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## Foundation for Inspired Learning Newsletter

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### Hello Fellow Inspired Learners

I am very engaged in the act of learning about many new and exciting areas of interest. I have been reminded of what it is like to be a novice. As a novice, I am often in a world of uncertainty, indecision, and unknowingness. At times it seems excruciatingly slow and laborious to even learn enough to get the next step. As a novice, I also find myself in an insatiable curiosity and excitement to learn more.



Spring is the time for planting and regeneration. The very act of learning for me is planting new seeds of curiosity and the regeneration that furthers my existing areas of mastery. As an Inspired Learner I am ultimately responsible for my own learning. And, so, I remind myself during this time of planting and regeneration to continue to focus on and acknowledge myself for what I am actually learning, and to have the patience to enjoy my own process of learning. So, I invite you to join me to slow down and smell the roses - in your garden and in your own learning.

Love and respect. *Peter Reding, Founder*

### A Message From Our Executive Director

I love this time of year, with the beautiful yellow daffodils and the explosion of other early flowers and buds all over the place. It always gives me a renewed sense of energy to just go for it. And this year, in particular, it also reminds me about the renewal process that comes with integration of the Inspired Learning Model into so much of what I do.

I think I am particularly open to the Model right at the

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moment because I am so enjoying my training as a Master Certified Inspired Learning Model Facilitator.

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned how, as Executive Director, I have the honor and privilege of meeting and working with beautiful individuals who have become inspired by the Model and want to integrate it into their work and personal lives.

We hope to give you some ideas about how to do just that in this newsletter.

Together, we can take the Inspired Learning Model to more sectors around North America and the rest of the world.

*Marcy Johnsrude, Executive Director*

## **I love the Inspired Learning Model - Now, What do I do?**

If you are looking for ways to integrate the Inspired Learning Model into your work or personal life, take some time right now to reflect on this.

*Or just do it by implementing some of the following ideas:*

1. *Post a note on your computer to focus only on the positive and do that for an entire day.*
2. *Acknowledge the next person you speak to for something they are good at.*
3. *The next time you facilitate a learning experience, find a way to honor/acknowledge every single learner.*
4. *Introduce the Standards of Presence into your next group experience, whether it is a training session, a meeting at work, or any other meeting you regularly attend.*
5. *Make all of the above and more easier for you by hearing what others have to say about their experience with the Model at one of our Inspired Learning Facilitators Forums. The forums are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 Pacific-see our website for call-in numbers; or listen to the recording of the forum once it's posted on our website.*
6. *Take the next step and register for a Certified Inspired Learning Facilitator Program.*

Whatever action you take, you will experience the magic of the Inspired Learning Model and, you will be helping to change the world of learning.

## **Certification Training for the Foundation**

### **Certified Inspired Learning Facilitator Program**

On February 21st, Peter Reding hosted the first class of a Certified Inspired Learning Facilitator Program, which ends on May 1, 2008.

Peter is hosting a second Certified Inspired Learning Facilitator Program in 2008, running from May 15th until July 24, 2008. If you haven't yet registered, please do so as soon as possible because the seats are filling up fast.

To register, go to [www.inspiredlearning.org](http://www.inspiredlearning.org) and look for the classes for individuals page.

Everyone tells us that being in the Inspired Learning Model is an awesome experience and the training is a wonderful opportunity to meet with like-minded individuals and also gain experience that will give you a competitive advantage in whatever field you are in.

Are you ready to begin the journey with us in 2008?

If you are interested in becoming certified in 2008, please contact [marcyjohnsrude@inspiredlearning.org](mailto:marcyjohnsrude@inspiredlearning.org).

## **Volunteers Needed**

In order to attain our vision for 2008, we need the following volunteers:

Communications Committee/Newsletter:

We are committed to distributing a monthly newsletter and if you know Constant Contact and/or have the technical know how to create a Newsletter and would like to join a vibrant team of individuals, please contact us.

Marketing/Public Relations:

We want to get Peter Reding and the Inspired Learning Model onto the agenda of as many conferences and other events as we can in 2008. If you would like to help, e-mail [marcyjohnsrude@inspiredlearning.org](mailto:marcyjohnsrude@inspiredlearning.org).

## **Inspired Learning Facilitators Forums**

The Inspired Learning Facilitators Forums are held the second Wednesday of each month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. PST (8:00-9:00 p.m. Eastern). The forums are available

to facilitaters trained in the Inspired Learning Model and to those interested in learning more about the Model.

Please join us by calling (218) 486-1300, Bridge: 497588.

If you cannot join us in the late afternoon, the forums will be recorded and posted on our website.

## **Point of View - What Others Have to Say**

### **The Inspired Learning Model Put Into Practice by Jennifer Seller in an interview with Ute Kranefeld**

**What does the Inspired Learning Model mean to you? How has the Model inspired you?** *Peter Reding used to say; "In a totally safe space there are no blind spots." That means that people can see all they need to see about life, about themselves and about their learning. That's what the Model means to me and what inspired me. It was inspiring the first day I experienced it in the Coach for Life training. My roommate and I would keep repeating how amazing the educational paradigm of this training was. The space did the learning for me. It just brought it out.*

**What attracted you to the Model?** *I wanted to be able to do just that.*

**What was your initial experience with learning and teaching?** *I've always been a teacher on some level. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Education. I taught English, Spanish and English as a second language for 13 years at high schools and for adult learners, using traditional learning models.*

**What are some reasons why you are grateful that you attracted the Inspired Learning Model into your life?** *I love disseminating it and being in it. It gives me great satisfaction. The fulfilling work I do is the result of the Model. I also apply it in my life. It has helped me to become more inspiring and to co-create my life and my relationships with that extra measure of honoring.*

**How many years have you been using the Model** *I used it from the moment I learned it 5 years ago.*

**Please share some of your success stories applying the Inspired Learning Model.** *The other day I facilitated a teleclass with a colleague. It had an easy flow with just the Standards of Presence as the basis and the invitation that everybody just do what they can. One*

*participant had a lot to say - and not always on topic. But we were never worried about him derailing the conversation: The Model made it so easy to both honor him and maintain boundaries. I think we are so imbued in the Model that we can truly handle anything easily with it.*

*I still keep learning so much for myself from the Model, too. Recently, I learned something about acknowledging people on their values. My colleague and I facilitated a group and wanted the participants to acknowledge someone who is difficult for them on their values. We wanted them to name the value and to then acknowledge the person on that value. The participants would then name values like "possession" or "prestige" that they perceived in these people. An authentic positive acknowledgement was impossible for them from this point. We then asked them to think about the essences of these perceived values. So possession turned into being comfortable and then into stability and security. From this perspective, the participants could do the acknowledgments with ease. The learning for me was that if I don't resonate with the value I don't appreciate that value much and an authentic acknowledgement is impossible. But I can always look for what's underneath and take that value to a level where I can honor and appreciate it.*

Jennifer Sellers, Executive Coach, Master Certified Inspired Learning Facilitator

Has the Foundation for Inspired Learning Inspired You? We would love to include your article in a future newsletter. [Let Us Know What You Think!](#)

## **Acknowledging Our Board of Trustees**

We would like to acknowledge Board Members *Marlene Martin, Robert Stack and Peter Szabo and Peter Reding* for their continued work during 2008.

## **Contributing to the Foundation for Inspired Learning**

Ultimately, the strength of the Foundation depends on our volunteers and trainers helping to share in the vision and the work.

Your volunteer hours, financial support, taking a class or becoming certified are all important in furthering the Inspired Learning Model's reach into the numerous worlds

of learning.

Thank you for joining us to "Celebrate Learning - Celebrate Life."

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## Welcome

### New Officer/Treasurer Joins Our Leadership Team

We would like to announce the addition to our elected officers as Scott Bogart joins our volunteer leadership team as Treasurer.



Marcy Johnsrude, Executive Director  
Foundation for Inspired Learning

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