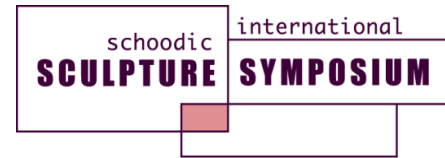


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## **Workshop offers Opportunities for Teachers**

Steuben, Maine – January 29, 2011

The Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium (SISS) is organizing a workshop for teachers in Hancock and Washington counties that will be of interest and benefit for them and their students. The purpose of the day-long workshop is to acquaint teachers with the project and to encourage them use the six-week Symposium as an exciting learning opportunity for their students.

On Saturday, March 26, teachers will gather for a day-long bus tour and workshop. Teachers from Washington County will gather on the UMM campus in Machias. Hancock County teachers from will gather at the Ellsworth City Hall parking lot. Both groups will go to Hammond Hall in Winter Harbor, home to Schoodic Arts for All (SAFA).

The buses will stop en route to SAFA to see public sculptures from the 2007 and 2009 Symposiums. The Washington County group will visit a quarry in Jonesboro while the Hancock County group will visit a quarry in Franklin. Granite and basalt stones from both of these quarries have been used in the large sculptures.

Both groups will arrive at Hammond Hall for lunch. Jesse Salisbury, the project's Artistic Director, will present a slide show followed by a showing of "Rock Solid," a film by Richard Kane, made during the 2007 Symposium.

After lunch teachers will discuss how the Symposium and its unique focus can be used as a teaching opportunity at all grade levels and across all subject areas including, science, social studies, math, language arts and art. The discussion will be facilitated by Jesse and Cathy Lewis, principal at the Beech Hill School and president of SISS's Board of Directors.

The day will end at the Moore Auditorium, on the SERC campus of the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park. Teachers will gather in groups to work together on lesson plans and curriculum they can use in their classrooms. SISS will collect and organize these plans, put them into a common format and return them to the participating teachers.

Art teachers throughout the two-county area are asked to invite fellow teachers to join them for this tour and workshop day. The SISS project is arranging the bus transportation and will provide lunch. Teachers who take part in the workshop are approved to receive CEUs.

Teachers are encouraged to bring students from their schools to the Sculpture Symposium which begins the first week of August 2011 and continues for six weeks into the beginning of the school year. Construction and many changes at the SERC campus will preclude use of the former Symposium site; therefore SISS is currently researching other locations on campus as well as in the surrounding area for the summer 2011 venue.

For more information and to register for this exciting workshop contact either Jane Weil at 546-2269 ([jweil@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jweil@myfairpoint.net)) or Cathy Lewis at 422-6224 ([cathylewissor@roadrunner.com](mailto:cathylewissor@roadrunner.com)).