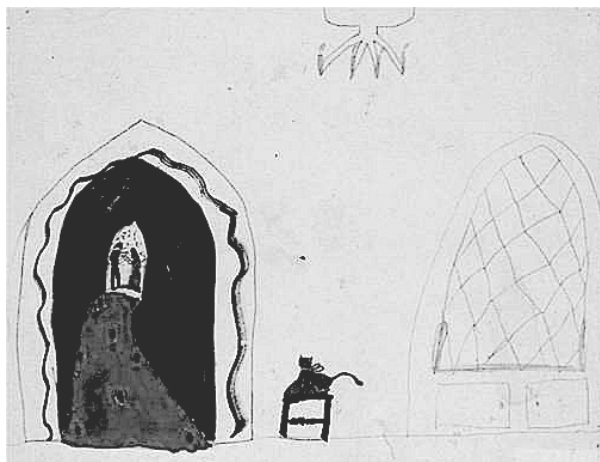


PROSPECT CENTER'S FALL CONFERENCE 2008
November 8 and 9 at Wisdom House, Litchfield, Connecticut

Attending To Now: Imagining Ahead

In Schools, Families, Child Care Settings, After-School Programs,
Teacher Education and Adult Education



“The purpose of attending isn’t to scrutinize a child or even to ‘figure them out’ – and certainly not to change them into someone else. The purpose is simpler and more ordinary: to be more sensitive to who they are and are becoming, so that, recognizing them as persons, we can better assist and support their learning.”

*Patricia F. Carini,
“A Letter to Parents and Teachers”
From Another Angle, page 57*

How do we come to know the young people we care about?

Some of us are now meeting our students for one school year. We’ll say goodbye in June. Others of us work in schools designed for continuity, with multi-age groupings or looping, with habits of saving students’ work. Some of us, as parents, can watch our children’s strengths and interests unfold over long sweeps of time.

Fall Conference offers us a chance to come together, to take time in this busy season for engaging with a far-reaching vision. We plan to take two days to practice ways of thinking that can break the boundaries of the school day, the school year – to imagine the child in a larger context. We’ll study children’s work from the Prospect Archives. We’ll practice ways of looking closely at young people currently in our lives. We’ll think together about what can make education a possibility.

We trust that close attention can release imagination, for the benefit of children, classrooms, and families. We hope this two-day weekend in Connecticut will refresh our thinking and also provide a model for possible study groups where we live and work.

To register for this conference, please print out the registration form at the end of this announcement.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Arrival and Registration

7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Breakfast and Registration

7:45

Welcome: “Imagining the Color of the Sky”

8:30

Working Groups (Recollections, Archives Study)

9:45

Lunch

12:00

Working Groups (continued)

1:15–2:30

Reading and Recollective Observation Groups

2:45–4:30

Dinner

6:00

Evening Options

7:30–9:00

Making Things (puppets, books)

Sharing Poetry

Interest Groups (principals, teacher educators, others)

This weekend is conceived as a whole. Participants will gain the most by attending both days, and their presence is needed for the full conference.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Breakfast

7:45

Panel: Imagining Ahead: Taking the Long View of the Child

8:45 – 9:55

Working Groups: Connections with Our Work Back Home

10:10 – 11:45

Lunch and Departure

11:45

Where are we meeting? Read the next section of this announcement to find directions to Wisdom House in Litchfield, Connecticut.

Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center

(See wisdomhouse.org for map and other information.)

**229 East Litchfield Road, Litchfield,
Connecticut 06759-3002
(860) 567-3163 ~ Fax (860) 567-3166
E-Mail: info@wisdomhouse.org**

From Albany (75 miles):Rt 90E/Mass Pike to exit 2, Lee, MA; Rt 20E to Rt 8S. Rt 8 becomes a highway in Winsted, take it to exit 42, right on Rt 118; 2 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking.**From Boston (130 miles):**Rt I-90W/Mass Pike to Sturbridge; I-84W to exit 39, just after 39A, Farmington; Rt 4W to Harwinton, Rt 118W, 4.5 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking. **From Bridgeport (45 miles):**Rt 8N to exit 42, left on Rt 118W, 2 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking. **From Hartford (30 miles):**I-84W to exit 39, just after 39A, Farmington; Rt 4W to Harwinton, Rt 118W, 4.5 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking. **From Long Island:**Take Port Jefferson Ferry to Bridgeport; Rt 8N to exit 42, left on Rt 118W, 2 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking. **From New York City (100 miles):**I-684N to exit 9/Rt 84E to exit 20 (left hand exit). Rt 8N to exit 42, left on Rt 118W, 2 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking. **From Providence (105 miles):**Rt 6W; Rt 384W; Rt 84W (or Rt 44 W; 74W; 84W) through Hartford to exit 39, just after 39A, Farmington; Rt 4W to Harwinton, Rt 118W, 4.5 miles to Clark Road on left. 1/10 of a mile to guest parking.**From Litchfield Center:**Rt 118 East for 2 ³/₄ miles to Clark Road on right.

REGISTRATION

Please print this section and mail it with payment to: Prospect Center, Box 328, N. Bennington VT 05257

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Place of Work/Position: _____

Ages/Grades Taught: _____ Are you a past participant? yes no

I cannot attend this year but would like to support financial aid. Enclosed is _____

Note for institutions that cannot pay in advance and are sending a large group:

Please confirm payment terms with Prospect Office by October 17, 2008 (phone 802-442-8333).

Note for persons requesting financial aid: Please contact Bruce Turnquist (turnquistbd@gmail.com; 603-463-7027)

Please indicate here the amount of financial aid granted: _____

FINANCIAL AID for part of the costs is made possible by a major gift from Karen Lennon in the name of Margaret Himley, by gifts in memory of Kate Guerin, Bob Navarro and Elizabeth Heaton, and by contributions from the Board, members and friends of Prospect.

1. Lodging and Meals (Please check the boxes that apply).

Option 1: Two nights

Fri/Sat room, Sat/Sun meals

2 person room: _____ \$148 (roommate choice: _____)

Single room (limited number available) _____ \$188

Light meal Friday night _____ \$5

Option 2: One night

Sat room/meals

2 person room: _____ \$105 (roommate choice: _____)

Single room (limited number available) _____ \$134

Option 3: Commuter/meals only _____ \$54

2. Program Fee _____ \$175

Lodging/meal fees + _____

Subtotal (Program + lodging/meals) _____

Minus CONFIRMED *financial aid (if applicable) - _____

TOTAL PAYMENT (payable to Prospect Center) _____

This form
and **payment in full**
or school purchase orders
are due by
October 17, 2008

***If requesting financial aid:** Please deduct the amount (CONFIRMED for you by email) from your total payment and send the remaining amount with registration. Questions? Please contact Bruce Turnquist (turnquistbd@gmail.com; 603-463-7027)

**** Cancellation Policy:** Registrants may cancel their registration for a refund minus a \$50 non-refundable cancellation fee until November 3. After November 3 no fees will be refunded.