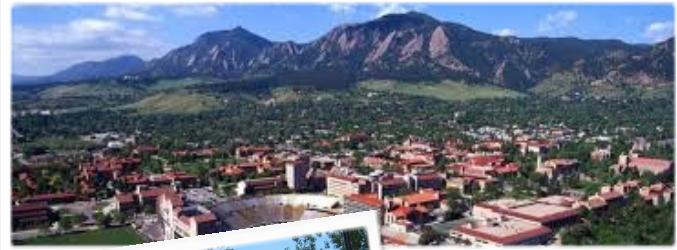




AMI-EAA 2018 Summer Conference

Join the AMI Elementary Alumni Association for our annual summer gathering. Come to be refreshed, gain inspiration, and connect with our vibrant community!

“Work of the Hand : Sewing Seeds”



BOULDER, COLORADO
at The University of Colorado
July 17 - 22, 2018



We're GOING OUT to Estes Park, Colorado!

Situated about 90 miles northwest of Denver, at 7,522 feet above sea level, Estes Park sits in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Majestic views span in every direction along with the scenes you expect from a Colorado mountain town: gold-medal fishing rivers, iconic peaks, fertile valleys dotted with wildlife, plus one unexpected treasure - a national park. Rocky Mountain National Park, home to 300 miles of hiking trails within 415 square miles of protected mountain wilds, borders Estes Park at its eastern entrance.

Our day excursion will take us to Estes Park, a quaint, romantic, artsy town situated five miles from the entrance of the Rocky Mountain National Park. We will spend the morning hiking to Gem Lake, a two hour medium-rated hike with grand vistas of the Rockies. We will then have time after lunch to explore the beautiful town of Estes Park.

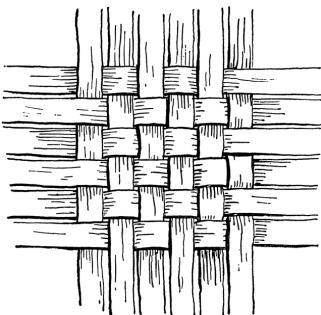
Presentations include...

The Work of Wool

presented by Carol Palmer

This workshop aims to show teachers what an important element of Cosmic Education Handwork is and how they can integrate it into their curriculum.

The workshop is suitable for complete beginners and those who already craft, but would like ideas on how to structure their Handwork program and add a "Montessori lens." Participants will learn the basics of spinning, knitting, crochet, and felting, beginning with making tools and leading to projects that they will be able to repeat with their students. As well as giving a practical understanding of wool crafts, this workshop aims to inspire a love of handwork and to demystify it as a concept, so that participants feel able to introduce both the work of wool and other forms of Handwork into their environments.



WEAVING THE FIBERS OF COTTON AND SILK INTO THE TAPESTRY OF COSMIC EDUCATION

PRESENTED BY MELINDA NIELSEN

Cotton, a fruit, is woven into just about every corner of our lives. It can be made into cordage, woven into fabric, fashioned into clothing, slept on, decorated, cut up into quilts, and most of the children wear it daily. Then there is silk, a stolen secret, a product of worms that is processed into luxurious threads and fabric. Offered as a complement to *The Work of Wool* presented by Carol Palmer, cotton and silk have a fascinating history and can be integrated into the children's creative endeavors. **Using the framework of Cosmic Education, explorations of the fibers cotton and silk will be teased out of the teaching albums.**

Learn the basics of pointed-pen calligraphy through this hands-on workshop. Pointed-pen calligraphy is a great way to introduce children to pen and ink that allows for more personal expression (and ease of use) while holding on to the beauty of traditional calligraphy. During this workshop, we will start with faux calligraphy and move on to using pen and ink, which will include ideas to embellish written work, at least one example alphabet, and resources to bring this work into the classroom. This workshop will help you bring eye-catching handwriting and embellishment to your classroom and handmade materials. Pointed-pen calligraphy is a great way to bring beauty to personal handwritten letters and notes, too!

*Work of the Hand(writing):
A Workshop on Pointed-Pen Calligraphy*

presented by Amanda Cade

