

Alpha Iota State Fall Conference
Bay City, MI
Sharing Our Scholarship – We Hold the Key
Tentative Sessions

October 15, 2010
Friday Night Alternate Session
Bay County Historical Society and Museum
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Teachers and history buffs interested in the history of Bay City and its maritime industry should come to this session! Archivists from the Bay County Historical Society and Museum will give us information that can be used in the classroom for units on Michigan history, transportation systems, and the value of the shipbuilding industry. Do you need classroom lesson plans and resource materials? This is the session to attend and will be

held either on site or at the museum. Learn how your class can visit the museum. **2 SB-CEUs**

October 16, 2010
Saturday Conference Sessions

The Revised International Constitution, Chapter Operations, and Then Some



Strategic Planning Committee members will report on actions that took place at the International Convention in Spokane. This workshop will focus on the effects of the revised International Constitution and Standing Rules on individual chapters. Presenters will also focus on state and International awards, obligations and events. The session is recommended for all chapter leaders and interested others.

The Value of the Arts in Education



Barbara Beckers, Gamma Eta Chapter, will help us to understand the value of arts in the curriculum. According to the Michigan Curriculum Framework, Content Standard 1, children will apply skills and knowledge to perform in the arts. Children who are involved in music, theatre, and visual arts perform better in many subject areas. Learning to play a piano aids math skills. Improvisation helps with shyness. Years of research show that arts education is closely linked to almost everything that we as a

nation say we want for our children and demand from our schools: academic achievement, social and emotional development, civic engagement, and equitable opportunity. Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. Listen to Barbara as she helps you to see how the arts can be incorporated into every curriculum. **SB-CEU**

Creating PowerPoints and More



Tamara Webster, Gamma Theta, and Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho Chapter, will show how to create a PowerPoint presentation in this two hour session. **Please bring your laptops so that you receive full benefit from this experience.** PowerPoint is a software program to enhance your oral presentation and to keep the audience focused on your subject. It operates like an old-fashioned slide show, but uses modern technology in the form of computers and digital projectors rather than a slide projector. Pictures and graphics are a big part of any PowerPoint presentation. Using PowerPoint to

teach to multiple intelligences and different learning styles is an easy way to expand the lesson activity into different methods - visual, auditory, artistic, kinesthetic. It is a great all around tool. **2 SB-CEUS**

Camp Alpha Omega – Science for Girls



Join President Laurie Bone and members of Alpha Omega Chapter as they highlight their partnership with Longway Planetarium in Flint to provide a summer science camp for girls in Genesee County. Alpha Omega Chapter applied for monies from the Wilma Adams Fund to establish this camp for girls going into grades three – six. Try out a few activities from this year's Make it Move! Camp as we give an overview of our past two camps and our plans for future programs. Classroom teachers will see how activities can be incorporated as to meet Content Standard IV.3, students will describe and explain how and why things move as they

do. **SB-CEU**

Japanese Folk Tales



Attention, teachers of literature! Ann Laurimore, Phi Chapter, will be comparing Japanese folk tales to western folk tales. She will tell us a little history of Japanese and western story collections. Folk tales might be read to children in lower elementary with social studies of children around the world. Upper elementary could be reading and studying folk tales of other countries. Learn how you can enhance your teaching about folk tales. It is a goal of the Michigan Department of Education that all students will read and analyze a variety of diverse literature. They are also expected to learn about the cultural similarities and differences of people of other nations. **SB-CEU**

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Birds, Butterflies and Blooms in Your Garden



Pat Esther-Schmidt, Gamma Eta Chapter, is the owner of Pat's Posey Patch in Cheboygan. Considering having a classroom garden? How can you achieve all of the B's in your garden? Come to this workshop and find out the easy ways. Wild birds, and particularly songbirds, will flock to the insect-rich blooms and the dying seed heads of spent flowers. You can create an abundant food supply and simultaneously build a habitat for your wildlife. Children of all ages should be taught the value of animal and plant life. The emphasis on saving ecosystems can be taught with a simple garden. Gardening questions will be answered as time allows. **SB-CEU**

Music for Interested Chorus Members



Music co-chairs Nancy Everett, Alpha Xi Chapter, and Nancy Tetzlaff, Beta Epsilon Chapter, joyfully invite you to their session. Would you like to join the Rosebud Chorus? Concerned about the music, language, nerves? Join our Music Chairs as they put you at ease. You'll be using your voice as a musical instrument in no time at all.

The Magic of Women in the Arts



Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu Chapter, and Theresa Sedmak, Alpha Theta Chapter President, co-chairs of Women in the Arts Retreat will share what can happen at this wonderful retreat. They will bring a few projects for you to try. The magic is realizing that those who say that they aren't artistic return home from WITA weekend with beautiful art work. The magic is that you believe in yourself, explore projects with your peers, and that you are a student of your peers. The magic of friendship just happens. All I know is that that feeling of purpose and love are overwhelming. The laughter is contagious. Please join us for **WOMEN IN THE ARTS** October 22 – 24, 2010. The Empowered Woman has the confidence to try, explore and become wealthy in the experiences that she travels.

Meaningful Partnerships between Cultural Organizations and Schools



Janet Smoak, President of Alpha Xi Chapter and Executive Director of the Besser Museum will tell us about how successful alliances can be formed. In an age of challenging finances for school travel and an increasing emphasis on prescribed content learning the relationship between Cultural Organizations (museums, art centers, wildlife sanctuaries,) and the school systems (public and private) are in a period of re-negotiation. How do Cultural Organizations remain relevant to teacher needs and pressures? The Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the Alpena Public Schools have been exploring new and meaningful partnerships for the past two years. This workshop will present how the museum and sanctuary have modified their school group tours to meet curriculum benchmarks based on organizational resources. Tours are developed and tested in partnership with grade level teachers. Both organizations have benefited from the partnership with a local retired teacher in developing Social Studies Alive! (TCP) kits used at the institutions or in the classroom. Two kits, 4th and 7th grade level targeted, are engaging students with developmentally appropriate practices. Participants will leave with an understanding of how they can approach their local Cultural Organizations to develop mutually beneficial resources and an understanding of the types of learning opportunities available. **SB-CEU**

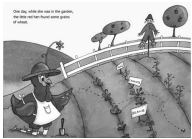
Creating a Chapter Newsletter



Communications Chair Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho Chapter, will teach the fundamentals of creating a newsletter. Discover techniques for laying out and formatting a newsletter to make it more readable. Copyright and reprinting information will be given as well as suggestions for getting articles from members. Learn how to include pictures and graphics and capture interest with good headlines. Examples

of exemplary newsletters will be shown. Many ideas will be offered for creating classroom newsletters. Many elementary teachers have classroom newsletters that their students have composed. It is in Content Standard 6 where students are expected to develop and use their writing skills. Come with your questions. **SB-CEU**

“Little Red Hen”



Nancy Everett, Alpha Xi Chapter, and Mary Sass, Beta Phi Chapter, will explore the “Little Red Hen” attitude as it relates to chapters being involved with planning state meetings. The Northern Lights Coordinating Council has stepped up to help with two state meetings recently. Cooperation makes light work for everyone.

Workshop for New Presidents

Judy Foster, past State President and member of Upsilon Chapter, will facilitate this session. Chapter Presidents carry great responsibility but don't have to do all the work. Learn what you can do to lead your chapter smoothly through the biennium and share the "wealth." Time will be allotted for idea exchange and solving problems.



The World's in Your Closet



Sharleen Gonzalez, past State President and member of Gamma Beta Chapter, brings us her international knowledge of clothing! Come and have fun playing dress-up. I'm going to take you on a “Slow Boat to China,” taking a look “South of the Border,” you may end up “Walk(ing) like an Egyptian” and looking like a Siamese. You will leave with materials to present the program to your chapter or use many ways in the classroom. This lesson could be a kick-off to a Social Studies unit on trade and economic interdependence. Honest. You will find out you are a World Class Dresser. **SB-CEU**

Keynote Speaker



Gabe Ford, anti-bullying speaker and author of *Still Dancing*, will share her experiences of being a victim of bullying and offer suggestions to teachers and parents about how to deal with bullying. Can you identify a bully? Bullying peaks in middle school but starts as early as preschool with children using relational aggression. Research states the devastating effects of bullying are long term and far reaching, not just for the child who has been a target of bullying but for the bystanders and person who bullies as well. No longer can we say to our children, ignore it. Ford, 29, of Fenton is a nationally recognized public speaker who visits schools around the country speaking about the long-term effects of bullying. Ford knows this from personal experience -- she was diagnosed with Friedreich's ataxia, a neuromuscular disease, at the age of 12, causing her speech to slur and limiting her mobility. **2 SB-CEUs**