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EIU ART EDUCATION CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's School of Adult and Continuing Education is hosting the 7th annual Art Education Conference for area art teachers and other interested individuals March 9.

Highlighting the day-long conference will be keynote speaker Lillemor Derr, curator of workshops for children and adults at the Liljevachs Art Museum in Stockholm, Sweden. She will discuss the children's workshops and experience rooms that she developed in Sweden.

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Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the University's Union book store lounge.

Co-coordinated by Eastern faculty members Hannah Eads, professor of art, and Robert Troxell, assistant professor of art, the conference will offer various art exhibits and 9 different "hands-on" workshops.

A "Swap Shop," where teachers can exchange various teaching techniques and lesson plans, will end the day at the University's Tarble Arts Center.

The fee for the conference is \$31 and includes all materials and a luncheon. Interested persons may call 581-5114 or 1-800-446-8918 for further information. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

Derr will hold a special, public presentation March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center to discuss and show slides of Swedish artists' work.

The free lecture will be followed by a reception in her honor.

Eads said, "I saw Lillemor's workshops when I visited Sweden and thought that they would be very inspirational and educational for us here at Eastern."

She adds that she was impressed by Derr's innovative ideas on adults and children working together in art.

In May, Derr will be sending an exhibit of Swedish children's art to the Tarble Arts Center.