

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

New Plymouth Branch



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PROGRAMME September – October, 2019

Venues & Time - Public and Members' & friends' meetings will be held where noted, starting at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise. Members & friends' meetings begin with a Healing Group ceremony for the first 10 minutes.

If you're thinking of bringing a friend to a members & friends meeting, as a courtesy to the hosts, please phone Peter or Nina Vink on 758 8174 to let them know beforehand. Ideally we invite people to members & friends meetings after they have been to at least a couple of public meetings and show interest. If your friend hasn't made it to a public meeting and is still interested, then hand them first some of the pamphlets and the 'green book' as an introduction, so they will have some idea of what we're about. Ring Jim Scrivener on the numbers above, for extra copies of pamphlets etc.

September

Wednesday 4 **Sacred Geometry** – an introductory talk with some examples by Jim Scrivener. **Members & friends**
Patterns in nature, stone circles, buildings, & its use to help understand the divine.

Venue: Peter & Nina Vink's house, 218 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

Wednesday 18 **Theosophy – Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent** **Members & friends**
- a presentation by visiting TS member from Hamilton Lodge Carol Collier.

'From the stream to the mighty ocean' - The Soul's quest to find its way home.

Carol has been a member of the Theosophical Society since 2011 and was the President of the Hamilton Lodge from 2015 – 2018. Carol initiated branch activities including the theoFest in 2016 and 2017 at Hamilton Gardens, which was open to the public to specifically spread theosophy to a wider audience. These events were very successful, attracting 40-70 people to most sessions and people from other branches as well. Carol is currently the Coordinator for the TOS group in Hamilton and is very well thought of within the community at large.

Time & venue: 7.30pm at the Disability Information Centre, 28 Young St, New Plymouth

Followed at 6.15 – 7pm by a **Pot Luck dinner** at the same venue

Please bring along a vegetarian dish (finger-food preferred) to share for a pot luck tea with our guest speaker.

Summary:

5.00pm Arrive and set up

5.15pm Members & friends talk

6.15pm Pot luck dinner

7 – 7.15pm set up for the public meeting following at 7.30pm

Wednesday 18 continued **Who am I in the LIGHT of Theosophy?** **Public**
- a presentation by visiting TS member from Hamilton Lodge Barbara Zanarb.

HPB'S quote "ETHICS is the Soul of Theosophy"; What ETHICAL practice can assist our Journey? How does this affect our daily life? Let us explore, ponder and share our understanding.

Barb Zanarb joined the Wellington Lodge of Theosophical Society in 1965 and the San Francisco Lodge in 1969. She retired to New Zealand in 2014 and became a National member. Barbara has had a career in the health field. Through her years of nursing, travel and practical experience in various spiritual traditions, she has gained huge insights in her search for TRUTH.

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October

Wednesday 2 **The Flower of Life** – a presentation by Glenn Willard. **Public**
This interesting geometrical symbol is found in nearly every culture. It has provided what is considered to be deep spiritual meaning and forms of enlightenment to those who have studied it as sacred geometry.
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Wednesday 16 **Pot luck dinner followed by AGM** **Members & friends**
Bring a vegetarian dish or dessert for a shared pot luck dinner for 6.00pm, and AGM at 7.30pm.
Annual General Meeting agenda
-Present/ Apologies
-Minutes of last AGM 19/9/18 & Matters Arising
-President's Report, Treasurer's Report
-Election of Officers
-General Business
*Please do come to the Pot luck and AGM – and for those who have been a member for more than two years (which is most of you), consider being available to stand for committee, or if you are a new member consider being co-opted. Many of you will already be on committees - this is one is not particularly onerous – only about 5 meetings a year, most of which are devoted to working out forthcoming programmes and generally having your say.
If you are on the committee but are unable to attend the AGM, could you email the president and advise if you are available to stand for the committee again.*
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Other events outside our branch – keep an eye on the Theosophy NZ website <https://theosophy.nz/> for upcoming events you might be able to attend.

Also keep an eye on neighbouring branch activities via the pages at <https://theosophy.nz/centres> (e.g. Wanganui, Hamilton, Palmerston North) - if there is a talk or event you'd like to attend, see if others here are interested in getting a car-load together. If you can let me know well ahead of time there may be a chance of applying for regional funding to help with travel costs, e.g. petrol. Note that it can't be retrospective.

Other resources on the web – Theosophy World
<http://www.theosophy.world/>

Have a look at a wealth of articles publications, ebooks, video and audio archives, all searchable and perfect to help you research something.

New Plymouth Branch Library – At the moment it is out of action in boxes at the president's place. If you'd still like to have a fossick anyway, please phone or text Jim on 021-2511 011 to arrange a time.

Membership subscriptions

Subscription invoices for Sept2019-Aug2020 should have reached you by the time you read this. A reminder that we have to lapse members when they are 2 years in arrears, so please check if you've had a reminder, and if you've since paid by direct credit, drop the treasurer an email to let him know. Even if you can't make it to meetings, bear in mind the subscriptions are at a similar level to those for National Section members who are not affiliated to any branch, but still receive the magazine and all the other advantages of membership.

New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter – We publish this usually every 1-2 months with the programme. If you have a short article, quotation etc. either your own thoughts or others' that is theosophically related, or generally helpful, please email it in to me at jimscrivener56@gmail.com While inclusion is not guaranteed we will do our best depending on content and space.



Some have tried to edit *The Secret Doctrine* down to an abbreviated and orderly form, making it the vehicle for propounding of a system; or they have used it as a quarry from which material could be extracted for the purpose of building a system. But a major ingredient in the message of *The Secret Doctrine* is that life is not a system and cannot be contained within a system. The jungle quality of the book is part of its message. Whatever the mind may say or do, an intuitive perception of wholeness cannot be merely analytical or sequential.

Hugh Shearman, "A Message Ahead of its Time"
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