



# Welcome to Cassadaga

## Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp



**NEWSLETTER**

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**The historical Colby Memorial Temple is named after one of the Camp's founders, George P. Colby. It was built in 1923.**

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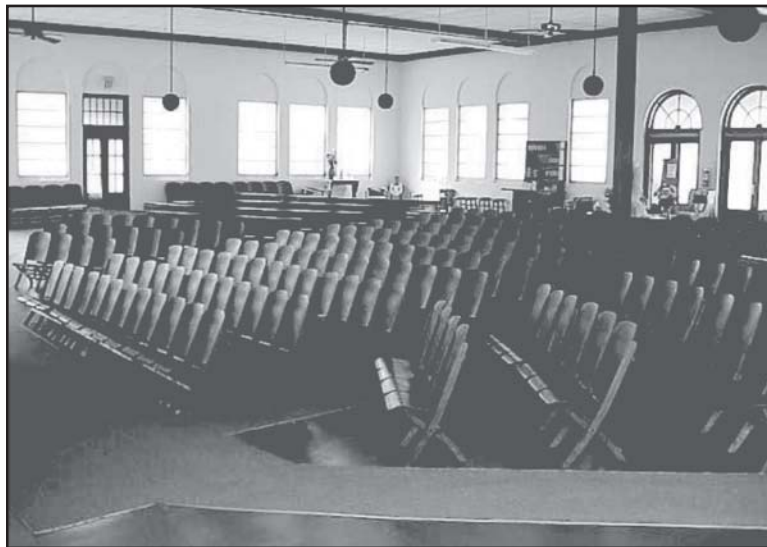
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**In Brief**

**Sunday Service is  
at 10:30 a.m. \***



**Visit us at [Cassadaga.org](http://Cassadaga.org)**

**\*All events have been temporarily moved to the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Please call to confirm locations.**





# **Adult Lyceum:**

## **Find answers**

### **To life's questions**

Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp offers adult Lyceum on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building.

Rev. Dr. Don Zanghi, Lyceum Director for many years at the Camp, said the free lectures are informative and thought provoking.

"It's huge," he said, of Lyceum. "It's a service we offer. It's a long standing part of Spiritualism. It's a place where the philosophy of Spiritualism is taught on a regular basis for anybody who wants to be there."

Lyceum, a literary institution, lecture hall or teaching place, isn't a new thing. Great thinkers Socrates, Plato and Aristotle had the corner on it in ancient times. In modern times, Andrew Jackson Davis, an American visionary and lecturer, carried on the torch.

In 1863, Davis spoke to a group of Spiritualists of a vision he had while in one of his trances. He saw children being taught and trained in the spirit world and suggested a similar type of learning would benefit children on Earth. The lecture inspired some members of the audience to establish the first Children's Progressive Lyceum.

Rev. Don, a Doctor of Ministry, said in the past, topics have included Spiritualism, Natural Law, Metaphysics, Comparative Religion and Meditation among other topics.

Adult Lyceum was first held in Colby Memorial Temple. Some days four or five showed up and other days nobody came. Eventually, it grew and was moved to the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Today, anywhere from 18 to 40 come for the discussion.

Art Morris has attended Lyceum for a couple of years.

"I come to learn and understand the teachings [of Spiritualism]," he said. "I've always been one, but I didn't have the label for it."

Sylvia Fisher, a Spiritualist for at least 20 years, has rarely missed a lecture in three years.

"I enjoy the group camaraderie," she said, "and being able to discuss things in a class."

Rev. Don said the Board of Trustees has made Lyceum possible.

"I couldn't do it alone," he said. "Our teachers do a tremendous job. We have such a high caliber of them – they all have so much to offer in a different way."

Rev. Don, who came to Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp in 1991, is a certified medium, healer, teacher and certifying evaluator. When he first arrived, "Sunday was Lyceum, church, fellowship, messages and a workshop," he said. "It's all part of it."

Not much has changed since then. He still attends the gamut of activities on Sundays. Lyceum is a place to learn, ask questions and evaluate your life's path. It's at the top of his list. It's offered as a service to all communities.

"You can't beat the price," he said. "I joke with people – if you don't like it, we'll give you your money back."

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# Meet Margarita F. Varela

**Age:** 57

**Astrology Sign:** Leo. Double Leo. My first house is in Leo.

**Hometown:** I was born and raised in Puerto Rico.

**How did you arrive in Cassadaga?** I believe that everyone who visits Cassadaga is responding to a "Spiritual Invitation." You may not know it at the time, but with time you will understand that ... it is, it has and it will be Divinely guided. Cassadaga is a spiritual location where the energy is right, to facilitate prayer, meditation, healing and communication with spirits. I can recall that there were times I wanted to start taking intuitive & spiritual classes and for one reason or another that was not possible while I was raising my children. Then one day the path was clear and I came for a Sunday Service at Cassadaga. I remember sitting down enjoying the service; then, I started to hear very clearly, "Come,

come for healing." I sat for a healing and came back for Wednesday Night Message Service and Sunday Service, again. Something Divinely special, magical was starting to transform and awaken deeply with my spirit. I am so grateful the way spirit uses all of us to touch our lives. For two years I traveled from Lake Mary to attend Wednesday Night Message Service, Sunday services, and every event and classes that were on the schedule. After the first year, I became a member and entered the Student program that is offered in Cassadaga. What an amazing experience! Today I am a Certified Healer and Medium of this organization.

**Camp duties:** Cassadaga has a wonderful way for all members to feel that we can contribute with our talents through our Volunteer Program. We have many committees that allow that. I serve on the Finance Committee and the Temple Decoration Committee and I also volunteer to do Healings as often as possible.

**Credentials:** I am a retired secretary. I am in this community to serve as a Certified Healer and Medium.

**What do you like most about Cassadaga:** Truly! Truly! I love the people who visit and the energy of our grounds. I like the way spirit moves and guides me. I am very privileged to live among unique, sensitive individuals.

**Who lives in your house:** God's spirit lives in my house. My dear husband, Julio, the love for my children and grandchildren, the love for family and friends and the love for life lives in my house!

**Hobbies:** I like to do many things. I love the beach, to read, the theatre. I have great passion for music, nature, good food, good friends and family to share with.

**Advice for those who want to become a Medium or Healer:** We are all called to live a life of service. To allow you to be in the flow with God is the greatest gift a person can give to the "self".

**Favorite color:** Rainbow color. Pink, blue, green, yellow... Life is a Rainbow!

**Meditation practice:** Mornings are quite sacred to me. Silence, Contemplation, Prayer... I spend a few hours in meditation every day. Many times during the day I like to take five minutes to center myself, to breathe in an out, to let go and bring peace into my life with a conscious mind in that precise moment.

**What book are you presently reading?** "The Keys of Jeshua" by Glenda Green

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Happy, Calming



**John Verderosa, 53,**  
Sweet, Calm, Smooth,  
Tasty



**Barbara Munroe, 69,**  
Cooling sensation,  
Soothing, Awakening,  
Flowery



# Lavender is . . .

By Penny Nairne

Lavender (*Lavandula officinalis*)

Lavender is native to Mediterranean countries and India. There are about three dozen species that can survive intense summer heat and bitter cold, unlike most plants. Lavender is a bushy, evergreen shrub that grows about two feet high.

The volatile oil of Lavender makes it a fire element. Mercury rules Lavender. The healing spirit of Mercurius imparts a feeling of inner freedom that allows one to let go of compulsions, anger and other bad habits of the mind. Its properties can be described as calming, soothing and balancing.

The ability to restore balance generates an atmosphere conducive to healing. In 1860 the British Pharmacopoeia said Lavender was useful against “the falling sickness, and all cold distempers of the head, womb, stomach and nerves; against the apoplexy, palsy, convulsions, megrim, vertigo, loss of memory, dimness of sight, melancholy, swooning fits and barrenness in women.”

It was given in the syrup juice of black cherries or in Florence wine. Some people took it in milk or water sweetened with sugar.

Lavender has been known to promote love and guard chastity. When our great-great grandmothers wrote love notes they rubbed the purplish blue petals on the paper. The flowers of Lavender are burned or smoldered to induce sleep. Scattered around the house Lavender will induce a feeling of peacefulness.

The smell of Lavender has been thought to be beneficial for longevity. Romans used Lavender as a purification perfume for the bath. Both the Greeks and Romans burned it as an incense offering to the Gods. They also used it to disinfect hospitals and sick rooms.

Ancient druids carried Lavender to aid in seeing ghosts and to protect themselves against the “evil eye”. Today we continue to use Lavender to sooth, calm, and to enhance sleep. May you find balance of mind and body.

## **BINGO**

Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building

**\$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 per package, supplies and refreshments available.**

Details: 386-228-3171

## **Healing Services**

**Tuesdays, Thursdays and  
Fridays 2-4 p.m.**

**Sundays 10-10:25 a.m. in the  
Caesar Forman Healing  
Gazebo**

## **Gala Day Family Fest**

**Saturday, July 16**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Speakers in Colby Memorial Temple\***

**Mini-readings in Andrew Jackson Davis Building**

**Various Healing Modalities**

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A Spiritual Healer possesses a gift or talent for passing healing energy from spiritual forces to recipients. This energy helps to bring about relief, cure and healing of both mental and physical conditions. This energy is conveyed through the laying on of hands.

# Historical Buildings at Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association

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

In 1895, George P. Colby deeded over 35 acres to the newly incorporated Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association.



The Association built Harmony Hall in 1896 as an apartment house to provide 'light housekeeping' for the visitors and mediums attending the camp meeting season. Eight suites were available for rent, often times two sharing one suite with each using the kitchen in the middle. One could rent a furnished suite in 1910 for \$3 a week or \$55 for the entire season.

Brigham Hall was built in 1897 as a lodging house by Dr. Hubbard H. Brigham and his wife Dr. Sarah C. Brigham. There were eighteen rooms to be rented with no facilities. The family sold the lodging house in 1913 to the Association for \$1500. In 1928, the Association began remodeling Brigham Hall into four three room apartments, each with a private bath. The second floor was remodeled later on and the top floor became storage. In 1895, during the camp's first season, the Brigham's erected a large cottage on Marion Street, directly behind Brigham Hall, which still stands today.



<p><b>Rev. Elizabeth (Janie) Owens</b></p> <p>Spirit Guide Drawings Lots of Information – Spiritual Direction</p> <p>555 Cassadaga Road Cassadaga, Florida 32706</p> <p><b>386-490-3324</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday Camp Happenings</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Lyceum (Sunday school) in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. Sunday Service in the Colby Memorial Temple* (refreshments afterward in Andrew Jackson Davis Building)</b></p> <p>12:30 p.m. Grove Service in Andrew Jackson Davis Building</p> <p><b>Details: 386-228-3171</b></p>	<p><b>Harry Byard</b></p> <p><b>Medium and Healer</b></p> <p>P.O. Box 263 Cassadaga, Florida</p> <p><b>386-848-5348</b></p> <p><b>386-473-7188</b></p>
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# Come see inside Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp

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Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp has joined the 21st century.

Lawrence Damasio, chair of the public relations committee, said he and his team intend to focus on social networking to get our name out to the public. His first step was to get the Camp's Facebook account going again.

"We've gotten a great response," he said. "It's growing by the day."

Lawrence and others have worked for hours on getting the word out. They've logged more than 1,000 new friends from every continent, except Antarctica -- and as close as the Daytona Beach area.

"There were people in our backyard that didn't know we existed," he said.

Lawrence has produced short videos on the happenings in the Camp and posted them on the Camp's Facebook page. He has also answered questions about Spiritualism and other related topics such as Mediumship and Healing.

"We can invite the world into the Camp," he said. "Let people know we're here."

In the future, Lawrence plans to get the Camp started on Twitter and LinkedIn. For now, though, he and others keep pretty busy with Facebook.

"If you have a Facebook account, become a Cassadaga friend," he said.

## Bingo!

It's Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Andrew Jackson Davis Building in Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp. Seven games are played each night. Most payouts are anywhere from \$20 to \$40, depending on the number of participants.

Packets are \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 with three, six, nine and 12 shots to win respectively. Regular games include In Between with four corners to win. The prize is a \$10 packet to be used the next time they come to play bingo.

The Jackpot game is a coverall within a prescribed number. For instance, the number starts at 48 calls to get the coverall and win the Jackpot. If it is not won within the prescribed number, the coverall continues. Payout depends on the number of participants on that particular night. It's usually a couple of hundred dollars

Each week the prescribed number increases by one until

someone wins the Jackpot. The last winner took home \$1,500.



Games played each week vary and may include the Diamond, the Big L, Large Picture Frame, Small Picture Frame, the Big H, Double Postage Stamps, Two Bingo Lines, the Kite or Three Lines Stacked to name a few.

Bingo has been a fundraiser for Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp for at least eight years. Eva Byard founded the event at the camp. Harry and Eva Byard have been on the committee since its inception.

All are welcome to join in the fun filled night. You must be 18 years old. Participants bring snacks, i.e., chips, cakes and pies, to share. It is not required.

<p><b>Lorraine Peterson</b></p> <p><b>Certified Healer And Teacher</b></p> <p><b>Blessing of Peace, Love and Light</b></p> <p><b>386-228-4055</b></p>	<p><b>New Member Orientation</b></p> <p>Last Sunday of the month at Colby Memorial Temple*</p> <p><b>Starts at 1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Details: 386-228-3171</b></p>	<p><b>Native-American Gathering</b> (Open to all)</p> <p><b>First Saturday of every month at Eloise Page Park, 6 p.m.</b></p> <p>Bring a chair and a dish to share (optional).</p> <p><b>Drumming, Dance, Prayer, Stories, Customs, Food</b></p> <p><b>Details: 386-445-8807</b></p>
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## Cassadaga Bookstore and Welcome Center

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Monday through Saturday  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

**Sunday Service** is at 10:30 a.m. in Colby Memorial Temple.\* It includes a healing meditation, speaker and messages from the other side. Fellowship to follow in Andrew Jackson Davis Building.

**Grove Service** is 12:30-1:30 p.m. and is held in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Certified Camp Mediums and Student Mediums demonstrate the continuity of life in a public setting.

**Sunday Adult Lyceum** is held from 9:30-10:15 p.m. in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Lyceum classes are provided as forum for those who have a desire to learn more about the religion, science and philosophy of Spiritualism

**Membership:** If you're thinking about becoming a member of Cassadaga, go to 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** is on Tuesdays in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. It starts at 7 p.m. Bingo packages \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25. There are seven games with coverall, which is a progressive jackpot.

**Native-American Gathering** is a 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. There's drumming, dancing, flute playing, prayers, stories and customs.

**Mediums Night** is the first Monday of

each month. Mini-readings are by Camp Certified Mediums and Camp students. \$20. Numbered tickets available at the bookstore starting at 5:30 p.m. Come early to get first choice of Medium. Readings start at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Andrew Jackson Davis Building.

**Tour the Town** to learn about Cassadaga's unique and mysterious beginnings. 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. Children 12 and under are half price on all tours. 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.

**Mediums Day** is the Third Tuesday of the month. Mini-readings by Camp Certified Mediums and Students Mediums 1-3 p.m. Priority numbers are given out starting at noon. It's \$20 and held in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building.

**Wednesday Night Message and Healing Service** is 7-9:00 p.m. in Colby Memorial Temple.\* Hands on healing is 7-7:30 p.m. Message service starts at 7:30 p.m. Everyone in attendance receives a message. \$5 donation.

### JULY

**Saturday, July 16,** Family Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community dinner is at 6

p.m. Bring a dish.

**Sunday, July, 17,** Creative Mind/Creative Possibilities! 2-4 p.m. with the Rev. Diane Davis in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. \$25

### AUGUST

**Sunday, Aug. 14,** I Had a Hunch! 2-4 p.m. with the Rev. Diane Davis in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. \$25

**Saturday, Aug. 20,** Community Dinner at 6 p.m. in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Bring a dish.

**\*All Colby Memorial Temple events have been temporarily relocated to the Andrew Jackson Davis Building. Please call to confirm locations.**

**We have recently put a new roof on the Andrew Jackson Davis Building with the help of donations from the community. Our next project is the Colby Memorial Temple. Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Meeting Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please help to preserve our historic buildings. Your donations, large or small, would be greatly appreciated. Please mail your tax deductible check to SCSCMA, P.O. Box 319, Cassadaga, FL 32706**

**Keep updated on our events on our website, [cassadaga.org](http://cassadaga.org) or call the bookstore at 386-228-2880.**