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Fall 2004

MHTC Awards Mini-Grants to Area Educators

The 2004 MHTC Mini-Grant program is in full swing. Applications are being reviewed by the Mini-Grant Committee and awards will be made in November. Each year the Mini-Grant program becomes more and more popular and valuable to area educators. MHTC is proud of the tradition of success that this program has established. A grant celebration is scheduled for December 15th at the Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie.



Policy Board Members Richard Taylan, Ruta Ronis and Catherine Parsons enjoying the Mini-Grant showcase.

Mini-Grant Showcase

MHTC hosted its second annual Mini-Grant Showcase on September 14th at the Locust Grove Historic Site. The event provided an opportunity for 2003 Mini-Grant recipients to display their projects and for area educators and interested parties to view first hand the wonderful work of local teachers. Those in attendance were treated to projects ranging from technology to literacy. The event was a true celebration of the talents our educators possess and the opportunities MHTC provides.

Check the Webevent Calendar on our website for information on our fall offerings...

www.mhtc.dcbooces.org

MOVING TOWARDS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

We are beginning a pilot program with the Wallkill, Marlboro and Hyde Park districts that will allow MHTC to instantly correspond with all teachers in these districts. Announcements, flyers, etc. will be electronically sent to all or to specific groups. We are confident that this will increase educator awareness of MHTC activities while at the same time lowering printing and mailing costs. We will be looking to add to the number of districts participating in this program in the future. Please let us know if your district has the capability to have all teachers receive e-mail at their school.



REMINDER!!

We can mail videos on request from our lending library. We are here to meet your needs. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or requests give us a

call at 845-257-2885.



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INSERVICE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

This Year's STATEWIDE INSERVICE CONFERENCE sponsored by NYSUT and SED was a great success. It included several well known speakers and many worthwhile workshops for Teacher Center folks, classroom teachers and administrators. In addition, the Teacher Center Planning Committee and the NYSUT Task Force on Teacher Centers met prior to the conference. MHTC's Marion Lyons serves on the Planning Committee and Joe Pesavento chairs the Task Force. The Conference offers a great opportunity to see and hear the latest trends from practitioners and SED. Be on the lookout for next year's conference to be held in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- District Coordinator Meeting
1907 Room SUNY.....11/09/04
- District Coordinator Meeting
Orange/Ulster BOCES..... 11/15/04
- MHTC Policy Board Meeting..... 11/17/04
- District Coordinator Meeting
Kingston Satellite Site..... 11/18/04
- Mini-Grant Reception..... 12/15/04

**Would You Like a Workshop on.....
Digital Cameras?
Marcopolo?
Test Prep For Paras?
Videoconferencing?
Contact MHTC for more information**

PROGRAM/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE HEARS ABOUT NEW "TOOLBOX"

The Mid-Hudson Teacher Center's Program/Tech Committee took a peek into the future at their meeting on Oct. 28th. Joe Pesavento, member of the Statewide Technology Committee, introduced several new and exciting tools that will be available to Teacher Centers in the near future. Included were tools such as Video On Demand; Vidi-Talk which allows for video e-mails; E-Illuminate which is an on-line webinar program; Grokker which is a multiple search engine with amazing possibilities; Survey Said which allows on-line surveys to be easily created and the results tabulated and analyzed; EZ Engine which combines anything with a VGA output to a computer, whiteboard, or document camera; and a host of other Teacher Center programs including Marcopolo, The Online Academy, self paced courses, and the Caucus communication system.

Many of these new and wonderful tools will become available to us soon. As they do, we will keep you informed of the ways you can have access to them.



MEMBERS OF PROGRAM/TECH COMMITTEE VIEWING THE "TOOLBOX"