



# P.A.C.T. Newsletter

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## **PACT SPRING 2011 CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

"Dreaming Utopia into Reality - Creativity and Young Children:

The Power of Reggio Emilia-Inspired, Project-based, Material-rich Curriculum"

Presented by Marla McLean, Atelierista

A day of theory, practice, inspiration, provocation, collaborative construction, and idea building. Through presentations, hands-on exercises, and dialogue, participants will have the opportunity to think deeply and explore ideas of creativity. This conference will be an opportunity to adapt and explore new possibilities in early childhood education.

Participants need to bring: Paper, pen, a pair of scissors, and some personal mementos that bring them happiness or a sense of well-being. Examples of this would be photos, a rock, a post card, a quote, images, etc...

Please note - these items will be a part of a collaborative project, so folks should bring items that are not precious (i.e., copies of photos instead of originals).

Marla McLean is a Reggio Inspired artist/educator, working 14 years as an Atelierista at School-Within-School (SWS) in Washington, DC. She is an adjunct professor at The Corcoran College of Art & Design. She has received numerous awards, and speaks and facilitates workshops on Creativity and Young Children both nationally and internationally. Her studies and travels include three tours to Reggio Emilia. She has an MA in Studio Art from NYU, a BA in Early Childhood Education and Social Art from Goddard College (VT), and an AA in Photography/Multimedia from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. She has 20 years dedicated to this evolving work which integrates the thinking of art, science, theory, technology, community, and the soul of the studio: the innate creativity that resides in each human.

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**TUESDAY, March 15, 2011**  
**Cedar Lane Unitarian Church 301-493-8300**  
9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814  
(directions on back page)

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**Time Schedule:**

9:00-9:30 a.m.	Registration, Refreshments, Displays & Exhibits
9:30-9:45 am	Business Meeting
9:45-1:15 p.m.	Marla McLean

**Admission Fee:**

Free admission with a paid PACT Membership  
\$30.00 for those attending this conference only

**To Register**

For those of you registered for the 2010/11 school year, email  
Annette Fitzpatrick ([annette.fitzpatrick@verizon.net](mailto:annette.fitzpatrick@verizon.net)) to confirm  
attendance. All others, please use mail in registration attached.

During this workshop, we will work from a 'buffet' of recyclables and natural materials.  
We welcome your donations of items such as paper towel rolls, small boxes, containers, egg  
cartons, yogurt containers, fruit netting, bottle caps, small sticks, seedpods, pinecones, wire,  
tape, string, yarn, etc.

Dear PACT members,

Happy New Year! It is the perfect time of year to participate in some dynamic professional development. I am so pleased to welcome Marla McLean as our guest speaker at the PACT Spring Conference. I have no doubt that you will be both engaged and inspired by her presentation on creativity and young children.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!

Warmly,  
Maureen Ingram  
PACT President

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*Does your school have enough space to host our Fall or Spring Conference? We are entertaining possibilities, due to rising rental fees at our current locations. If you have suggestions or recommendations, please add a note to this effect on your conference evaluation form or email Maureen at [Maureen\\_ingram88@yahoo.com](mailto:Maureen_ingram88@yahoo.com).*

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**DIRECTIONS TO CEDAR LANE UNITARIAN CHURCH, BETHESDA, MD.**

**From Washington, DC:**

Go north on Wisconsin Ave (Rt. 355) Rockville Pike, through Bethesda, past the Naval Hospital to Cedar Lane. Turn right at the traffic light onto Cedar Lane, and continue .7 miles to the Church entrance (marked by a low sign) on the right near the top of the hill (second driveway after the light at Beach Drive).

**From the Beltway Outer Loop (westbound I-495):**

Take exit #33, which splits into two ramps. Bear right; take the one marked "Connecticut Avenue North, Kensington." When you get onto Connecticut Avenue, move to the left lane as soon as possible. Turn left at the traffic light onto Beach Drive. Follow Beach Drive about .5 miles through the park to a traffic light at Cedar Lane. Turn right onto Cedar Lane and proceed up the hill to the Church entrance that is marked by a low sign.

**From southbound I-270 or Beltway Inner Loop Exit 35:**

Exit at Rt. 355 south (take DC - not VA- spur; left exit from spur) to Bethesda. At the second light turn left onto Cedar Lane Church is .7 miles past Rockville Pike. The Church entrance (marked by a low sign) is on the right near the top of the hill (second driveway after the light at Beach Drive).

**Metro:**

**Closest stop is the Red Line's Medical Center. Walk north about .5 miles on Rockville Pike/Rt 355 to Cedar Lane and .7 miles east on Cedar Lane, or take Ride-On bus #35 which stops near the corner of Beach Drive and Cedar Lane.**

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***Spring Conference Registration***

This registration form must be returned by March 9, 2011 to:

**Annette Fitzpatrick 7203 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

**301-986 5161**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (will be used only for communication concerning PACT) \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been involved with Early Childhood Education?

\_\_\_\_\_ Rookie (0-3 yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran (4-10 yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ Seasoned Veteran (10+ yrs)

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2010~2011 Member ..... **Free** (send email to [annette.fitzpatrick@verizon.net](mailto:annette.fitzpatrick@verizon.net) to confirm attendance)

Spring Conference Only ..... **\$30.00** Make checks payable to PACT

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School name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ web site \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in serving on the PACT Board? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe, need more info! \_\_\_\_\_

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