



Branches Atelier
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Branches Atelier March Reggio Workshops:

Hands on immersive, interactive workshops for educators and parents.

**These workshops will be held at our beautiful new campus in
Culver City and will include a tour of our school!**

1) The Atelier of Taste: Exploring the Language of Food

(A hands-on workshop)

Sunday, March 3rd 9am to 3pm

Presented by Branches Teacher Becky Zlotoff

**Join us for a very special workshop! We will start this workshop at the Mar Vista Farmers Market on Grand View at Venice Blvd at 9am, then we will continue our workshop back at Branches. This workshop will include the cost of lunch that we will create together plus a cutting board, knife and bowl
When we return to Branches participants will learn:**

- What is the language of food?
- What are slow foods?
- What are the techniques and tools of tasting?
- How does the exploration of food extend and deepen children's poetic language?
- How is food integrated in other areas of curriculum?
- How are different flavor combinations introduced to the children?
- How are herbs and spices introduced to the children?
- What is the current research on children and healthy eating?
- How does our local community support the children's connection to food?
- What role do parents play in creating community through community lunches?
- What is an atelier of taste?

2) Exploring Literacy in a Reggio Inspired Classroom

(A hands-on workshop)

Saturday, March 16th 9am to 3pm

Presented by Patricia Hunter McGrath

- How is literacy integrated throughout the classroom?
- How are storybook journals introduced to the children?
- How does the use of story expand, deepen and extend the curriculum?
- How does poetry and poetic language support the children's creativity and imagination?
- How are the techniques of poetry introduced to the children and parents?
- Why do we support a culture of oral storytelling?
- What are the techniques of oral storytelling?
- Why do children weave archetypes throughout their storytelling?
- How can parents support literacy at home?

About the presenters

Patricia Hunter McGrath is the Executive Director/Atelierista of **Branches Atelier** in Culver City, California. Over the past 15 years she has developed an innovated early childhood program inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach. From 2005 to 2007 Patricia developed the role of the Atelierista at Bold Park Community School in Perth, Australia. From 1998 to 2005 she was the Atelierista at Evergreen Community School where she developed a unique approach to children's symbolic languages. Using clay, wire, paint, dance, etc. children enter into relationship with the materials and express, clarify and modify their ideas and theories. She also taught at the Growing Place in Santa Monica for 7 years. Patricia is an artist and has over 20 years experience in Early Childhood Education. Patricia has taught the Reggio Emilia Class at Santa Monica College and at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia. Patricia graduated with a Masters degree in Human development from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena, California. She also speaks at conferences throughout the United States and abroad and has visited Reggio Emilia, Italy six times. She is also a contributing author of the book ***In the Spirit of the Atelier***

published by Davis Press and *Insights and Inspiration from Reggio Emilia* also published by Davis Press.

Becky Zlotoff is the Assistant Director and a teacher at Branches Atelier. For the past two years she has been developing the Atelier of Taste, a unique program that introduces the language of food and flavor to young children. She graduated cum laude from St John's College, Annapolis Maryland, after receiving a unique liberal arts education. She raised three sons and a daughter in Santa Monica and now enjoys spending time with her three granddaughters. After being a very involved parent in the Santa Monica Public Schools, she got her early childhood units from Santa Monica College.

Becky created and has taught a preschool program at Santa Monica Synagogue for over twenty-five years. She has been a California Mentor for nine years, working in the classroom with college students, supporting the practical application of good early childhood practices. For the twelve years, she was a teacher at First Presbyterian Nursery School. In addition to attending many workshops about the Reggio Approach in the United States, she has been on two learning tours to Reggio Emilia, Italy. Becky has presented her work at many local workshops and at NAEYC. With Mary Hartzell and Ami Cohen, she co-authored the chapter "Parents As Partners" in Next Steps Toward Teaching The Reggio Way.

For more information about upcoming workshops please visit

www.ReggioInspirations.com

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For more information about Branches Atelier please visit:

www.BranchesAtelier.com

To secure your space, please complete the registration form below and mail it in with your payment.

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PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE. NO WALKINS ALLOWED.**

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Atelier of Taste

Sunday March 3rd

Beginning @ Mar Vista Farmers Market

Continuing @ Branches Atelier, Culver City

9am-3pm

\$100.00

Exploring Literacy in a Reggio Inspired Classroom

Saturday March 16th @ Branches Atelier, Culver City

9am to 3pm

\$ 75.00

We are now offering a discount for groups over 10.

Send 10 teachers get one free!

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