



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

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**LATTICE Newsletter # 451**

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1. LATTICE Updates
    - a. LATTICE Session, Thursday, March 13

The next LATTICE session will be held on Thursday, March from 12:00-4:30 PM. We will meet at the Viking Room, Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Rd, Haslett, MI 48840.

Topic: Gender, Environment and Poverty.

- b. LATTICE Member - high school art teacher Le Tran and the Painted Violin Project Auction

This newspaper article is about LATTICE member Le Tran and what she is doing with her art students.

Used instruments find new life as works of art

Monday, February 04, 2008

By Julie Makarewicz

The Grand Rapids Press

KENTWOOD -- Francie VanHoven sketched a beating heart, then visualized how it would look painted on the front of an old splintered cello.

"Music is like -- I wouldn't be able to breathe without it. Music to me is like a heartbeat. It's really important, and that's why I'm going to paint a heart and lungs," said VanHoven, an East Kentwood High School junior.

In a way, VanHoven and other high school art students are breathing new life into used stringed instruments that once made beautiful music but are now unusable. Eventually, the instruments will be auctioned off to help buy new equipment for the Pinewood Middle School orchestra

The effort is part of a national program called the Painted Violin Project that started in New York. Since its success there, many school districts and orchestras across the country have participated to raise money for their music programs.

"It's a really great program. All the violins and cellos and instruments were donated. In the end, we'll hopefully raise some money to be able to help more kids get involved in orchestra," said Pinewood orchestra teacher Eric Hudson. The Pinewood orchestra now has about 110 students. Hudson said the monthly rental for orchestra instruments can run between \$18 and \$35 and he knows it's too much for some students to afford.

He enlisted the help of East Kentwood High School art and residential construction students who are transforming about 20 instruments into works of art, shelves and coffee tables. With bright blue and yellow paints, Dan Delamarre imitated Van Gogh's famous painting "Starry Night" on an old violin. "I just like the colors and the swirls. I think it came out pretty good. My dad wants to bid on it," said Delamarre, a senior.

Heidi Marcoux tore old pages of Chopin music to cover her cello. She painstakingly added calligraphy phrases and quotes.

"I used to play the violin and cello, too, so this is really cool. I've never done anything like this before," the senior said.

"This is a win for everyone," said high school art teacher Le Tran. "The kids are getting to do something so meaningful and making some very beautiful pieces." Senior Tabatha Green planted a bright orange flower on the handle of her cello to look like the stem and roots. "It kind of symbolizes knowledge taking root with the instrument."

Flags from every nation covered Allison Gray's cello as she incorporated her work as a Model United Nation student into her art. "I think this is a great way to express music and art in our lives," she said.

Hudson said he will share auction proceeds with the art and residential

construction programs who have been so creative with the project."These are just amazing," he said. "I'm blown away. It's going to be a wonderful night. It's all been way beyond what I ever hoped for already."

If you go

What: Painted Violin Project Auction and Pinewood Middle School orchestra concert

When: Concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 with auction to start at about 8 p.m.

Where: East Kentwood High School auditorium

For more information: Contact Eric Hudson, Pinewood Middle School orchestra director, at 455-1224 ext. 33302

Also: Some of the painted violins are on display at DeVos Hall in cooperation with the Grand Rapids Symphony

c. LATTICE Book Club on Thursday, February 14

The next LATTICE Book Club meeting will be held at the East Lansing Public Library from 4-6 pm. The books will be on Immigrant themes:

Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos and

At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices

by Louise Peacock and Walter Lyon Krudop.

For questions about the LATTICE book club, please email:

"Mary Hennessey" <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

"Amy Kilbridge" <AKILBRID@inghamisd.org>

d. LATTICE Zulu Basket Sale - February 22 & 23

More Volunteers are Needed for the LATTICE Zulu Basket Sale

Friday, February 22 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 23, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbott Road

Please email Connie Detjen with the time/day that you would like to work.

conniedetjen@hotmail.com

For fliers please go to the LATTICE website.

<http://www.latticeworld.org/files/8/Zulu%20Basket%20Sales%20Feb08.pdf>

2. Environmental & Natural Resources Fair, Feb. 13

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

5:00-8:00 pm, MSU Union, 2nd Floor

Who's coming?

National Park Service

US Fish & Wildlife

Detroit Zoological Society

Binder Park Zoo

Woldumar Nature Center

US Peace Corps

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

And many more!

Visit <http://careernetwork.msu.edu> and click the Career

Events/Recruiting Schedule quick link for more info

3. Studying the preparation of Mathematics Teachers, Feb 13

"Studying the Preparation of Mathematics Teachers Cross-Nationally: An Interim Report from the Teacher Education and Development Study (TEDS-M)"

by Teresa Tatto, Sharon Senk, and Jack Schwille

Wednesday, February 13

3:30 - 5:00pm

252 Erickson Hall, MSU campus

Sponsored by the Partnership to Prepare Global & International Educators Seminar in collaboration with the Mathematics Education Colloquium  
For more information visit: <http://www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal>

4. Bridging the Cultural Gaps, Feb 26

"Bridging the Cultural Gaps: Local Responses' to National Refugee Issues"

Tuesday, February 26

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kiva, Erickson Hall, MSU

Organized by Dr. Dorothea Anagnostopoulos, Shih-pei Chang and the TE250 instructor team, and the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Society. Sponsored the Partnership to Prepare Global and International Educators and MSU's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives. Special acknowledgement to MSU's Center for Service-learning and Civic Engagement and the Lansing Refugee Development Center

For more information visit: <http://www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal>

5. Native speakers needed (Italian, Polish, Portugese, and Spanish)

Patricia York needs native speakers to pronounce certain words on audio-tape for her book project. If you can help or have any questions please email her:

"Patricia York" <[echoworks@gmail.com](mailto:echoworks@gmail.com)>

6. Opportunities and Resources for Teachers

a. Parker Palmer's Speaking Engagement in Michigan, Feb. 27

Parker Palmer's speaking engagement in Michigan at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 27th. The event is in Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo Central High School. The title of his address is

Integrity and Courage in Professional and Public Life

An Evening with Author, Activist, and Master Teacher Parker J. Palmer, PhD

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"every profession that attracts people for 'reasons of the heart' is a profession in which people and the quality of their work suffer from losing heart. Like teachers, these people are asking, 'how can we take heart again so we can give heart to others?'-which is why they undertook their work in the first place."  
- Parker J. Palmer

b. 2008 Summer Institute

2008 Summer Institute for Secondary Teachers University of Colorado at Boulder. "China's Transformations on the Eve of the Olympics." Program for Teaching East Asia Center for Asian Studies July 21-30, 2008.

All eyes are on China as it prepares for the 2008 Olympics. At such a critical time, it is important for American students and teachers to understand the dynamic issues that define China today. Summer institute participants will analyze China's recent economic, political, and social changes, including such issues as political changes and individual freedom issues; environmental challenges of rapid modernization; the growing divides between rich and poor, urban and rural in China today; as well as insights into world media coverage of China and the Olympics.

The following questions will help contextualize the program: ·What historical factors have helped foster China's recent economic, political, and social changes? · What do these unprecedented changes mean for the various interest groups involved: the Chinese government, the Chinese people, the countries of Asia and of the world? ·How do the Olympics symbolize China's rise to global prominence? Will the Games ultimately benefit the Chinese government or its critics? All major participant costs of the institute are covered through a grant by the Freeman Foundation.

Applications are available at <http://www.colorado.edu/CAS/TEA> and must be received by March 7. For more information, e-mail [Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu](mailto:Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu).

c. Classroom Glimpses around the planet

<http://www.edutopia.org/node/5116>/printhas hotlinks to mini-visits to classrooms across the world.

d. Children cross-culturally

...great survey data that could be easily incorporated into language lessons, such as Japanese children's favorite subjects, relationships with friends, even "the

effects of bullying."  
[http://www.childresearch.net/RESEARCH/DATA\\_JCHILD](http://www.childresearch.net/RESEARCH/DATA_JCHILD)

- e. <http://aila.library.sd.gov/default.asp>
- f. Katie Robiadek's blogspot in Spain

Hello LATTICE Family,  
I am leaving for a three-month language immersion in Granada, Spain. I will be studying five days a week at Sociedad Hispano Mundial, a language school, and working with the local Rotary as a volunteer in my free time. I have a scholarship from Rotary International for this journey ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). I hope to be certified in Spanish at the basic level through the Cervantes Institute before coming home in mid-May 2008. If you are interested in any projects with your classes connecting to Spain/Spanish culture, please email or write me.  
I will be keeping a general blog of the experience and hope to post weekly, time permitting. The site is: <http://katierobiadek.blogspot.com/>.  
I hope you are all well and to see most of you when I return this spring!  
Katie

#### 7. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

The bookclub meets from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library.  
Thursday March 20 Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier  
Thursday April 24 When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park  
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](http://elpl.org) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

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#### 8. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08

THEME : ENVIRONMENT

March 13 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM  
April 17 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM  
May 8 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM  
Monthly sessions are held at Haslett High School on 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett, MI 48840

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END"

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If you would like to submit an item to be included in the e-letter or if you know someone interested in LATTICE and would like to be added to the listserve please contact [lattice@msu.edu](mailto:lattice@msu.edu)

Best wishes,

Margaret, Kristin & Norseha.

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