



# The Salem Sound Current

**ECKANKAR**  
Religion of the Light and Sound

## Public ECKANKAR Events for Friends and Families

“Some people desire God more, and they will let nothing stand between them and the highest consciousness. Other people say they desire the highest truth, but if the smallest thing comes along on the path to God, they trip and fall off. And they’re very happy to sit in the ditch and go home after they get up. And it’s OK. It doesn’t matter.

“We have all stubbed our toes on the path to God. We have all fallen in the ditch. We have all turned around and gone home, back to our material home, not home to God. We’ve gone back where we came from.

“Back where we came from is the place of our unhappiness, the reason we started walking the path to God in the first place. The old life didn’t fulfill our needs, and so we began to look farther. We began to look beyond the horizon of our backyard, saying, ‘There must be something more. Where is it? Dear God, let me find it.

“When God let you find it, you found out that maybe you weren’t ready to walk the path home to God. It takes the very strong to accept the love of God.” From “What is Spiritual Freedom” by Harold Klemp. This book can be ordered from your local bookstore.

**Members of ECKANKAR**—Come sing the HU with other ECKists at Ed & Ellie Bloom’s home on Friday February 13th, at 7 p.m. Call 503-304-2988 for directions.

**New Soul Travel II Satsang Class** forming in March. Call Kay at 503-362-2695 for information about joining this class or any other class you might like to attend.

### Public ECKANKAR Events for You, Your Friends and Families

You’re cordially invited to attend ECK Worship Services in Salem. ECK Worship Services give you a small taste of the ECK Satsang Class experience, one of the most stabilizing, educational, uplifting and enjoyable activities ECKists have the good fortune to attend. Someone reads aloud a brief passage about a spiritual topic. Then those attending sing HU, a love song to God, for a few minutes and follow that with a contemplation of the reading and topic. An open discussion of the topic and how it applies to one’s daily life follows. Those who attend often discover how the spiritual guidance of the Mahanta, The Living ECK Master is at work and available more and more in their lives.

ECK Worship Services in Salem take place at Chemeketa Community College, Room 28A—a little north and east of Building 3, on the third Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. until noon. This month on February 15th,, the topic will be “Dancing to the Rhythm of Life.”

For those who wish to take the next step on their spiritual journey with ECKANKAR, membership provides you with a series of discourses (written lessons) that you can discuss by joining a local Satsang class. For more information/to join a class, please call Kay Marikos at 503-362-2695.

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**Harold Klemp**  
The Spiritual Leader  
of Eckankar

Sing **HU** to Open Your   
**ECKClergyService**

ECK members and the public are welcome to contact a member of the ECK clergy about the following services.

The four ECK celebrations of life are: The ECK Consecration Ceremony for young children, celebrating new life and a new phase in Soul's journey home to God; the ECK Rite of Passage for boys and girls of about age thirteen, celebrating their personal commitment to the ECK teachings; the ECK Wedding Ceremony; and the ECK Memorial Service.

The ECK Spiritual Aide session, though not counseling, can help you find your own answers in challenging situations through the personal guidance of Divine Spirit. The ESA session is conducted by an ECK Spiritual Aide, who is an ECK cleric specially appointed and trained to offer this assistance.

There are no fees for the above services, but ECK clerics accept donations to ECKANKAR. For more information, please contact:

- Ed Bloom                      503-304-2988
- John Marikos                503-362-2695
- Kay Marikos                 503-362-2695
- Anne Roberts               503-554-9700
- David Van Grunsven       503-538-7774
- Marilynn Van Grunsven   503-538-7774

For more information about ECKANKAR: <http://www.eckankar.org>, or call 1-800-Love-God

For more information about ECKANKAR activities in Oregon:

[www.eckankar-oregon.org](http://www.eckankar-oregon.org)

For information about local activities

call: Marilynn and Dave Van Grunsven, Local Directors for Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties, 503-538-7774.

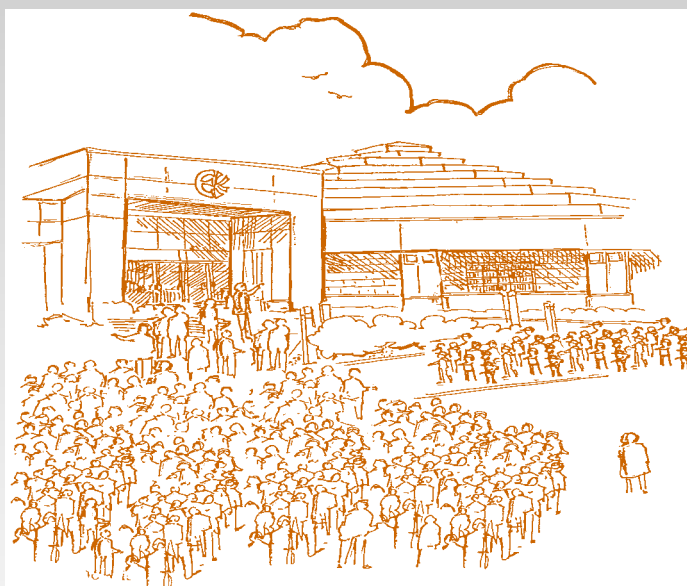
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