

Atlantic Southeast Region of AWSNA 2012 Annual Conference



INTUITION AND INNOVATION IN WALDORF SCHOOLS: Exploring New Impulses

With Keynote Speaker Michael D'Aleo

Intuition is the source for all truly new innovations. How do we begin to cultivate the quality of *new thinking* in ourselves as teachers and also in our students? Although the foundation of Waldorf Education upholds these ideals, how do we activate our own inner activity to bring these qualities to life?

Keynote speaker Michael D'Aleo explores ways in which Waldorf teachers can apply a phenomenological approach to their own teaching to bring freshness and innovation to the Waldorf classroom. A phenomenological outlook in teaching helps teachers stay tuned in to the needs of the children and avoid an automatic, routine approach that may not be truly connected to the children's needs. Michael encourages teachers to push themselves into new areas of the Waldorf curriculum, and he will explore some personal tools that are helpful in that process.

Participants will also choose two workshops. These are presented by teachers who are striving to develop some of the more subtle approaches that might be included in a Waldorf Curriculum in the shape of new blocks, new approaches to integrate in the classroom, or new ways of understanding how Waldorf education meets the growing child.

March 16 & 17, 2012

Academe of the Oaks Waldorf High School
Decatur, Georgia (Metro Atlanta)

Friday, March 16

Keynote Address, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17

10:00—4:00, Keynote, Workshops and Plenum

Sunday, March 18

Optional Session—9:00—12:00

orientation to AWSNA accreditation,
with Joanne Andruscavage, AWSNA accreditation coordinator

Conference Fee

\$50 per participant; includes lunch and snacks

Registration

Email jchild@awsna.org for information

Michael D'Aleo is a founding member of the Saratoga Experiential Natural Science Research Institute (SENSRI) in Saratoga Springs, New York and is the Director of Research. He was a co-founder of the high school at the Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs where he teaches physical science and mathematics. Mr. D'Aleo is also an instructor of Waldorf School physical science teachers at The Center for Anthroposophy in Wilton New Hampshire as well as a guest teacher at various teacher training institutions. He is the cofounder of, and leads the successful 6th, 7th and 8th grade science teacher training, Teaching Sensible Science.

