



# Welcome to Cassadaga

## Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp



### NEWSLETTER

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### Orbs Abound at Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp



Photo was taken on Stevens Street across from Spirit Pond at 2010 Halloween event.

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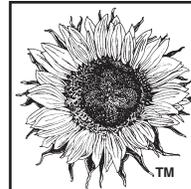
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# The Declaration of Principles of Spiritualism

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the Precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

**The Golden Rule** can serve as the foundation of all aspects of human behavior. This law has been stated in various times in history and taught by a variety of spiritual teachers. All versions of the Golden Rule state our duty to our fellow beings as well as to ourselves. Treat others as you wish to be treated. This is an ethical code that Modern Spiritualism accepts as a great truth. The Sixth Principle embodies love and service to others. Whatever we do unto others in thought, deed, or act, we attract to ourselves through the operation of the natural law. The wording is different in Christian, Persian, Greek, Buddhist, Chinese, Egyptian, Islam, Hindu, Roman and Hebrew of the Golden Rule, but the heart is the same.

By Claire Van Cott, Certified Cassadaga Medium

**Nellie**

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Special: Halloween Spirit Contact Readings,  
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# Dance with Spirit for Halloween Oct. 28 and 29

Picture it.

You enter through an archway and see a path of fun and festivities that leads to darkness, a place where vampires meet zombies. It can only mean one thing: It's Halloween at Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp. Dance With Spirit is 4-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29. Admittance is \$10 for adults and \$5 for those 9 and under.

Back to the scene. There's only one path to take on the way to Spirit Pond. Be careful as you pass by the cemetery. Spirits linger. Further down, messages (entertainment only) from the infamous bone thrower, a tarot card reader and ribbon reader may guide you.

Stop by the gypsy and witches camps, and the devil's chair. Don't forget your camera for the photo opportunity with him and his chair. Also, you never know when you'll get that shot of Spirit and orbs. They are about all the time, but seem to come in droves for our Halloween event.

"Houses will be decorated and residents will be out in costume," said Diane Cousins, Committee Chairperson. "The community is really coming together for this."

Food vendors – pizza and cotton candy – and others offering items such as jewelry, crystals and Henna Art will line the path as well. There will be face painters and a grandmother from a Native-American group storytelling.

"Some of the vendors will have games to play," Diane said. "Others will hand out candy."

Entertainment is scheduled near Colby Memorial Temple. On Friday night, it's karaoke with Jodie Bellis and Saturday night, the Dance and Fine Arts Preparatory Academy in DeLand will perform for 45 minutes; then, local band, The Blisters.

"A spooky walk will be at Spirit Pond," Diane said. "Kids are all about vampires and zombies. They're in for a scare."

The bookstore will be open and there will be mini-readings by certified camp mediums available in the Andrew Jackson Davis Educational Building for \$20.

"There's something for everyone," Diane said.

## What's your favorite Halloween Activity?



Debra Jordan

Dress and act out of norm



Michael Griffith

Creativity, spontinaity and the laughter



Cindy Garszczynski

Candy



# Historical Buildings at Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association

## Andrew Jackson Davis Educational Building

By Rev. Elizabeth (Janie) Owens, author of many books including *Cassadaga, Florida, Yesterday and Today*



Andrew Jackson Davis Educational Building in earlier days (right)

The Andrew Jackson Davis Building is known by many who come into the building for the purpose of buying books or checking the sign-in board to see who is available for readings. It was completed in 1905 and was called the pavilion or recreation hall until March of 1976, at which time it was decided to name the building after an historical figure. Since Andrew Jackson Davis was considered to be one of the great seers of the ages and predicted the coming of Modern Spiritualism, it was determined that the building should be named after him.

In the early days, people came from all around the local area to attend dances in this building, which were held on Monday and Thursday evenings. The Ladies' Auxiliary additionally provided a variety of entertainment in the building, which included teas, card parties, concerts, plays and an annual masquerade ball. Bingo was held on a weekly basis in more recent times.

The Andrew Jackson Davis Building has gone through several improvements. Beginning in the summer of 1974, the structure went through a major transformation from its then barn-like appearance into a true building. All new wiring and lighting were required in order to bring it up to date. The ceiling was lowered, the walls were paneled and a new roof was installed. The room next to what was then the corporate office was turned into a library.

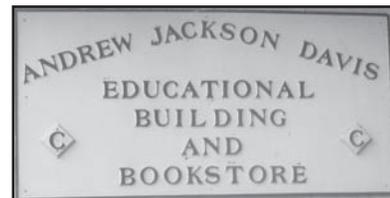
The kitchen was renovated during the summer of 1985, and in the fall of the same year, the ladies room was enlarged and updated. What had previously been a closet/pantry, was remodeled into the men's room. Prior to that renovation, the men's room had been located on the back porch. The room housing the library was converted into a bookstore in the fall that same year.

During the summer of 1990, the building was again altered in order to expand services. The wall between the office and the bookstore was removed, allowing for enlargement of the bookstore. The Association also installed a large picture window and a new entrance to the bookstore from inside the building.

A large room was then constructed across from the bookstore on the northeast side of the building to house the new corporate office. That room served as the corporate office until 1993 when Summerland House was purchased to contain the office. Once vacant, the room was used for various activities, such as, a store to sell antiques, massage therapy and classes.

In January of 2001, once again alterations were made to further enlarge the bookstore and create a welcome center. Walls were removed so that the entire front section of the building would be available to the public. Then in 2008, the wall separating the bookstore from the assembly area where activities were held was moved inward to expand the bookstore once again.

Today, in 2011, the Andrew Jackson Davis Educational Building is used for a Welcome Center and Bookstore with the large assembly area in the back being used for seminars and classes, board meetings, Gala Day activities and church services.



Andrew Jackson Davis Building today



# Meet Selene Green



## Bookstore Manager

### Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp

**Astrology sign and how it might ring true to you:** Libra—I feel very strongly tied to Libra in ways both good and bad. I feel like I am a very fair and relatively non-judgmental person because I always look at both sides of everything and try to put myself in others' shoes. The con to that trait is that sometimes I will weigh things back and forth so much that I can't make a timely decision. But since I know that's one of my fallibilities, I'm always working on it and will force myself to go with my gut and make a decision. I also have the artistic bent of most Libras and I appreciate beautiful things.

**Hometown:** Washington, DC as a child; Tampa/Tallahassee/Gainesville as a young adult; Orlando/Casselberry as a wife and mom.

**How did you arrive in Cassadaga:** When I managed a bookstore in Gainesville, I hosted an autographing for Barbara & Douglas Dillon who had written the book *An Explosion of Being* about their experiences in Cassadaga. That piqued my interest so my friend and I traveled here from Gainesville for my first reading in 1984. It was because of that reading I left the boyfriend I had been dating for two years and started dating the man who became my husband! Since moving to Casselberry, I have been here many times and always bring out of town guests here. It was my friendship with a Camp Reverend, who was a customer of mine at previous bookstores I worked at, that I was able to interview here.

**Camp duties:** Bookstore Manager and Event Publicizer

**What are your credentials:** I have been a Bookstore Manager most of my adult life, first with B. Dalton Bookseller, then with Borders Books. I got hired in my first bookstore because I was constantly there, as a customer, reading metaphysical books. I started with *The Search for Bridey Murphy* and *Seth*, books by Jane Roberts and went on from there.

**How did your family react to your choice to be affiliated with Cassadaga:** I sent out an e-mail to all of my family and friends about this wonderful opportunity and got back 74 out of 76 enthusiastic responses, and two that were unsure if this was a good idea or not. I have since been able to assure the two doubters what a great opportunity it has been and continues to be.

**What do you like most about Cassadaga:** I can't pick one thing. I love the atmosphere, the openness to spiritual growth, the friendliness, and the bookstore!

**Hobbies:** Reading, Traveling, Reading about Traveling, Political Volunteering

**Advice for those who want to become a medium or healer:** You've come to the right place!

**Favorite color:** Blue

**Meditation practice:** I am an inconsistent meditator, but I have most recently started using The Meditation Calm audio that we carry in our store!

**What book are you reading and which book has been most informative on your path:** I just finished one of the few fiction novels I have read in a long time (I read mostly non-fiction) *Sum: 40 Tales of the Afterlife* by David Eagleton, which was fascinating. I would say *The Search For Bridey Murphy* was instrumental in starting me on my path.

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# The Book Nook

By Selene Green, Bookstore Manager

## **The Higher Powers of Spiritualism CD Library Compiled & Recorded by Rev. Dominic Fioretti**

How many of you were around for the seminars and speeches of the great Spiritualist Teachers of the 50's and 60's? Not many of you, I am sure. And of those few, how many of you were fortunate enough to have traveled to Lily Dale to hear these great orators and their many interesting topics? Even fewer, I have no doubt.

Rev. Dominic Fioretti thought it was time somebody made the original reel-to-reel recordings of these many influential addresses available to a wider audience. Unfortunately, no one stepped up to the plate so he took it upon himself to painstakingly transfer over 60 great speeches onto CD's and make them available to the public.

We now have a small sampling of these speeches in the Bookstore, including discourses from Rev. Arthur Ford, Rev. Arthur Myers, and Rev. Billy Hammond. Topics include: The Historic Story of Spiritualism, Spiritual Consciousness, Abraham Lincoln, Universal Law, Decision, Communication, Of the Etheric World and Fear of the Unknown.

In addition, we have a catalog of all the speakers and speeches that are available to order. Please come over to the Bookstore and take a look at the selection and see which ones you'd like to own. Any that we do not have in stock we can usually obtain within a week.

I listened to two of the many CD's from this series, so that I could get a firm grounding in Spiritualist themes from some of the best and brightest. I listened to CD's by Rev. Arthur Ford, whom I have admired from my own readings of his and Ruth Montgomery's books back when I first started reading metaphysical and Spiritualist topics, and Rev. Arthur Myers, who was new to me. It was a treat to be transported to the auditorium at Lily Dale and become an audience member listening to, laughing with and pondering the addresses of these great speakers. I invite you to take a trip back in time to Lily Dale Assembly and purchase some of these recordings for your own library!

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# Monthly Activities

## Sunday Service

Colby Memorial Temple at 10:30 a.m. Healing Meditation, speaker and messages from the other side. Fellowship to follow in Andrew Jackson Davis Building.

## Sunday Afternoon Message Service

This is a message service at 12:30-1:30 p.m., which is held in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Students and Certified Mediums demonstrate the continuity of life in a public setting.

## Sunday Adult Lyceum

Lyceum classes are provided as a forum for those who have a desire to learn more about the religion, science and philosophy of Spiritualism. It is held 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Each week a different teacher will provide an instructive format in which one may learn the truths of Spiritualism and other related subjects.

## Become a member of Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp

If you're thinking about becoming a member of the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, attend the orientation held the last Sunday of the month, 1:30-2 p.m. in Colby Memorial Temple. Learn about the camp and what it has to offer to its members.

## BINGO

Join the fun every Tuesday in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building at Cassadaga, 1112 Stevens St. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Bingo packages \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25. There are seven games with coverall and a progressive jackpot.

## Native-American Gathering

Be part of the family-friendly event the first Saturday of the month from 6-9 p.m. at Eloise Page Park (next to the Andrew Jackson David Building). Bring a chair and dish to share. Drumming, dancing, flute playing, prayers, stories and customs. Everyone is welcome.

## Mediums Night

It is the first Monday of each month. Mini readings by Camp Mediums are \$20. Numbered tickets available at the Bookstore starting at 5:30 p.m. Come early to choose your favorite Medium. Readings start at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Arcing Light Healing begins at 5:30 p.m.

## Mediums Day

It is the third Tuesday of each month. Mini readings by Camp Mediums are \$20. Numbered tickets available at the Bookstore starting at noon. Come early to choose your favorite Medium. Readings start at 1 p.m. Andrew Jackson Davis Building

## Tour the Town of Cassadaga

Learn about Cassadaga's unique and mysterious beginnings, its unusual architecture and the Spirit activity that still goes on within the homes of present day mediums. Become informed and enriched by this educational experience. Visit Colby Memorial Temple and learn what Spiritualism really is, then look into the seance room, where physical phenomena is performed and taught in the camp. Join us for our regularly scheduled tours: Encounter the Spirit Walking Tour Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. Night Tours with Orb Photography Saturday at 8 p.m. (DST) 7 p.m. (EST) Cost: \$25. Bring your digital camera. Photos examined after the tour. Reservations are encouraged. Call the Bookstore at 386-228-2880. Weekdays and Sunday tours arranged upon request. Bus tours and large groups please call 386-228-3171.

## Monthly Speakers

Join us at 2 p.m. the second Saturday of each month for a presentation by Cassadaga Ministers, Teachers, Mediums or Healers talking about various subjects. So far, the schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, Oct 8** with the Rev. Dr. Louis Gates. He will speak on Transfiguration, Seances, Trumpet, Table Tipping.

**Saturday, Nov. 12** with the Rev. Mary Rose Gray. She will speak on home circles and meditation.

**Saturday, Dec. 10** with the Rev. Dr. Don Zanghi. He will speak on the 7 Rays.

**Saturday, Jan. 8** with the Rev. Ben Cox. He will be speak on the Cross Correspondence Case.

Suggested donation is \$5. Check the website for the location of the event or call the Bookstore.

**For more information, go to our Website**

**[www.Cassadaga.org](http://www.Cassadaga.org)**

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**Camp Reverends, Mediums and Healers share their knowledge with the public**

**Second Saturday of the month 2-4 p.m. \$5 Donation**

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## Cassadaga Bookstore and Welcome Center

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10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Open until 7 p.m. on Mediums Nights

### Workshops and Events at Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp

The Rev. John Lilek will be at the Camp for two weeks, Oct. 1-15. He will teach various workshops and hold several transfiguration demonstrations.

**Psychometry Workshop, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2-4 p.m., AJD** Learn to receive impressions from an object through touch. Bring a small personal item that has NEVER belonged to anyone else for a group activity. Limit 40. \$15. Presenter: Rev. Mary Rose Gray.

**Women's Full Moon Circle Gathering, Tuesday, Oct. 11 and Wednesday, Oct. 26, both 7-9 p.m., Harmony Hall 5** Women gather in sisterhood to support, share, meditate, heal, and pray to raise vibration for personal and global peace and healing. Donation. Offered by Robin Matutino.

**Mystery Of The Mind, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2-4 p.m., AJD** Develop and expand your capability to interpret and utilize the wonders of your intuitive mind. \$25. Presenter: Rev. Diane R. Davis.

**Jewel Tree Workshop Friday, Oct. 21, 7-10 p.m., AJD** The Jewel Tree is a powerful image that can help individuals see the infinity of life and the interconnectedness of all things. Includes LoJong (Mind Training), explanation of the text and teachings, a Jewel Tree meditation and DVD tour of Tibet. \$20. Presenter: Rev. Ben Cox.

**World Religions, Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. AJD** Covers the history, geography, basic belief structures and practices of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Judaism, Christianity and Spiritualism. \$45. Presenter: Rev. Ben Cox.

**The History and Lore of Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2-4 p.m., AJD** This workshop will cover the history and customs of Halloween from its origins in European history to the continued Halloween antics of today. \$20. Presenter: Rev. Ben Cox

**Michelle Whitedove, Saturday Nov. 5, 2-5 p.m. AJD.** Whitedove will look into the future and give predictions. During the last hour she will deliver audience messages. \$49 advance/ \$55 on the day of the event. Readings available the following day. To schedule call 954-435-5564

**Teddy Bear Drive Begins, Sunday, Nov. 6 AJD; ends Sunday, Dec. 11**

**Women's Full Moon Circle Gathering, Thursday, Nov. 10, 7-9 p.m., Harmony Hall 5** Women gather in sisterhood to support, share, meditate, heal, and pray to raise vibration for personal and global peace and healing. Donation. Offered by Robin Matutino

**Automatic Writing, Saturday, Nov. 12, 10a.m.-noon. AJD** Explore this form of channeling whereby one connects their "essential self" with a guide, master or teacher in the non-physical dimension, using your words and concepts to express their messages. \$25. Presenter: Dr. Suzanne DeWees.

**A Greater You! Sunday, Nov. 13, 2-4p.m. AJD** Let's talk about the infinite possibilities of mind and expansion of self and expand your intuition for a "greater you." \$25. Presenter: Rev. Diane R. Davis.

**Working with Your Personal Colors, Saturday, Nov. 26, 1-4 p.m. AJD** You will be guided to choose a series of colors that will be used to create your very own personal Butterfly from which you will be given a brief reading. \$15. Presented by Rev. Robert Johnstone.

**Healing With Spirit: Integrative Rest, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2-4p.m. AJD** Explore deep relaxation combined with the rejuvenating and restorative effects of healing with our guide. \$20. Presenter: Rev. Suzanne DeWees.

**Women's Full Moon Circle Gathering, Saturday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 24, both 7-9 p.m., Harmony Hall 5** Women gather in sisterhood to support, share, meditate, heal, and pray to raise vibration for personal and global peace and healing. Donation. Offered by Robin Matutino

**Intuitive Awareness Of The Year Ahead, Sunday, Dec. 11, 2-4p.m. AJD** Come explore your intuitive skills and enjoy an afternoon of visualizations and discussion. \$25. Presenter: Rev. Diane Davis.

### Christmas Candlelight Service, Friday, Dec 16

The Christmas program this year will feature traditional Christmas carols, narration, meditation and holiday Spirit greetings. Non-perishable foods accepted for the Lake Helen-Cassadaga Food Bank.

### What the Bible Really Says About Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2-5 p.m. AJD

We will consider why the Christmas stories were included in the gospels and what they are really telling us! (And it's not about stars, shepherds or wise men!). \$20. Presenter: Rev. Ben Cox.