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# Speaking the Languages of Art: Embracing the Arts for Collaboration and Critical Thinking

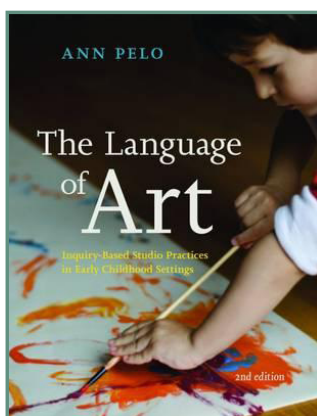
with Ann Pelo



Join internationally acclaimed early years author, researcher and educator, Ann Pelo, for this full-day professional learning opportunity based on the new edition of her well-known book, *The Language of Art: Inquiry-Based Studio Practices in Early Childhood Settings*, re-released in 2016.

We typically associate the arts with beauty, with imagination, with individual expressive creativity. What happens if we expand our understanding of the arts to include collaborative critical thinking, intellectual and emotional striving towards new knowledge, and critical examination of familiar ideas? What happens if we engage the arts, not as “artists,” but as people curious to understand the possibilities they hold for inquiry and for insight? Throughout our day together, we’ll examine these ways of conceptualizing the role of arts in early education.

We’ll hear stories illustrating the ways in which children and educators can embrace the arts for inquiry. We’ll explore art media to strengthen our own competencies. And we’ll consider principles that can guide us as we move the arts to a central place in our teaching and learning.



**Saturday April 1, 2017**

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Amici’s Conference Centre, 2740 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold

\$125 includes the workshop session, continental breakfast, lunch and a copy of Ann Pelo’s 2nd Edition of *The Language of Art: Inquiry-Based Studio Practices in Early Childhood Settings* or \$75 for the workshop session, breakfast and lunch only

Registration and Breakfast 8:30 am, workshop beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch at noon and questions and closing at 4:00 pm.

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