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WELCOME
 MARTY
 CAIN

The Appalachian Chapter of the ASD would like to extend a warm welcome to long-time dowser Marty Cain, who has recently moved to the Asheville Area from New Hampshire. Marty is an artist, and is very in tune with Nature, specializing in Labyrinths. We are privileged to have such an excellent resource so close by. Please remember to stop and say hello to Marty during our September meeting!

MEETING SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004

Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC

*(see directions on back page)

9:30 - 10:00 Registration
 10:00 - 10:15 Welcome and Introduction
 10:15 - 12:00 Speaker: Robyn Quail
 12:00 - 12:30 Business Meeting
 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch Bar/Books and Supplies
 1:30 - 3:00 Speaker
 3:00 - 4:00 Dowsing School/Clinic



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For some time now Marilyn Gasque has been trying to get App dowsers to "go public" in the local media, as in the days of glory when Pres. Walt Dale appeared on TV dowsing for a well (This was featured on a Japanese TV show as well! -No pun intended). On 12 March of this year she called our attention to an article by Leah Justice in the Tryon Daily Bulletin (possibly Mar. 7) as an example of how to "do it". This concerned a local dowser, whom we had never heard of, named Jack Lingafelter, who had successfully dowsed for water at Polk County's new middle school/community campus site after the county had paid for two unsuccessful tries (900 and 800 ft.).

It turns out that that Lingafelter, a dowser of 25 years who had learned the art from an "old timer" of 80 years who dowsed with a wishbone-shaped birch branch, was none other than the Polk County Commissioner himself! A man who was right there "under the noses" of the town officials all along! A good story for the newspaper or talk show. How many of us have stories like this? And mentors like the Co. Commissioner's? Kate Pittman has described hers; mine was Vern Peterson - also an 80 year "old timer". Who was yours?

More on our man RIP: In the April Newsletter I described the implications of RIP's characteristics. I would add that, in his search for truth (which is ours), he leads with his right foot as he strides confidently forward. That is, determination, courage, risk-taking, and optimism. And his eyes are wide open and looking upward, which suggests that he is focusing on High Self, his Divine Connection, for guidance. Also his arms and L rods are held open, suggesting receptiveness for what comes. Good teacher, RIP.

Dowse!



SEPTEMBER'S PRESENTER



Robyn Andrews Quail of Atlanta, a member of the First Georgia Dowsers and former member of our chapter, will speak on "Rennes-le-Chateau" and "The DaVinci Code". For many of us who have read this novel, and books like "The Holy Blood, The Holy Grail", "The Templar Revelation" and other books regarding the secret history of Mary Magdalene and Jesus- and for those who seek to dowse on the energy (and authenticity) of such material, this talk will be highly interesting.

Robyn has been a devotee of spiritual studies and research since she witnessed as a child of 10 years a healing of her mother. Her experience is both extensive and varied: 30 years of Hypnotherapy, Past Life Regression, UFO Abduction Regression and Therapy, Spirit Re-lease-ment work,

Paranormal help, Psychic work and Distant Healing work. She has studied with Premier Tec Hers from all over the world and has taught and spoken at conferences widely- including at the recent Atlanta Life Arts Expo.

Rennes-le-Chateau is a tiny village in the Langdoc region of southern France made famous by such books as those mentioned above. Robyn has led groups on 15 trips to France to study this enigmatic site and will share her personal revelations of the mysteries uncovered there. She will explain why European royalty, The Vatican, the Nazis- even the CIA (!) have been so intrigued with this obscure little domain. We will have many questions for her, no doubt.

DOWSERS
SOCIALS

A good way to meet experienced dowsers, dowsing enthusiasts and just plain interesting folks, and to have your house and land dowsed (!) is to volunteer to have one of what we hope will be a monthly social at your place. It's an exciting experience; you never know what is going to manifest, who is going to bring up an experience or problem that needs dowsing attention - and for the education of all. Even personality/behavioral problems come up. And the potluck is fun too. The next such get-together is at Marilyn and Sam Gasque's in Flat Rock, NC. That's in October. For info, call 828-692-5197 or cyberspace at ionstein@ioa.com.

The Appalachian Dowsers are updating their member list of regional water well dowsers. If you are a current member, please contact Lee Barnes (828-452-5716; lbarnes2@earthlink.net) and provide a contact number and areas where you will travel. The Appalachian Dowsers neither endorse nor confirm the experience of these dowsers.



Grace Maxwell is offering Silva classes on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Please contact her if you are interested about times and places. (828-296-9522)

DOWSING REQUESTS BY E-MAIL

With some of us this occurs frequently, as it does by phone. The results of the work, too, can be communicated either way. This is especially true in the case of dowsing personality problems, personal decisions (such as "Is this the land/house/partner/business/career, etc. most appropriate for my highest good, my Purpose, physical safety, etc.?"") In fact, a numbering system (scale of 1-10 or 1-100) can be used for evaluating or prioritizing the target. The same goes for dowsing percentages - all without the dowser being "on site" or knowing the people involved. While dowsing can also be done by phone, you can use the caller as an on site surrogate. A good idea might be to consult two or more dowsers to see if there is a consensus on results. Or a group of us might even consult on an e-mail request via some kind of e-mail hookup!



App (and ASD) members Romella and Ed O'Keefe wish to share their rich dowsing experience and simple techniques as much as possible. First, for beginners, they will offer 2 classes of 2 hours each and a week apart, in their home in Mills River provided a minimum of 4 people will participate. For info, call 890-4889.

Secondly, at Unity Center of Fletcher (2041 Old Fanning Bridge Rd.) They are offering 2 one-session 3 hour courses for practicing dowsers or those who have completed the above beginning courses: Dowsing for Health and Wellness, which offers practice in effective techniques for healing oneself and others (Sat., Sept. 25, 9:00-12:00 a.m.) The fee of \$25 includes all materials except a pendulum, which one should bring.

The other course, Dowsing for Beneficial and Noxious Energy, will focus on energies not conducive to health and well-being and how to neutralize or transform them effectively. The energies associated with certain geometric forms (those of "sacred geometry") such as labyrinths and those prevalent at sacred sites such as Stonehenge, will also be discussed and demonstrated. Again, bring your own pendulum. Fee of \$25. Includes all materials. The date: Sat., 2 Oct. From 9:00 a.m. to noon. For info on these classes call the O'Keefes or Unity Center at 891-8700 or 684-7398. For individual or group classes with the O'Keefes at other times, call them at 890-4889.



Farm City Day in Hendersonville, NC. (Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Jackson Park)



Multilevel Dowsing School in Nov. Plans are underway for the expansion of our annual dowsing school for the Nov. Quarterly meeting. Warren Wilson College has agreed to let us use their additional rooms in the Fellowship Hall for our classes/clinics. Marilyn Gasque and Lee Barnes are brainstorming regarding this effort, including how to let the professional world know what we can offer, attract people in the professional world such as contractors, plumbers, real estate agents, well drillers, etc., in the area: say within a radius of 50 miles. Lee and Richard, and perhaps others of us, have already worked with several drilling companies and real estate people over the years. Suggestions are welcome.

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MEMBER NOTES

Most of us discover dowsing or learn how to do it from a mentor, and we never forget those moments. For Kate Pitman it was this way.

Passing it On

I never guessed, one afternoon thirty years ago, that catching site of a flannel and denim garbed gentleman in his late sixties pointing a broken stick towards the center of my driveway while being soaked by a cold October rain would change so many aspects of my life.

Temporarily unhindered by a bad cold I went out to see if perhaps this poor damp fellow had arrived on our property via the local hospital and was, therefore, in need of guidance. In my gentlest voice I asked if he needed assistance, hoping he wouldn't become violent. He announced himself a dowser trying

to locate the source of a problem with the well next door. Hum, that made absolutely no sense... But, I listened politely and cautiously started asking questions.

I became intrigued and so I walked with him, in the downpour, receiving my first dowsing lesson - feeling the branch bend in my hand, and doubting the whole process. This wonderful man was what we in the dowsing community would call an "Old Timer". He gave of himself by helping others in need of his abilities and by teaching people how to develop their own.

Thanks to this serendipitous event I have spent years both on site and remotely dowsing and divining, working with various energies and interacting with animals.

I am still surprised and humbled as new dowsing avenues open to challenge me even more. Oh, that I had enough years left to learn all there is still to learn! Recently I asked amongst my dowsing acquaintances whether there was an "Old Timer" anyone knew of to whom I could turn with problems in my work. I heard a low chuckle and turned with a questioning look. A dear friend said,

"Don't you know that *you are* the "Old Timer" now?"

With an almost audible and quite palpable Whoosh, I felt how quickly the years have gone by with sticks, rods, bobbars and pendulums in my hands. Significant time has passed. Yes I guess it's time for me to step forward a little more. I only hope to be half the Old Timer that my first mentor was. Perhaps now I can share my experiences and skills more confidently with others while I continue my own dowsing education.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CONTINUED



Other Dowsing Lesson Opportunities: Lee Barnes from time-to-time offers his course "Applied Intuition 101", which is a treasure house of information and hands-on instruction. This includes: the construction of personal pendulums and rods, locating underground water sources, finding buried pipes and wires, searching for hidden/lost items, pets & people, programming the mind and tools for accurate dialog, finding subtle energy fields around people, using pendulum charts for dowsing personal info, techniques for connecting the conscious mind with subconscious and superconscious awareness, and recommended readings and webpages. For beginners and the experienced, Lee is the best. For info on course times and places, call 828-452-5716 or email at lbarnes2@earthlink.net.

Note too, that personal hands-on instruction is given often by Lee and a colleague, depending on the needs of the group, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. after each quarterly meeting in Swannanoa. Volunteer teachers welcome. Participants are encouraged to express their needs and experiences.

GETTING TO WARREN WILSON

COLLEGE

*Driving east on I-40 take Exit # 55, go underneath the interstate and turn R onto Hwy 70 and go east for two miles. Turn L at the first traffic light onto Warren Wilson Rd. and go 1.5 miles to the campus. Continue straight up the hill past the first entrance to the campus on your right to the intersection at the top. Turn L. onto Chapel Dr. The WWC chapel is straight ahead. Park in the lot or on the road to the left of the chapel. Fellowship Hall is behind the chapel, off the back end of it. Enter the Hall via a walkway along the right side of the chapel or off the road on the left side, where you will have to follow a path up to the ground level.

If you are driving west on I-40, take Exit # 59, turn R, go to the traffic light and turn L onto Hwy 70. Proceed west on Hwy 70 for about three miles and turn R at the traffic light onto Warren Wilson Rd. Then follow the above directions into campus and on to the Presbyterian chapel.

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES

1. **Fee Schedule:** These remain the same as in Feb. \$ 2.00 for members, 5.00 for guests, 3.00 for minors (18 and under). For scholarships for minors, see R. Crutchfield at meetings. Warren Wilson students are encouraged to participate free of charge at any time during the day.
2. **Lunch Arrangements:** Pot luck with ample kitchen facilities for warming and preparing dishes. Volunteers are needed for setting out food and cleaning up. (See sign-up sheet at registration).
3. **Books and Supplies:** Sales table will be open during lunch and from 3:00 to 4:00 PM during the dowsing class/clinic. Members and guests are invited to bring their used books and periodicals on dowsing, healing, earth sciences, etc. as a donation to the chapter to be sold during the meetings. Due to limited storage space, however, they should retrieve unsold items at 4:00 PM.
4. **Dowsing Clinic:** Lessons and demonstrations in basic dowsing, as well as advice for intermediate dowers, will be arranged by one or two experienced practitioners after the PM program, according to the needs of those interested. This period, as well as the lunch hour, are the best times to share experiences, chat with the presenter, peruse the supplies table, etc.

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