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The Executive of the CAYC Saskatchewan Chapter publishes a *Newsletter* twice a year. We want to provide information on up-coming events and conferences, as well as any additional information that you, as a member, may want included in the *Newsletter*. Please forward newsletter items to Marjorie Gilroy (E-mail: marjoriegilroy@hotmail.com).

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Provincial Director's Message

Marjorie Gilroy

CAYC SK has been busy with a variety of opportunities that focus on young children. This fall we were pleased to host the Annual General Meeting in Regina on November 5th. We were encouraged by the turn out, and wish to extend our appreciation to the Provincial Directors who travelled to Saskatchewan to attend this event, as well as all of the CAYC SK members who were in attendance. Our congratulations goes out to the recipients of the Friends of Children Award that was presented at the AGM. This years recipients were long time Saskatchewan CAYC members Dr. Mary Cronin and Darlene Dixon.

In December 2005 we had a change of hands at the helm of CAYC Saskatchewan. We would like to congratulate our former Provincial Director, Twyla Mensch, who has now assumed a new role with the National CAYC Board, as Treasurer. Her energy, encouragement, and dedication to CAYC are extraordinary and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Twyla for her support in helping me make the transition to the role of Provincial Director.

Coffee House Conversation meetings held in November and January have become a great way for CAYC SK members to gather together to exchange ideas, express new points of view, and share resources. Our willingness and desire to learn from one another is evident as our conversations are filled with exceptional enthusiasm, boundless challenges, and lighthearted laughter. I feel grateful to be part of such a remarkable group of people with limitless hopes and inexhaustible dreams for young children.

We have decided not to hold a full day spring seminar this year. Instead, we will feature a video screening of "It Takes Time to See" and share reflections from those who attended the Reggio Exhibit in Calgary and the National Conference in Winnipeg. We would like to encourage as many of our members as possible to attend the CAYC National Conference to be held in Winnipeg from April 6-8, 2006. This promises to be an excellent professional Development opportunity for all. A copy of the National Conference Program is available at www.cayc.ca.

The direction and quality of programs that affect the development and well being of young children is exciting to be part of! We have several meetings and events planned for the upcoming year, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Everyone is welcome!

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Barbara Reid is the featured artist/illustrator at the CAYC National Conference in Winnipeg. The following are some helpful materials to assist with implementing her technique with children. The websites below explain how Barbara sketches out illustrations and then moves to using clay.
http://www.scholastic.ca/authors/reid_b

http://hrsbstaff.ednet.ns.ca/swentzel/clay_books/barbara_reid.html

Three useful clay techniques are:

Pinch – Use your fingers to pinch and poke a single lump of clay into any shape.

Coil – Roll out long snakes of clay and twist them into coils and shapes.

Slab – Roll the clay into flat sheets (like a pie crust) to cut apart and assemble.

Please join CAYC for:

“Teaching in two London, UK schools, Reflections of a SK Teacher.”

Cheryl Luther will share her experience of Teaching in the United Kingdom at Douglas Park School Library 7:30 pm.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and engage in Informal dialogue with other ECE Professionals. We hope to see some new smiles.

“Brighter Futures for Children Benefit Concert” on Thursday, March 30, 2006. Casino Regina Show Lounge Doors open at 5:00 pm and the Show Starts at 6:00 pm. Giant Silent Auction. All Proceeds go to: S.C.E.P & Regina Early Learning Centre. For tickets, please contact the Early Learning Centre at 757-3744.

The CAYC website is www.cayc.ca

ECE Events

January 2006 **“The Hundred Languages of Children Exhibit”** of the Municipal Infant-Toddler Centres and Preschools of Reggio Emilia Italy opens at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium Calgary, AB

February 10-11 “Creating Happy Learning Experiences for Preschoolers” Saskatoon, SK Keynote: Dr. Thelma Harms co-designer of ECERS-R. Contact: Joan Stock at 306.374.8507 or pircsconference@saskpircs.ca

March 10 – Noodles and Books Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Willow Awards. Alfredo’s Downtown Regina Contact Claire Isaac at cisaac@sasktel.net

March 18-19 - “We Live Here: A Celebration of Reggio Inspired Environments” Conference Calgary, AB Contact Deirdre at hundredlanguages@shaw.ca

March 30 “Brighter Futures for Children Benefit” Concert 6 pm Casino Regina Show Lounge For tickets call 757-3744.

April 2 – 8: Week of the Young Child The 2006 theme is “Building Better Futures for All Children”. For more information, please visit <http://www.naeyc.org/about/woyc/>.

April 6-8: CAYC National Conference “Canadian Children, Canadian Ways... Looking In, Looking Out” Winnipeg, MB

CAYC National Conference April 6-8, 2006

Winnipeg, MB

Victoria Inn

“Canadian Children – Canadian Ways... Looking In, Looking Out”

The conference program and registration forms are available at www.cayc.ca.

Featured speakers and presenters include: Sarina Condello, Barbara Reid, Fred Penner, Meg Hickling, Martha Friendly, Pat Tarr, Sue Fraser, Jenny Chapman just to name a few! We look forward to seeing you in Winnipeg! For SK participants interested in carpooling to the National Conference in Winnipeg please contact Beth Warkentin at 585-4625 or beth.warkentin@uregina.ca.