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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities
from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

This year's **SUMMER CONFERENCE** is not only a teachers' conference but a staff, Board member, and parents' conference! Don't miss this opportunity to attend! Easy travel, maximum mingling, and powerful words from Virginia Sease, one of our most admired leaders from Dornach, Switzerland, will make it worth your while. In addition, the Portland Waldorf School in beautiful Oregon has many fine events planned (a Salmon bake among them!), workshops are specific to the administrative needs and artistic penchants of our Waldorf school communities, and, for the first time, we are including a vendor and sponsor component! This new venture embraces the important business element of our movement by inviting them to join us. Don't be left out of this event – make your reservations now at www.whywaldorfworks.org. See you at the conference!

The Waldorf Community Marketplace is Open for Business! The Marketplace links businesses that acknowledge the importance of Waldorf Education with consumers who value businesses that support and strengthen Waldorf communities. AWSNA identifies businesses and resources offering goods and services that make your life – and the earth's – better, and lists them by category or by business name. Come and take a look! Categories include: Architecture/Construction/Landscaping, Art & Art Supplies/Office Supplies, Books/Calendars/Cards; Cleaning & Paper Products, Clothes & Shoes, Educational, Resources/Camps, Environmental/Energy Products, Health/Personal Care; Music; Organizations, Retail Stores/Restaurants/Food, Services/Consultants, and Toys. If you have a business that is suitable, please contact us.

The Board of Trustees of your Association (AWSNA) meets four times a year in different parts of the continent. Whenever we do, we assemble a get-together for board members at the Waldorf schools in the areas where we meet. The members all come and enjoy a meal with us, network about their own schools, meet members from other schools often for the first time, and hear about the work of their Association. They have the chance to ask questions about ways we can collaborate more effectively and how AWSNA can serve maximally. We've met together in schools, back yards, by celebrity pools, in living rooms, family rooms, and steam boats on the Chesapeake Bay, all thanks to the generosity of the board members who offer to host the get-together. The seriousness of the work we share is well mitigated by the fun we have meeting and sharing.

Teacher Preparation...Are you considering teaching as a career – or do you know someone who is? Waldorf Education is among the fastest growing educational movements in the world. Along with this type of growth is a constant demand for new teachers. Numerous Waldorf teacher education centers across North America offer both full-time and part-time programs. Some programs meet during the summers; others are year-round. Most programs lead to a Certificate in Waldorf Education; still others offer the option of earning a Master's degree (M.S. Ed.). All of the programs are innovative, offering an integrated curriculum that provides a sound philosophical, artistic, and practical foundation for Waldorf teaching. Keep in mind that AWSNA offers various loan and grant options, that make this opportunity even more affordable. Please go to www.whywaldorfworks.org and check out "Teacher Preparation" for more information.

