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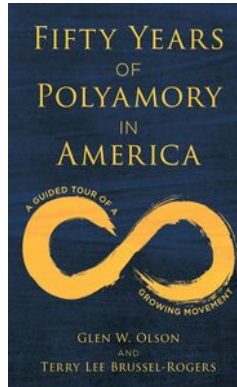
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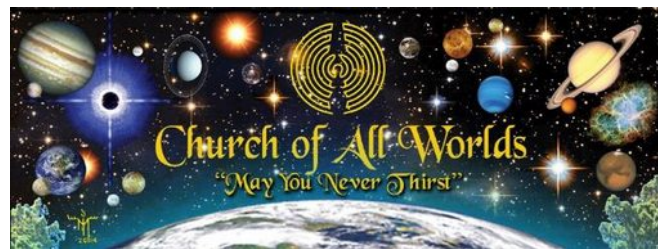
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 18, 2026: Live: 11 am–4 pm PT, Zoom: 11 am–1 pm PT
Poly Intersection: **Renaissance *Pleasure* Faire, Society for Creative Anachronism, and Dungeons & Dragons.** Led by Elaine Anderson.

Saturday, May 2, 2026: Live only: 6 pm – 9 pm PT.

Beltane Celebration led by High Priestess Lilith and High Priest Lawrence. 6-7 pm: potluck dinner. 7-9 pm: ritual.



Saturday, May 9, 2026: Live only: 10 am – 7 pm PT.

Outing to the **Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire** in Irwindale, CA.

Saturday, May 16, 2026: Live: 11 am – 4 pm PT, Zoom: 11 am – 1 pm PT.
Spider Robinson's Poly Primers.

Join our Zoom meetings <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=Vl8d4Qk2FXIb80dmDS73AbvKSPPr1.1&omn=85326078065>

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All in-person events are at Penfield Cooperative Household,
8515 Penfield Ave, Winnetka, CA 91306, unless otherwise stated.

Live the Dream

January-February 2026

Live the Dream is an education and support group for those who, originally inspired by the writings of Robert A. Heinlein, Robert Rimmer, Marion Zimmer Bradley, and Spider Robinson are now ready to LIVE such alternative lifestyles as cooperative living, open committed relationships, and group marriage. Many of our concepts on multiply committed relationships come from Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*. Live the Dream is the oldest continuing Nest of Church of All Worlds, the real life, over fifty-year-old spiritual movement inspired by *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Please visit the Live the

Dream website at www.livethedream.org to view current events, past articles, etc. Terry Brussel-Rogers is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Life Coach, & a 4th-generation Matchmaker. We provide poly relationship counseling, hypnotic jealousy release, ways to attract and maintain loving relationship(s), success coaching, and other services. See www.acesuccess.com or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628).

EVENTS

All regular Live the Dream LIVE events 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka, CA. 91306 (unless otherwise specified). Suggested donation for those attending events Live is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members of Live the Dream. LTD paid members: Meeting \$5. If an evening party is listed, meeting and party both \$8 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dishes \$12 donation suggested for both events. Non-members \$15 with pot luck dish for both events, without Pot Luck, \$20 suggested donation for both events.

Terry is the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meetup (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd Saturdays of each month 11 am - 4 pm PT + special celebrations and parties listed during the year.



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Poly Intersection: Renaissance *Pleasure* Faire, Society for Creative Anachronism, and Dungeons & Dragons. Led by Elaine Anderson.

11 am – 1 pm PT: Live and on Zoom: Poly Discussion

1 pm – 2 pm PT: Potluck lunch – bring something healthy and delicious to share.

2 pm – 4 pm PT: Socializing in the clothing-optional jacuzzi,

Elaine has been a member of Queen's Court in SCA several times, participated in Renaissance Pleasure Faire, and been active in Dungeons & Dragon activities for many years.

The **Renaissance Pleasure Faire of Southern California** was founded by Phyllis and Ron Patterson in 1963. In 1966, a group of friends (including the writers Diana Paxson, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Poul Anderson, and Karen Kruse Anderson) interested in historical reenactment and science fiction/fantasy founded the **Society for Creative Anachronism** at an event now known as First Tournament in Berkeley, California.

Between that time and this couples have met at Faire or SCA, married in the Faire Wedding Garden and brought their children back to enjoy it. Some of them have been in Guilds which feature role play Families which can become very real for the 6-12 weekends of Faire and preparing for Faire each year..perhaps for decades.

This is even more true with SCA events, which occur several times a year and can involve staying on site for whole weekends or more for the Wars. While the Royalty are more involved than general attendees, those who come to these functions are wholeheartedly part of them during the time they are present. They are participants rather than observers, far more so in the SCA than with Southern California Renfaire, which has become commercialized. The children may regard Faire/SCA family as Aunts, Uncles and perhaps cousins by Choice.

There are couples who having met at Faire or SCA and formed romantic relationships there, have legal marriages separate from Faire or SCA. In some cases, spouses who do not go to Faire or SCA events or choose to put in the time and commitment necessary to be part of one of these activities know about these romantic connections which have perhaps gone on for many years before they knew or married their husband or wife and have consented to them.

If they meet and form friendships with such people, it can lead to kitchen table polyamory or even group marriage. Or they may just accept that for the weekends of Faire or days of SCA events, this relationship will continue separately from the marriage. Some of this may depend on whether the other partner lives close enough to spend time together separate from Faire or SCA.

I believe that as long as the non-Faire or non-SCA spouse knows and **willingly** consents to the arrangement, it is poly. If they do not know or do not willing consent to it, that is just garden variety cheating. What do you think?

How does Dungeons & Dragons come into this? It attracts the same kind of people and frequently the **same** people who get involved in Renfaire and SCA. They have weekly or monthly gatherings which have become date nights for those involved in these Poly Relationships, whether they be solo polys who meet at such events and perhaps stay over together after them, or triads, more-adds and polycules who come as a group.

Elaine will lead a discussion on all of this. Your active participation is enthusiastically encouraged!

Saturday, May 2, 2026: Live only: 6 pm – 9 pm PT.

Beltane Ritual led by High Priestess Lilith and High Priest Lawrence

6-7 pm Pot luck dinner

7-9 pm Beltane Ritual

Clothing optional jacuzzi available after Ritual

See Beltane article below.



Saturday, May 9, 2026: Live only: 10 am – 7 pm PT.

Outing to the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Irwindale, CA.



BARDIC PLAYS, BAWDY SONGS, PAGEANTRY, UNUSUAL FOOD, SAUCY WENCHES and OTHER DELIGHTS.

CALL LTD HOT LINE 818-886-0069 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US THERE.

This will be forwarded to Terry's cell phone day of Faire—call to connect with us on site.

Join us at 10:00 am for the Opening Parade, Faire closes at 6:30

Location: at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, which is at the Irwindale exit off the 210 Freeway, just east of where the 210 and 605 Freeways cross.

Saturday, May 16, 2026: Live: 11 am – 4 pm PT, Zoom: 11 am – 1 pm PT.

Spider Robinson's Poly Primers



Callahan's Crosstime Saloon introduces a group of people who support each other in handling their problems and celebrating their joys. In this and later books they go beyond this to actual group telepathic communication. In *Callahan's Keys* they show their commitment to each other by all moving out-of- state together when local laws and the abuse of them prevented them from meeting together where they were.

According to Spider's biographical material, many of the metaphysical as well as the group related experiences come from his real-life ones with his expanded family and close friends during the '60s in Haight-Ashbury.

The Lady Callahan books are definitely Poly, as committed couples share their partners with customers of this high class brothel/international diplomacy center. The “artists” who work there have relationships with the Lady herself, other artists (some of which include legal marriage), etc. Lady Callahan’s place could itself be considered a group house since the artists and some of their partners actually do live there.

Spider’s Star Dance series features very unusually configured group marriages— combining extra-terrestrials with humans, gays with straights who share mental “intercourse” etc. Eventually his proposed intentional Family includes the whole human race, past, present and future.

Spider has written many other stories with incidental poly themes in fictional (?) worlds where it is assumed any choice of whom and how many you love is OK. How can we use this information in our own group living and multiple committed relationship efforts?

1 PM Pot Luck lunch—bring something healthy and delicious to share.

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional Hot tub

Royalty in the CAW Tribe: The May Couple and the Underworld Regency

by Oberon Zell-Ravenheart



There are many different aspects to what we call “gods” and “goddesses.” Some, such as Mother Nature and Father Time, are truly cosmic. Others, such as Mother Earth and Father Sun, are more finite, with material bodies to house their ethereal souls. Some, such as Pan, Eros, Yemaya, the Green Man, etc. are actually forces and powers of Nature. Still others, such as most of the familiar pantheons of Egypt, Greece, Ireland, Scandinavia, etc. are closely linked to the human community and embody aspect of human nature more than those of Nature Herself. There are deities that are totemic, such as Coyote, Eagle, Bear; these are the collective souls of particular species. Then there are the humble Nymphs, Sprites, Fairies, Naiads, Dryads, Fauns and other spirits of place.

Each of these deities, at whatever level, may have *avatars*—living human representatives who carry Their energy and who manifest Their spirits *incarnate* (“in flesh”) for however long they can hold it. In the Afro-Caribbean traditions, possession by the Loa or Orishas is carefully confined to the brief period of the all-night ritual. When we “call down the moon” and evoke the presence of the God or Goddess to attend our rites in the person of our Priest or Priestess, we always release Them at the end, when the Circle is opened. Being a vessel for divine energy is extremely hard on mortal flesh, especially, apparently, on males. Jim Morrison was a vessel for Dionysos, God of Intoxication, and Gwydion carried the energy of the Green Man. Neither of them knew how to let go at the right time and they were both consumed to death by the Divine Fire.

The Church of All Worlds has evolved over the years a hierarchical structure similar to that of the British Empire: as they have Parliament to determine laws and political governance, we have our Board of Directors. As they have the Church of England to handle matters of religion and the Spirit, so we have our Clergy Council. And as England has its Royalty, so do we have ours: the Queen and King of the May, and the King and Queen of the Underworld. The members of the Board are *elected* annually by vote of the membership. The Clergy are *ordained* for life after years of study and training. And the Sacred Royalty are *selected* each year by the Gods and the Tribe through participatory rituals.

Our Queen and King of the May are essentially avatars of the community, bringing together the epitome of the male and female energies and personalities of our tribe in a *heiros gamos*—sacred marriage

—which is enacted on several levels in the Maypole ritual. Our Queen represents the Land itself as well as specifically being an avatar and stand-in for all the women in the tribe. Thus Her reign continues throughout the year, progressing in stages through the full cycle of the immanent Goddess—Maiden, Mother and Crone. The King represents the People, bonded to the Land in love and service, and He is also an avatar and stand-in for all the men in the tribe. He is the Year-King, and His reign ends at Samhain with the death of the God.

Thus it is essential that the energies of *both* genders must be represented in our avatars. The two of them (with their Princes and Princesses) hold Court at the festivals of Litha, Lughnasadh and Mabon, whereat they may hear grievances and accept vows, dispense honors and awards to those they deem deserving, as well as grant favors, dub Knights, designate Bards and Champions, issue Letters of Marque, etc. *(A note to said Royals: Certificates of Honor and Appreciation, Letters of Marque, etc. may be ordered from CAW Central with whatever names and variations on wording you may desire. Engraved medallions may be ordered from any trophy shop.)*

During the period of the King's reign, it is the privilege of the People to shower Him with honors and hospitality. Every house He visits is blessed by His presence, as is every lass He loves, every field He sows, and every meal He shares. All of this goes as well for the Queen, and doubly so for the half of the year She traditionally reigns alone, when She is due support, consolation, love and sympathy. We treat Them as we ourselves would wish to be treated, for "as fare these vessels, so fare we all."

In the past few years, reluctant to lose our beloved King, and in deference to the love of His Lady, we have introduced a new ritual of Transformation, of Death and Rebirth, whereby at Samhain we may choose to resurrect our dying May King as the Winter King (or "Rain King" in Califia). In such a case, he may then resume the throne with Her for the remainder of the year, perhaps even taking the role of Father Solstice, or Santa Claus, at Yule, where the Winter King and Wint'ry Queen may hold court together.

Since we have revived the ancient Mysteries of Eleusis (starting in 1990), we have also come to embrace another royal couple: Hades and Persephoné, the King and Queen of the Underworld. Their co-regency begins with the Greater Eleusinia at the Autumn Equinox, and continues through six cold months, until the Vernal Equinox, when Persephoné returns to our world with the flowers of Spring, in the rite of the Lesser Eleusinia (Korethalia). They hold Court at the festivals of Samhain and Ostara, and may do also at Yule and Oimelc (perhaps in conjunction with the Winter King and Queen), when, as with the May Royalty, they may hear grievances and accept vows, dispense honors and awards, grant favors, dub Knights, etc. *(Order Certificates from CAW Central; medallions from a trophy shop.)*

Another variation might follow the Welsh story of Pwyll and Arawn, in which the King of the Living and the King of the Dead change places for a season. This exchange might be enacted at Samhain, when the May King traditionally descends into the Underworld. (Starwhite created a wonderful ritual for this.) Then the Lord of Annwn would reign as Winter King beside the Queen of the May until the Spring, while the King of the Land resides with the Queen of Hell.

It is important to recognize that these offices carry no temporal authority. Our Sacred Royalty are not *above* us; they are *of* us. In a very real sense, they *are* us, just as the Earth is of us and we are of the Earth—that is the meaning of immanent divinity. Their royalty carries no right to issue orders, commands or decrees which must be obeyed. No one in our Tribe has that right—not Priest or Priestess, not members of the Board of Directors, not even our Founders.

There is mutual honor and duty inherent in these Royal offices, just as there is mutual honor and duty in the way the community relates to Them. By honoring our Kings and Queens, we confer blessings upon ourselves and our homes. By blessing our homes and fields, They confer honor and good karma on Themselves and the vessels who carry Them. Various chosen couples who have carried the energies of

King and Queen have added creatively to these evolving roles, and have received positive responses from the tribe. This is encouraged.

May all who sit our sacred thrones bring ever greater honor to the Gods and our Tribe!



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Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement is unique among the many books about polyamory because the scope of this book is the entire history of the polyamory movement, from Woodstock right on into the 21st century. The book is available at on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and many other places—even internationally!— just by Googling its title.

Between them, Terry and Glen have experience with open marriage, group marriage, and group living, and both are part of an intimate network which has evolved from 1969 to present time.

WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC. CAN YOU SHARE RELATING TO THE POLY LIFE STYLE?

We'd like to run it here or have you bring those questions to one of our 3rd Saturday events.

Please email to: Terry_bg@msn.com

Or mail it to: 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, CA 91306.

We will take any question with *your* solution or brain storm and give it one or more of our own. Let's have fun with this and learn from each other.

Meetups & Other Group Events

Check out www.meetup.com/Loveopen; www.meetup.com/loving-more; www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/

The Southern California Naturist Association Meetup <http://www.meetup.com/nature-519>

This is the largest non-landed clothing optional club in California

Other Poly info:

The Human Awareness Institute www.hai.org

Emma and Fin are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews in Swinging and Polyamory (normalizingnonmonogamy.com)

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