

Integrating Language and Landscape, Art and Culture: ***Voices from the Land***

Old Timbers Lodge, Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, Madison, IN:
June 14-15, 2018

The *Voices from the Land* project and this workshop (for formal and informal educators, pre-k to college, counselors, naturalists, and other interested adults) is an exploration and celebration of oral and written language... of natural science, art, performance and technology. Taught by experienced teachers, workshop participants experience all aspects of a *Voices* project. They learn strategies for connecting children to local landscapes... fostering a love for the natural world.

In a *Voices* project, participants:

- use art concepts and skills to create art from natural materials
- use digital technologies to document and share their art
- use communication skills... both oral and written... to create, edit and publish poetry
- layout, design, and publish a full-color book of their art and poetry... or design full-color posters showcasing their work
- develop performance strategies to share their work.



In the *Voices* process, students:

- Generate writing and develop communication skills across the curriculum.
- Communicate, collaborate, and negotiate as a member of a creative team.
- Embed math and science skills, and concepts in everyday experiences.
- Use internet-based applications to document, lay-out and design final products.
- Draw inspiration for writing and art from the land that sustains us all.

Voices projects have been successfully implemented with people of all ages... including preschool through secondary level classrooms... with students of average, gifted or special needs... in the United States, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain, Italy, Poland, Romania, and Turkey. Examples of student-generated *Voices* books and posters, in multiple languages, will be on display at the workshop.

Here is what people are saying:

- *“I was affirmed and further inspired and reminded of how important it is to foster the voice and gifts of each individual.”*
- *“I thought MTN’s monarch workshop was the best workshop ever but this one blew me away. I am amazed by all that I saw, felt and learned.....”*
- *“The workshop broadened my perspective... All of us are artists, poets, performers...”*
- *“A respectful, engaging learning experience. I feel very lucky to have been to this special place... a sacred place.”*
- *“I can’t wait to get back to the classroom and get my children involved with nature. I loved how the poetry piece ties into the arts and nature.”*

Workshop Details

Dates: June 14 and 15, 2018

Location: Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

Old Timbers Lodge, Madison, Indiana

Time: 8:00 - 3:30 both days

Cost: \$125.00

Name _____ Summer E-mail (**important**) _____

Home Address (street, city) _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ Grade/Area _____

School Name & Address: _____

The fee for the Workshop is \$125 per person.

No workshop space will be held until this registration form is received; if paying by Purchase Order, please email this form to us while it is being prepared. Or mail the form & payment to: “Monarch Teacher Network – GCNC”, 309 Roosevelt Ave, Pitman, NJ 08071. Registration will be confirmed by e-mail. Monarch Teacher Network is sponsored by GCNC, a NJ non-profit environmental organization with a 68-year history of educating the public about the natural world: www.gcnatureclub.org

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