

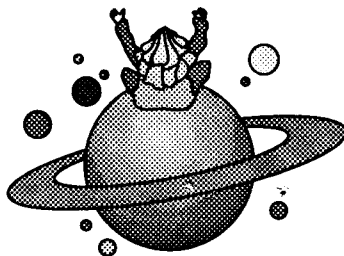


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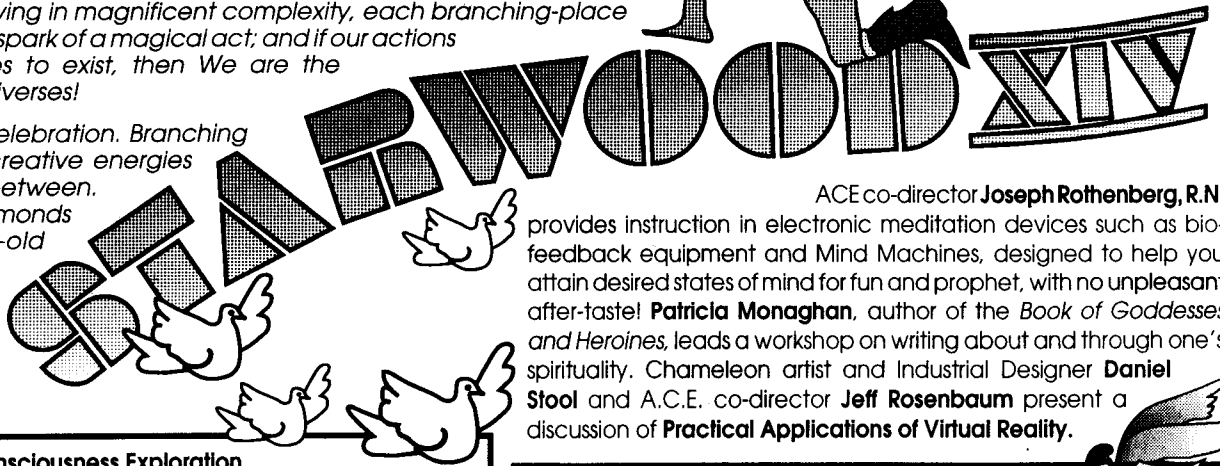
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Quantum theory seems to imply that each time a choice is made between one alternative and another, the road less travelled or the common path, both choices are taken in a sense and two diverging realities branch off into alternative futures. Since myriad choices are made each moment, infinite realities are constantly created, and each continuum truly exists in the Multiverse our reality is part of. Mystics might picture this process as an ever-branching tree, growing in magnificent complexity, each branching-place marked by the starry spark of a magical act; and if our actions cause new universes to exist, then We are the Creators of those Universes!

We meet again in celebration. Branching realities intertwine, creative energies dance and spark between. Divinity glitters like diamonds in three-billion-year-old carbon...

We are Starwood...
We are Golden...



The Association for Consciousness Exploration

invites you to the **Starwood Festival**, featuring over 100 classes and workshops by both local and internationally-acclaimed artists and speakers from a variety of spiritual paths and fields of study. Our festival community, expected to exceed 1200, will delight in our daytime concerts and evening entertainment, beginning **Tuesday** with the **Welcome Wagon Jam**, when the drumming really starts to get hot and impromptu jams spring up around the campground. On **Wednesday** the **Starwood Parade**, a carnival of spirit and body starring all of us (with a "Kid's Kontingent"), dances through downtown Starwood before sunset ending at the rockin' video **Dance Party**: starry skies, any-clad dancing and world beat dance mix, sparked with laser lights and toasty video insanity, followed by animated shorts and our feature film **Fern Gully**. **Thursday** is **Bardic Performance Night**, when our stage is open for songs, poems, or other short behaviors, after which A.D.F. will host the Midnight Ritual. **Friday** is **The Concert**, topped off by **Testburn's** island fireworks and lightshow extravagonzo: a pyroelectrical-audioferroptical performance spectacle. **Saturday** night is reserved for our now legendary **Bonfire**. To the rhythm of Starwood's magical drummers, over a thousand of us swirling our gypsy energies around the blazing heart of Starwood, dancing with the moon and stars...

NEW FRONTIERS, NOVEL IDEAS

Making his Starwood debut we welcome **Terence McKenna**: writer, explorer, futurist and eco-shaman. For twenty years he has researched shamanism and the ethnopharmacology of spiritual transformation. He has authored several books including *The Archaic Revival* and the cassette/book *True Hallucinations* and is the founder of Botanical Dimensions, a Hawaii-based ethnopharmacological botanical garden. He will present an open lecture, **Conversations on the Edge of Magic**, and a more intimate 2-3 hour seminar, **Rap Dancing Into The Third Millenium** (\$10 fee).

Harvey Wasserman, ecologist, historical anti-revisionist, and author of several books including *The Energy War* speaks on the present state of alternative energy technology, and historical revisionism around the sixties' counter-culture and other controversial issues of the recent past. Environmental engineer, neo-pagan networker and Chameleon **Larry Cornett** discusses **Magic and Ecology**.

Victory Through Hate—How to Fight the Conspiracy. Author, radio personality and Church of the SubGenius co-subfounder **Rev. Ivan Stang** shares his positive message of love and prosperity under the brutal jackboot of J.R. "Bob" Dobbs. An inspiring invocation of the No Age for extremists of all ages.

ACE co-director **Joseph Rothenberg, R.N.**

provides instruction in electronic meditation devices such as bio-feedback equipment and Mind Machines, designed to help you attain desired states of mind for fun and prophet, with no unpleasant after-taste! **Patricia Monaghan**, author of the *Book of Goddesses and Heroines*, leads a workshop on writing about and through one's spirituality. Chameleon artist and Industrial Designer **Daniel Stool** and A.C.E. co-director **Jeff Rosenbaum** present a discussion of **Practical Applications of Virtual Reality**.

MAGIC and SPIRIT



Scottish born occultist, musician, and storyteller **R.J. Stewart**, author of several books including *The Underworld Initiation* and *Earth Light*, draws his inspiration from Native Celtic and European traditions. He has developed techniques of ancestral faery and Underworld contact that allow access to powerful inner allies and sources of ancestral lore. R.J. presents 3 classes: **Celtic Gods, Celtic Goddesses, Pagan & Magical Traditions in Ancient Ballads**, and a six-hour experiential intensive workshop: **The Underworld Initiation**, where participants will be led into the Underworld through preparatory exercises and empowered visualization (\$40 fee).

Church of All Worlds (CAW) co-founder and *Green Egg* editor **Otter G'Zell** has devoted over 25 years to creating and promoting a progressive ecosophical religious philosophy, and originated the theology of deep ecology known as The Gaia Thesis. His classes include **Crafting Images of the Goddess**, and **A Bouquet of Lovers: the Path of Polyamoury**. CAW Priestess, practicing psychotherapist, and author of *Wheels of Life* and *The Seven-Fold Journey of the Chakras*, **Anodea Judith's** presentations include **Dysfunctional Families & Group Energies, The Gaia Conspiracy**, and from her book *Anodea* presents **Wheels of Life: A Journey Through the Chakras**.

Isaac Bonewits, author of *Real Magic*, and founder of the Druidic organization A.D.F. (Ár nDraíocht Féin) offers three classes: **Varieties of Initiatory Experience, Merlin and the Druids** and **Authentic Thaumaturgy**, and will lead A.D.F. in the **Thursday Midnight Ritual**. Chameleon, Pagan lecturer and priest **Ian Corrigan** presents **The Cauldron Way: Toward a Pagan High Magick**, where he draws on Celtic and Germanic symbolism to outline a system of personal and Magical growth. Together Chameleon **Cliff Berns** and **Ian** present **Tantra & Witchcraft** in which the basics of Tantric belief will be compared to their parallels in Wicca. Cliff also presents a **Tantric Shakti Puja**. Furthering this topic, **Donald Michael Kraig**, author of *Modern Magick*, brings us the **Other Side of Tantra** and a discussion of Pagan/Mundane interfacing.

Kenneth Deigh, creative director of N'Chi Esoteric Publishing and Meslim magazine, shares methods for entering and exploring the Inner World/Microcosm, with an emphasis on shamanic and neo-shamanic technique in his workshop, **Opening Inner Doorways**. Lecturer and practicing British Traditionalist **Deborah Lipp** discusses ancient mythic themes in **Modern Mythology**. **Darren Fox**, published occultist with the International Guild of Occult Sciences, delivers an **Introduction to Sorcery**.



WORLD SPIRITUALITY

Don "Two Eagles" Waterhawk is a Native American of the Cherokee Tribe and member of the Seneca Wolf Clan. He brings the inspiration of 20 years of study in Native American and Eastern spiritual ways, and shares the **Tsalagi Dance of Life**, a movement attunement and a ritual of **Animal Birthing/Honoring**. Also from the Wolf Clan comes **Kathy Meadowlark**. Sister of the Moon Circle, Reiki healer and psychic, who combines Earth-conscious traditions with Native American spirituality. She presents **Honoring Your Moon Time** for women, and a workshop on **Sea Magic**. Elle is a member of the AmHaAretz, a Hebrew Earth Spirituality tradition, and will bring us **The Hebrew Goddess 101** and a **Trancing & Meditation: Iya Apetebi and Medahochi Zenno** present an **Overview of the Yoruba Tradition**, a Mer's Divination workshop, and a class on **Ancestor Worship**. Creator of the New Orleans Voodoo Tarot **Louis Marinié** introduces us to Voodoo as practised in New Orleans and, with **Mishlen Linden**, presents a workshop on **Festival Drumming**.

DRUMS and DANCE

Earth Drum Council, a community living the path of the drum, shares several sessions of spirited dance and drumming. **Abbi Spinner**, student, teacher, and performer of music, drum and dance presents an **Elemental Drum Circle** and a **Hand Drumming Workshop**. Fusing drama & illusion the internationally-acclaimed magician **Jeff McBride** contributes his fantastic talents to their offerings. A workshop on **Rhythmic Perception** is offered by world percussionist **Ken Anoff**, and poet and North African jazz drummer **David** returns to Starwood. **Alex and Joy Wedmedyk** present their popular class in **Shamanic Drum-Making** (a two-day class, \$80 fee). Joy also offers **Creating Medicine Shields** for **Fu for Drummers**. **Colleen Clark, B.F.A.** leads sessions on **Contact Improvisation**, an exhilarating movement form which helps release the body and access the intuition. **Madonna Moonhawk** teaches **Suff Dancing and Sound Vibrational Healing**. Members of **Cleveland Aikikai** demonstrate the modern, non-violent Martial Art of **Aikido**. **Dancer, teacher, and choreographer Karen Allgire, M.F.A.**, teaches **Ritual Dance** and organizes our **Bonfire Lighting**.

HEALING HEART, HEALING EARTH

Donna Boswell, L.M.T. and Chameleon, offers **Finding the Healer** Within: short meditations and rituals for accessing that healing wellspring. **Rebecca Crystal, M.S.W.**, past elder of E.L.F. and current CUUPS co-facilitator will run an **Improv-sational Psychic Teaching Circle** and a discussion of **Pagans in Retirement**. She also plans an **Herb & Tree Walk**. **Kate Marks, M.S.W.**, presents an intro to the basic principles of **Holistic Body Work Techniques**, and a **Circle of Song** chant workshop. **Tim Gregory** of Johns Hopkins University uses Yoga and Pranayama in his workshop **Centering with Sound**. A **Healers Row** will be established this year, interested healers should contact Donna Boswell c/o ACE. Members of the Starwood gay community and others offer programming concerning gender-related subjects, and the **Annual Faerie Circle** will be held.

MUSIC

We welcome the exhilarating percussion group **Tribe of Spirit** with Ken Anoff and Ariana Lightningstorm, with special guests multi-cultural musical group **Nada Brahma**. **Shaman** returns with their unique blend of Celtic, Native American, Italian and Middle Eastern styles, as do **Todd Alan** and **The Quest**, who play new and old pagan songs in an updated, electric format. **R.J. Stewart** combines voice & the music of the psaltery in the finest Bardic tradition. Look for members of the A.C.E. musical family **Chameleon** including **Victoria Ganger** and **Ian Corrigan**.

THE NEXT GENERATION

We have many offerings for the youth of the growing Starwood family, from entertainment to games, dance and crafts. If you bring small children, please plan to participate in co-op child care which features an improved play area, baby-safe toys, juice, and healthy snacks. We also plan a **"Kid Village"** for pre-teens, with space for participating families and daily programs (including tie-dyeing... bringing a plain shirt to decorate) and a **New Friends' Center**. **Sade Le Maerin**, Chameleon, mom, and reformed Brownie troop leader will update us on her Scouting-style program for Pagan young people, and organize new circles. Interested adults, please attend; or write her c/o ACE. Remember to bring your blanket-wrapped young'uns to the movies Wednesday night. We have a variety of animated shorts plus a feature, all suitable for families. To contribute to our program, contact **Sue Parker**, PO Box 173, Perry, OH 44081 ASAP.

STILL IN THE WORKS

From the legendary Gong band across thirty years of musical celebration we welcome **Daavid Allen**, **Gilli Smyth**, **Rob Calvert** and **The Invisible Opera Company of America** to dazzle our senses with their truly psychedelic and magical music. As an exciting addition to our Dance Party, we hope to feature **Black Hole Jokers**, a classic dance-band which fuses the styles of The Grateful Dead with Reggae and original influences. Members of the Chameleon Club plan to perform **The Further Adventures of Nick Danger**, a rollicking parody of '40s radio-opera by Firesign Theater. We are hoping to assemble a **Concert for Kids** with contributions by many of our musical guests. **Radio Free Starwood** is a secret project of our resident mad scientist. Bring your radios and cross your fingers!

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SOME CONSIDERATIONS

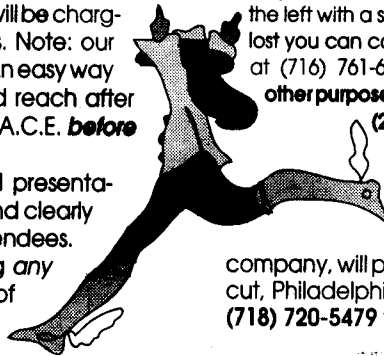
Brushwood, our festival site, is 180 acres of majestic woodland and rolling meadow, owned by a veteran Starwood attendee. There is a large pond with a center island and an in-ground, fenced and roofed pool pavilion - and a spacious popular hot tub! Children's swimming must be supervised. Hot showers and flush toilets add to our comfort.

This is a semi-developed camping facility (no RV hook-ups). Bring safe lighting sources, water containers, and grills or camp stoves. There are some wooded areas for shady camping, but canopies and dining flies add comfort. Nights in New York State can be cold, so warm clothing and extra blankets are a must.

Admissions will be closed each night between 1a.m. and 8a.m. Plan to arrive outside these hours or contact us to make prior arrangements. Our parking is located at the front of the site. Vehicles must leave once unloaded; special arrangements **MUST** be made when you register if your vehicle absolutely must stay on site. To insure privacy and security, you must sign a waiver and **wear the ID** given to you at all times. Parents of small children will be given a KidSafe form to attach to the outside of your tent, so we can find you on the site if necessary. Brushwood is a clothing-optional site EXCEPT in the area directly visible from the road or where indicated by signs.

Merchants are very welcome, however we will be charging a nominal **merchants' fee** of twenty-five dollars. Note: our program booklet could include **your** coupon or ad. An easy way to let attendees know you're there - plus extended reach after they leave! For ad rates and requirements, contact A.C.E. **before June 25th.**

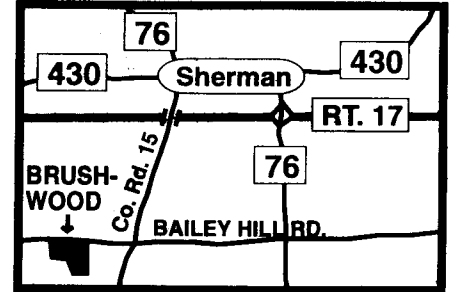
A.C.E. will be videotaping some selected presentations. These tapings will be noted on the program, and clearly marked to include only the presentation, not the attendees. This does **not** relax our long-standing policy banning any photography without the knowledge and consent of those photographed.



We like the fact that **recycling** is mandated by law in New York. We will have bins strategically located for your convenience (*deposit daily, PLEASE*), but if you **PACK GREEN**, it will lessen the load for all of us. In the midst of such beauty, how can we do otherwise?

WORK DONATION: We ask that all attendees donate a minimum of two hours of their time to help the festival run smoothly. Beyond creating a sense of community, it is vital to an event of this scope. THANKS!

Directions to Sherman: Find Sherman, NY on a NY map. It's on Rte. 17, West of Chautauqua Lake in southwestern part of the state. **From NW, SW, W:** Take 90 East past Erie, PA. Then, take 430 East (Exit 9) or 17 East (Exit 10A) to Sherman, NY (about 17 mi). **From SE, E:** Take 17 West through Jamestown to Sherman. **From NE, N:** Take 90 West to Westfield. Use Exit 60 & go South on 394 to Mayville (about 7 mi). At light, turn right (West) on 430 & take into Sherman. **Sherman to Brushwood:** Sherman's only 1 block long (Main St. = 430). Go to west end of Main (Ford Dealer on corner) and turn South onto Co. Rd. 15. Take 3 miles to first 4-way intersection, which is Bailey Hill Road. Turn right (West) on Bailey Hill & go 1 mile. Brushwood is on the left with a sign. If you get lost you can call Brushwood at (716) 761-6750. For any other purpose call A.C.E. at (216) 932-5421.



Maynerd Excursions, a Pagan-owned charter bus company, will provide shuttle service from the New York City, Connecticut, Philadelphia, and other areas! Contact **Nightwing Whitehead** at (718) 720-5479 for details.

REGISTRATION FORM • STARWOOD XIV

(Please use a separate form for each registrant. Copy this form if necessary.)

Legal Name _____ (Age, if child) _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____ Day you will arrive at Starwood _____

PRICES

(Please, U.S. funds only - make checks payable to A.C.E.)

A.C.E. Membership (provides members' discount this year) \$55 _____

PRE-REGISTRATION ENTRANCE FEE

Must be postmarked before June 20, 1994

Members \$65 _____

Non-Members \$85 _____

AT THE DOOR

Members \$75 _____

Non-Members \$105 _____

Child (5-15) \$20 _____

Merchants' Fee (Please Note!) \$25 _____

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FEES

Shamanic Drum Making Workshop (Wed. & Thurs.) \$80 _____

Medicine Shield Making Workshop (Friday) \$25 _____

Seminar with Terence McKenna (Saturday) \$10 _____

Intensive with R.J. Stewart (Friday) \$40 _____

Total enclosed _____

I plan to attend, but will pay at the door (check box)