

Annual Convention 2021

At the upcoming Annual Convention in October our church delegates will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed bylaw change to restructure the current Missionary Department. A Regional Auxiliary Support Team of credentialed workers will be formed. This will ensure each auxiliary will receive at least one visit per year and the auxiliary requests for training, education and guidance are supported. This proposed bylaw change supports the goal and objectives of the new NSAC Department of Spiritual Education and Development.

The 2021 convention dates are October 3-8 at the Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

If you would like to learn more about the organization and finances of running an annual convention, join the Rev. Stacy Kopchinski, NSAC Treasurer, on July 13 at 8:00 PM (Eastern Time, US and Canada) in a Zoom meeting. Register in advance to receive a confirmation email containing information for joining the meeting at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7585820202>

If you have any questions you would like to ask, plan to attend, or email your questions in advance to the NSAC office with attention to the Treasurer.

Check for convention updates at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches website:

<https://nsac.org>



GGSC Board Change

The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church board has seen two recent changes. After a long period of service as treasurer, Joseph D. Owen, Jr. has stepped down and has been replaced by David Haddick. June Johnson has stepped down from the vice-president position as of June, and Susan Hazard will fill the remainder of her term. Many thanks and much appreciation to you both for your invaluable service!



A Home for Spiritualism

Our church building at 1901 Franklin Street began life as a home to a Spiritualist. The Italian Renaissance style building with fourteen rooms, six fireplaces and five baths was built for Margaret E. Crocker, second wife and widow of Judge Edwin B. Crocker of the California Supreme Court. Judge Crocker and Margaret

Eleanor Crocker are famous for the donation of their extensive art collection and California home for the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, California. After Judge Crocker's death in 1875 Margaret Crocker had a home designed and built for herself in San Francisco. The home, located at the corner of Franklin and Clay Streets, was located in an upper middle class area. Mrs. Crocker, known for her philanthropy and generosity, at this time also became interested in Spiritualism and for some years followed its teachings. Shortly after returning to her New York residence she sold the house without ever seeing it. Mrs. Crocker passed away in New York on December 1, 1901. The building subsequently survived the 1905 earthquake and fires even though the nearby affluent mansions on Van Ness Avenue did not. In the evening of April 19 the army created a firebreak at Van Ness Avenue, the east-west division of the city. Three blocks of expensive houses were dynamited every twenty minutes. The house at 1901 Franklin Street was saved.

In 1951, the residence was offered for sale. Rev. Florence Becker and the Golden Gate Spiritualist church congregation purchased the property. The congregation worked to extensively renovate the building to accommodate church functions while still retaining much of the original beautiful architectural details. The building had made a full circle from the home of a Spiritualist to the home for Spiritualism.



Are you interested in the “how to” of the spiritual side of life? Join a Circle

We, as Spiritualists, are eager to open the doors of our church to those who are seeking spiritual unfoldment. A church or home circle provides the opportunity to develop the direct experience of personal communication with friends and loved ones in spirit. Circles usually include an opening prayer, with contributions from all in the circle who so desire; a healing prayer and exercise; a period of concentration and meditation; a time for discussion and/or special exercise; a closing prayer and the closing of link to spirit. If you are interested in joining us in a church or home circle, please contact Board President Michael Franklin, email: mdfplaza@gmail.com.

“Aspirants...should possess that inner yearning to be used for the higher purpose, and to view their seeking (to advance spiritually)...as a means of helping others. It should be the denial of selfishness and the giving of the self to a spiritual purpose. A true (spiritual seeker)...thereby becomes a participant in the divine plan for the furtherance of good.”

Harry Edwards



Upcoming Opportunity!



Waiting for Summerland
Prize oil painting from 2020

Watch for the new Susan Hazard paintings coming up for your winning opportunity this summer!

Two 18” x 24” garden paintings will be offered on an online drawing.

Ticket information will be announced in an upcoming newsletter and on the GGSC website.

Both oil paint with palette knife technique Impressionist-style paintings will be gold *plein air* framed and shipped to the winners at no additional cost. Get ready to purchase your tickets!

“There are not unnatural or supernatural phenomena, only



very large gaps in our knowledge of what is natural. We should strive to fill those gaps of ignorance.”

Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut, sixth person to walk on the moon.

COVID-19 Update

San Francisco re-opened most businesses and activities on June 15, as the state removed the tier system. However, businesses may choose to follow best practices for continuing COVID-19 prevention. The City of San Francisco is expected to review guidelines for opening houses of worship on July 15. The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church board will review these recommendations and notify the church membership.

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Do You Wish to Donate?

Keeping the doors of GGSC open relies on the generosity of members and friends. We all benefit when our donors “give until it feels good.” You may donate funds to help keep the church doors open at our website, www.ggspiritualistchurch.org with the donate button on the left side of the page.

If you have questions, you may email us at, info@ggspiritualistchurch.org or telephone 415-885-9976.

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