



International Alchemy Guild Bulletin

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



IAG now has 501(c)3 status. Supporting IAG through tax deductible donations enables The Great Work to continue through this auspicious year of 2012.

Announcements



PLEASE NOTE: [Annual Membership renewal has returned to your anniversary date of joining the Guild](#), rather than everyone renewing on January 1.



Visit the website of the **ALCHEMY STUDY PROGRAM** to read about this life-enriching program. You are able to choose an ASP instructor best suited to help you meet your alchemical goals. Some graduates have gone on to be instructors! www.AlchemyStudy.com

Your suggestions are welcome in order to improve the Bulletin and its content. Please email constructive comments to paulette.harris@alchemyguild.org.

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

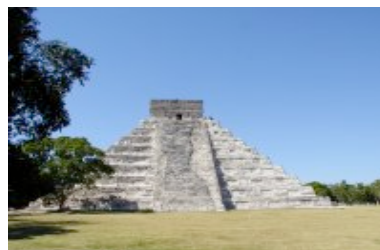
Meetings & Conferences

February 13 to 20, 2012 - Maya Magickal Mystery Tour, Yucatan Peninsula. Please note that this is a tentative date.

Many of you have been waiting for some time and the time has arrived! The dates are flexible at this point for February or March and the price is not finalized yet, but will be around \$1500.

This is an adventure of a lifetime tour that will give new meaning to the end of time. Your soul will be enlightened, your spirit will be sanctified, and your body will be fortified through a sundry of ancient ceremonial herbs and flowers as this journey takes you through many obscure and hidden Maya ruins off the beaten path.

For more information or to register, please contact Aurelius Electrum at quantumjmpr@gmail.com





Hollywood, CA

Ringling in the New Year!
Photo by Matthew Harris

Publications

REMINDER: Vol. 11 No.1 of the **Alchemy Journal**, *Theme: Alchemies of Asia*, is still available for purchase! To order your copy, please go to the "Subscriptions" page at www.alchemyjournal.com

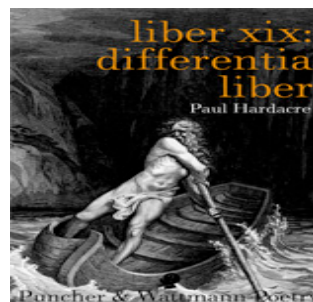
The **Alchemy Journal** is published by Salamander and Sons for the International Alchemy Guild.



Salamander and Sons is expanding its horizons in several exciting ways!

Paul Hardacre, Publisher at Salamander and Sons, has recently had his third collection of poetry published by Sydney-based literary publishers Puncher and Wattmann. A cabalistic codex for our times, *liber xix: differentia liber* is at once literary, metaphysical and spiritual, and documents the journey of the poet as he casts off from those black rocks of the alchemical *nigredo* for 'parts unknown', drunk on the divinity of words. Says Professor John Kinsella, Fellow of Churchill College at Cambridge University: "Hardacre is one of the finest poetical transmuters out there. He is to be venerated and feared at once. He is going places few contemporary poets have risked

acknowledging never mind visiting. Like all great innovators, he reaches as far back as knowledge." Read more about *liber xix* at Salamander and Sons' blog, The Fire Lizard (see below). Copies purchased during January 2012 will be signed by the author, upon request. To order your copy go to: <http://www.iliaster.com/books/liber-xix.html> or <http://www.salamanderandsons.com/shop/>



The Fire Lizard cometh:

Salamander and Sons has a new blog, The Fire Lizard, at <http://thefirelizard.wordpress.com/> Follow The Fire Lizard to stay informed about forthcoming titles from our Modern Magistry and Unearthed Arcana imprints, as we prepare them for publication. The Fire Lizard is your key to exclusive extracts, cover and artwork previews, content summaries, and author profiles. We are working on books on alchemy and spagyrics, Freemasonry and the Western esoteric traditions, and the visionary artists A.O. Spare and Rosaleen Norton, and much more.

Check out the merchandise page to find Salamander and Azoth **t-shirts** as well as limited edition Lapidus *In Pursuit of Gold* posters. Other merchandise will be forthcoming soon. <http://www.salamanderandsons.com/merchandise/>



Every Day Alchemy

Awareness: During times of stress, energy can run low and emotions high. Being aware of moving through daily activities, one foot in front of the other, helps to stay in the present, keeping perspective and a sense of balance. Being aware of breathing helps the body to better oxygenize and keeps the mind clear. Awareness is a useful tool to bring into this auspicious year of 2012.

- Paulette Dager-Harris

EVEN A THOUGHT, EVEN A POSSIBILITY CAN SHATTER US AND TRANSFORM US.

- Nietzsche

Did You Know?

Some New Year traditions from around the world

South America - Wearing brightly colored underpants. Those who wear red, are hoping for love in the new year. Those who choose to wear yellow are wishing for money.

Denmark - Leaping off chairs at midnight, hoping to ban all bad spirits in the new year.

Philippines - Focusing on all things round such as eating grapes and wearing polka dot clothing, hoping for prosperity in the new year.

Spain - Consuming 12 grapes by the time the clock stops chiming midnight.

Belarus - Unmarried women competing at games of skill, the winner to be married first in the new year.

Germany and Austria - Using molten lead like tea leaves. The lead pieces are poured into a bowl filled with water; the lead forms shapes, which predict what is going to happen in the new year. If the lead forms a ball, it means good luck; if it is shaped like an anchor, it means you will need help in the new year.

Puerto Rico - Throwing buckets of water out the window to “clean” the old year out. They also clean their homes and decorate them to symbolize the “cleaning” of the spirit.

- Ryan Seacrest

The Wisdom of Humor

