

***Trees of Knowing
Birds of Imagining***
**A Workshop on the Imaginative
in Learning and Teaching**

This four-session workshop is for teachers, parents and others concerned with the vital role the imagination plays in children's learning – and the importance, as teachers and parents, in sustaining the imaginative throughout our own lives. Beginning with the ways images and experiences of the natural world can often be the foundation for the unfolding of imaginative thought and art-making – we will explore how this unfolding can also be central at every stage of learning and understanding. We will parallel our discussions with hands-on arts activities– as well as initiating and sharing projects, taking place both in and out of school settings, which enhance and deepen the overall intent of the workshop.

The workshop will be conducted by Richard Lewis, Director of The Touchstone Center, in conjunction with Roberta Valentine, Art Teacher, East Village Community School.

**Wednesdays,
MAY 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd; 4-6 PM**

- Limited to 15 Persons
- There is no fee for the workshop but persons interested in attending are requested to fill out a reservation form available from www.touchstonecenter.net or by emailing: rlewis212@aol.com

The workshop will be held in
The Art Room, 4th Floor,
East Village Community School
610 East 12th Street
New York, NY

The Touchstone Center

is an arts organization founded in 1969 by its present director, Richard Lewis. Through its publications, exhibitions, theatre presentations, workshops for teachers, and artist residency programs in public schools, the Center has emphasized the importance of the imagination, and its relation to the natural world, as crucial to meaningful knowledge and understanding. The most recent artist-residency programs of the Center have been with the Children's Workshop School and the East Village Community School, where its *Bird of Imagining* and *Tree of Knowing* projects took place over the last five years.

Richard Lewis

is a teacher and author of a number of books and publications that highlight the imaginative life of childhood. His recent books include, *When Thought is Young*, *Living By Wonder*, *Each Sky Has Its Words*, *Cave*, *The Bird of Imagining* and *A Tree Lives*.

The East Village Community School

is a public elementary school under the direction of its Principal, Robin Williams. The school is noted for its child-centered and multi-cultural approach to teaching and learning—with a strong emphasis on the expressive and imaginative capacities of its students.

Roberta Valentine

has taught at the East Village Community School since 1996 - where, teaching 1st and 2nd grade, she always made the arts a natural way for her students to extend and apply knowledge in math, literacy, science and social studies. She became the Art Teacher of the school in the Fall of 2006.

This workshop was made possible, in part, by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts, and the New York City Department of Education. Bird Drawing by Isabella, 3/4th grade; Tree Drawing by Donavin, 5/6th grade, East Village Community School.

Registration Form

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Name

Home Address

School or Business Address

Telephone

Email

If you are teaching at present we would appreciate your letting us know what subject and/or grade you are presently teaching:

What interests you about the workshop?

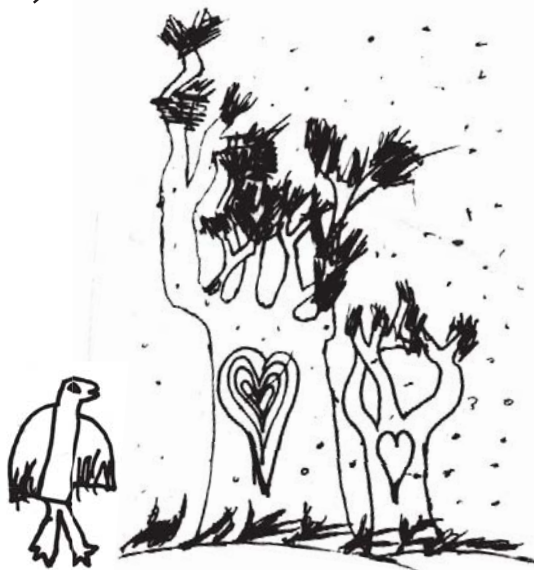
Please email or mail this registration to:

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Thank you

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