

Artist in Residence Program for Middle Schools and High Schools in Buncombe County

Global Link through Story Portrait Book Exchange

Project summary: Carrie Wagner takes participants through the process of designing and producing a book which includes photography, illustration and writings from all student participants. This hands-on bookmaking project can engage a whole school or selected classes. The self-published book is a beautiful showpiece for the school but more importantly, is given to a school in another country. The service learning project is mutually beneficial to partnering schools, as all partners are givers, receivers and learners. Each school receives a similar book from their partnership school. The project provides a meaningful outlet for learning cross-cultural communication and relationship skills, as well as the importance of global exchange.

Curriculum Objectives: Through an experiential learning process, students will have an opportunity to learn:

- Project planning and coordination
- Editorial photography basics; light, composition, perspective and “capture the moment”
- Photography editing basics
- Journal writing
- Book design and page layout
- The value of cross-cultural sharing/learning
- The value of giving/receiving – service learning
- Teamwork for effective production
- How to do an effective presentation

The project will be facilitated over the course of 5-6 weeks with Carrie as an instructor at an average of 6 hours/week.

Course Outline:

Week 1:

- 2 hour workshop for teachers – background and project scope, division of class roles/responsibilities
- 1 hour presentation to whole school
- With lead class only: 2 hours – project brainstorm and planning, 1 hour session on book basics

Weeks 2 and 3:

- Participants will be divided into 4 groups, according to their interests or teacher’s objectives
Writers Photographers Editors Designers
- 2 hour session with each of these groups “writers” and “photographers”
- 1 hour session with another designated class on presentation basics
- Designated class will begin the research and preparation for a school-wide presentation on partnering school
- The presentation will be delivered to the school during Week 3

Weeks 4 and 5:

- 2 hour session with photography editors
- 2 hour session with designers
- 1 hour session with photographers
- 2 hour session with writers

Week 6: Production of Book

- 2 hour session with lead class
- 1 hour production time with each of the groups

Equipment needed: Each photographer will need access to a digital camera. Production will require computers. Carrie will provide studio lights if needed.

Fees: \$30/hour

Project design and session planning	\$500		
Presentation to school	\$150		
36 instructional hours	\$1080	Total project	\$1730

About Carrie Wagner:

Carrie Wagner has a BS in Environmental and Visual Design from NCSU. She has practiced photography for 25 years, specializing in portrait photography for the past 10 years. Carrie is also an author, speaker and educator. Carrie's experience as an educator spans a wide range of audiences: nonprofit board members, international service volunteers and staff, teachers, illiterate populations, K-12 students, and Christian education classes. Her six years in Africa, as well as her position as International Training Director for Habitat for Humanity International have provided a variety of opportunities to work with diverse audiences. Carrie has facilitated and delivered training as a volunteer in Buncombe County Schools for over 7 years.



Related Training includes:

- Training Manager Certificate (Langevin Learning Services, Atlanta, GA)
- Practitioners on Critical Components of Effective Governance (Board Source, Washington, DC)
- Group Facilitation Methods, Participatory Strategic Planning, Training of Trainers (Institute of Cultural Affairs, Atlanta and Zimbabwe)
- Training for Intercultural Transitions, (Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, Portland, OR)
- International Staff Training, (Habitat for Humanity International)
- The Seven Habitats of Highly Effective People, (Franklin Covey Training Programs)
- Bachelor of Environmental Design/Visual Design, (North Carolina State University, School of Design, Raleigh, NC)