



The Winkler Center for Adult Learning Annual Conference

“Building for the Future”

Celebrating 100 Year of Waldorf Education

Saturday, March 23rd 2019

Registration: 8:30 AM Keynote: 3:30PM
At the Waldorf School of Garden City, NY

Keynote Speaker, With Douglas Gerwin, Ph.D.



“Learning by Linking”

A handshake followed by eye contact. A pat on the back or a helping hand. all are experiences of direct connection—with the earth, with another human being, ultimately with oneself. Connecting with others and the world strengthens the student's identity and creates a pathway to healing the now scattering social fabric.

Douglas Gerwin, Ph.D., is Executive Director of the Center of Anthroposophy in Wilton, NH, where he oversees adult education programs including the preparation of Waldorf high school teachers. Douglas has himself taught history, literature, German, music, and life science at the Waldorf high school level since 1983. Prior to that time he taught child development and other courses to both graduates and undergraduates at the University of Dallas, where he received his doctorate in Psychology and Literature in 1984. Before entering the teaching profession, Dr. Gerwin served as foreign correspondent, editor, and radio broadcaster for Reuters News Agency in Europe from 1972 to 1978.

Dr. Gerwin presently divides his time between adult education and mentoring or teaching in various North American Waldorf high schools. In 1994, he founded the Waldorf High School Teacher Education Program under the auspices of the Center for Anthroposophy, which offers Waldorf teacher preparation in conjunction with the Waldorf Masters program at Antioch University New England. As Chair of the high school program, Dr. Gerwin is responsible for readying high school teachers for the classroom, as well as serving as guest teacher and advisor to some 40 Waldorf high schools in Canada and the United States. He has lectured and led workshops on adolescence, Waldorf education, and foundation studies in anthroposophy at schools and colleges across North America, as well as in Europe, South America, and the Middle East. In 2012 he was selected as Chair of what is now called the Teacher Education delegates Circle, a network of 12 teacher training institutes belonging to the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA). He is currently Co-Chair of this group.

In 2004, Dr. Gerwin was appointed Co-Director of the Research Institute for Waldorf Education, which oversees various research projects related to Waldorf education including the publication of its twice-yearly Research Bulletin. In 2013 he was made the Institute's first Executive Director. In all, Dr. Gerwin is co-author or editor of nine books on Waldorf education, including Survey of Waldorf Graduates, a comprehensive study of Waldorf alumni stretching back over 60 years. His most recent publication is a collection of articles entitled Trailing Clouds of Glory: Essays on Sexuality and the Education of Youth in Waldorf Schools (2014). At present, Dr. Gerwin resides on the outskirts of Amherst, Massachusetts, with his wife Connie, a Waldorf high school teacher of mathematics.

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1. Creative Writing with Anthony Yaeger

[ENL Teacher, The Waldorf School of Garden City]

Location: TBD

This workshop will strive to empower teachers with practical exercises and tools to inspire their students in their writing of, and appreciation for, poetry. I would like to offer those in attendance a chance to do some of the writing exercises I believe most effective at inspiring writers when they encounter so-called "writer's block". I will also deconstruct the idea of what "writer's block" actually means, turning it a bit on its head as simply one part of the journey of creativity, not a dead-end street or anything to write in fear of.

Anthony Yaeger was born in Altea, Spain and grew up on Bainbridge Island, WA. He studied poetry and theatre at Sarah Lawrence College, NY, and later earned his Waldorf Education Teaching Certificate and Degree from Sunbridge College, NY. He taught English and Drama for four years at the East Bay Waldorf High School near Berkeley, CA, and currently also teaches for the distance-learning school, Oak Meadow, located in Brattleboro, VT. Anthony enjoys writing poetry and working on a novel in his spare time.

2. Eurythmy: Moving to Music as Healing with Leonore Russell, and Jeanette Resnick

[Eurythmist, and Former Waldorf School of Garden City pre-school and elementary school music teacher]

Location: Bonner Hall

The new art of movement. Come and find a new way to breathe, move with others, and take joy in moving to music. No experience is necessary, Leonore and Jeanette will share best moments of their work together with the group. Jeanette will also share a song and introduction to her new book.

Leonore Russell, the founder of *Understanding and Managing Change*, works with intentional groups, schools, organizations, and networks. Her passion is to identify the keys that open doors to new ideas and new ways of working, especially in groups. For the last ten years she has facilitated and co-directed seminars in leadership training, and she has consulted for a wide variety of organizations, both academic and non-academic. Her focus is to elicit from the group its strengths and potentials, and to bring about ongoing progress, so that the group and its leadership can cultivate processes that lead to socially responsible thinking, positive actions, and a strong commitment to the goals of the organization.

Leonore brings the experience of a long career in education, especially adolescent education, as well as a deep commitment to the arts. She has also worked extensively with adults in organizational trainings, family literacy, education, and thus has honed her skills in facilitating group development, decision-making and building collaborations. She leverages personal and group strengths to create a culture of positive interaction, awareness of the needs of others, and a sense of service and, in short, the possibility that there are actions that create hope.

Leonore is an adjunct faculty member at two universities, Adelphi and Antioch (Collaborative Leadership Institute). Nominated for the Teaching Excellence Award at Adelphi in 2007, she has also received the Franz Winkler Leadership Award from the Waldorf School of Garden City. She is a founder and Director of the Winkler Center for Adult Learning. She is the Vice President of the Waldorf Chamber Players. She supports the arts for social renewal and as a pathway for continuing learning and growth. Her work as a training specialist for Family Literacy Programs in N.Y. State and Eurythmy in the Workplace has led her to develop methods for social development and responsibility.

Jeanette Resnick not only taught singing to the young children at the Waldorf School, but was the founder and artistic director of the Waldorf Chamber Players whose home was in the Waldorf School of Garden City. She now lives in New York and is writing a book containing many of the musical plays and well loved songs she shared with the children during her many years at Waldorf. She is a faculty member of the Winkler Center and continues teaching piano to many a lucky young person.

3 . Supporting Healthy Self-Regulation in Early Childhood with Lisa Miccio

[Kindergarten Teacher, The Waldorf School of Garden City]

Location: High School Student Room

In its most basic form, self-regulation allows us to bounce back from failure and stay calm under pressure. Your ability to self-regulate as an adult has roots in your development during childhood. This workshop explores contemporary studies on neurological development during infancy and insights from Waldorf early childhood teachers that can support teachers and parents in their efforts to nurture self-regulation in children.

Lisa Miccio Lisa Miccio holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the College of Charleston in South Carolina, a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from L.I.U/C.W. Post and a Master's Degree in Waldorf Education from Sunbridge College. Lisa has also received a certificate in Child Development from Birth to Three from Sophia's Hearth in Keene, NH, as well as, completed Sunbridge Institute's training in Collaborative Leadership, Negotiation, Pedagogical Leadership, and Conflict Resolution.

Lisa has two decades of experience as a Waldorf early childhood educator, first at New York's Mountain Laurel Waldorf School and Dayspring Community School and then at Green Meadow Waldorf School, where as a member of the early childhood faculty for a dozen years she taught kindergarten and parent and child classes, served as a co-chair of the early childhood section and as the Director of Early Childhood Admissions and Family Programs, and sat on the Collegium, the Collegium Committee, and the Board of Trustees.

In summer 2017, Lisa joined the early childhood faculty at The Waldorf School of Garden City, where she currently serves as a kindergarten teacher. While on sabbatical in 2016-17, she taught and mentored in the Kathmandu Waldorf Kindergarten in Nepal and brought Waldorf Education to public school kindergarten teachers in Florence, SC. She teaches Sunbridge's "Introduction to Waldorf Early Childhood Education" Summer Series course, mentors teachers in training and joined the Sunbridge Board of Trustees in 2014.

On a personal note, Lisa has won silver medals competing in doubles beach volleyball in Hong Kong and Liverpool. She is the mother of two Green Meadow Waldorf School alumni.

4. Wet on Wet Painting: Creating Out of Color with Diane Haley

[Painting teacher for the Winkler Center and the Waldorf Middle School]

Location: High School Biology Room

In this workshop we will experience watercolor painting using the "wet-on-wet" technique that is taught in Waldorf schools. By allowing color to live on the page we can 'move' it until we have created form.

***Diane Haley** is on the faculty of the Winkler Center where she teaches several of the seminar courses as well as the History of Consciousness Through Art and Adult Painting Classes. Diane has studied with many different teachers including Christian von Grumbkow, Edna Kurtz Emmet, Hans Schume, and Ulla Neigenfind-Bossert.*

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[Horticulture and Gardening Teacher, The Waldorf School of Garden City]

Location: TBD

Learn about the Biodynamic methods of agriculture that we use at The Waldorf School. We will apply several preparations to the composts and the gardens.

Jeannine Davis graduated from American University in Washington D.C. with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Relations. She also holds a Master’s Degree in Waldorf Education from Sunbridge College in Chestnut Ridge, NY and a certificate in Biodynamic Agriculture.

Jeannine created, implemented, and teaches the Waldorf School’s organic gardening curriculum for grades one through eight. This program includes renewable energy and sustainable agriculture practices, cooking, canning, fermenting, entomology, botany, and making medicinal salves from the abundance of weeds on campus. Most recently, she co-piloted an eighth grade Sustainability and Science program where students take regular field trips to different ecosystems throughout Long Island. She organizes our school-wide Earth Day event each spring, where students, faculty and staff focus on planting for a bio-diverse species and care for the School grounds. Jeannine is also a key figure in the School’s coming-of-age experience, a program that aims to honor the transition and challenges of entering adolescence. Jeannine manages the School’s solar powered greenhouse, two organic food, herb, and flower gardens, a composting program and supports a farm to table cafeteria. Fun fact: Jeannine was the first woman to compete in the rowing competition at the Jones Beach Lifeguard Races in 1989!

2. Conversations on the Theme of the Day with Douglas Gerwin and George K. Russell

[Handwork Teacher, Grades 1-6, The Waldorf School of Garden City]

Location: TBD

Conversations on the theme of the day with Douglas Gerwin, Ph.D., and George K. Russell, Ph.D..

George Russell taught Biology at Adelphi University for many years and has been a faculty member of the Winkler Center since its inception in 1995. His anthology, Children and Nature: Making Connections, addresses what Richard Louv has called “nature deficit disorder. How we can build a lifelong connection with Nature for ourselves and for our children?”

3. Handcrafts: Why Crochet? with Karen Talluto

[Handwork Teacher, Grades 1-6, The Waldorf School of Garden City]

Location: TBD

Learn to crochet and find out why this practical art is an integral part of the Waldorf curriculum. We'll work together on a small project you can take home!

Karen Taluto is a graduate of Evergreen State College and has completed the Winkler Center's Foundation Studies Program.

Joining the Waldorf School of Garden City from the New Amsterdam Waldorf School, Ms. Karen Talluto is the Handwork Teacher for grades 1-6. Many in our community know Ms. Talluto from her work in the Parent Craft Circle. She enjoys sharing her passion for handwork with children.

Fun Fact: Karen is a proud and passionate fan of Portland Professional Soccer.

4. Soul of Discipline with Stephanie Cleary

[Parent-Child, and Bridge Program Teacher, The Waldorf School of Garden City]

Location: TBD

Stephanie Cleary, Waldorf parent and long-time Early Childhood Faculty member, will guide you through the Simplicity Parenting approach to warm, firm guidance from toddlers to teens, and give helpful tools and tips to use along the way.

Stephanie Cleary is one of the lead teachers in the Parent and Child Program and is the facilitator of the Simplicity Parenting program as both coach and counselor. She holds an undergraduate degree in Art, as well as Waldorf Early Childhood certification along with a range of professional Waldorf certifications.

Stephanie has served as an assistant in the Nursery and Kindergarten, as well as the Afternoon Early Childhood program. Ms. Cleary's dynamic leadership has led to the launch of several Parent and Child satellite programs along with our Nature Trail program. She is a member of the Diversity Committee and mentors teachers at Our Sons and Daughters, a Waldorf Initiative in Sag Harbor. Her children Luke '22 and Soleil '24 attend the Waldorf School of Garden City.

Stephanie is a certified yoga instructor, screen writer and playwright, and has had two Off-Broadway plays produced. She believes that the Waldorf School of Garden City graduates students who are "recognized for their abilities to be self-reliant, socially minded, critical thinkers who are well balanced individuals."