

**The Greater Milwaukee Chapter of WECA  
(Formerly Milwaukee-AEYC)  
Presents**

**The 17th Annual  
Patchwork of Training**

**Featuring  
Tom Pease**

**“Patchwork Singing”**

**February 24, 2018  
North Shore Event Centre  
(Formerly Radisson North Shore)  
7065 North Port Washington Road  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217**

The Greater Milwaukee Chapter of WECA proudly presents our Keynote Presentation ...

## **Tom Pease**

### **“Patchwork Singing”**

**Music is often such an integral part of a child’s everyday celebration of their world. Through song, movement and humor, Tom will help conference participants to enhance these everyday celebrations. He’ll give everyone more practical ideas and tools to reinforce our children’s wondrous sense of fun and play, their sense of community and their sense of hope. Be prepared to sing, move, dance and laugh. Recording devices are not only welcomed, they are encouraged.**

Tom Pease was born and raised in Burlington, Iowa along the Mississippi River and its surrounding bluffs gave him foundation love of the natural world. Eventually this led him to teaching environmental education for 3 ½ years in California which is where he first started singing with kids.

He then moved to his brother’s farm in Wisconsin to teach a bit and learn animal husbandry, carpentry and masonry skills. After a few years of working with his hands, he began to miss working with kids. Music was his vehicle back to them.

Tom has performed full time since 1982 doing over 200 programs yearly. He now resides in rural Amherst, Wisconsin on 75 acres of rolling woods and fields with his wife, Louise and their sons, Broegy and Morgan and their dog and cat. Their home is both solar heated and solar electric. The sun also helps raise a big garden and many chickens each year. They ski, bike, run and walk on trails around their land. They live in a wonderful community of friends and neighbors. Louise is a reading teacher and an avid lake swimmer.

## Our Conference Schedule

7:15am to 8:00am	Registration and Check-In
8:00am to 9:15am	Workshop Sessions
9:30am to 10:45am	Keynote Presentation
11:00am to 12:15pm	Workshop Sessions
12:15pm to 1:00pm	Buffet Lunch
12:15pm to 1:00 pm	Lunchtime Roundtable Discussion Sessions
1:15pm to 2:30pm	Workshop Sessions

### **“Early Childhood STEAM”, Green Tree Library 8:00am to 1:15pm**

There is a national push toward STEM-based learning with older children, but did you know it needs to start as early as infancy? Come learn about ways to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with all ages as local teachers and child care centers share their approaches.

### **Lunchtime Roundtable Discussions – OPTIONAL 12:30pm to 1:00pm**

Again this year, you will have the opportunity to earn additional in-service credit over the lunch break. Network with other EC Professionals as you discuss issues in Early Childhood Education, share ideas, and get advice.

Choose from the following six topics:

- a. **Bringing Kindness into the Classroom**
- b. **Reducing Teacher Burnout**
- c. **Learning with Loose Parts**
- d. **Wild About Circle Time**
- e. **Networking with Family Child Care**
- f. **Bringing More STEAM to your Classroom**

**This is an optional session!**

If you are interested in joining a Roundtable Discussion YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER for a **specific topic** on the “Conference Registration Form – Part Two”. Space will be limited, so get your registration in early!

## **Buffet Lunch**

Lunch is included in your conference registration. This year we will serve a deli sandwich buffet. Dessert, coffee, tea, and cold beverages will also be served with lunch.

We are sorry that we are unable to accommodate specific dietary needs/restrictions and hope that our choices will be satisfactory for all.

## **Directions to the North Shore Event Centre**

The North Shore Event Centre (formerly Radisson North Shore) is located just east of I-43 and south of Good Hope Road. The address is 7065 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, 53217.

Coming from Milwaukee, take I-43 north to the Good Hope Road exit. Take the Good Hope Road East exit. You will be going East on Good Hope for a very short distance to Port Washington Road. At the light, turn RIGHT onto Port Washington Road.

The #68 City of Milwaukee bus route stops right in front of the Event Centre. For further information on bus routes, contact the Milwaukee County Transit System at 414-344-6711.

Parking and entrances to the Event Centre will be easy to locate. Enter the Hotel at the side or main entrance. Our registration table will be set up in the North Lobby. You will receive directions to the other workshop locations at that time.

## **Reminders**

You must register in advance. **All registrations must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 16th.** After that date, you may register at the conference but workshop availability may be limited.

You will not receive written confirmation of your registration. We will, however, contact you if we are unable to accommodate any of your workshop choices. If you want to check on your registration, send an e-mail to: [michelles@glendaleheightschildcare.com](mailto:michelles@glendaleheightschildcare.com)

Please be informed that GMC of WECA will be unable to refund your registration fee for any reason.

It is difficult to control the indoor temperature to meet everyone's needs. Please dress in layers to ensure your individual comfort.

## **Session #1 Workshops 8:00am to 9:15am**

### **Workshop #1: Test Drive a Ukulele: Learn to Play the Ukulele to bring a Joyful Noise to Lessons and Routines**

**Presenter:** Steve Girman, Early Childhood Instructor, Waukesha County Technical College

Good teachers use music to enhance their lessons and routines. Most of the songs you already sing can be accompanied by two or three simple chords on a ukulele. Children of all ages are more likely to “tune in” to your lessons when holding this little guitar. We will provide a ukulele for you to use during the workshop with the hope that some of you will be inspired to visit your local music store to buy one for yourself. *Note: Space in this session is limited to 15 people. Please register early!*

### **Workshop #2: Career Longevity (aka Self-Care) for Educators**

**Presenter:** Ronnie Jean Artero Frederick, Certified Pediatric Massage Therapist and Founder of KANNAI Therapeutic Massage, LLC

Early Childhood Educators play such an important role in children’s lives. It’s important to develop a plan for career longevity to rejuvenate and reduce burnout. This class will discuss simple self-care tips, including classroom appropriate stretches, massage techniques, and regular household or classroom items which can be used as massage tools.

### **Workshop #3: Wild About Circle Time!**

**Presenter:** Shemaiah Burks, Head Teacher, Milestones Programs for Children

25 ideas to keep your toddlers interested and engaged at Circle Time, including music, movement, and stories. Please come prepared to join in the fun!

### **Workshop #4: Inquiry & the Young Child: Invitations to Play the STEAM Way!**

**Presenter:** Gina Flynn, 4K Teacher, St. Robert School, Shorewood

Come explore more about 21st century thinking skills and engage your curiosity about the inquiring minds of young children. Find out what STEAM stands for and WHY it is critical in an early childhood environment. Learn HOW to integrate STEAM into what you are already doing. We will take a peek inside a STEAM classroom and learn how to manage and organize materials to make setting up a breeze.

### **Workshop #5: Kindness in the Classroom**

**Presenter:** Tammy Flynn, The On-Air Advocate – Creator/Host/Owner

This workshop will give examples on how to create an environment of acceptance & kindness for everyone. We will explore topics of bullying, invisible disabilities, and different abilities through activities, projects & educational content which will be transferable to the classroom or other settings. Students, parents and teachers will learn to collaborate together in an effort to create awareness, kindness & acceptance for all.

## **Session #2 Workshops 11:00am to 12:15pm**

### **Workshop #6: Adapting Everyday Songs**

**Presenter:** Tom Pease, Musician, Performer, and Educator

We will share songs but also focus on adapting songs, writing songs and adding movement to songs to integrate singing into day-to-day routines and teaching concepts. We will also spend time sharing the little songs teachers use for transitions, lessons and spontaneous celebration. Come to sing, to share ideas and to problem solve around specific issues or topics used in the classroom

### **Workshop #7: Overview of Pediatric Massage and Story Massage in the Classroom**

**Presenter:** Ronnie Jean Artero Frederick, Certified Pediatric Massage Therapist and Founder of KANNAI Therapeutic Massage, LLC

Research shows that the benefits of massage far outweigh the risks associated with massage therapy. While the application and delivery of massage may differ for infants/youth than adults, children of all ages and abilities enjoy many of the well-known benefits of touch therapy. The important difference -- sessions are shorter, much more interactive, playful, and fun. What better way to accomplish this than through Story Massage! *Please bring a Yoga Mat or Large Bath Towel*

### **Workshop #8: Introducing American Sign Language with Infants & Toddlers**

**Presenter:** Katie Chaplin, Infant Lead Teacher, UWM Children's Learning Center

Come discover the benefits of providing early communication among infants and young toddlers in the classroom with the use of American Sign Language (ASL). We will explore how educators may include sign language naturally in the classroom to enhance children's language, emotional development, and learning. American Sign Language serves as a bridge of communication and an opportunity for an enriched learning environment that can improve the early childhood classroom experience.

### **Workshop #9: Finger Plays and Songs for All Seasons**

**Presenter:** Cindy Gillett, Director/Teacher, Kid's World Learning Center, Rice Lake, WI

Learn how to create props that enhance the overall enjoyment of fingerplays and songs which encourage language development, memory skills, math skills and more in young children.

*(\*Note: Items will be available for purchase with cash or credit card.)*

### **Workshop #10: Networking with Family Child Care**

**Presenter:** Diane Eisen, Owner of 4-Kids Family Childcare, & Leticia Browley-Wright, Family Child Care Provider, Lil Stars Academy Learning Center & Preschool

Family child care comes with its own special set of rewards and challenges. This session will allow you to meet and network with other family child care providers while discussing issues relevant to

our unique environment. We will touch on issues of running multiage classrooms, training/continuing ed., staff development and retention, family relations/policies, Accreditation/Licensing, and anything else that comes up. Advocacy updates will be given, and many resources will be shared.

## **Session #3 Workshops 1:15pm to 2:30pm**

### **Workshop #11: Test Drive a Ukulele: Learn to Play the Ukulele to bring a Joyful Noise to Lessons and Routines**

**Presenter:** Steve Girman, Early Childhood Instructor, Waukesha County Technical College

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### **Workshop #12: The Food Fight**

**Presenter:** Tammy Flynn, The On-Air Advocate – Creator/Host/Owner

Tackling the obstacles faced with having children in the classroom with life-threatening food allergies or chronic medical conditions that require calorie counts. We will explore best practices to keep students safe in your classroom as well throughout the facility. In addition, we will be providing tools, ideas and planning strategies to make sure parents & teachers are collaborating to ensure safety as well a comforting place of acceptance.

### **Workshop #13: Learning with Loose Parts**

**Presenter:** Lisa Mosier, Director, UWM Children’s Learning Center & Courtney Finn, Preschool Lead Teacher, UWM Children’s Learning Center

Loose parts are open-ended toys and materials. When the play is not pre-determined by the material itself (like a puzzle or a toy farm), children explore with loose parts, using them in a variety of imaginative ways. This workshop will focus upon learning that happens during play with loose parts, ideas for gathering free or low-cost loose parts for your classroom/program, and resources to extend your thinking. Come ready to play!

### **Workshop #14: Is This Typical Development? Red Flags in Development**

**Presenter:** Julie Grant & Peggy Schmidt, Early Childhood Consultants

We will be addressing developmental concerns in today's child care and preschool settings. We will touch on typical developmental milestones and discuss the red flags to be aware of. These red flags may indicate a need for special service referrals or intervention strategies to address the challenges. We will be looking at the developmental areas of: speech/language, social/emotional, behavioral, cognitive, and physical/sensory skill development and how they impact your classroom.

# **Patchwork of Training**

## **February 24, 2018**

### **Conference Registration Form – Part One**

Please use one registration form per person. You may copy this form for each person attending.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title/Place of Employment (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00 for NAEYC/WECA Members (includes lunch).  
My membership number is \_\_\_\_\_  
You can find this number on the mailing label of your most recent Young Children magazine.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00 for non-members (includes lunch).

Payment must be included with Registration. Buffet lunch is included in the Registration fee.

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Conference Registration (as checked above)

Please make checks payable to “Greater Milwaukee Chapter of WECA” and **return this form and payment, no later than Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, to:

Greater Milwaukee Chapter of WECA  
2315 W. Good Hope Rd.  
Glendale, WI 53209  
Attention: Michelle Sorce

**You must complete the following page (Part Two)**  
**for Workshop Registration.**

## **Patchwork of Training, Conference Registration Form – Part Two**

Please Note: Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice. However, due to limited space in each session, it may be necessary to assign you to a second or third choice. Please indicate your preference for a second or third choice workshop.

The Registration Table will open at 7:15am on the morning of the Conference. You will be able to pick up your registration materials at that time. You will not receive advance confirmation. We will only call you if we are unable to accommodate any of your choices. **Please register early.**

### **8:00am Workshop Choice** (please circle each workshop number)

1<sup>st</sup> choice      1      2      3      4      5

2<sup>nd</sup> choice      1      2      3      4      5

3<sup>rd</sup> choice      1      2      3      4      5

### **Workshop Title:**

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### **11:00am Workshop Choice** (please circle each workshop number)

1<sup>st</sup> choice      6      7      8      9      10

2<sup>nd</sup> choice      6      7      8      9      10

3<sup>rd</sup> choice      6      7      8      9      10

### **Workshop Title:**

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### **OPTIONAL Lunchtime Roundtable Discussion Choice**

(please circle each discussion topic letter)

1<sup>st</sup> choice      a      b      c      d      e      f

2<sup>nd</sup> choice      a      b      c      d      e      f

3<sup>rd</sup> choice      a      b      c      d      e      f

### **Discussion Topic Title:**

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### **1:15pm Workshop Choice** (please circle each workshop number)

1<sup>st</sup> choice      11      12      13      14

2<sup>nd</sup> choice      11      12      13      14

3<sup>rd</sup> choice      11      12      13      14

### **Workshop Title:**

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If you have any questions about the conference or the registration process, please contact Michelle Sorce at 414-352-2551 x202 or [michelles@glendaleheightschildcare.com](mailto:michelles@glendaleheightschildcare.com), or Cathy Schmidt at [cschmidt@milestonesprograms.org](mailto:cschmidt@milestonesprograms.org)

**Thank you for registering for the 2018 Patchwork of Training!**  
**We look forward to seeing you on February 24<sup>th</sup>!**