

## Building The Creative Classroom

Experience Nature Inspired Activities  
Participate In Hands-on Workshops  
Be Creative On A Shoestring  
Use Recycled & Upcycled Materials  
Promote Literacy Through Experiences  
Integrate Creative Writing Strategies  
Enhance Curriculum With Applied Arts

Foster A Love Of Learning...  
For YOU and YOUR STUDENTS!



## Working Together

We can help you develop a creative professional development program designed to meet the specific goals of your school or district. We have flexible scheduling capabilities and offer mini workshops, all day professional development and multi-day immersion institutes.

Teaching Out Of The Box is a series of professional development programs and workshops for teachers by teachers. Our programs focus on how to cultivate creativity in the classroom through a variety of unique lessons, projects and ideas that foster authentic learning, encourage collaboration and communication, and that blend art and writing effortlessly with the National Curriculum Standards.

**We know that Creative Teaching can be integrated into today's classrooms.**

The dynamic and participatory nature of our hands-on sessions engender the positive spirit of education and bring everyone into the creative fray. Attendees will leave with relevant lessons that they can integrate immediately into their classrooms and will walk away refreshed, with a renewed outlook for their own future teaching and learning.



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## Teaching Out Of The Box

*Keeping Creativity Alive In The Classroom*



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Professional Development  
For Educators

Workshops,  
Programs & Institutes



## Deb Barends



has been teaching in the primary grades for over three decades. With degrees in Elementary & Early Childhood Education,

and a Masters in Teaching & Learning, she has worked with students from Pre-K through High School, and taught both graduate and undergraduate classes. She has presented literacy and math workshops across the country and is currently pursuing her own interests in art and creativity.

**Today's Learners need opportunities to grow creatively and discover their potential.**

## Dar Hosta



is an award-winning children's book author & illustrator and certified educator who is known for her books, her presentations on

creativity at national educational conferences, and her programs and residencies in elementary schools throughout the country. Through her Deluxe Publishing program she has published over 70 books written and illustrated by children.

Learn ways to enrich and enhance your teaching.

Nurture your own creativity.

Teach outside of the box.



## What they say...

*"Absolutely the best two days I have ever spent on Professional (or personal) Development...well worth the cost."*  
**Carol Lange, Librarian, Oak Tree School, Monroe Township, NJ**

*"I came away totally energized and ready to "light the flame." The students of the teachers who attended your workshop are truly lucky children. I feel like I spent two days in a spa for the mind, body and soul."*  
**Val Shlimbaum, Director, Happy Face Preschool, Califon, NJ**

*"Dear Dar and Deb, thank you for the action packed two-day workshop that inspired my creativity and gave me inspiration to bring into my classroom...I have been to several of your workshops and demonstrations and hope to attend more. Thanks again for what turned out to be a most needed peaceful retreat."*  
**Joy Paola, Third Grade Teachers, Oxford Central School, Oxford, NJ**

## Unique Sessions

including...

The Writing Classroom:  
Writing With Soul & Purpose

Bountiful Books:  
Building The Handmade Library

The Zen Classroom:  
Fostering Focus & Feeling Fine

Back To The Wild:  
Bringing Nature To Your Curriculum

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