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Newsletter

December 2006

NYSUT's Education & Learning Trust Professional Development Courses

Intel® Teach to the Future

By Thursday, December 6, each faculty room will have a copy of NYSUT's Education and Learning Trust Professional Development Spring 2007 course catalogue. The courses offered in the Southern Tier Region are listed beginning on page 24. They include "Assessment for and of Student Learning" (Endicott), "Brain Compatible Learning" (Vestal), "Encouraging Student Responsibility and Discipline" (Vestal), "Inclusion: Education for All PreK—12" (Vestal), "Lead Teacher: a Framework for Teacher Leadership" (Endicott) and "Writing as Learning" (Apalachin). Each of these are three credit courses. For graduate credit each course costs \$595 and for inservice credit (45-hours) the cost is \$375. NYSUT also offers many of these and other courses on-line. See page 28. These cost \$645 and \$425 respectively. TCTC Director George Lohmann has ordered 10 additional copies of the catalogue. If you would like your own copy, please contact him at teachercenter13845@yahoo.com.

The Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (STTCN) is recruiting teachers to become trainers for Intel® Teach to the Future. Participating teachers will receive extensive (40 hours) instruction and resources to promote effective technology use in the classroom. In addition, teachers will experience new approaches to create assessment tools and align lessons with the learning standards. The program incorporates use of the Internet, Web page design and student projects as vehicles to powerful learning. STTCN will be offering the 40-hour training absolutely FREE (to page 2)

Smart Board Training & MarcoPolo

On December 5 and 19, Mary Joggerst, along with TCTC Director George Lohmann, will be trained as trainers in the use of Smart Boards in the classroom. In the meantime, if you would like some training in using MarcoPolo, which gives you access to vast numbers of lesson plans, contact Director George Lohmann. When we have enough to hold a class, arrangements will be made to do so.

In-House Micro Workshops

The experiment doing In-House Micro Workshops at Newark Valley High School was a success. On Tuesday, November 14, TCTC Director George Lohmann met with six teachers in the computer lab for about 20 minutes. In that time they learned how to organize their Internet favorites and their Microsoft Office documents. If you have a skill or such that would take only a few minutes to share or if you are aware of such a skill but do not know how to do it, please contact the Teacher Center so we can set up a workshop.

Our Services

Color Copies \$.30 Laminating \$.40 per linear foot
Bookbinding \$.10 each Posters \$.50 per linear foot
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Director

George Lohmann

Online Courses

Consider taking a course online. November Learning is offering three online courses in the "Teaching Zach to Think" series. For the low cost of \$15 per teacher, you can take all three courses: Web Literacy, Advanced Web Literacy, and Blogging for Teacher. These courses are designed to prepare educators to be Web literate. A full range of skills is covered including basic search techniques and advanced cross referencing of Web sites for critical thinking. The Advanced course focuses on the social side of the Web: blogs, wikis, podcasts, Internet Safety and Web ethics. The Blogging for Educators course introduces the world of blogging in the classroom. Check out the courses at this link: <http://nlcourses.com/> The price goes down to \$10 per teacher if 51 or more sign up. I am definitely offering it to my teachers. The feedback has been excellent. Let

Discounted Computer "Bundles" from TPP

Shopping for a computer? Visit <http://www.nytp.org/>. This new program offers reduced-price computers and software tailored specifically to meet the needs of teachers. But that's just the beginning. Because we know your time is limited, your Teacher Centers have ensured the technology "bundles" available through TPP also include advanced software, helpful training and computer support. They are offering one PC bundle and two laptop bundles. If you purchase one of the bundles, your director has coupon codes which you can use for 10% off anything Dell offers in their catalogue. If you're in the market for a new computer, make sure you check out this offer.

Here's the TPP Ordering Procedure. Originally you had to get a code from your director to order your computer bundle. But now you will only have to contact him for an order number to receive the discount on other Dell products:

- 1) Go to <http://www.nytp.org>.
- 2) Shop for the bundles on the Dell Site.
- 3) Order the computer (no code required).
- 4) Submit ORDER NUMBER to Teacher Center and get a 10% coupon off the Dell accessory catalog.

Intel® Teach to the Future (cont.)

To a select group of teachers during the month of July in 2007. If you would like upcoming information including an application to participate, please call the Teacher Center of Broome County at 762-6422 or E-mail kharasta@btbooces.org and ask to be placed on the Intel® Teach to the Future mailing list. As soon as the training details are finalized, you will be notified.

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Professional Development

The state-wide Teacher Center organization has begun a campaign to develop effective tools for evaluating the effectiveness of professional development as a means for improving student achievement. The Southern Tier Teacher Center Network (STTCN) has also begun its own initiative. TCTC Director George Lohmann would like join this valuable movement by establishing a study group among teachers and administrators representing each of our districts. He will be contacting those administrators in charge of professional development and union presidents in the next few weeks to bring this about. The concept is to meet three times, once in each district. If more time is desired and/or necessary, we can determine to continue our meetings. If you are interested in being a part of this study group, please contact George at teachercenter13845@yahoo.com or contact your union president. TCTC has three copies of *Assessing Impact, Evaluating Staff Development* by Joellen Killion and two copies of *Evaluating Professional Development* by Thomas R. Guskey to get us started.

Energy Workshop

According to New York Energy Smart Public Service Commission, **"Energy Smart Teachers Make a World of Difference."** They have 20 energy educators ready to offer energy workshop to teacher across the state. The workshops would include the following topics all tied to the NYS Learning Standards: Energy Literacy, Energy Efficiency at School, Energy Efficiency at Home and Science of Energy. Energy Literacy can be a three or six hour workshop. Each of the others is three hours in length. NYSERDA will promote the workshop, provide the trainer, and provide all workshop materials, and offer a "substitute teacher" stipend if the workshop is held during the school day. If you would like the TCTC to set up a workshop, contact Director George Lohmann at teachercenter13845@yahoo.com.

Child Health & Life Safety On-line Seminar

Syracuse University is offering this seminar which will include the following topics:

- Fire and arson prevention
- School violence prevention and intervention (SAVE)
- Highway safety, traffic regulations, and general safety
- Child abuse recognition and reporting
- Child abduction prevention
- Prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse

The course costs \$150. For additional information and/or to register for the seminar contact NYCHLSS@syr.edu.

Programs Coming to Roberson

Plan ahead! Roberson is announcing its upcoming programs/exhibits. If you are interested in more information contact Roberson Museum and Science Center, 30 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905, 607-772-0660, or visit their Website at www.roberson.org. Here is what's there and what's coming:

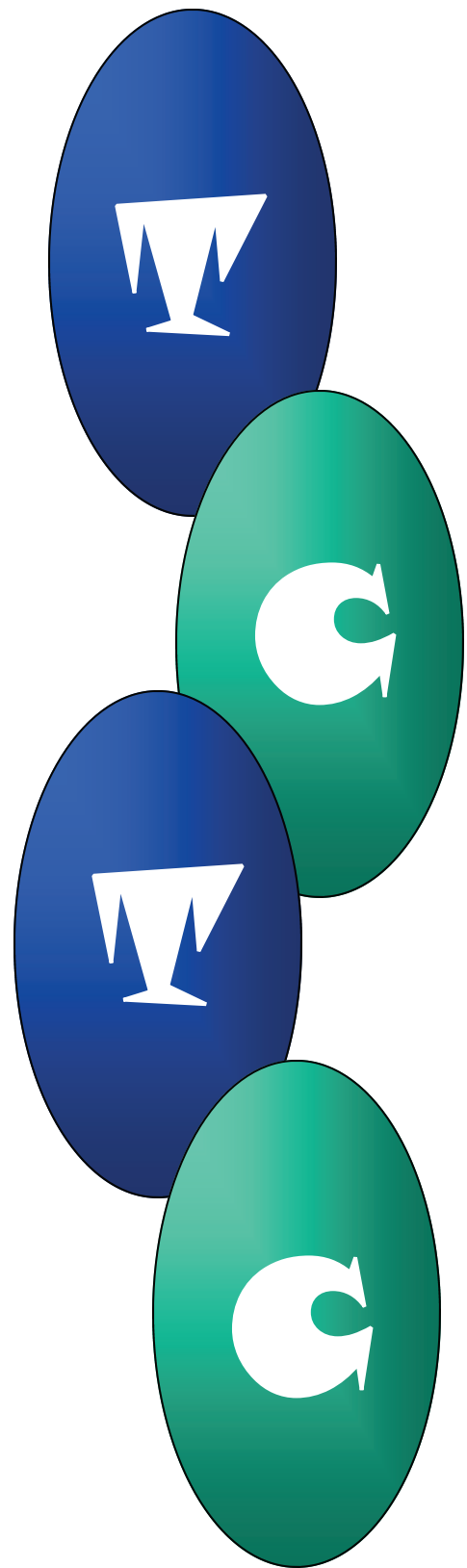
Frog Pond Sculptures: The Art of the Ferro Family
September 2006—June 2007

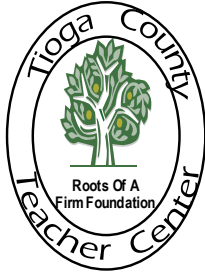
Got Milk: The Dairy Industry and Broome County
April 12—October 30, 2007

Spirited Faces: Traditional Masks from Around the World
September 2007—April 2008

John James Audubon: American Artist and Naturalist
February—June 2008

Our own Steve Lindridge of Candor High School and Heather Shelp of Newark Valley High School are serving on a "task force" for Roberson for the Audubon exhibit.





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2 Workshops **Introduction** **to Excel**

- Learn to Basics
- Learn to Set up a Grading System
- Contact the Instructor Beforehand for Specific Requests



Instructors

Keith Williams

kwilliams@nvcs.stier.org →

Mary Joggerst

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When and Where

Thursday, January 18, 2007

2:45-3:45 pm

Newark Valley High School Computer Lab

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

3:45-4:45 pm

Sign Up At

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Director

George Lohmann