



# International Alchemy Guild Bulletin

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*In the Northern Hemisphere **SUMMER SOLSTICE** begins on Jun 21, 2011 at 1:16 P.M. EDT; in the UK it begins on June 21, 2011 at 17:16 UTC*

*Sol + stice derives from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" and "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher in the sky until it seems to stand.*



## Announcements

Read about the new **ALCHEMY STUDY PROGRAM** at its website [www.AlchemyStudy.com](http://www.AlchemyStudy.com) Many additional features have been implemented. The contact link for the program and to ask questions is [www.alchemystudy.com/contact.htm](http://www.alchemystudy.com/contact.htm)



**IAG** now has 501(c)3 status, which means your donations are tax deductible. Your commitment to supporting IAG enables The Great Work to continue at this critical time in history.

## Meetings & Conferences

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** with the following dates! Full details are on the IAG website: <http://www.alchemyguild.memberlodge.org/lectures>.

May 19-22, 2011 – **INTERNATIONAL ORMUS CONFERENCE**, Enota State Park, **Georgia** – Devoted to the alchemy of monatomics and white gold. [www.enota.com/](http://www.enota.com/)

May 28, 2011 - **ALCHEMY AND CHEMISTRY: CONTINUITIES AND FRACTURES**, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, **ENGLAND**.  
John Perkins at [jperkins@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:jperkins@brookes.ac.uk)

June 6-8, 2011 - **7TH LABORATORY HISTORY CONFERENCE** Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, **BELGIUM**.  
<http://www.arts.kuleuven.be/culturalhistory>  
Email: [labhist7@arts.kuleuven.be](mailto:labhist7@arts.kuleuven.be)

September 7-9, 2011 - **SOCIETY OF GLASS TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL CONFERENCE** - Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, **ENGLAND**.  
[www.societyofglasstechnology.org.uk/](http://www.societyofglasstechnology.org.uk/)  
Email: [anna.roos@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anna.roos@history.ox.ac.uk)

Those who have reached the end of their dreams fall asleep. - Arab Proverb

Don't fall asleep, sign up for the International Alchemy Conference today and replenish your dreams!

September 16-18, 2011 - **INTERNATIONAL ALCHEMY CONFERENCE**, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, **CA**. **A Must Attend Event!**  
[www.alchemyconference.com](http://www.alchemyconference.com)

September 16-18, 2011 - **THE 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY** to be held at the University of Rostock, **GERMANY**.

September 22-24, 2011 – **ALCHEMY AND MEDICINE FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE ENLIGHTENMENT**, Cambridge, ENGLAND.

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## Publications

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The **ALCHEMY JOURNAL** is devoted to the Divine Art, Celestial Agriculture, the Mother of all Science and Wisdom, the ancient Art of Transformation: the Great Work is known by many names.

Since 2000, the **Alchemy Journal** has published an eclectic array of material, both scholarly and personal, logical and emotional, practical and spiritual, everyday and occult, including essays, articles, poetry, visual art, interviews, and summaries of operative alchemical processes, along with book and website reviews, sources and resources, and the latest conference, lecture and workshop announcements.

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The Great Work is a process of reincarnating into your own life. *On Becoming an Alchemist* by Catherine MacCoun

## Other News

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**MAGIC AT WORK IN JAPAN:** Jeff McBride performed over 120 shows in Japan during March! Jeff talks about being in that country during the earthquake, "I have a very strange feeling, being here in Japan during these challenging times. It is a mixed pleasure to be making magic for so many people living on the edge of grief and loss." [www.mcbridemagic.com/](http://www.mcbridemagic.com/)



## Every Day Alchemy

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### "The Alchemy of Parenthood"

Several months ago Dennis William Hauck wrote an article entitled "The Social Alchemy in Egypt." <http://alchemyguild.memberlodge.org/Default.aspx?pageId=311803>

His viewpoint that the political unrest there parallels the seven stages of alchemy resonated deeply within me but I had no idea at the time how helpful it would become months later in a very different context.

My son became a father a few weeks ago. The experience of viewing this life change in the context of the stages of alchemy has helped me take a step back from the intensity of the chaos of creation to enjoy its unfolding process. Calcination, the fire of birthing; the watery emotional Dissolution of new life; the Separation from a self-centered way of being to that of Conjunction, the union of the masculine and the feminine, as my son strives to balance providing materially for his new family and nurturing its existence--the forming of the Lesser Stone.

Life changes do not have to be as profound as new parenthood. Changes come in the form of the subtle and the gross. Viewing daily encounters through the lens of alchemical operations elevates awareness and allows for a different response than prior repetitive patterns, subtly creating a shift from a horizontal orientation to a vertical alignment that flows from the Above into the Below. This synergy between the macrocosm and the microcosm intertwines the experience within and the outer experience, weaving a tapestry of silver and gold threads—the magic of true transformation.

Paulette Dager Harris

## Did You Know?

The month of May is named after the star Maya in the Pleiades?

To honor the annual event of the sun transiting the Pleiades in May, aligning itself with the star Maya, a sacred ceremony was established that is still practiced in many places around the world--the May Day celebration.

The ceremony consists of a pole erected in the center of a field with different colored ribbons attached to the top. As children encircle the pole clockwise, each holding a ribbon, the ribbons twist around the pole. This coiling symbolizes the spiralling of the polarized energies around the pillar of celestial fire, believed by the Ancient Seers to be pure knowledge from The Above spiralling into The Below.

Source: The Pillar of Celestial Fire by Robert Cox

## From Our Readers



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