

# The Salem Sound Current

**ECKANKAR**  
Religion of the Light and Sound

## Public ECKANKAR Events for Friends and Families

“But most people don’t understand the nature of truth. We think—at least before coming in contact with the teachings of ECK — that truth is always kind and gentle. That is an erroneous teaching. Truth is not always kind and gentle, nor is it easily understood or perceived by people.

“Most people think, *I can tell a spade from a spade. I know truth when I hear it.* But the fact is, most people can’t.

“As an example: truth means not just hearing something that someone says to you and saying, ‘Oh, that is truth, that is wisdom.’ It’s living it. If people know truth, they will live it. That means showing consideration for their family and friends, showing love and respect even when they’re not feeling like it. Even saying thank you when we don’t feel like saying thank you.” From “The Secret of Love,” by Harold Klemp. This book can be ordered from your local bookstore or at <http://www.eckankar.org/Books/index.html>.

### New First Year Class Starting

Experience the miracle of spiritual growth with ECKANKAR Membership and The Easy Way Discourse Class. Call Kay at 503-362-2695 for information about joining this or any other ECK class you might like to attend.

### ECKANKAR Membership

When someone wishes to learn a new skill or skills, sometimes, if they are fortunate, they get to study and work alongside a master craftsman who can teach them more than they could ever learn out of any book or training class. They get the benefit of all of that person’s experience—specially developed techniques, tools, and shortcuts to getting the very best results. In ECKANKAR, we have the good fortune of having a master craftsman in the spiritual arts and sciences with us always. Membership in ECKANKAR enables us to study and work much more closely with the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master, as we construct and travel our individual paths to God. Membership provides you with his writings in the form of monthly discourses, quarterly newsletters, and members-only meetings, to help you grow and unfold spiritually in ways you never dreamed could happen. You have the opportunity to attend Advanced Spiritual Study Classes called Satsang Classes that help you and others to go ever deeper into the most secret of spiritual teachings with the guidance of the Mahanta and discover how to apply what you learn to your daily life. For more information or to join a class, please call Kay Marikos at 503-362-2695 or any of the ECK Clerics listed on page 3.

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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.

To have this newsletter sent to your email address, please call 503-362-2695.



**Harold Klemp**  
The Spiritual Leader  
of Eckankar



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at [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org).

**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, Building 28, Room 101– a little north and east of Building 2 and 16 (take the sidewalk between Building 16 and the other small buildings and walk back to Building 28), on the third Sunday of the month, from 11 a.m. until noon. This month, on December 20th, the topic will be "Making Sense of Life."





## 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:

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- John Marikos 503-362-2695
- Kay Marikos 503-362-2695
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- David Van Grunsven 503-538-7774
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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: Marilyn or Dave Van Grunsven. Local Directors of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties at 503-538-7774.

If you are interested in helping others learn about ECKANKAR, please contact Ellie Bloom at 503-304-2988.

If you wish to make a donation, please contact Alan Gibson at 503-371-3620.

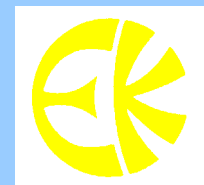
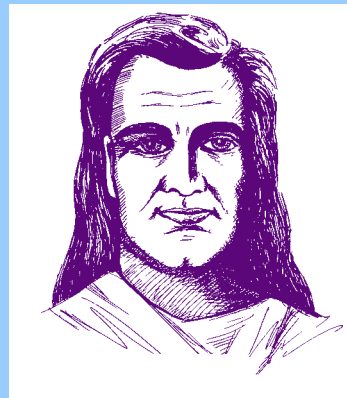
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