



Linking All Types of Teachers to International, Cross-cultural Education

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To: All LATTICE members and friends

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1. LATTICE Updates
 - a. The next LATTICE Session is December 7th

Please join us this Friday, December 7, 6:00-9:00 PM for a LATTICE potluck (bring a dish to pass) followed by the film "The Shape of Water" in 303 International Center. This gathering is a new idea and we hope you will join us. Please feel free to bring your spouse/significant other (adults only please).

Free event

Friday, December 7

6:00-9:00 PM

Room 303 International Center

Bring a dish to pass (plates, cups, utensils, beverages will be provided)

THE SHAPE OF WATER offers a close look at the far reaching and vibrant alternatives crafted by women in response to environmental degradation, archaic traditions, lack of economic independence and war. The documentary weaves together the daily life stories of Khady, Bilkusben, Oraiza, Dona Antonia, and Gila who, through candor and humor, infuse their communities with a passion for change. By revealing the women's revolutionary actions THE SHAPE OF WATER offers a unique view of the complex realities faced by these unsung visionaries creating a more just world.
<http://www.theshapeofwatermovie.com/trailer.html>
<http://www.theshapeofwatermovie.com/stills.html>

b. Previous LATTICE session, November 29th

Our previous LATTICE session on Thursday, November 29th from 12:00-4:30 pm explored an interesting topic related to the environment: "Environment & Human Rights." Stay tuned for the next e-letter, which will include participants' responses from the Two-Minutes Surveys about the previous LATTICE session.

Meanwhile, the recipe for comfort food enjoyed and widely promoted by Donna Starr-Prince at the last LATTICE session can be found at this link:

<http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=potatosalad>

c. LATTICE Social Event, December 1st.

LATTICE social events are simply ways to bring the group together outside of the monthly sessions for more cross-cultural experiences. At the December 1st social event, some twenty LATTICE members enjoyed the Festival of Lights at the Potter Park Zoo, despite the chilly weather that nite. Members including some international students also enjoyed holiday cheer and good conversation, there after, at Chris Worland's House.

2. LATTICE Sales of Zulu Baskets

Support South African Artists and Students. Mark your calendars, tell your friends and contact Sally (sallyma@comcast.net) to help out for an hour on the following dates:

Alternative Christmas Sales

All Saints Episcopal Church
800 Abbott Road, East Lansing
Saturday December 8 - 10:00 AM to 2:00
Sunday, December 9 - 11:30 AM to 2:00

3. Speaker on the Issues of International Literacy.

From Deb Mercer (Capital Area Reading Council):

I am looking for a speaker for the February or April Capital Area Reading Council meeting to speak about issues of International Literacy. Our council meets in the evening at a local school, from 6:30-8:30, usually on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. This meeting will be held at Ralya Elementary School, Haslett, in the library. Our teachers are interested in learning about the problems, advances, organizations, etc. involved with multicultural

literacy. Is there anyone in the Lattice membership who might be interested in sharing their knowledge and experience with Capital Area Reading Council?

Thank you for considering,
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4. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS:

a. Initiative for Music Makers & Researchers
NAMM Foundation Program Grants

Grants are available to non-profit public service organizations for innovative music education and hands-on music-making programs that reach and serve new audiences with new protocols.

Online applications open October 15, 2007; all proposals must be received by January 4, 2008. Award notification: May 2008. <http://www.music-research.org/Grants/guidelines.html>

b. Partnership Schools Program
from Frances Saroki:

I am writing from Michigan State University about a ground breaking project linking high schools in the United States with high schools in Algeria. This "Partnership Schools Program," funded by the U.S.State Department, is a collaborative program between Michigan State University, Creative Associates International in Washington, D.C., and the Algerian Ministry of National Education. Over this past year we've built "bridges of understanding" between our two countries and the students who participated. In the 2007 pilot project students told their stories about community, culture,and their countries. The pilot project is now complete and the U.S. State Department has agreed to extend this important project for another semester (January through June of 2008).

We're writing to provide you with the first opportunity to take part in the extension of this exciting global initiative. We are looking for 11th or 12th grade classrooms where the development of a Community Profile and interaction with another culture will fit into the curriculum. Participating teachers will need to make a commitment to offer this project during the second semester of the 2007/2008 school year. We have found that Social Studies classes seem to work the best. Interested teachers should have a basic understanding of how to use technology such as email, the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint in order to participate. To learn more you can visit our program web site at www.e3link.org.

We hope you will consider this unique opportunity to partner with Algerian teachers and students. If you are interested in becoming a partner school for the winter/spring semester (February – June 2008) please email us with your information including school name and the courses you teach by December 14, 2007. We are sending this email to a few different organizations so acceptance into the program will be on a first come first serve basis.

Thank you for your consideration and for your interest in this important global initiative. And please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. My contact information is below.

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c. Smithsonian Resources

Artes Unidas de Michigan: Smithsonian Resources Aligned to Michigan Standards Available On-line

- Please share this resource with colleagues across the curriculum - The Smithsonian Institution and the Council of Chief State School Officers have started aligning their incredible resources to the content standards of learning for each state.

By entering a state's name and grade level into the search engine teachers have the opportunity to access many useful educational resources, such as: lessons plans, artifacts, and virtual exhibitions applicable to their classroom. Many of these resources include primary sources and digital photographs.

To access this resource, go to:

<http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/index.html>

This resource also allows you to view all of the Michigan Content Standards and Benchmarks with which a particular resource can be used - a valuable tool for making connections across the curriculum.

As holders of our national treasures, the Smithsonian Institution recognizes that the accessibility of research devices and learning tools has greatly expanded in our nation. With traditional resource information being displaced by online research databases, this trend is seeping into American classrooms. In anticipation of this trend, the Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies has centralized online access to over 1,400 free educational resources now available for our nation's schools.

d. Visiting Schools

Ren, Xiping (Ren is his surname) is interested in visiting schools. He is the Director of the English Language Department at Hehai University in Changzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. He's here as a visiting scholar and is participating in LATTICE.

Lynn Bartley hosted a visit to Haslett High school for him and his two colleagues, Zhao, Carol Chan and Yan, Emily Li who are also LATTICE participants. His email is renxp@msu.edu and they will be here until the first week in February. Interested teachers may invite Ren to visit their classroom. Ren's poem "The season of Michigan" was published in the New Citizens Press:

The Season of Michigan
Written by Xiping Ren
Friday, 23 November 2007

The wide green of the green bed,
this wild spread light,
over there, grass roll unfolds, laps
pieces of sparkle on the surface,

gray, mauve, purple and yellow,
pink, red, crimson and melting gold,
as sun tops ridge, strikes its ways
through the ranges of trees, down the roads
where shadows fallen.
In this joyful land,
time slips to and fro,
those could be the leaves flow
the voice of maple
comes and sinks
remains immaculate blow
on the Grand River
and over the clouds;
and those could be
the large-tailed squirrel,
black and light blown
his hunters on the ground
and in the trees.
from here to there.
Then the day brushes the edges
of morning and evening
where house-faces hidden;
where man and woman brighten;
where street lamps
bring back the season's memories
to the steps and enclose
to the doors of the last colorful light
and gold, to fade and fold
under a sky -
You and me...

5. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

The bookclub meets from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library.

Thursday Jan. 17 American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Thursday Feb. 14 Immigrant themes - books will be:

Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos and

At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices

by Louise Peacock and Walter Lyon Krudop.

Thursday March 20 To Be Announced

Thursday April 24 To Be Announced.

Thursday May 15 Bring your suggestions for summer reading.

These books are available through local libraries and for a 20 %

discount at Everybody Reads. You can find more information including summaries and reviews at elpl.org or amazon.com

For questions about LATTICE bookclub, please email:

"Mary Hennessey" <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

"Amy Kilbridge" <AKILBRID@inghamisd.org>

6. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08

THEME : ENVIRONMENT

Please Remember to Mark your calendar!

December 7 Friday, 6 pm: International Movie Nite
 @ MSU International Center.

January 10 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM
 Topic: People, Environment & Culture

February 7 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM
 Topic: Gender, Environment & Poverty

March 13 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM
 Topic: Media, Technology & Environment

April 17 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM
 Topic: Protecting the Commons & Environmental Activism

May 8 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM
 Topic: To be Announced

Monthly sessions are held at Haslett High School on Marsh Road.
"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END"

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Best wishes for this holiday season.

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