

# Teacher Art Retreat



Masks ~ Stories ~ Music ~ Books ~ Movement

Presented by The Inspired Classroom

Get Inspired! Be Inspiring!

August 10, 11, 12, 2015

## This is PD for Creative Teachers

Hands-On  
Arts-Based  
Teacher-Centered

Yes, you read that right! This is professional development that was created with the TEACHER in mind. Our philosophy at The Inspired Classroom is that teachers need to **get inspired** so that they can **be inspiring** to their students.

So,

First and foremost, this retreat is for YOU.

The **Teacher Art Retreat** is a place where you can **relax, create and discover** with other like-minded educators. This is what sets the retreat apart from other professional development you've had.

Our goal is for you to interact with a variety of art forms so that you can get ideas to bring back to your teaching. The workshops are hands-on and accompanied by discussions of how to apply your new knowledge and skills to what you do with students every day.



*“An amazing 3 days of creativity and professional development that truly feeds our souls.” Amy M.*



*Teachers are psyched, energized and full of joy when they are at the retreat!*

## In Short

August 10-12, 2015, 8-3pm

Hampton, NH

(50 min from Boston, MA and  
15 min from Portsmouth, NH)

All Educators Welcome!

18 Contact Hours or PDPs

Eligible for 1, 2 or 3

Graduate Credits

# Retreat Workshops

**The focus project** is for you to relax and create – to go through the creative process over the course of the three days. This year, we will be **Making Masks with Renee Schneider**. Masks have been a part of human culture from the earliest days of human civilization to the present serving purposes from the sacred to the practical, as a form of expression, ritual, storytelling, communication, rebellion, and celebration of life and of death. In this workshop you will learn the basics of many mask making styles and ideas of how to use them across the entire curriculum. You will construct your own plaster mold of your face and decorate it as well as crafting some other styles of masks with some creative writing also thrown in.

**Workshop 1 – Inspired by the Words of Peacemakers with Julie O’Neill** Julie will introduce us to famous quotes and lead us through a viewing of brief clips of people who changed the world: Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Malala Yousafzai and Nelson Mandela before we begin to interpret the words that are most meaningful to us. Retreaters will create a personal piece using mixed media that has profound meaning to their lives and to their teaching. They will leave with copies of the social justice word wall, famous quotes, and other writing pieces that go along with a social justice unit on peacemakers. They will take away the idea that everyone, no matter how big or small, has the power to be a peacemaker and an agent of change in their classroom and beyond.

**Workshop 2 – A Trunkful of Stories with Gail N. Herman** In this workshop we will hear the retellings of stories from Gail’s own family as well as some stories students wrote. She will take us on story finding activities to discover how we can find inspiration for stories and will show how we can mine and mine the written stories in order to make tell-able ones. The use of percussion folk instruments will also be explored making it able for us to hear between the lines of the story. Finally, Gail will describe the performances and show samples of books of student stories that have been “published” for library and family reading.

**Workshop 3 – Interactive Bookmaking for All Ages with Jaclyn Karabinas** Whether you have content to process or a story to tell, bookmaking can be an exciting way to interact with information. Using templates and our creativity, we will use creative folding, create pull-outs, doors and other interactive elements to create our own books! Retreaters will come away with a new perspective on how to approach student products or learning materials in all subjects. Leave with new ideas and your own book of a self-chosen style and topic. Many models and ideas, including altered books will be explored.



## Who Attends Teacher Art Retreats?

If you are an educator who believes in the arts, you should attend the Teacher Art Retreat!

Our professional development is taken by pre K through high school teachers including those who teach special education, art, music, guidance, ELL, technology, ELA, science, and general ed, as well as school nurses, reading specialists, behavioralists, speech therapists, home school teachers, long term substitutes, veterans, first year teachers and even administrators!

Time each day will be spent discussing how the things we learn apply to what you do with students every day. Part of the power of the arts is that they transcend subjects and age levels.

Not to mention, YOU will get something personally out of this too...

The arts touch us all!



*Relax, Create, Discover and Have FUN!*

## Getting Credit

Every participant will be awarded PDPs or attendance hours for their records. In addition, you can also apply for **1, 2 or 3 GRADUATE CREDITS**

Additional fees will apply and your registration to the retreat does not cover this fee. For more information, go to our [Earn Grad Credit](#) page.

(<http://theinspiredclassroom.com/teacherartretreats/earn-grad-credit/>)

# Top 5 Reasons to Attend the Retreat

1.

**The People** – Meet and mingle with other educators who have the same values in education and who believe that creativity and the arts can strengthen and deepen students' learning experiences.

2.

**The Workshops** – Retreat workshops are hands-on and fun. This means you will be creating while you are here. This is for YOU as much as it is for your teaching!

3.

**The Atmosphere** – This is called a retreat for a reason. We want you to be comfortable and treated well. This is made for teachers, by teachers.

4.

**The Food** – No worries about breakfast or lunch. A light breakfast will await you in the morning and lunch is provided each day.

5.

**The Fun** – Each year, retreaters say how much fun they had. It's a great experience where you can truly enjoy yourself while earning professional development.



*“I love feeling refreshed and renewed with good ideas for the classroom – inspired!”*

*sharing, laughter; the information and the chance to grow.”*

## Meet the Presenters



**Renee Schneider** has a BFA in Graphic Design, and a Master's of Education in Creative Art & Learning. She worked as a graphic artist and then as a kindergarten teacher for several years incorporating her belief in tapping into a child's creativity through integration of the arts in the classroom. Now, combining her love of art, and teaching, she owns and operates Colorful Kids, providing private art lessons to children while she continues to develop her own art. Her latest endeavors include writing and illustrating *Swing Time*, her first published children's book.

**Julie O'Neill** wrote her first paper on Gandhi and Martin Luther King, infusing it with the lyrics from the Beatles' Let It Be, over 25 years ago, and she has been studying peacemakers ever since. Julie holds a BA in Social Sciences from New College of Hofstra University, and a Masters in Teaching from Simmons College. She has taught at the early childhood, elementary, and middle school levels in Boston Public, Lawrence Public, and Sparhawk School, and was an instructor at the Museum of Science for many years. Julie is a practicing Responsive Classroom teacher, and she currently teaches 3rd grade at the Cashman School in Amesbury, MA..



**Gail N. Herman, PhD** is a storyteller and educational consultant who specializes in integrating the arts. She taught in public schools (primary and middle grades and g/t) for 10 years and then in various colleges where she taught Visual Imagery, Storytelling, Movement, Early Childhood and other education courses. She has given many workshops on Kinetic Energy in the Visual Arts (based on her book *Kinetic Kaleidoscope: Exploring Movement and Energy in Visual Arts*) to in-service and pre-service teachers in MICA, George Mason University, and University of Connecticut's Confratute, as well as at NAEA and for docents in several museums.



**Jaelyn Karabinas** spent 12 years in the elementary school classroom before shifting gears to serve as an instructional coach and consultant. She earned her Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction with an Arts Integration Specialization and has extensive experience in the world of Educational Technology integration. She loves experimenting with visual media, both hands-on materials and digital.

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# Get Registered!

Register online at <http://theinspiredclassroom.com/teacherartretreats/tar15> with a credit card or through PayPal. You can also fill out this form and send a check to The Inspired Classroom, PO Box 303, Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Join other preK-12 educators for three days of discovery and inspiration for yourself and your teaching. Experience the creative process and learn new ways to integrate the arts into the work you do with your students every day.

**Come from near and far!** It is so fun to meet people from various places who share an appreciation in arts in education! If you are coming from far away, you will certainly enjoy your time in and around Hampton, NH. It has a nice downtown with many restaurants and shops to explore. Not to mention, you will be a very short drive to the ocean!

In addition, Hampton is 60 minutes to Boston, Massachusetts and less than 15 minutes to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. These are both wonderful and exciting cities to visit while you are here!



## Daily Schedule

- 8:00 Check-In, Coffee, Muffins
- 8:30 Morning Activities
- 9:00-11:15 Focus Workshop (Masks)
- 11:15-12:00 Lunch (provided)
- 12:00-12:15 Re-gathering
- 12:15-2:30 Afternoon Workshop
- 2:30 Ending Activities
- 3:00 Departure

Coming from far away and need a place to stay? Check out Lamie's Inn in Hampton, NH and ask for the Teacher Art Retreat discount!

For more information and rates go to <http://theinspiredclassroom.com/teacherartretreats/tar15>

Name:	<b>Teacher Art Retreat</b>		
	<b>Aug. 10-12, 2015</b> Please register before Aug. 1st		
Address:	<b>3 Day Teacher Art Retreat (\$230)</b>	Quantity	Price
	Early Bird Registration (\$210) (Register before July 1.)		
	Bring a Friend Rate (\$190) (Send registration together or on the same day.)		
Phone:	2 Graduate Credits (\$300 in addition to retreat registration) (Through Adams State University)		
Email:	Totals:		
Please send checks to The Inspired Classroom, PO Box 303, Hampton Falls NH 03844	or register online at <a href="http://theinspiredclassroom.com/teacherartretreats/tar15">http://theinspiredclassroom.com/teacherartretreats/tar15</a>		