

## **HISTORY OF JUNGIAN PSYCHOLOGY IN ALBERTA**

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Our first Jungian analyst as most of you know was Josephine Evetts-Secker who returned from the Institute in Zurich as a Diploma candidate in 1987 and set up practice while also being a fulltime professor at the University of Calgary. She graduated the following year. Zeljko Matijevic joined Josephine in 1989 and I arrived back in Calgary in 1990. Maureen Abbott followed and had a practice briefly here as well.

At that time there was also a group of people interested in Jungian psychology in Calgary who were meeting as part of the Centrepont discussion program and who were interested in starting a Jungian society. In the fall of 1990 we held a Jungian Symposium which was attended by around 100 people with Ian Baker, Tony Frey and Katrin Asper as speakers. Out of this conference came a firm Yes to meeting to begin to develop what became the first Jungian Society in Alberta – The C.G. Jung Society of Alberta in Calgary. The society has continued to provide an educational program to this day and will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year (2016).

Josephine moved back to England in 1997 and we were happy to welcome Judith Slimmon back from Zurich in 2001. She has had a practice here up until now. Peggy Voth joined us in 2013 and Chris Wilkes this spring, both having graduated from the Toronto training program.

Edmonton saw the arrival of Meredith Oenning-Hodson in 1999 from Germany and Pearl Mindell from New York shortly afterwards. Meredith has had a private practice since then. John Hoedl returned from Zurich in 2006 and has had a practice ever since. In Edmonton a small group of people started studies in Jungian psychology in 1977. (see below)\* In 2001 the Edmonton Jung Forum was begun and was active in providing lectures and workshops until recently.

Marlene Brouwer came to Red Deer and started a practice in 2010. She remained three years and then moved on to Victoria.

Over the years the analysts from Calgary and Edmonton met on a regular basis for sharing our experiences and for education, so when the idea of joining with B.C. came up three of us were ready to explore how we could make this possible. The Western Association was initiated in 2009 and here we are today!

\*John Hoedl has provided more information on this group, and I quote, "This group became the 'Friends of Jung' and was led by Evangeline Rand who, from 1983 to the present, has been leading in-depth study groups of Jungian works, weekend workshops, as well as a number of Jungian orientated educational trips to Europe and Egypt. Early on Evangeline had met and

consulted with Marion Woodman, who subsequently came to Edmonton to speak to a small group in Evangeline's home. 'Friends of Jung' eventually grew to quite a large and active group' and served as an introduction to Jungian psychology for many Edmontonians over the years."