



CREATIVE STEPS

Saturday, February 1st, 2014

9 a.m. – 4: 30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, Rosaria, Mount Saint Vincent University

We are happy to be holding our 5th conference and our special presenter at this event is Lois Wachtel!



Lois Wachtel has been in the field of early childhood for over 20 years, as director and teacher. After 16 years in the classroom, she decided to share her knowledge with professionals through workshops. Lois' workshops are tremendously well received, and she quickly became known for her warmth and creativity. She was dubbed the Squish-Squash Lady of Early Childhood, a title that she holds near and dear to her heart. Throughout this unbelievable journey, Lois has presented Keynote presentations and workshops in Florida, Alaska, California, Arizona, New Jersey, and within many of the Southern states. She is a proud presenter for NAEYC (6 years in a row)! Her diversity in topics and special sense of humor takes each workshop out of the box!

Workshops Taking Place that Day! ☺

- **Squish Squash Open-Ended Art:** After discussing open-ended art and the value of the process, we will brainstorm imaginative objects to create with, encouraging us to leave the paintbrush in the closet. Amongst other activities, participants will have the opportunity to watch paint rise on towels & paint on plastic with colleagues. (Just a hint of what is in store!) Learn the Open-Ended Art Creed and join us to refresh your offerings and / or learn some new ones! **ALL participants will have an opportunity to do ALL of the art projects together**
- **Challenging Behaviour: Strategies to Utilize:** Challenging behavior is an opportunity for learning and growth. Lois will share some creative and certainly thought provoking ideas on behavior guidance, many of which are, as she puts it, "way out of the box, but they work!" In this interactive workshop, participants will learn the power of music when dealing with classroom challenges as well as some other strategies that you can utilize when back in your own program.
- **Bookmaking: Multiple Means & Methods:** A wonderful way to further develop literacy in the classroom is to do bookmaking! Participants will make approximately 4 books to bring back to their classroom... in addition, Lois will give you plenty of ideas to use in your programs (she says ZILLIONS!) It's a favorite workshop of hers and her participants... total interaction!

February 1st, 2014 Schedule

- 8 – 9: Registration & Check In
- 9 –12: Squish Squash Open-Ended Art
[a 15 minute break will take place when flow permits]
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm: Lunch break
- (Lunch is not provided: We recommend you bring lunch or make plans in advance)
- 1 - 2:00: Challenging Behaviour: Strategies to Utilize
- [2:00 – 2:15 ~ break]
- 2:15 – 4:15 Bookmaking: Several Methods!
- 4:15 – 4:30: Certificate presented and wrap-up

*This conference
counts for 5.75
hours of
professional
development.*

