



the **creative** educator's guide to NECC 2007

RECOMMENDED CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sunday, June 24th, 2007

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Special Event

Constructivist Celebration @ NECC (this is not a NECC sponsored workshop)

Join colleagues from the Constructivist Consortium in a day long celebration of creativity, computing & constructivist learning at the beautiful Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Peter Reynolds and Gary Stager will kick the day off with an inspirational keynote address. Then, it's your turn to jump into exciting hands-on projects led by some of the nation's finest Ed tech leaders. The day ends with an opportunity to share your creations and a panel discussion, "Sustaining Constructivist Learning," featuring leaders of LCSi, GenYES, Schoolkit, Tech4Learning, and Fablevision. Register at: www.constructivistconsortium.org

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Workshop

SUF260 Fostering Critical Thinking: Integrating Project-based Learning, Technology, and Information Literacy

Sharon Sutton, Seeds University Elementary School, UCLA with Jack Sutton

Experience project-based learning that integrates technology and information literacy! Examine the role of critical thinking in student research projects while engaging in this inquiry process.

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Workshop

SUF245 Your Classroom Has a Digital Camera... Now What? **Janet Caughlin, Valley Public Schools**

In this stress-free workshop you'll see photo projects, learn to take good pictures, use photo-editing software, see management techniques, and put photos into PowerPoint.

Monday, June 25th, 2007

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Workshop

MA316 Web Authoring Made So Simple, Anyone Can Do It

Laura Spencer, Santee School District with Carolyn Daly and Katy Hammack

Learn how you and your students can use WebBlender to create Web sites to share classroom happenings, digital portfolios, photo galleries, and more.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Lecture

Free Is Good: No-Cost Programs, Web Sites, and Shortcuts **Frank Miracola, Macomb Intermediate School District**

The session will review software, Web sites (including the free resources at Recipes4Success.com), and must-know shortcuts that make teaching easier and the learning environment better for students.

Tuesday, June 26th, 2007

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Panel

Technology Literacy for All Students

Dennis Harper, Generation Yes with Sylvester Robinson, James L. Smith and Gary Stager

Join us for a comprehensive, comparative look at how states and nations are defining and assessing technology literacy. A debate on preferable methods will follow.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Poster

Are Your Students "Problem Solving" or "Problem Posing" in Mathematics? **Lea Iaricci, LCSi**

Participants will see examples of math problems to solve and they'll see the importance of helping their students develop their problem-posing thinking skills.

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Mathematics Comes Alive with Electronic Math Experiments
Wendy Petti, Math Cats / Washington International School
Conduct math experiments to investigate angles, symmetry, and coordinates; explore randomness, probability, and math patterns; manipulate algebraic variables and more, using MicroWorlds, Excel, and free online applets.
- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM**
Spotlight
Papert Matters - Thinking About Children, Computers and Powerful Ideas
Gary Stager, Pepperdine University
Seymour Papert's work has defined the frontiers of education for 40+ years. His colleagues will share what Papert's ideas mean for the future of learning.
- Lecture
Japan-USA Tree Watch HyperMirror: Online! Tracking Changes! Collaboratively! Simultaneously!
Agnes Zaorski, Eatontown Public Schools with Dale Hilton, Toshihide Koike, Takanori Maesako, Osamu Morikawa, Peter Reynolds and Cathy Timpone
Japanese students "appear" via HyperMirror Videoconferencing, using Stationery Studio, to simultaneously draw trees, write haiku, and teach tree dances, sharing results of the Japan-USA Tree Watch project.

Wednesday, June 27th, 2007

- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**
Problem/Solution
Panel
Assessing Student Technology Literacy
Karen Connaghan, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit with Kate Kemker, Sylvia Martinez and Mia Murphy
Come hear real solutions for meeting the NCLB requirement to assess technology literacy of 8th grade students.
- Lecture
Beyond Testing: Projects that Nurture Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Collaboration
Peggy Healy Stearns, Independent
Use open-ended tools and project-based learning to meet cross-curricular objectives while developing higher-level skills. Session will feature exemplary projects, demos, resources, and references.
- Hands-on BYOL
Way Beyond WebQuests
Gary Stager, Pepperdine University
Learn how the Web may be used to foster intellectual curiosity and solve sophisticated problems—authentic ones without precise answers—in this collaborative high-tech setting. BYOL hands-on session.
- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**
Poster
Enhancing the Literacy Skills of Special Needs Students with Clay Animation
Brenda Mercado, Region 9, NYC Dept. of Education
Participants will learn how to use clay animation, an innovative technology method, to enhance language, sequencing, creativity, and multi-sensory skills of special needs students.
- Poster
Clay Animation: Intro to Magic
Anne Truger, Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) with Jennifer Gibson
Travel with us into the magic of clay animation! Clay animation is an excellent way to maximize collaboration among students. It's motivational, educational, and fun!