

MEPI *Hands For Peace* Conference

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Conference

- Keynote Address by
Sonnie McFarland
- Three In-depth Focus Tracks
- Individual Workshops and More!
- 2 Sunday Bonus Workshops at
Brookgreen Gardens (limited space, register early)



Conference Location:



14276 Ocean Hwy
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
1-888-766-4633

February 25th & 26th 2011

and Sunday, February 27th Bonus Workshops

Schedule: Friday, February 25, 2011

7:15– 8:00am	Check in and on-site Registration			
8:00–8:30	Opening Ceremony			
8:45–6:00	Focus Track 1 _Pink, Blue, Green & In-between <i>Focus Track 1 will be conducted concurrently with Sessions A, B, C, and D. Participants will be able to attend Friday's Keynote and lunch with the group.</i>	Presenter T Noble & L Hendricks	Level EC	Location FM-A B
8:45–10:15	Session A			
	A-1. Deepening our Practice as Montessori Guides	Melody Mosby	All	FM-C
	A-2. Infant/Toddler Round Table	Sarah Forseth	I/T	FM-D
	A-3. Around the World with a Paintbrush	F Fennell & S Kuhn	EC	Alston
	A-4. "Step" Up Safety in the Classroom	M Bostian & J Bostian	All	Theater
10:15–11:00	Exhibitor Showcase and Break			
11:00–12:00	Session B			
	B-5. Membership in a Professional Society	John Moncure	Admin	FM-C
	B-6. Creating Successful Parent Education Programs	Denise Harold	All	FM-D
	B-7. Laughter - It's Contagious	Kristie Norwood	All	Alston
	B-8. The Elusive Will of the Child and the Power of Prosody	Leila O'Neal	I/T & EC	Theater
12:15–1:30	Annual General Meeting and Lunch			
1:30–2:30	Keynote—Sonnie McFarland		All	T. Ballroom
	<u>Unveiling the Authentic Child</u> <i>The Cornerstone of Peace Education</i>			
	Peace begins with inner peace; and inner peace comes from being connected to our Authentic Self or Spirit of Love. Montessori discovered this truth and developed a masterful educational approach that keeps each child's authenticity alive and well. Sonnie will deepen our understanding of how the philosophy, principles and practices in the Montessori classroom nurture the unveiling of the Authentic Child which, in turn, creates a more peaceful world.			
2:45–3:45	Session C			
	C-9. QuickBooks for Montessori Schools	Karen Porter	Admin	FM-C
	C-10. Discovering and Exploring: The Value of Play	Nicole Vigliotti	All	FM-D
	C-11. Make & Take: Mobiles and Pre-Numbers	Floyd Creech	I/T & EC	Alston
	C-12. Peace and Communication With Our Parents	Martha Teien	All	Theater
3:45–4:30	Exhibitors Showcase and Break			
5:00–6:00	Session D			
	D-13. Elementary Round Table	TBA	EL	FM-C
	D-14. Speaking to Parents With Confidence.....	Denise Harold	All	FM-D
	D-15. The Infant & Toddler in the Indoor & Outdoor Env.	Sara Forseth	I/T	Alston
	D-16. So Essential Mont. Methodical Observation Charts ...	Daniel Jutras	EC	Theater
6:00–7:30	Munch and Mingle in the Tara Ballroom.			

Looking for peace?

Head to the Reflection Room!

Peace Corner Labyrinths, a quiet place to rest and reflect and create. Hosted by Beth Langley in the Tara Boardroom (off of the Tara Lobby) on Friday and Saturday.

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Schedule: Saturday, February 26, 2011

7:00– 8:15am **Breakfast, check in and on-site registration**

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:45—6:00	Focus Track 2 The Unruffled Shift in Language Arts Dr. Daniel Jutras	EL	FM-A B
8:45—6:00	Focus Track 3 The Five Literacies..... Warren McPherson	All	FM-C
<i>Focus Tracks 2 and 3 will be conducted concurrently with Sessions E, F, G, and H.</i>			
8:45—10:15	Session E		
	E-1. Making Peace Banners for Your School Karen Mangham	EC	FM-D
	E-2. Finding Balance B Langley & K Norwood	All	Alston
	E-3. Montessori Parenting..... Sonnie McFarland	All	Theater
10:15—11:00	Exhibitor Showcase and Break		
11:00—12:00	Session F		
	F-4. Your Brain on Technology..... Jana Herman	All	FM-D
	F-5. Promoting Literacy with Poetry Baskets Laura Lambert	IT, EC, P	Alston
	F-6 Theater Arts on a Shoestring: Part 1 Erin Hughes	All	Theater
12:00—1:30pm	Lunch - On Your Own		
1:30—2:30	Session G		
	G-7. Homework: The Wrong Answer Jana Herman	All	FM-D
	G-8. Admin Round Table..... John Moncure	Admin	Alston
	G-9. Theater Arts on a Shoestring: Part 2..... Erin Hughes	All	Theater
2:30—3:15	Exhibitor Showcase and Break		
3:15—4:45	Session H		
	H-10. Relationships Matter: Establishing Routines N Vigillofi & S Hawkins	IT	FM-D
	H-11. Adolescent Round Table TBA	AD	Alston
	H-12. Enhancing Enthusiasm in Your Life and Work Sonnie McFarland	EC, EL	Theater
5:00—6:00	Closing Ceremony		

Sunday Bonus at Brookgreen Gardens!

9:30 am	Gates Open		
10:00—11:00	W-1. Brookgreen Gardens, Sculpture & Art Robin Salmon	All	WCCR
11:15—12:15	W-2. Field Supervision: Mentoring Effectively Sherry Sweet	**	WCCR
	<i>** Teacher Trainers, Field Supervisors and Certified Montessorians</i>		
12:30—1:30	Lunch (on your own) and enjoy the Gardens!		

Note: Entrance to Brookgreen Gardens will be free if you are registered for one or both of the workshops being offered. Late registration for our Sunday Bonuses will be offered if space is available until noon Saturday.

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Cancellation Policy

- A written request for all refunds must be sent to the MEPI business office no later than March 5, 2010. Requests received after this date will not be honored. Membership fees are non-refundable.
- Refund of registration fee less \$35 processing fee if received by Feb. 1, 2010.
 - After Feb. 1, 2010 an additional \$45 for food and beverages will also be deducted from the refund."

Workshops & Presenters—Friday, February 25

New Conference Choice!

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Focus Track 1

Pink, Blue, Green, & In-between - Revisiting the Primary Language Area

Materials, procedures, and sequence for developing language skills and literacy in the primary classroom will be reviewed. An organization which allows children confidence and autonomy will be presented. Presenters will demonstrate how Montessori language lessons can be paired with current trends in literacy in appropriate ways. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the purpose, procedures and sequence of language materials and lessons in the primary Montessori classroom.

Teresa Noble & Luanne Hendricks—Teresa is a Program Director for the Institute of Guided Studies and an instructor and intern supervisor for Lander University. Luanne is a Primary Montessori Directress at Gray Court Owings Elementary in Laurens District 55 schools.

Session A

A-1. Deepening our Practice as Montessori Guides—The child revealed to Dr. Montessori a hidden treasure of secrets for positive change in education and for a better life. Join this workshop to renew and clarify our commitment to that change and explore ways to enhance our practice as Montessori educators both personally and professionally.

Melody Mosby—Melody is Director and Lead teacher at Athens Montessori Middle School in Georgia and program director for a MACTE accredited secondary Teacher Education Program. She has over 37 years teaching experience and currently is Chair of MEPI's Teacher Education Committee.

A-2. Infant Toddler Round Table—Infant Toddler directors always have great stories to share. This session will allow the experienced and novice Infant and Toddler staff to come together for an enriching experience. Participants are invited to bring challenges and success stories to discuss with their peers.

Sarah Forseth—Sarah has been a guide in a Montessori Toddler Environment since 2002, but currently directs the Infant Program at Palmetto Montessori School. She has a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of South Carolina. In 2004, she completed her MEPI Infant/Toddler certification; and in 2006, she fulfilled requirements for RIE I. She also serves as an Infant/Toddler Instructor and Field Supervisor for Institute For Guided Studies. Sarah directs parent education classes and is an advocate for communicating the beauty of respectful relationships between the home and school environment.

A-3. Around the World With A Paintbrush—Learn how to do and present age appropriate art projects inspired by different styles from the continents.

Frances Fennell & Samara Kuhn—Frances and Samara are teachers at the L&L Montessori School in Southport, NC. Frances has her Pre-K/Kindergarten Montessori credentials from the Center of Montessori Teacher Education. She has been teaching for eleven years. Samara has her Infant/Toddler and her Pre-K/Kindergarten Montessori credentials from the Seton Montessori Institute located in Chicago, IL.

She has been teaching for fourteen years.

A-4. "Step" Up Safety in the Classroom—Learn how to create a safe learning environment for all students. Recognize common classroom safety violations and learn simple techniques for overcoming these hazards. Ideas will be presented for classroom safety lessons.

Maria Bostian & Jeff Bostian—Maria is Public Safety Educator for Kannapolis Fire Department (NC) with 10 years of Montessori experience and 9 years of safety educations advocacy. Jeff is an Assistant Fire Marshal for Mecklenburg County (NC) with 20+ years in the fire service.

Session B

B-5. Membership in a Professional Society—This workshop evaluates the advantages and disadvantages of participating in the broader Montessori Community – Beyond the school – and offers a discussion of ways to strengthen the profession. School Administrators will have sufficient information to make an informed decision about membership in professional societies.

John Moncure—John Moncure graduated from West Point and served as a cavalry officer prior to being appointed Headmaster of the Montessori school in Camden, South Carolina in 1998. In 2004 he moved abroad where he was successively Dean of Faculty at the Apollo Institute of Health Sciences in Hyderabad, India, Principal of Eton Academy, and Director of Operations of the Montessori Foundation and the International Montessori Council. In 2008 he returned to lead the school in Camden. John has authored three books and numerous articles, graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and holds a Ph.D. in European history from Cornell University.

B-6. Creating Successful Parent Education Programs—During this workshop, we will explore ways to create a comprehensive and successful Parent Education Program, including determining your school's needs, defining your message, and exploring appropriate mediums for sharing that message.

Denise Harold—Denise Harold, M.ED. has over 25 years experience conducting training and educational seminars. She holds Montessori Early Childhood credentials from the Pan American Montessori Society. She has been a Montessori Teacher for 7 years in Alpharetta, GA.

B-7. Laughter - It's Contagious—Experience the release of stress by practicing laughter as medicine. This workshop will be exhilarating, enlightening, empowering! Stress affects children and adults and inhibits learning. These simple exercises and tools will help you create a happier classroom and healthier spirit.

Kristie Norwood—Kristie Norwood has been involved in Montessori environments since 2003. She currently works at the Institute for Guided Studies as an administrative assistant. She has learned that laughter is really the best medicine.

B-8. The Elusive Will of the Child and the Power of Prosody—Brain research and early intervention studies define an urgency in understanding the critical elements that develop the will of the young child. The power of our words, body language, and unpretentious gestures demand intention and deliberate care to preserve our greatest resource, the elusive will of the child. The participants will be given research, scenarios and experiences that illustrate the power of prosody in shaping the will of a child. Suggestions and specific activities will help the participant use positive

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interactions to help the child develop universal human behaviors that emanate peace and harmony.

Leila O'Neal—Leila is a Title I Curriculum Facilitator/Coach in Berkeley County School District. She has 34 years of teaching experience. She has National Board Certification, an M Ed from CSU, a B.S. from Bob Jones University, and a MEPI EC certificate. She also serves on the MEPI Board of Directors.

Session C

C-9. QuickBooks for Montessori Schools—You can read a QuickBooks manual or stop by this workshop for some tips on how to adapt this user friendly program for Montessori school operations. You will learn some basic information on chart of accounts, accounts receivable / payable, and customizing reports

Karen Porter—Administrative assistant of MSC Camden, SC. Previously managed My Way LLC. An Internet and Computer Company and admin assistant to the Ruff Drug Task Force in Indiana. Also enjoys spending time with family, husband, 3 children and 3 grandchildren, dancing, sewing and baking.

C-10. Discovering and Exploring: The Value of Play—We will explore the positive aspects of play in the Montessori environment and how to create a working balance in our classrooms.

Nicole Vigliotti—Nicole began her career as an Infant caregiver and now enjoys working at Little Learners Lodge in South Carolina. She is RIE III and Montessori certified for Early Childhood.

C-11. Make & Take: Heuristic Bags (I/T) & Pre-number and Language (EC)—Come and make some useful materials for your EC and IT classrooms. The supplies will be provided for:

Heuristic Bags - exploratory combinations specifically designed to enhance the senses of infants and toddlers designed at the Opera Montessori Internationale in Rome.

Pre Counting Number Games for Preschoolers- Connie Kamii - a student of Piaget designed the materials to help children understand numbers before they can count. Introduced to the Montessori World by Bee Pape and brought to SC by Cheryl Spencer.

Floyd Creech—Floyd is the Director of Montessori Programs, the Early Childhood Coordinator for Florence School District One and holds an AMS credential at the Early Childhood level. He is an adjunct professor for Lander University. His credentials include a Ph.D. and an M.Ed. from USC, a B.S. from Bob Jones University, and an AMS certificate at the Primary level.

C-12. Peace and Communication With Our Parents—Increase your confidence to communicate effectively and lovingly with Montessori parents. Over the course of 15 years as a Directress, I have developed a curriculum for guides to use in creating peaceful and open relationships with families. This step by step process is a match for small and large schools. It is also flexible and can be individualized to meet the specific needs of any community.

Martha Teien—Martha is the directress of Mountain Montessori in Avon, CO – a 501c3 school for 3-6. She is MEPI certified and will finish her Masters in Education in Montessori Education in December 2010 at St. Catherine University at St. Paul, MN with Michael Dorer.

Session D

D-13. Elementary Round Table—Elementary directors always

have great stories to share. This session will allow the experienced and novice staff to come together for an enriching experience. Participants are invited to bring challenges and success stories to discuss with their peers.

Moderator—TBA

D-14. Speaking to Parents With Confidence—Many teachers love working with children, but dread dealing with the adults. During this workshop, participants will learn and practice several skills which will help them feel more prepared and more confident when speaking to parents; whether for conferences, parent education workshops, or even at carpool time.

Denise Harold—Refer to B-6.

D-15. The Infant & Toddler in the Indoor and Outdoor

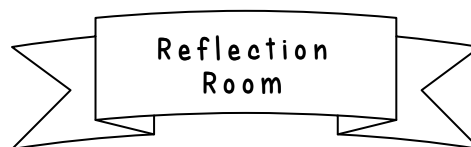
Environment—A savory sunrise; crunching leaves; glassy, dew-covered grass - what more could one need to simply sip from the very beauty of nature! A special element in the toddler environment is the care of the environment... including the outdoor environment. Explore ways you can support the toddler's budding independence in his own experience with the outdoor environment.

Sarah Forseth—Refer to A-2.

D-16. The So Essential Montessori Methodical Observation

Charts—Explore what is going on in your classroom using the famous but ignored or underused Observation Charts Maria Montessori transmitted for us. Come and learn to graph those charts showing productivity, non-productivity, and false fatigue patterns. Discover also how to craft observation representation of a "traveling child" in your classroom.

Dr. Daniel Jutras—Dr. Jutras, founder, director and Teacher Trainer at the Canadian Montessori Teacher Education Institute has prepared for the last 20 years over 1,400 Montessori teachers and tutored Montessori courses in Toronto, Quebec, Winnipeg, Warsaw, London, Colombo, and Lagos. He has a Ph.D. in Education from Ottawa U. (1979) and two international Montessori Diplomas: AMI diploma(3-6) from Perugia, Italy(1987) and St., Nicholas Mont. Advanced diploma(6-12) from England(1989).



Enjoy a few minutes of quiet reflection any time during the conference. This space will be open for participants to journal, relax, or reflect out of the hubbub. Walk a finger labyrinth. Rest in a peaceful setting. Practice positive visualization. Feeling creative? Make a finger labyrinth for your peace table or "labyrinth seed" cards for your art shelf. A variety of patterns will be available. Labyrinths can be used for a "time in" for reflection, redirection, or practicing silence in your classrooms—you can experience it, too. Activities in the Reflection Room can be self directed or ask Beth for labyrinth information and guidance.

Beth Langley—Beth has a BA from Columbia College and has a love of art—all things creative. She had her first taste of Montessori education in the early 80s and held various positions at the Montessori School of Camden and is now Executive Coordinator at the Institute For Guided Studies. Beth has her MEPI certification at the EC Level and has become known for her love of labyrinths. She has designed and installed eleven permanent labyrinths. She lives in Boykin, SC and enjoys the peace and serenity of country living.

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Focus Track 2

The Unruffled Shift in Language Arts—Come and find out how to extend, broaden and expand the Language Arts activities mainly in graphic language from the foundation at the Early Childhood Education level to a beautiful flourishing at the lower Elementary level. This hands on experience of conversion, transition and extension is an journeying of past experiences with children at both academic levels of teaching and guiding. Quite a practical opening to discover! Find out how to: extend the famous Metal Insets for Design from Early Childhood to Elementary, convert voiced reading into mental reading, use the phonetic farm to a farm or a zoo containing phonograms, explore nomenclature cards for a young reader., use the grammar symbols in a very pleasurable way, and go beyond the 8 Grammar Boxes.

Dr. Daniel Jutras—Refer to D-16.

Focus Track 3

The Five Literacies of Contemporary Montessori Education—

Learn how to revitalize your school through proven models of success in the 5 literacies, namely, the prepared environment, parent education, connectivity, networking for school prosperity and new dimensions. Grounding in systemic thinking for meeting the challenges of generating authentic Montessori in the 21st century.

Warren McPherson—Warren graduated from Cornell University in 1969. In 1971 he graduated from the Washington Montessori Institute (AMI) with certification for ages 3 to 7. In 2007 he completed a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Montessori Education. Currently he serves as the Director of the Athens Montessori School, serving over 270 students from ages three through fourteen. Warren has served as president of the Board of MEPI; a Board member of MACTE; Chairman of the AMS Regional conference in Atlanta; founding member of PAMWO, and Board member for GAYC. In addition he has served on the Board of Directors of many local nonprofit organizations.

Session E

E-1. Making Peace Banners for Your School—Create an atmosphere of peace in your school environment. This will be a make-and-take workshop to create a lovely peace banner to hang in your classroom or to adorn a special area of your school.

Karen Mangham—Karen is co-founder and head of school at St. Andrews Montessori School in Macon, GA. She has served in this position for 24 years and is also currently the lower elementary guide. Karen has been a professional educator for 34 years teaching in public schools, colleges, and Montessori schools. She has served as a Montessori consultant, instructor, workshop presenter, and field supervisor, and currently is an ECE program director for The Institute of Guided Studies in the state of Georgia. Karen holds a B.A. degree in elementary education from Mercer University, Macon, GA, an M.S. degree in early childhood

education from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, TN, and a Montessori 3-6 year certificate for Montessori Educational Programs International (MEPI). Karen is married to Mark Mangham, has 3 grown children, and 4 grandchildren and makes her home in Gray, GA.

E-2. Finding Balance—Does your classroom or you ever feel a bit off-kilter or a half a bubble off level? Conduct an internal survey to find out in what areas of our lives need balance. Paying attention to your body's cues and your mind's eye will reward you with a more balanced perspective and can energize your focus. A brief guided meditation, labyrinth walk, and an intention activity will be included in this balancing experience.

Beth Langley—Beth has been studying labyrinths for over 10 years; it has become practically an obsession, and much of her time is now spent on all things labyrinthine. Beth Langley has a BA from Columbia College, a MEPI credential at the Primary Level, is a Veriditas trained labyrinth facilitator, and has a love of art—all things creative. She has presented at conferences in SC, FL, MO, and CA.

Kristie Norwood—Refer to B-7.

E-3. Montessori Parenting—For children to receive maximum benefit from their Montessori education, it is important for their parents to understand and implement Montessori philosophy and practices in the home. When this happens children receive consistent messages about who they are and what they are capable of accomplishing. In this workshop we will explore ways to help parents understand children's natural cycles of development and how they can support them in the home. This exploration will include ideas on how to create nurturing home environments, use compassionate communication, develop children's inner-discipline and understand their children's behavior.

Sonnie McFarland—Sonnie McFarland has just been named as the American Montessori Society's 2011 Living Legacy for her work in furthering education for peace. She is an esteemed national and international presenter on Peace Education, Adult Transformation, Community Building and Montessori Parenting. She has authored two books, Honoring the Light of the Child – Activities to Nurture Peaceful Living Skills in Young Children and Shining Through – A Teacher's Handbook on Transformation, and written numerous published articles. She has over 40 years experience as a Montessori educator, founded and directed the Shining Mountains Montessori Children's Center and served as Head of School at the Montessori School of Denver. She is currently chair of the national American Montessori Society Peace Committee, a Peace Education Instructor for various Montessori Teacher Education Centers and a former member of the AMS Board of Directors and the Association of Colorado Independent Schools. She has a new book soon to hit the press: "Montessori Parenting – A Guide to Unveiling the Authentic Child".

Session F

F-4. Your Brain on Technology: The Effects of Technology on Childhood Brain Development—New research on the effects of technology on the brain are concerning. The developing brain is at risk from overexposure to all forms of media. Montessori's focus on extended concentration, critical thinking, and social graces and courtesies support developing executive functioning skills necessary for optimal brain development. Come learn why we should carefully evaluate how to use media beneficially.

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Jana Herman—Jana has a passion for brain research and child development. She is a Montessori parent and teacher with over 18 years in the classroom. She is AMS primary certified, a degree in English Literature, and will hold a Master's in Montessori Ed from St. Catherine University (2010).

F-5. Promoting Literacy with Poetry Baskets—In this workshop participants will learn how to use poetry baskets in their classrooms to promote literacy development. At the end of the session time will be provided for participants to select a poem and begin planning how to develop a corresponding poetry basket.

Laura Lambert—Laura is a married mother of two young boys and has a B.A. and M.A. in Special Education. She has taught professionally for 20 years and is AMS certified.

F-6. Theater Arts on a Shoestring: Part 1—Join the L&L Montessori School staff in an actual production! Learn how your entire school can be involved in acting, singing and dancing. See how your entire school can create simple but effective costumes, props and sets on a shoestring budget. Affordable, all-age inclusive theatrical productions are possible and fun for everyone.

Erin Hughes—Erin has been involved in community and professional theatre for over 25 years. With the support and help of all L&L Montessori School staff, she shares her theatrical skills to create an annual production that includes the entire student body.

Session G

G-7. Homework: The Wrong Answer—This workshop will encourage participants to reevaluate their position on the importance of homework. We will examine current research on the inefficacy of homework in seeking academic achievement for children. In fact, most homework runs counter to Montessori's educational philosophy. By learning about the origins and history of homework, we will more clearly understand why parents and school systems feel pressure to utilize homework.

Jana Herman—Refer to F-4.

G-8. Admin Round Table—Administrators, come together and share strategies. This session will allow the experienced and novice administrators to come together for an enriching experience. Participants are invited to bring challenges and success stories to discuss with their peers.

John Moncure—Refer to B-5.

G-9. Theater Arts on a Shoestring: Part 2—Continued from F-6.

Erin Hughes—Refer to F-6.

Session H

H-10. Relationships Matter: Establishing Respectful Primary Caregiving Routines—Each interaction with child or parent are opportunities to cement alliances that will form the foundation of trust and security necessary for healthy attachments and learning. Discover how one Montessori school has successfully implemented PRIMARY CAREGIVING routines using the RIE Approach.

Nicole Vigliotti & Sadaria Hawkins—Nicole and Sadaria enjoy a decade worth of professional collaboration at Little Learners Lodge- both began their careers at the program as Infant Caregivers. And both now have children of their own who began with the school as infants and graduated as Kindergarteners. Nicole is a RIE III and Montessori certified 3-

6 educator. Sadaria has begun RIE II instruction and is certified as a Montessori 0-3 guide.

H-11. Adolescent Round Table—Instructors at this level come together to share stories and discuss topics of interest to those teaching at the middle school level. Participants are invited to bring challenges and success stories to the table.
Moderator—TBA

H-12. Enhancing Enthusiasm in Your Life and Work—For many of us, remaining peaceful and enthusiastic in our life and work can be difficult, given all the demands on our time and energy. Come explore the interactive relationship of our body, mind, emotions, and spirit, and learn how the proper balance between, and attention to, each of these components affects our ability to make wise decisions and experience the natural joy of life. You'll leave with a wealth of activities and insights to help you more fully utilize the wisdom of your Inner Guide and the natural enthusiasm of your Authentic Self.

Sonnie McFarland—Refer to E-3.



Sunday Bonus, Feb 27

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W-1. Brookgreen Gardens, Sculpture & Art—Come and learn about North America's Largest Sculpture Garden!

Robin Salmon—Curator of Brookgreen Gardens.

W-2. Field Supervision: Mentoring Effectively—this is the first stepping stone on the path from certified Montessori guide to teacher trainer. This workshop will provide basic guidelines for conducting field supervisions including procedures and forms, then continue with Communication: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, or how to communicate effectively for interns to receive the message you want to give. Participants will practice communication skills and role play difficult situations.

Sherry Sweet—Dr. Sweet's career in Montessori began with the founding of the first Montessori program in Kershaw County. Dr. Sweet began the Institute for Guided Studies in 1992 and is a founding member of Montessori Educational Programs International (MEPI), the International Montessori Council and the Peace Academy, and the South Carolina Montessori Alliance. She has been instrumental in the beginnings of approximately 50 schools and has prepared hundreds of Montessori guides through her educational programs. Her experiences in the Montessori approach have been gained through her involvement in U.S. and international schools, private schools located in homes, churches, childcare facilities, and as a leader and teacher trainer in Montessori public school programs in eleven school districts in South Carolina. Currently, Dr. Sweet is involved in writing "Chronicles of the Red-haired Step Child" and enjoying the new chapter of her life known as retirement. She is available for presentations and consultations (when she can be found!).

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Participant Information - please print all information

Name: _____ Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

A confirmation will be sent to this email address

School you are affiliated with: _____

Emergency contact name and phone: _____

* Session Selections *

Friday Workshops - please circle first and second choices

Focus Track One ____ (If you choose this don't circle any below.)

Session A—1st - 1 2 3 4 2nd - 1 2 3 4

Session B—1st - 5 6 7 8 2nd - 5 6 7 8

Session C—1st - 9 10 11 12 2nd - 9 10 11 12

Session D—1st - 13 14 15 16 17 2nd - 13 14 15 16 17

Saturday Workshops - please circle first and second choices

Focus Track Two ____ (If you choose this don't circle any below.)

Focus Track Three ____ (If you choose this don't circle any below.)

Session E—1st - 1 2 3 2nd - 1 2 3

Session F—1st - 4 5 6 2nd - 4 5 6

Session G—1st - 7 8 9 2nd - 7 8 9

Session H—1st - 10 11 12 2nd - 10 11 12

Sunday Bonus Workshops - Please check if you will be attending

W-1 ____ (All are welcome)

W-2 ____ (Teacher Trainers, Field Supervisors, Certified Montessorians)

Volunteers are needed!

Please check one if you would like to volunteer.

Friday ____ Saturday ____

Conference Information - please print all information

	<u>Advance</u>	<u>After Feb 8th</u>
MEPI Members —circle your choice (s)		
Full Conference—Friday and Saturday	\$155.00	\$205.00
Friday or Saturday only	\$105.00	\$155.00
MEPI membership	\$40.00	\$40.00
Total Conference Fee	\$____.00	\$____.00
Non-Members —circle your choice (s)		
Full Conference—Friday and Saturday	\$205.00	\$230.00
Friday or Saturday only	\$155.00	\$175.00
Total Conference Fee	\$____.00	\$____.00
MEPI Interns —in good standing		
Full Conference Fee	\$80.00	\$130.00
Friday or Saturday only	\$70.00	\$80.00
Total Conference Fee	\$____.00	\$____.00



Conference Location

Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort

www.litchfieldbeach.com

14276 Ocean Hwy

Pawleys Island, SC 29585

1-888-766-4633

Prices range from

\$79.00 to \$99.00 if you

mention MEPI.

Friday Lunch and Keynote

Boxed Lunch Selection:

- Turkey
- Roast Beef
- Veggie
- Not attending lunch

Checks/money orders made payable to: **MEPI** or Pay by credit card via **PayPal** at our website: mepiforum.org

Mail competed registration form and check (if applicable) to:

MEPI
PO Box 24085
Overland Park, KS 66283

** All participants will receive a complimentary MEPI tote bag **