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Notes and news from the Swedenborg Library



## EASTER HOURS

Thu., April 5 7:30am to 6pm  
(no evening hours)  
Fri., April 6– Sun., April 8 CLOSED  
Mon., April 9 RESUME REGULAR HOURS

## EXAM WEEK

Fri., May 18 7:30am to 6pm  
and 7 pm to 11 pm  
Sat., May 19 9 am to 5 pm  
Sun., May 20 2 pm to 6 pm  
and 7 pm to 12 am  
Mon. - Wed., May 21, 22, 23  
7:30 am to 6 pm  
and 7 pm to 12 am  
Thu., May 24 7:30 am to 6 pm  
and 7 pm to 11 pm  
Fri., May 25 7:30 am to 5 pm

Sat., May 26 and Sun., May 27  
COMMENCEMENT CLOSED  
Mon., May 28  
MEMORIAL DAY CLOSED

## SUMMER HOURS Beginning Tuesday, May 29

Mon. through Fri . 9 am to 1pm  
Thu . 9 am to 1pm  
and 7 pm to 9pm  
CLOSED WEEKENDS

The College Grounds Café will be CLOSED for the summer session.

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## Spring reading from Bryn Athyn College faculty

What better way to celebrate spring than by enjoying books that represent the flowering of creativity in our own community? This is especially true with the recent publication of *Gardens of heaven and earth: an essay on Swedenborg and the symbolism of gardens* by Kristin King. [S18 .K5834 G3 2011] In it, King, College President and Associate Professor of English, explores the significance of gardens in history and across cultures. In particular, she discusses the importance of gardens both real and metaphorical in the life and work of Emanuel Swedenborg. *Gardens of heaven*

*and earth* "...is an investigation into the nature of experience, the limitations of language, and the idea of the garden as both a relationship to be experienced and as a symbolic language to be read." (from the book jacket).

If spring has you thinking of romance, adventure, and the workings of the human character, Sylvia Montgomery Shaw's new novel *Paradise Misplaced* [S18 .Sh28 P37 2012] is sure to interest you. "Captain Benjamin Nyman Vizcarra, son of the wealthiest man in Mexico, has everything a young man could want. But in the days leading up to the Mexican



Swedenborg's lusthus (Skansen, Stockholm, Sweden)  
c. Carol Traveny, June 2010

Revolution of 1910, he finds himself questioning whether he can support the old regime--and more and more distracted by his brother's bewitching fiancée, Isabel. Accused and convicted of his father's murder after a fateful late-night encounter, Benjamin relives the events

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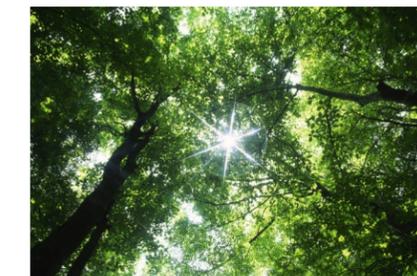
## Congratulations, Graduates!

*What we are is God's gift to us.  
What we become is our gift to God.*

— Eleanor Powell

(American dancer and film actress, 1912-1982)

The staff and volunteers of the Swedenborg Library wish all you all the very best as you continue on the next part of your journey.



## Spring reading from College faculty (continued)



that led to his imprisonment. As he plots escape, a new question begins to form: will he run, or will he stay to confront his mistakes and win back the woman he loves?" (from the publisher description) Sylvia Shaw is an Assistant Professor of English. **She will be reading from her book on April 24 at 7:30pm in the AV Room of the library.**

Finally, as we enter the season of Easter, it is especially appropriate that we reflect on the lives of those who are so intricately tied to the story. *Searching for Mary Magdalene: her story of awareness, acceptance and action* by Sonia S. Werner [S2 .W4957 S43 2011] is a book perfectly suited to such exploration. In it, Werner, Assistant Professor of English and Psychology, uses psychological, philosophical, and theological tools (particularly the

theological works of Emanuel Swedenborg), as well as her own travels, to sort through the myths and legends surrounding Mary Magdalene in order that we might understand her better and follow her example in our own lives and worship. Illustrated with many photographs, sketches, and paintings by the author, *Searching for Mary Magdalene* is a good companion to take on our own spiritual journey.

Other recent books in our collection are continuing evidence of the creativity, work, and scholarship of the Bryn Athyn College faculty. These include:

*The world transformed: Swedenborg and the Last Judgment* [S13 .Sy763 W6 2011] edited by Dan Synnestevedt, with essays contributed by many faculty

## FOSL news

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Swedenborg Library was held at 4pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

In regular business, new officers were elected as follows: Gregory L. Baker, President and Rosanne Bostock, Treasurer. Long-time FOSL member and past-

president, Donald Fitzpatrick, will be staying on the executive committee in an advisory capacity. His many contributions of time and service were officially recognized, as were those of Wren Doering, who has put in many hours of work to sort donated books in preparation

members, library staff members and others, that include: Allen Bedford, Andrew Dibb, Brian Henderson, Michael Hogan, Erik Sandstrom, Neil Simonetti, Dan Synnestevedt, Jane Williams-Hogan, and Sonia Werner. This book documents the presentations given at the Last Judgment Conference held in Bryn Athyn in 2007.

*The guardian angel diary* [S18 .Sch571 G8 2011] by Grant R. Schnarr. The author "draws together the voices of young people he has met and counseled to weave a fictional tale of love, fear, and hope." (from the publisher description)

**In addition, the library will be featuring an exhibit of other recent and upcoming presentations and publications by College faculty to highlight their research in a number of subject areas. Enjoy!**

for the sales.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Gregory Baker gave a fascinating talk on the history of the pendulum, which is also the topic of his latest book: *Seven Tales of the Pendulum*, [QA862.P4 B354 2011.]



## FOSL news (continued)

The main topic of discussion at the meeting was the proposed return of the library's multi-purpose room to its original function. When renovations are completed, FOSL used book sales, classes and other events will be able to be held here. A long-term goal of the library has been to return this space to full use, and thanks to the generous donations of individuals as well as FOSL, funds have

been raised in order to perform the necessary work. Construction is slated to begin in early April.

**Because of this, the ever-popular FOSL spring used book sale will not take place this year. Instead, watch for information about our 'grand re-opening' and future sales in the fall.**

Meanwhile, the ongoing used book sale shelves behind the

circulation desk are fully stocked, and the 'last chance' cart of free books has different items every week, so stop in to browse. On sale or in the stacks, there is always something great to read!



*Boxes of books soon to be set free! Watch for information about our 'grand re-opening' and future sales in the fall.*

## Director's web site tip: Association of Religion Data Archives

ARDA  
Pennsylvania State University  
<http://www.thearda.com/>

This web site is without doubt one of the best free sources of religious data currently available. Through time, effort and generous funding since its inception eight years ago, ARDA has become the premier database for religious information. Covering all religious topics, it more than meets its mission: "to democratize access to the best data on religion."

ARDA is easily searched by subject, geographic region, demographic groups and more, whether you are looking for information on a

denomination, specific congregations, locations, historic background or other data. The site includes local, state, national and international surveys, reports, and statistics. It is easy to navigate, and you can browse indexes, use Boolean searches or the advanced search feature.

Want to keep up with research in religion? ARDA features a "Resource Hub" that connects you with white papers, studies and current trends in religious scholarship. The web site incorporates various media such as YouTube, GIS maps, widgets, and other interactive tools as well as copious data files. It is an indispensable,

first place to look for anyone interested in religion and religious subjects.

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