

National Convention 2012

Inspiration, Discovery and Fellowship in Hamilton

- HOST: TSNZ Hamilton Branch
- THEME: **'SECRETS FROM THE PAST'**
- DATES: Thursday, January 5th (Dinner) to Wednesday, January 11th (Breakfast), 2012
- VENUE: **Waikato University, Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts**
- ACCOMMODATION: Will be in **single rooms** at the Student Village – no dormitories. Bed linen will be provided, but **bring your own towels.**
- COST: **\$400 per person plus Registration – (Details on enclosed Registration Form.)**
- TRANSPORT: If you are travelling by air, when you send in your Registration form and fee, please complete the details of your **flight** and **time of arrival and departure**, so that we can arrange for you to be met at and returned to Hamilton airport. If travelling by car use **Gate 1** to enter the University Grounds, the designated parking area will be labeled.
- REGISTRATION: Non-refundable fee of \$25.00 if received by 1 December or \$50.00 if received after 1 December.

Registrations close on Monday 19 December.

All persons attending Convention are required to complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it to the National Office.

- OUTINGS: There will be an outing on the Monday afternoon, 9th January.

We are privileged to be able to have an official visit to Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia. There will be an extra charge for the outing to cover the cost of transport.

Early registrations will greatly assist the Hamilton Branch organizers.

Do not delay; register NOW! And confirm that you are going on the outing.

If you intend to fly to Hamilton, book your flights early and you may get cheap airfares! Beat the holiday rush.

The main featured speakers at the Convention will be Tim Boyd, National President of the Theosophical Society USA, Gary Cook from Tauranga, and Ted Harper of Tauranga.

SECRETS FROM THE PAST

Throughout the world history there has been knowledge that has survived the changing consciousness of man and this has been handed down over the centuries in inspirational writings, myth, legend, architecture, symbol, poetry and art. There have been men and women who have entered a realm of wisdom and power, peace and joy, and prophets, seers, sages and masters have come to the realization of their Oneness with the Divine.

This National Convention will be inspirational. Every practitioner of Theosophy is first a student of life, walking their own Karmic path of destiny and the wisdom of the past can be a daily guide in living well today.

Ted Harper will explore the Cosmos using the I-Ching and Sacred Geometry to understand the basic shapes and structures of an electromagnetic Universe and our connection to it. He will look at the inter relation of pi, phi, Pythagoras, primes and people, with connections to the Fibonacci sequence and the Golden Mean.

The uniqueness and the importance of the Waikato and the Wairua of our land will be shared by Gary Cook as he brings together Maori spirituality and the Ancient Wisdom and its relationship with the local Devas and the wisdom of the land.

TRULY SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED

TIM BOYD, America



Tim is the President of the Theosophical Society in America and past president of the Theosophical Order of Service. He co-produced, narrated and conducted interviews for the Eternal Quest radio series, broadcast on stations in the U.S and Canada. He is a founding member of a spiritual community which was active in Chicago for more than 25 years. The group worked with at risk youth, established organic food gardens on vacant lots, purchased and renovated numerous buildings in the area, and placed bee hives on the roofs of buildings. Tim has lectured and conducted workshops throughout North America as well as internationally.

GARY COOK, Tauranga



Gary Cook is a leading writer on the special nature of the mystic realms that are to be found in New Zealand and an explorer of the ancient sacred places and energy sites in the unique New Zealand landscape. He has devoted many years of searching and writing of the wonders to be found within the islands of New Zealand and the South Pacific.

His extensive journeys and experiences allow him to share much of the deeper nature of the forests, the waters and the mountains that allow us all to connect with the natural order in a deeper and more meaningful way.

He is actively involved in maritime research into the early comers to this land, a history of interaction in New Zealand that goes back more than 4000 years.

Gary is also the author of two books in the Secret Land series and a regular contributor to Australian and New Zealand magazines offering readers unique glimpses of the sacred landscape of Aotearoa. He holds an honorary Doctorate of Science, and is a Temple Knight with the Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and Knight Grand Commander of Grace.

TED HARPER, Tauranga



Ted has a Post Graduate diploma in the Health Sciences and works for the Bay of Plenty District Health Board. His main interests are astronomy and cosmology. He has been a past committee member of the local Astronomy Society in Tauranga at which he has given many talks.

He is spiritually inclined toward Taoism and in the past 12 years has devoted his spare time in exploring the cosmological knowledge inherent in the Taoist text the Tao Te Ching and related text the I Ching. From this research he has brought forth a completely different cosmological model from the one presently in vogue with modern astronomers (Big Bang Theory). In his talks Ted will share with us what this new model looks like, how it was discovered and how it helps us reconnect with all that is, the ONE.

Other speakers will include:

MURRAY STENTIFORD, Auckland

Murray has filled several roles in the Theosophical Society in New Zealand, and is currently the national Education Coordinator. With a work history in science and engineering, and experience as a professional musician in both classical and jazz fields, Murray has more recently taken training in life coaching and therapeutic energy modalities. He is passionately interested in whole-person education in a context of community and global consciousness, towards an integrated activation of head, heart, body and spirit.

TRACY CRAMPTON SMITH, Dunedin

Tracey Crampton Smith has trained and worked in the area of Education, Social Work, and Counselling over the last 30 years and now focuses on spiritual development both at the personal and community level. A member of the Dunedin Theosophical community for a decade Tracey has consciously explored the spiritual from a personal perspective for the greater majority of her life and now devotes herself to growing this awareness within the wider community.

HAMILTON



Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society is pleased to be hosting the 2012 Convention and welcomes you all to visit our beautiful city nestled on the banks of the mighty Waikato River. It is New Zealand's largest inland city and the Waikato River is its longest River. The River has great spiritual meaning for the local Iwi, particularly Tainui, who regard it as the source of their mana or pride. Tainui are recorded as the earliest settlers to the area coming on the Tainui waka.

The Hamilton area has a history of 700-800 years of Maori occupation and settlement, highlighted by many pa sites, traditional gardens and agricultural features. You will have an opportunity to experience this heritage when we visit the widely respected Turangawaewae Marae situated close to the river banks at Ngaruawahia. Tainui consider this Marae one of their guardians and of very great significance in both their spiritual and their physical wellbeing.

The Hamilton Lodge received its charter from Annie Besant on 1st December 1908, and has had a constant membership since that day.