

The C.G. Jung Association of Central Ohio presents

# Drawn to the Dark: Dark Themes in Fairy Tales

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**Time:** 9:30 am – 12:30 pm (Registration 9:00)

**Location:** JungHaus, 59 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

Why are we so fascinated by fairy tales and stories that tell us about the darkness? We find examples in popular culture, like Philip Pullman’s trilogy “His Dark Materials”, the progressively darker path of Harry Potter, and the musical “Sweeney Todd”. Why do we spend our time with dark tales? Ursula LeGuin suggests:

*The imagination can transfigure the dark matter of life. And in many personal essays and autobiographies, that’s what I begin to miss, to crave: transfiguration....I want to recognize something I never saw before.*

*I want the vision to leap out at me, terrible and blazing – the fire of the transfiguring imagination.*

*I want the true dragons.*

In this seminar we will review Jung’s concepts of the personal and collective shadow, as well as the idea of archetypes. We will consider Jung’s and Marie Louise vonFranz’s ideas about honoring the mythical realm – traditionally the place where individuals encounter “transfiguration”. We will put these ideas into everyday language that we can use in our lives. To do so, we will discuss one dark fairy tale in depth. We will conclude with reflections on how we can deeply engage with these tales so that in spite of their grimness, they may also serve life.

**Mara-Lea Rosenbarger** is a Jungian Analyst with a Diploma from the C. G. Jung Institute in Zurich. She has a private practice of dream work and seminars in Bloomington, IN, and conducts workshops and study groups on Jungian psychology and its application to our inner and outer lives. The Jung Association is pleased to welcome her back for another compelling presentation.

**Fee: \$30 - \$35 (Reduced fee by May 30) Space is limited. Register early**

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