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Profile

To provide holistic and ecologically literate academic, Nature-study, and arts education to students of all ages with an emphasis on experiential progressive methodology, process, place, and the integration of environments and cultures.

Experience

AUTHOR/OWNER, WINGS, WORMS, AND WONDER, NEPTUNE BEACH, FL-2012-PRESENT

Develop and execute garden and Nature-study education events for all ages in schools and community environments based on the book *Wings, Worms, and Wonder*. Create relevant online content for adults seeking to preserve children's sense of wonder and integrate nature and gardening into home, school, and community environments through experiential learning.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN CO-COORDINATOR, BLFN CHILDREN'S GARDEN, NEPTUNE BEACH, FL-2011-PRESENT

Co-Develop, coordinate, and facilitate educational programming for children and adults at the Beaches Local Food Network's Community Children's Garden, responsible for garden maintenance.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION DIRECTOR, DIG LOCAL, ATLANTIC BEACH, FL-2012-PRESENT

Create, coordinate, and facilitate garden programming and experiences in after school and summer programs for at-risk youth.

AUXILIARY TEACHER, MONTESSORI TIDES SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL-2010-PRESENT

Create and coordinate garden based Nature-study lessons for elementary students that instill a connection to local environments and encourage ecological literacy through experiential learning.

LOWER ELEMENTARY AND ART TEACHER, DISCOVERY MONTESSORI SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL- 2000-2010

Lower Elementary Lead teacher, responsible for all academic and extra curricular activities including planning, preparing and teaching the Montessori 6-9 elementary curriculum and creating an inspiring learning environment. Developed and executed process based weekly art experiences, facilitated the exploration of historical and contemporary art movements and artists, and developed the children's verbiage to discuss works of art in an expressive manner.

Education

Goddard College, Plainsfield, VT-MA Environmental Studies, 2012

Florida Institute of Montessori Studies, Indian Harbour Beach, FL-American Montessori Society 6-9 Elementary Credential, 2005

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA-BFA Photography, and Art History, 1998

Skills

Certified Integral Hatha Yoga Teacher-Level 1, 2001

Snowboard Instructor/Children's Program Asst. Supervisor, Wintergreen Resort, VA, 1998-2000

Mural Painter/Owner, Aloha Murals, 1999-2003

Referrals

Peggy Nolan (Children's Garden Co-Coordinator Beaches Local Food Network and Montessori Teacher) Jacksonville Beach, FL-904-382-9179, pannolan@comcast.net

Julie Williams (Montessori Teacher and Director, Discovery Montessori School & J.Allen Axon Montessori Magnet School) Jacksonville, FL-904-254-2443, juliewilliams1@clearwire.net

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