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SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Beautiful Stuff! The Art of Provocations

with Dr. Gigi Yu



DATE:

Saturday, June 20, 2020

LOCATION:

Pinnacle Conference Center
25150 North Pima Road
Scottsdale, Arizona
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REGISTRATION:

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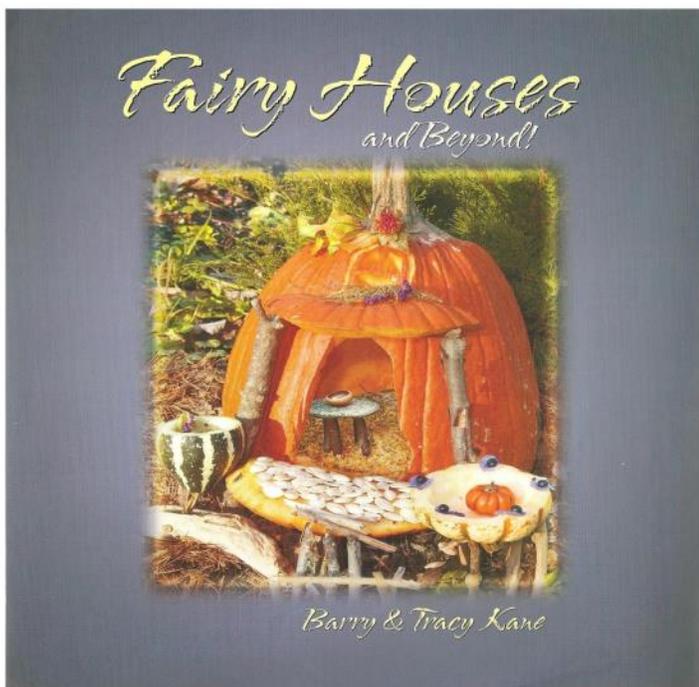
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What is a Provocation? Teachers inspired by Reggio Emilia schools place great emphasis on using materials and activities as a provocation—as a teaching strategy that provokes children to play with materials, language, and ideas. As recently published by Davis Publications, Pinnacle Preschool is featured in *Beautiful Stuff from Nature: More Learning with Found Materials* (2019). Many schools like Pinnacle embrace the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach, which include:

- A deep respect for the ideas of children - that elevate learning beyond standards.
- An understanding that knowledge is constructed over time.
- An understanding that relationships are at the heart of learning.
- A belief that open-ended materials are powerful tools for communicating ideas and stories.
- An understanding that documentation makes learning visible and curriculum actionable.
- A belief that collaboration of teachers and children in the pursuit of knowledge is enjoyable and rewarding for all.

At this conference discover the remarkable ways the Atelierista or studio art teacher supports the teachers and students in their explorations of tools and open-ended materials. Join us as Pinnacle educators share our stories, projects and inspirations.



Gigi Schroeder Yu, PhD has been working in the field of Early Childhood Education as an artist, researcher, professional development provider, parent educator, and higher education instructor for over 20 years. She is a faculty member for the University of New Mexico's Art Education Department. Gigi is also the Lead Editor for the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance *Innovations in Early Education: The Reggio Emilia Exchange Journal*.

Yu holds a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Illinois and a Master's in Art Education from the University of Arizona. Her work focuses on collaborative professional development through the study of aesthetics, children's interests and documentation protocols. Gigi works with organizations to create design strategies toward teaching, learning, leadership and collaborative professional development.