



Life On A Star I, 20112

August 11 – 18, 2012

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul

Exploring the rich, living heritage of American UUism

Megan Marshall, scholar and award-winning author of *The Peabody Sisters: Three Women who Ignited American Romanticism*, will draw connections between Unitarianism's founding era of reform-minded spirituality and our own. She will speak as well about her new biography, *The Passion of Margaret Fuller*, forthcoming in 2013.

Rev. Dr. Michael Tino, minister of the UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester, NY and current president of UU Allies for Racial Equity and member of the UUA Board of Trustees will be the minister of the week.

Join us for an intellectually engaging and spiritually fulfilling week on Star, celebrating 50 years of LOAS conferences with a variety of Star traditions and workshops for all!

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Life On A Star II, 20112

August 18 – 25, 2012

The Quest for Wholeness in Critical Times

Stefano Carta, internationally recognized Italian Jungian scholar, will discuss his views of the

fundamental tenets of Jungian psychology, focusing on its approach to the particular "nature" of "human nature", a personal reflection on feeling, meaning, beauty and God by a religious non-believer. These discussions will be illustrated by myth and story telling, music and film, images, and alchemical and clinical examples.

Stefano Carta Biography

Stefano Carta is a professor of Dynamic psychology and Developmental psycho-dynamics and family relationships at the University of Cagliari, Italy. He is an analytical psychologist and the President of the Italian Association of Analytical Psychology (AIPA) for the years 2002–2006. He is also trained in systemic therapy and Gestalt therapy, of which he is a certified trainer. He was the President of the Italian Society of Psychology for the years 1998 to 2000. He is on the Board of several Italian and international Journals. He has been the representative for Italy at the International Union of Psychological Sciences (IUPsyS), and is a member of the national board for the certification of specialization institutes for psychotherapy. He is a consultant for the Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugee Studies at Essex University (UK). He has written several books and more than 80 articles on psychotherapy, family relationships, and clinical psychology. He lives in Rome with his wife Beth, his daughter Emma and their dog Lucky.

We're delighted to have joining us again as Minister of the Week the Reverend Libby Smith, a lifelong Unitarian and minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lower Bucks, PA.



About Libby

Libby grew up in the Unitarian Society of York (Pa.) -- now called the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York -- where her mother is still an active member. She attended Tufts University, graduating with a BA in English in 1983. Libby spent the following five years working in Religious Education in Columbia, Md., while tending bar on the side to pay rent. In 1988, Libby attended Harvard Divinity School, where she received her master's in 1992. She

spent a year as Interim Minister in Rockport, Mass., before moving to Bucks County to accept the call to BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. After eight years as a settled minister, Libby accepted a half-time position as Chaplain at Unitarian Universalist House, a small nursing and assisted living facility in the Germantown section of Philadelphia until 2010, when she took on her current position.

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Incentives: Ways to Fund your Week at Life on a Star

- ✓ 10/10 Bring a Friend: If you haven't been to Star Island for 3 or more years, each member of your family is entitled to a 10% discount. If a person recruits you, he or she may be able to increase it to a 20% discount. If you recruit others to come, they would be entitled to a 10% discount and, if you recruit 5 people, you are entitled to up to 50% off your bill. Go to www.starisland.org for details.
- ✓ Children who are under six years of age at the start of the conference will not have to pay room and board for the hotel or the boat fare. Go to www.starisland.org for details.
- ✓ Lee Reid Scholarship Fund: Send in your Registration form for the conference and request the scholarship form that the LOAS registrar will send you. Complete the scholarship form and send it to the Scholarship Committee who will consider your request. All scholarships awarded will be partial scholarships. All information remains confidential, known only to the committee. See www.lifeonastar.org for details.
- ✓ Star Island Scholarship Fund: Star Island Corporation also has a financial aid program and has set aside a total of \$22,000 to support this effort. The confidential program is available to individuals and families that are registered for a conference and have not received a conference scholarship. Please note awards are partial and depend on the number of applications received. You may not receive a scholarship from both an individual conference and Star Island Corporation. Go to www.starisland.org for details

This past November, at the LOAS Chairs Fall Meeting, the chairs voted to increase the LOAS registration fees for the 2012 season. **If a registration form for LOAS is received by March 10, 2012 the program fee will remain at the 2011 rates of \$90 for adults and \$70 for children under the age of 18. All registration forms received after March 10, 2012, will need to include the increased registration fees of \$100 for adults and \$75 for children under the age of 18.**

***** In a separate attachment to the e-mail which contains this newsletter, you will find "**A Little Star E-thology**", a collection of poetry from Ellen Schmidt's LOAS II writing workshop. *****



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Below are the results for various positions and committees voted on at the LOAS Chairs Fall Meeting.

Treasurer for 2013 – John Pustell

Registrar for 2013 – Joyce and Jim Pickel – co-registrars

Provisioners for 2012– LOAS I - Tom Kennedy and LOAS II - Matthew King

Coordinating Committee: David Whitford, Chair – (off in 2012), Martha Pereli (off in 2013), Patti Emmons (off in 2014), Treasurer – John Pustell and Registrar – Shelley Lauer-Bader.

2012 Delegates to the Council of Conferences – LOAS I delegates are Bill Licea-Kane and Randall Grometstein with Josh Davis as an alternate. LOAS II delegates are Phil Sears and Darren Grebe with Irene Bush as an alternate.

Scholarship Committee: Dick Pereli, Chair (off in 2013), Joyce Pickel (off in 2015) and Michelle Kunz (off in 2017).

Child Abuse Committee: Nancy Witherell, (Chair), Mary Heafy, John Hoffman, Tom Kennedy and Deb Nygren.

A portion of each newsletter will be reserved for occasions or milestones within our LOAS community. Send an e-mail to our editor if your family has a birth, graduation from high school or college, engagement, marriage, death or other important event. If you know of anyone who would like to receive *Life Off A Star* newsletters or if you do not want to receive any further newsletters, send your request to our editor.

LOAS Family News

Passages:

Condolences to June and David House on the loss of June's mother, Mae Hildegard Bissell, on Nov. 10.

Condolences to Tom and Heli Blum and Sandra Blum on the loss of Tom's father and Sandra's husband, Donald Blum, on December 12.

Change of Address:

Please note Edith Kates new correct address is: 321 N. **Highland** Avenue, Apt 221, Ossining, NY **10562**.



The LOAS Coordinating Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a New Year filled with joy, love and happiness!!

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