



Summer 2020 at OPUS

Dear Friends,

It has been a long and lonely Spring without our visitors to the campus and archives, and we at OPUS miss you. The essence of our mission to connect you to the collections remains, so we have put together a virtual look at our current onsite exhibit for your educational enjoyment. Representations from *Guiding Spirits: The Radical Witches and Women of OPUS* are presented in a slideshow that can be accessed by the link found below.

We will continue to seek ways to connect with you, and we especially look forward to being able to see you in person again. Meanwhile, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Warm wishes from all of us at OPUS Archives

Virtual Exhibit Now Available

Guiding Spirits: The Radical Witches and Women of OPUS



We are pleased to present a virtual exhibit of materials highlighting explorations of mythological witches and the occult underpinnings of depth psychology. Available for viewing are germane selections from OPUS' leading-edge women scholars, including Marija Gimbutas' archeological illustrations of bird goddesses and their canine consorts, and Christine Downing and Marion Woodman's manuscripts on the distrust and endurance of the female body and the magical powers of lunar crossroad goddesses, Hekate, Artemis, and Baba Yaga. Also included is an in-depth look at Judge W. H. Barnes' rare turn-of-the-20th-century Spiritualist book collection, featuring testimonial accounts and investigative exposés of séances, trance mediums, and spirit materializations—all phenomena influential upon the psychology of C. G. Jung and the Theosophical establishment of OPUS' neighboring township of Summerland, CA.

This exhibit serves to illuminate ways in which goddess worship, bodily healing, oracular arts, and the co-arising of Spiritualism with women's suffrage all provided invaluable and pivotal leadership roles for women, as well as validating our enduring human need for contact with the unseen.

Exploring the Exhibit:

Click the link provided below or copy and paste into your browser.

This is a Google Slides presentation best viewed in Full Screen by pressing the "Present" button at the top right of the screen. You may then begin your exploration of the exhibit by clicking "Begin Virtual Tour" on the title screen.

Please note that not all features work across all platforms. Mobile devices may need to download the Google Slides app prior to viewing.

Guiding Spirits: A Virtual Exhibit

<https://tinyurl.com/opusvirtualexhibit>



For more information on the exhibit and the OPUS collections, visit the [Exhibits](#) page of our website.

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