

Special Events at NCTE For Florida's Teachers

Friday Night Get-Together for All FCTE members and Florida Teachers

Friday, Nov. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Yacht & Beach, Grand Harbor Ballroom S

Join us for a fun, networking reception on Friday evening. This will be a time to see all your old Florida friends and to make new ones! We will also hold our annual business meeting, install new officers, and honor Florida teachers with FCTE awards. The band *Hot Tamale*, which features award-winning Florida author and singer Adrian Fogelin and singer/songwriter Craig Reeder, will provide entertainment while you enjoy desserts and refreshments. They have written a special song especially for us. Don't miss this celebratory event! Pick up your free ticket at the FCTE Kiosk outside the entrance of the exhibition hall. Space is limited to the first 300 ticket holders.

FCTE Writer's Awards Luncheon: YOU NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET FOR THIS EVENT!

Sunday, November 21 from noon until 2 p.m. (Doors open at 11:15 a.m.) at the Coronado, Fiesta 6

Please join us for this special event honoring Florida's student writing award winners, their parents, and their teachers. From 11:15 until noon, attendees are invited to mingle with and get autographs from the 18 young adult authors who will be seated at tables with the award winners during the luncheon; books will be available for purchase. Alex Flinn, author of numerous books including *A Kiss in Time* and *Beastly*, will provide a keynote speech. *Beastly* is soon to be a motion picture! This is a time to celebrate the wonderful Florida writers from beginners to award winners, both young and older.

Purchase your \$35 ticket in advance to ensure your seat. Mail your check or cash to Kelly Metzler, 3460 S. St. Lucie Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707. Please include your email address to receive a receipt. Tickets will be available at the FCTE kiosk at the conference.

NOTE: The seating is limited for this event and is reserved only for Florida's teachers; the cost is specific for us Floridians!

Florida Featured Sessions

Friday, November 19, 2010

Dude, I Got Somethin' to Say: Freeing the Adolescent Voice

A.13 9:30 - 10:45 Michael Vokoun, Independent Day School, Tampa
Terry Bigelow, Rampello Downtown Partnership School, Tampa

Description: When students are given voice in the classroom, student engagement soars. In this session, the presenters will showcase two specific units (scriptwriting and the CSPAN Student Cam Project) where students had the opportunity to bring their voice, ideas, concepts, passion and vision to life through writing and videography. Chair: Raymond "Spaz" Walden

Learning Is Not a Spectator Sport: Engage Students

D.24 2:30 - 3:45 Jane Feber

Description: Come make and take activities that will engage students in the learning process. These unique presentation methods allow students to work at the application level. Activities presented will allow students to analyze, create, criticize, debate, and present. This session is not for spectators! Come and get involved...make it, take it, and be ready to implement it. Chair: Cari Sadler

Florida Commission Meeting

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Yacht & Beach in the State Room

The meeting of FCTE's commission is vital in keeping the organization and its interests in the minds of those within the state. All members of FCTE are invited to hear what commissions have accomplished this year, to pledge support of their future missions and to join a commission's efforts to bring awareness to the concerns of those in the profession. Chair: Clarissa West-White

Saturday, November 20, 2010

A Duo of Sunshine State Scribblers: Celebrating Florida's Authors

G.23 9:30 - 10:45 Alan Sitomer, Lynwood High School, Los Angeles
Rodman Philbrick, author, Marathon

Description: The state of Florida has connections to many of today's top young adult authors. Come hear award winning authors Rodman Philbrick and Alan Sitomer share their secrets about writing, reading and reaching today's students through the written word. Co-Chair: Brittany Powell (Sitomer) and Wells Preston (Philbrick).

Why Poetry?

J.18 2:45 - 4:00 Elizabeth Thomas, Performance Poet

Description: Participants will experience the vital pulse of poetry, will make connections where none existed, will recognize that poetry in the classroom (and beyond) does not have to be difficult. Chair: Matt Collum

“Florida Celebrates Its Award Winning Teachers by Sharing What Works in Classrooms Today”

K.13 4:15 - 5:30 Susan Harris, 2010 NCTE Edwin A. Hoey Award for Outstanding Middle School (MS) Educator in English Language Arts
Holly Atkins, 2008 FCTE Honor Award Recipient & TBAWP Co-director-MS
Joanna Hapner, 2008 FCTE Teacher of the Year Runner Up-MS
Jean Lamar, 2009 Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year-HS
Chad Garcia, 2009 FCTE Beginning Teacher of the Year-HS

Description: Three middle school and two high school award-winning teachers will share what it takes to be an award-winning teacher in this day of high-stakes testing and scripted curriculum. Come listen and learn from these expert teachers who've been chosen by their peers as the best teachers of Florida. Chair: Daniel “Dax” Guerra

Sunday, November 21, 2010

From Survival to Success by Living Literate Lives

L Featured Session 8:30 - 9:45 Adrian Fogelin , Joan F. Kaywell, & Alan Sitomer

Description: Join these award-winning Florida authors as they share the power of story. Books save lives, and these authors will prove it! Chair: Paula Taylor-Greathouse and Brittany Powell