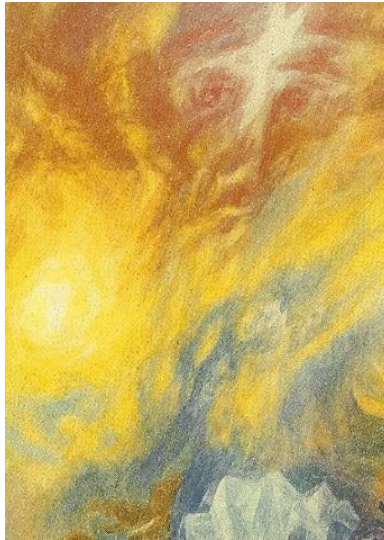


Anthroposophical Society – Greater Washington Branch
Festivals Group

The Season of St. John and the Cycle of the Year



Daniel Moreau – Johanni Imagination

We invite you to participate in a 3-part observance of the season of St. John's. For the first time in over a year, we will gather in person to begin our observances; the second two events will be virtual.

Tuesday, June 22, 7:30-9:00 pm

- Festive outdoor gathering at the Karpoffs' – reading of the St. John's Imagination from *The Four Seasons and the Archangels*, available [here](#)

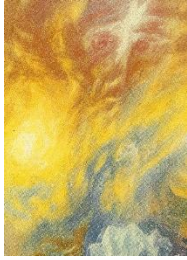
Wednesday, June 23, 7:30 pm

- Reading together in spirit, in our own homes, "The Year as a Being," a lecture by Karl König from his book *The Mystery of John and the Cycle of the Year*, available [here](#)

Thursday, June 24, 7:30-9:00 pm

- Virtual presentation on Zoom by Mary Stewart Adams, "Conceiving the New Year at St. John's"

**For details and to register for these festival events,
please see the following pages.**



The Season of St. John and the Cycle of the Year — Part I —

When:

Tuesday, June 22, 7:30-9:00 pm

What:

Festive gathering – reading of a lecture, followed by light refreshments

Where:

Home of Peter & Cecelia Karpoff –
outdoors, weather permitting; otherwise, on their screened porch

We will read together the “St. John’s Imagination” from *The Four Seasons and the Archangels* by Rudolf Steiner (available [here](#)), followed by light refreshments.

RSVP: Please call **the Karpoffs at 301-622-0231** to let them know you are coming and to get their address. Please come prepared to wear a mask in case not everyone is 2 weeks post-vaccine. If you are unable to join us in person, please feel free to read along with us at home.

— Part II —

When:

Wednesday, June 23, 7:30 pm

What:

In preparation for Mary Stewart Adams’s presentation, we will read at home, on our own, the lecture by Karl König, “The Year as a Being,” available [here](#), from *The Mystery of John and the Cycle of the Year*.

We will focus our attention on the final five pages of the lecture. We suggest you let us know that you plan to participate; on the day before the event, we will email those who have responded, so that you can be mindful of your reading companions and have a sense of connection in spirit. **To respond**, please email jodygrossman@msn.com.



The Season of St. John and the Cycle of the Year — Part III —

When:

Thursday, June 24, 7:30-9:00 pm

What:

Presentation on Zoom by Mary Stewart Adams:
"Conceiving the New Year at St. John's"

In Karl König's lectures *The Mystery of John and the Cycle of the Year*, he offers a beautiful imagination on the Being of the Year (available [here](#), reprinted with permission of the König Institute), describing the unique opportunity we have for experiencing this Being each year at the time of Summer Solstice and St. John's. König writes: "*The year is a being . . . [In] truth, every year [has] a new countenance, and it is up to us to see it, to learn to behold and to understand it.*"

Mary Stewart Adams will lead us in an exploration of the mystery of the spiritual new year that is as though conceived at St. John's time, and of how we can find evidence of this mystery in the feast days and verses from the *Calendar of the Soul* during the weeks immediately following St. John's.

As preparation, please read the selection by Karl König, and if possible, contemplate the cycle of your year so far, as well as the mood of Solstice and St. John's that you experience each year. "*In the second part of the year we are all, both men and women, pregnant with the seed of the year to come.*" ~ Karl König



**To receive the Zoom link for this presentation, please email
jodygrossman@msn.com.**



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Mary Stewart Adams is a Star Lore Historian and host of the weekly public radio program and podcast “The Storyteller’s Night Sky.” Through her research in spiritual science and her education in literary arts, Mary has developed a unique, humanities-based approach to understanding our relationship with the stars. Her work is further augmented by an extensive knowledge of

ancient mythologies and fairy tales, which she relates to the research and ideas of contemporary astronomy in order to understand the new star wisdom of astrosophy.

Mary has traveled extensively in fulfillment of her mission to safeguard the human imagination by protecting our access to the night sky and its stories, and has received numerous honors for her work advocating for dark skies. As a global advocate for starry skies, Mary led the team that established the 9th International Dark Sky Park in the world in 2011, which later led to the State of Michigan protecting 35,000 acres of state land for its natural darkness.



For this occasion Mary shares the following verse by Rudolf Steiner:

Into depths of soul I will sink
Devoted contemplation, so that it grows strong
For the true goals of human activity.

In the peace of God I strive thus
Amidst life’s battles and cares
To prepare myself for the higher Self;

Aspiring to work in joy-filled peace,
Sensing cosmic being in my own being,
I seek to fulfill my human duty;

May I live then in anticipation,
Oriented toward my soul’s star
Which gives me my place in spirit realms.

—Rudolf Steiner

