoms, will not believe that they are perishable."

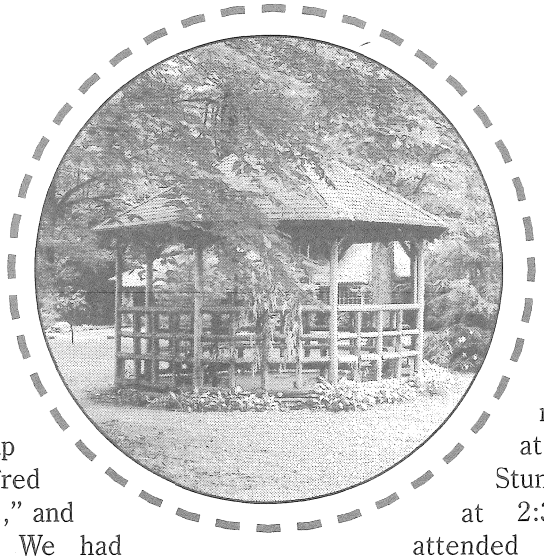
"All people have the spirit life within them which if not wrongly taught or marred, can lead the way to Light and Knowledge."



The spiritual body "is visible to those with eyes to see, and the noon-day sun is not more than visible. Blind men cannot see that."

Lily Dale Memories

BY THE REV. LELIA E. CUTLER,
NST, Virginia



It was 1972, and I was excited about my first trip to Lily Dale. Fred Brown and I were going to pick up Miss Sally Morrison in York, Pennsylvania, on the way. She lived in a hotel and was quite eccentric, but very lovable when I got to know her. We stopped in York, and Miss Sally took us to a market to pick up a few things for our trip. She was excited to be showing us around her city. It was an outdoor farmer's market, and we shopped for food for the room at Lily Dale.

We drove for a while and then stopped for dinner. That took a long time since Miss Sally was a Southern Lady and ate slowly and daintily. Fred and I had burgers which were inhaled in about ten minutes. Miss Sally had fried chicken which was picked clean when we left. We finally got on the way, and I was driving. Fred had a new 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass, and it was a dream to drive. The speed limits were a lot higher in 1972. The Pennsylvania Turnpike was about 75 mph, and I was sailing along about 80 mph. Oh, well, I have a "heavy foot." Miss Sally leaned forward from the back seat and saw the speedometer—she immediately fell back and needed her smelling salts for a short case of the "vapors." After that, she kept asking Fred, didn't he want to drive, since he knew the way. Fred and I had difficult days before we started on the trip, and I do better on the first day, so I kept driving. It was a long, but lovely trip, and we arrived about fifteen hours after we had started from Norfolk.

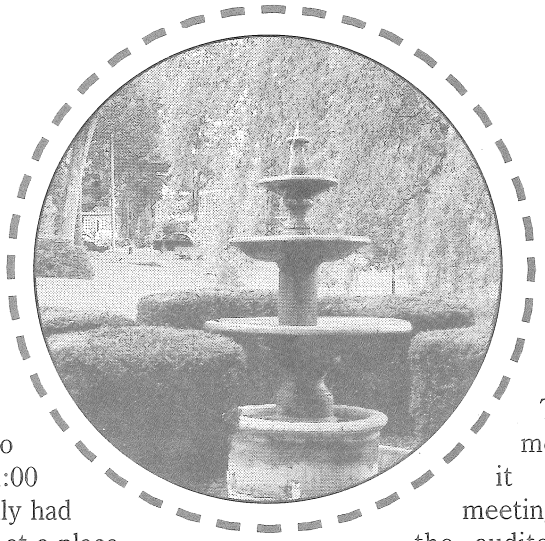
Fred and I were staying at the Maplewood Hotel, and Miss Sally was at the Leolyn Hotel outside the gate. The rates were very low at that time—only $35.00 a week, and I wondered if I should make up my bed, etc. Fred quickly said, "No!," and I just laughed. We had adjoining rooms, with a bathroom in between, and we set up the kitchen in my room. Just a little hot pot for coffee and tea, and some peaches and goodies we had brought along. The hotel had lots of energies, and I was too exhausted to sleep that first night. There seemed to be spirits walking and moving about in that room most of the time. The raps at the head of the bed, and the noises in the next room, also contributed to my sleeplessness. My bedroom backed up to the "Lincoln Room," and it was active at night. I finished reading *Shepherd of the Hills*, sniffed and teared up at the ending, and finally went to sleep.

I had been told there was nothing to do at Lily Dale, so I should bring something along to keep me busy. I had my crocheting, my sketchbook, and some reading materials.

The next morning, we started out at 9:00 a.m., and went down to the "store" for breakfast. The store was located on East Street. There were groceries to sell, but they also had a counter and a couple of little tables for serving food. The "Bobs" ran the store at that time, and the pies were "to die for." After breakfast, we strolled up and down a couple streets and attended the morning church service at 10:00 a.m. We went to the cafeteria for lunch, and talked and visited with several of the local people. There was a message service at "Inspiration Stump" at 1:00, and at 2:30 p.m., we attended the afternoon service. That is where I first met the Rev. Joseph Merrill. He was the organist for the service, and he was such a dapper gentleman. He slid onto the organ bench, dressed in a long striped vest over a crisp white shirt, and arranged all the music for the service on the huge pipe organ. However, I noted that he never looked at the music—it was obvious that he knew it by heart.

Miss Sally had arranged for me to sing at a service during the week when Billy Graham Turner was serving as clairvoyant, and the Rev. Ernst Shoenfeld was the lecturer. That was quite an experience. The auditorium holds about nine hundred people, and every seat was taken. They were lined up outside the large open windows about three or four deep. Mr. Shoenfeld and I just kept watching the people arrive from behind the covered wings of the stage. We were amazed at the attendance. Mr. Turner was a really well-known medium at the time, and his message work was strong and very evidential. He always wore little reading glasses while he worked, and they slid down his nose, so he looked over the top to see the people. In those days, the ladies wore long gowns to serve the platform (some still do at Lily Dale)

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and I had brought an appropriate gown just in case I needed it—thank goodness.

Back to Sunday afternoon, we visited Jane Norcom and Herb Seiler at their home on the corner of Cleveland Street and Fourth Street. A tree was being taken down behind their house and everyone was out watching the excitement. Afterwards, we were invited in for "Tea and Crumpets" and conversation. Herb was the minister at the Norfolk Church when I first attended in 1969. Afterwards, we walked up to Inspiration Stump, hidden in the Leolyn Woods, and attended the message service at 5:30 p.m. The stump was the remainder of a healing tree, and when you stood on it, you felt incredible energies flowing through your being. Miss Sally had been going to Lily Dale for years, and she was our official guide. She climbed the steps to the stump and did a little jig—she was mighty spry for her age.

After dinner at the cafeteria, we went back to the Maplewood Hotel and discovered the piano in the parlor. Fred started playing a few tunes and the first thing we knew, a crowd started to gather and we sang songs and played until about 11:00 p.m. People were going to bed and to sleep, so we had to stop the noise. Afterwards, we went back to the porch and practiced what we later called "lumping" on the porch, which is simply rocking in the rocking chairs and having conversation with other guests. We went down to the boat house, which is about fifty feet from the hotel and sits on Cassadaga Lake. The beauty and the peace of the grounds begins to seep into your being, and it was relaxing and peaceful. We finally got back to our rooms about 1:00 a.m., and I certainly had enjoyed a full day at a place where there is "nothing to do." Did I mention I had on brand new spectator pumps (I wore them in those days) and they were broken in correctly, they never hurt my feet.

There was a picture of Mrs. Caldwell over the piano in the parlor at the Maplewood Hotel. During the week, we had many more sessions of singing and laughter in the parlor. The picture shows a stern demeanor most of the time, but we noticed that she began to smile during some of our sessions. During later years, a guest captured this phenomena on film, and it was enjoyed by all. The parlor contains beautiful examples of physical phenomena in the paintings by the Bang Sisters, the Campbell Brothers, and a tapestry by Molly Fancher. The energy is very high, and spirits abound in the entire hotel, but especially in the parlor. The tapestry is totally fascinating. It appears to be made like two velvet drapes in red with finely embroidered flowers and designs on each piece in exact replica of the other piece. It has been examined by experts and there are no mistakes, even though it is reported that the creator was blind. Look for it when you visit the Dale.

During the week, we were able to attend meetings at "inspiration stump" where we received messages, and also attend the meetings at the Forest Temple for more messages. When it rained, these meetings were held in the auditorium. We ate many meals at the store, and at the cafeteria, where it is easy to make friends.

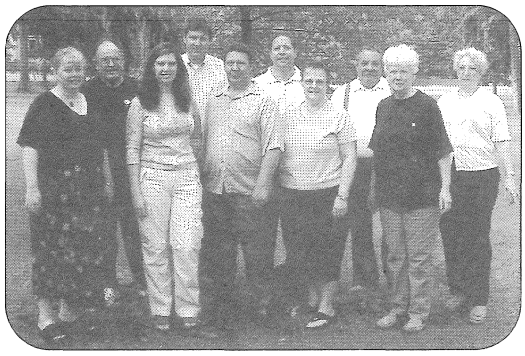
That has been 32 years ago, and I have been to Lily Dale for most of the years since. In my trips, I have progressed. I have served the Lily Dale platform as vocalist, lecturer, and clairvoyant for most of those 32 years. We carried groups from our church, and the Dale agreed to name a week "Virginia Week" when we had workers for the platform each day of the week. Our group has always been upbeat and created a lot of laughter. The spirits seem to welcome us, and they have created interesting nights and days at the hotel with spirit moving things, opening doors, closing doors, and appearing in materialized form. When a large Indian greeted me at the forest entrance to the "stump," I jumped and grabbed Fred. When we went for a midnight message service on Canadian Weekend, there were manifestations all along the path and at the service. Thank goodness for flashlights. It is quite interesting to see little spirit dogs and cats playing together near the pet cemetery. Spirit is alive and well at Lily Dale, has been for my 32 years of visits, and I am sure will be for many years in the future.

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MPI Pastoral Skills Class

2004 Morris Pratt Institute Pastoral Skills Class

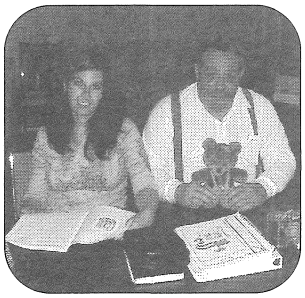
By Silandara Bartlett-Gustina



Front Row (l to r): Leslie Chaillou, Silandara Bartlett, Robert Baumgartner, Nancy Karolides, Barbara Maxwell, and Rev. Sharon Snowman. Back Row (l to r): George Kincaid, Gregory P. Kent, Robin Dubord, and John Baumhoff.

None of us really knew what to expect, no matter what we might have said.

Would it be too hard, too easy, too much? What would it be like—two weeks away from home, living with a bunch of strangers? And what about "the energy" in Lily Dale—what if we couldn't sleep at night?



Silandara Bartlett and John Baumhoff with friend.

The 2004 Morris Pratt Institute Pastoral Skills class in Lily Dale, NY, survived intact and we are all stronger for the experience.

For two weeks, nine Spiritualists sat side-by-side in a classroom in the basement of the Morris Pratt building in Lily Dale, N.Y. Five of us lived together in a guest house overlooking Cassadaga Lake.

Taught by the Rev. Sharon Snowman, the course itself consisted of two weeks (including Saturdays!) of lectures, guest speakers, role-playing, preparing and delivering services (such as funerals, weddings and holidays), and delving into all the areas of pastoral counseling we're likely to encounter—premarital, marriage, suicide, family dynamics, violence, chemical dependency, substance abuse, death, dying and the grief process.



Sharon Snowman

For anyone willing to take an honest look inside themselves and those in their life around them, it was some heavy stuff. As we learned how to counsel others in these often difficult life situations, we went through catharses ourselves. "Grief is sneaky," said the Rev. Don Ray, chaplain of the Women's Christian Association Hospital in Jamestown, N.Y., who spoke to the class about counseling the ill and dying. He was right. All our little and large issues and grief snuck up on each of us as we went through different counseling issues.



Nancy Karolides

However, it was well worth it.

"The longer I am home, the more I find I learned," says Nancy Karolides of First Spiritualist Church of Salem. "Just little things. When people say things I am able to listen without having to say anything in return. A friend at church lost her husband while I was away, and I was very comfortable speaking to her. There was a time when I would have avoided her because I would have been uncomfortable. All in all it was a great experience."



Leslie Charillou

Others found themselves in similar counseling situations when they got home. "The best thing that I learned, and came back with, is how to interact with and counsel church members," said Robin Dubord of First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Mass., speaking of applying the coursework to a similar experience. "But most importantly, I felt good knowing what I had done was right and, most importantly, all I could do."

And while personality conflicts came into play now and then in our close-quarters living (it would have made for a good reality TV), there was also a deep sense of camaraderie that went along with it. From cooking meals together or eating out overlooking the water, to chatting over homework and taking twice as long to get it done, to walking around Lily Dale at dusk, slapping at mosquitoes and sharing spiritual insights, fast friendships were formed.

In some way, we each were changed, shaped, made better for the course. Some of us may decide not to pursue pastoral life. Some are re-energized and even more charged up to serve in their church. Some are still mulling over the experience. But all of us are connected, by fine strands perhaps, but connected nonetheless, having gone through it together.

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CAMP LOSES MAJOR REPAIR GRANT

(Taken from Psychic News, June 5, 2004)

LILY DALE, the American Spiritualist camp, has lost a major grant after a single complaint from a businessman.

The unique little hamlet of Lily Dale in the west of New York State attracts Spiritualists from around the world.

"Parapsychic Journal" editor Robert Egby explains on its website that a $650,000 federal grant to the town of Pomfret would have updated Lily Dale's ageing sewer lines and treatment plant, and helped to rehabilitate housing, improve historic facades, and improve the beach and parking.

"It has been rescinded by the State Governor's Office for Small Cities."

Mr. Egby explains that Allen S. Chase, a councilman and businessman in the nearby town of Stockton, wrote a letter of complaint questioning the legality of the grant.

Its cancellation "triggered a barrage of letters from indignant local residents and Lily Dale supporters far and wide."

Mr. Chase told local newspapers that his letter came on "the heels of the banning of the Ten Commandments from the Alabama courthouse and with Christian issues losing out left and right across the board, I thought it time to make my concerns known about the separation of church and state issues."

He added, "I'm sorry if having the grant cancelled affects the local economy, but by the same token, it's nice to know one person's voice does make a difference."

"Buffalo News" reported "that the Pomfret Town Board has launched an appeal noting that residents of Lily Dale are town taxpayers, and that about 30,000 people visit Lily Dale annually, making it a major tourist attraction.

"A lot of people are asking questions on how come one man's letter to a government agency can topple a community's economic grant."

Lily Dale, which hugs Lake Cassadaga, has its roots buried in 1845.

In the small village of Laona, New York, a few miles from the camp, a visiting mesmerist, Dr. Moran, was invited by William Johnson to lecture to a group of interested people.

Physically disabled Jeremiah Carter hoped the mesmerist could treat him, but Moran left before therapy was given.

Mr. Johnson, a minister's son, suggested they try Dr. Moran's mesmerism.

Mr. Carter became entranced. An entity claiming to be Dr. Hedges spoke, giving spirit messages and demonstrating the laying-on of hands.

Following the advent of modern Spiritualism in 1848, Mr. Carter's followers termed themselves Spiritualists.

Some years later, Mr. Carter was urged by spirit voices to visit a farm in the Lily Dale area and start a camp meeting. In 1879, 20 acres of land were bought and the camp was born.

The name was chosen because of the overwhelming abundance of lilies that flowered on the land and in the lake.

The camp has now been running for 125 years.

**At present, the money has been frozen while it is being reviewed, and hopefully it will be released in the future.* ◊

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More information and registration forms can be obtained by calling MPI at (414) 774-2994. The Pastoral Skills Training course is open to any dedicated Spiritualist, although prior church experience is helpful.

APOLOGY

TNS printed the incorrect version of the article "Forgiveness Moves Us To The Light" in the August 2004 issue. To make the error worse, the last name was not even right. Our apologies to Laura Silvana Aversano.

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.

4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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