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higher than truth*

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Conference go to:

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Complete the back of the flier and send with a minimum deposit of \$50 per person by April 13 to:

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ANNUAL MEETING MAY 25-27 at KANUGA CENTER, NC

The Mid-South Federation annual meeting will be May 25-27 at a new location appropriate for the conference theme:

“Theosophy in Nature:
Inspiration from the Natural World”

The meeting will be at Kanuga Conference Center near Hendersonville, NC. The center is surrounded by 1400 mountain acres with a scenic lake at its center. It is peaceful, beautiful, and has lovely walking trails.

The Theosophical Society National president, Tim Boyd, will open the conference which begins on Friday evening. Saturday’s program will feature Dr. Scott Olsen, professor of philosophy and religion at The College of Central Florida. Dr. Olsen will present “The Divine Proportion: A New Renaissance in Science, Art and Spirituality.” Other speakers for this conference will be Kathy Gann, Director of the Western District of the Theosophical Society and Nick McKnight, distinguished member of Atlanta Lodge for over twenty years.

The conference will conclude after lunch on Sunday, following a business meeting and an additional presentation by Tim Boyd. Because it is

a “long” holiday weekend, there is a lodging and meal option available for those who would like to stay an additional night to enjoy the mountains. If you would like information and prices for that option, contact jdsmidsouth1@gmail.com.

Please plan to attend this conference, see old friends, meet new friends, hear the wonderful speakers, enjoy the scenery, and help rejuvenate the Mid-South Federation.



Tim Boyd, National President, of the Theosophical Society in America, will open the Mid-South conference on Friday evening, May 25 in North Carolina.

Dr. Scott Olsen to Speak at Conference



**Dr. Scott Olsen, author
of *The Golden Section:
Nature's Greatest Secret***

Dr. Scott Olsen, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Central Florida College will speak on Saturday. He will present “The Divine Proportion: a New Renaissance in Science, Art and Spirituality.”

He is the author of *The Golden Section: Nature's Greatest Secret*. It has been translated into eight languages. His second book, *Divine Proportion: The Mathematical Perfection of the Universe* is forthcoming.

Dr. Olsen describes his work as “A new unified, but very ancient way of looking at nature and reality which may help heal the schism between the domains of science and religion. Insights into the harmonic numerical patterns behind all phenomena may show the way for solving the most difficult problems in not only physics, biology and aesthetics but also in the foundations of transformative spiritual experiences.

Dr. Olsen’s visually illustrated talk will also serve as a status report on research findings for his new book.

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Kanuga Conference Center

For directions to the Kanuga Center, visit:

<http://www.kanuga.org/general/directions-to-kanuga/>

We develop as human beings, not by forsaking the world, but by cooperating with nature to preserve and perfect it: respect the environment and be ecologically responsible.



Speakers for the Mid-South Conference



Kathryn Gann

has been a student of Theosophy since 1994, and currently serves as President of The Denver Theosophical Society in Colorado, Western District Director of the Theosophical Society in America, and Director of the Theosophical Order of Service (USA). She especially enjoys integrating wisdom teachings, nature photography, and music to open the heart and allow its alignment with mind and soul. She also enjoys learning and sharing energy healing techniques that lift emotional burdens to allow freer, more authentic expression.

Her talk will be **Nature as Friend and Guide, and if the weather cooperates, she will speak outdoors.** About her presentation she says "What if we could read signs in nature much like we interpret symbols in a dream? The natural world can be a mirror to our inner state of being, can move us to a state of wonder and awe, and can even provide guidance for problems

and issues in our lives. Learn to find the "Five Joys of Nature," gain guidance from an "Answer Walk," and discover a profoundly simple way in which we can "give back" by serving the natural world."

Nick McKnight,

who is a long time member of the Atlanta lodge, will be speaking on *The Sacred Depths of Nature* and Ursula Goodenough's *Religious Naturalism*. A North Carolina native, Nick attended Duke University. He has held a variety of jobs and for the past 17 years has worked in the field of software development and support.

He first joined the T.S. in 1989. He and his wife, Rev. Judith Steinman, were married at the T.S. lodge in Atlanta. Nick has traveled many times to Puttappathi, India. He is a long-time member and supporter of the National Center for Homeopathy.

Help Needed at the Conference

There are several ways that you can help make the conference run smoothly.

Consider these ways that you may help:

- Put up signs, assist with room set up
- Greet participants and give directions
- Transport guests to and from the airport
- Help at the table where there will be new books for sale

- Help at the used book sale table
- Donate used books to sell
- Serve as a meditation leader
- Play an instrument for free time activities
- Send us ideas to enhance the conference experience

If you are willing to help please email the Federation President, Ruth Mills, at: millsruth@bellsouth.net

QUICK LINK FOR INFORMATION

For quick federation information, go to <http://www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/midsouth>

It is our goal to post news updates and information that will be of interest to members of the Mid-South federation at this link on the national website. There are email addresses for officers, conference information, and newsletters. We hope to do seasonal newsletters this year. Please feel free to suggest things you would like to see in the newsletter, and what types of information you would like to find at the website.

CONTACT INFORMATION REQUEST

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