Learning Through Objects: Museums and Young Children

November 7 and 8, 2013

The Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center is offering an innovative training program for museum professionals and early childhood educators interested in using objects to teach young children.

This two-day program will be offered at the Smithsonian Institution. Participants will learn how a host of museum objects - including paintings, sculptures, an African headrest, and an old-time chestnut roaster - can help children, as young as two or three, understand their world.

The program, featuring hands-on exercises with museum objects, lectures, discussions, and gallery experiences, is designed to help museum educators forge more creative encounters with young museum-goers, and to introduce early childhood educators to the magic of museums.

Participants will be encouraged to think expansively about using children’s literature, art and objects to create explorations of thematic topics. By tapping resources in their own communities—resources such as objects in local museums and community centers, statues, public art, bridges, buildings, and more, participants learn to bring the world of museums to young children in their communities. All objects, even commonplace ones, tell stories. That’s what “Learning through Objects” is all about.

Cost: $400  Early registration before October 14
       $425  Regular registration after October 15

Location of Seminar: Smithsonian Institution
                    Smithsonian Castle Library, Room 384

Date: November 7 and 8, 2013

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Transportation: Smithsonian Metro Stop (Orange or Blue Line)

For information: Betsy Bowers, bowersb@si.edu
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A confirmation letter will be mailed to each participant. Space is limited.
Seminar Dates: November 7 and 8, 2013

Name: __________________________________________________________
Place of Work: __________________________________________________
Work Address: ____________________________________________________
City, State, and Zip code: _________________________________________
Phone: (work)_____________ (fax)_____________ (home)____________
E-mail address____________________________________________________

Early registration is $400 and applies to payment prior to October 14th.
Registration cost for payment on or after October 15th is $425.

The seminar fee is non-refundable. The fee includes seminar, lunch on the first day, and
seminar materials. Please notify us at least three weeks in advance of any special needs.

Send registration with payment information to:

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