

## **Kindergarten Forum**

14275 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Saturday, September 26, 2015

### **The Power of Observation: Mindful Assessment of the Young Child**

**With Jeff Lough**

The Kindergarten Forum is delighted to welcome Jeff Lough who will discuss types of formal and informal assessment useful in answering the questions the young child presents to us. Hone your observational skills and learn fundamentals of developmental assessment – including physical, social, behavioral, and cognitive aspects. Jeff Lough is a practicing Nationally Certified School Psychologist, a Licensed Educational Psychologist, and former school principal. He is trained in Waldorf pedagogy and currently teaches in the Department of Psychology graduate program at Humboldt State University. Jeff and his wife have the Forest and Farm Childcare, an early childhood education program on their homestead in Humboldt County, CA. where they live with their three children.

Steven Levy-- mentor extraordinaire, Expeditionary Learning school designer and author of [Starting from Scratch](#)-- will be with us for the afternoon discussion. <http://elschools.org>

8:30 Tea and Registration

9:00 Singing Games with Anna Rainville

9:30 Presentation by Jeff Lough

12:00 Potluck Lunch

12:45 Discussion with Jeff Lough and Steven Levy

3:00 Toast to the Autumn Equinox with Margaret More

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Suggested fee: \$60

For over 25 years the Kindergarten Forum, a quarterly event, has addressed issues relevant to the well being of the young child, their parents and teachers. Welcome!

Upcoming events:

- **Early Childhood Conference-** November 6-8, 2015 at Rudolf Steiner College with Joan Almon of the Alliance for Childhood. Contact (916) 961-8727
- **The Marion Cilker Conference for the Arts in Education-** November 13 and 14, 2015 at San Jose State University and the San Jose Museum of Art. <http://www.sjsu.edu/education/events/mcc/>
- **Kindergarten Forum-** January 8, 2016 and Storytelling Workshop- January 9, 2016 *Nourishing Words: How to Support Child Development through the Spoken Word.* The Kindergarten Forum welcomes Nancy Mellon who returns for the annual Twelfth Night Forum to explore the bones, tones and breath of language. Friday evening will focus on the young child. Saturday's workshop will continue the theme of language, physiology and soul development throughout childhood. Please read about Nancy's work and listen to her podcasts at [www.healingstory.com](http://www.healingstory.com)

### ***The Kindergarten Creed***

***I bring the gift of myself to this celebration of life we call the  
Kindergarten.***

***I come each day to be refined, smoothed, tempered,  
For I hold in my hands with wonder and gratitude, the future.  
Seeds of the future are in the oneness of all nature and all people  
In tune with the divine  
To be found in our hearts  
That I give through the joy and beauty of love.***

***Betty Peck***