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Be sure to mark your calendar for these other great events!

March 6 –
Puzzlethon™
(fund-raising through April 30)

April 7 –
Autism Awareness at the Capitol in Hartford

April 3, 10, 17 –
Autism Awareness at Westfield Malls

April 23 –
Gala Dinner with Temple Grandin

April 24 –
ASCONN 20th Annual State Conference on Autism

May 22 –
Workshop for Faith Communities

Check our blog listing through www.asconn.org for additional events and details

20th

AUTISM SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT
ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE ON AUTISM

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 • MARRIOTT HARTFORD DOWNTOWN

AUTISM'S LIFE JOURNEY: Personal & Professional Perspectives

A review of research informing intervention best practices across the spectrum for educators, service providers, and parents

A Full Day Presentation Featuring:

TEMPLE GRANDIN, Ph.D.

Acclaimed international author, advocate, and inspiring speaker from the spectrum.

PETER GERHARDT, Ed.D.

Organization for Autism Research (OAR) President, and Chair of the Scientific Council, author, and international speaker on intervention research and support of individuals with an ASD and their families.

20th Anniversary Gala Dinner Event

Friday, April 23, 2010 • Marriott Hartford Downtown • 6 pm

with special guest

TEMPLE GRANDIN

(Join ASCONN in celebrating 20 years of conference offerings serving Connecticut families and professionals)

*Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided
Visit our expanded exhibitors and resources area
and shop the LARGEST autism-related bookstore
in Connecticut, with hundreds of titles available!*

PRE-CONFERENCE GALA DINNER
Friday, April 23, 2010 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown

Guest of Honor – Temple Grandin

Join us as we celebrate 20 years of bringing the Connecticut autism community the best in conference keynotes, information and resources!

Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction begin at 6:30pm on the Ballroom Level with dinner immediately following. Tickets are priced at \$100.00 per person; \$175.00 per couple. Please contact ASCONN for information regarding full table purchase and sponsorship opportunities available. See registration form and reserve your seats early!

Planning to attend the gala and the conference? The Hartford Marriott Downtown has provided special pricing! Call 866.373.9806 to reserve your room at the "ASCONN" rate.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE & COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, April 24, 2010

8:00 - 8:45 - Registration and Exhibits open - continental breakfast available

8:45 - 9:00 - Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 -10:30 - Temple Grandin, Ph.D. – “The Way I See It”

In this presentation from one of the world’s premiere information sources on living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Dr. Grandin explores to the core issues of autism; the ones individuals with an ASD, parents, teachers, and service providers face every day. Her experience-based personal perspective offers unprecedented insights, helpful do’s and don’ts, practical strategies, and immediately usable information applicable across all levels of ability and age ranges.

10:30 - 11:00 - morning break

11:00 - 12:30 – Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D.

Dr. Gerhardt will provide a “state of the art” review focusing on how current research is shaping best-practice interventions and insights into evaluating what works, what doesn’t, and why. Participants will learn about several of the top intervention techniques and specific, practical take-away strategies for implementation in school, home, or other environments. A variety of methods will be introduced to benefit students across age ranges and degree of impairment.

12:30 - 1:30 - Lunch (provided)

1:30 - 2:30 – Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D. – presentation continues

This section of Dr. Gerhardt’s presentation will provide a transition-oriented focus while exploring the impact of adolescence on behaviors and the role of sexual development on the learning process in students with an ASD.

2:30 - 3:00 - afternoon break

3:00 - 4:30 – Temple Grandin, Ph.D. – Developing Talents and Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships; Success in Adult Life – Q & A

4:30 - Conference Concludes

*****Please Note: CEU certificates may be picked up ONLY at the conclusion of the conference in accordance with SDE rules.***

REGISTRATION FORM

deadline for registration is April 16, 2010

Name: _____ Phone () _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FEE: \$95.00 Parents/family _____; \$125.00 Teachers/professionals _____

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE SENT. PLEASE ENCLOSE SASE WITH YOUR PAYMENT IF YOU REQUIRE CONFIRMATION.

Pre-pay for your parking - add \$15.00 _____ (a \$4 savings!)

Are you applying for CEU's _____ (Y/N) If YES, please add \$5.00 for processing.

ASCONN is approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education to provide CEU's for their employees.



Gala Dinner Tickets: \$100.00 per person _____ x _____ = _____

\$175.00 per couple _____ x _____ = _____

Registration _____; Parking _____; CEU _____; Gala _____; TOTAL _____

Check enclosed (amount) _____, or Visa _____; Mastercard _____

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____ **No refunds without prior notice. No Purchase Orders please.**

Please mail completed form to: ASCONN Conference Registration, P.O. Box 1404, Guilford, CT 06437

Register Early!! Capacity for this conference and gala dinner is limited!

For more information visit us at www.autismsocietyofct.org E-mail: asconn@sbcglobal.net or call (888) 453-4975

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

TEMPLE GRANDIN, Ph.D.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D. is one of the autism community's most beloved personalities. As an adult living with Autism, she is inspirational not only as a person of great accomplishment, but also as a valuable resource in giving us a personal perspective in navigating life experiences in spite of a diagnosis. Most currently, Dr. Grandin's life is the topic of an HBO has full-length film *Temple Grandin*; she has also been featured on National Public Radio, major television programs, and has been written about in many national publications, such as Time magazine, People magazine, Forbes, U.S. News and World Report, and New York Times. Dr. Grandin earned her Ph.D. in Animal science from the University of Illinois, and went on to become an associate professor at Colorado State University. One of the most celebrated animal advocates on the planet, Grandin has revolutionized animal movement systems and spearheaded reform of the quality of life for the world's agricultural animals. Also a prolific author, Dr. Grandin has penned many titles including her most current volume *The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's*.



PETER GERHARDT, Ed.D.

Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., is President, and Chair of the Scientific Council, for the Organization for Autism Research, a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding intervention research in support of individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. Dr. Gerhardt has over 25 years experience utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis in support of adolescents and adults with an ASD in educational, employment, and community based settings. He is the author or co-author of articles and book chapters on the needs of adults with autism spectrum disorder, the school-to-work-transition process, assessment of social competence, and analysis and intervention of problematic behavior. He has presented nationally and internationally on these topics. Dr. Gerhardt received his doctorate from the Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Graduate School of Education.





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From I-91 North and South:

*Take the Capitol Area Exit (29A)
Merge onto Whitehead Highway
Take Columbus Blvd. Exit (first exit on the right)
Take right onto Columbus Blvd.
Parking Garage will be on your right*

From I-84 East:

Follow I-84 to I-91 South and follow directions above

From I-84 West:

*Follow I-84 West and take the Downtown Hartford Exit 54 (left lane exit)
This will take you onto the Founders Bridge
At the end of the bridge turn left onto Columbus Boulevard
Parking Garage will be on your left*

From Route 2:

*Ct 11-N becomes Route 2 West
Route 2 West becomes the Founders Bridge
At end of the bridge turn left onto Columbus Boulevard
Parking Garage will be on your left*

Save \$4! Pre-paid parking can be added to your registration fee