



WHAT ARE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN LEARNING AND DOES IT DIFFER FROM WHAT YOU LEARNED?

Presented by: **Ann Lewin-Benham**

Mondays
February 13, 20, & 27, 2017

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Valle Verde - Social Room
900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara

Children are smart from birth: It is the human heritage. Our role as adults is critical in determining whether children realize their potential. But pop culture “stuff” (think “Baby Einstein” and the welter of plastic) do not cut it. Psychologist/author David Lewis said, “If we go the way of the dinosaur, it will not be because we did not have long enough claws or sharp enough fangs; it will be because we were not smart enough.” Today evil forces, preoccupation with trivia, and the nuclear arsenal are real dangers, and climate change threatens life as we know it. The need to get smarter faster has never been greater. There are things we can do.

In Sessions 1 and 2, I address two questions: 1. What “equipment” are humans born with? 2. What are the best ways to hone intelligence? Sessions 1 and 2 each have over 100 photos that illustrate the vital brain functions developing from age 0 to 3 (Session 1) and from age 3 to 6 (Session 2). In Session 3 we “visit” two schools for 3 to 6-year-olds, one in Italy considered “the world’s best,” the other in the U.S., an inner-city school for Head Start children that successfully adapted the Italian practices. These are three highly visual presentations: I make most of my points with full-color/full-screen photos of children I have known or observed. There will be time to discuss audience reactions, opinions, and ideas.



Deadline for registration: February 6th

Enrollment Form: **Grandchildren - February 13, 20, & 27, 2017**

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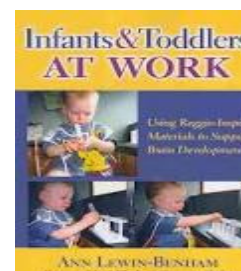
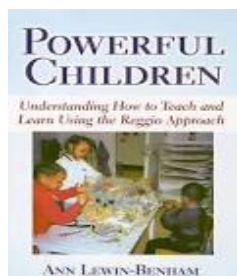
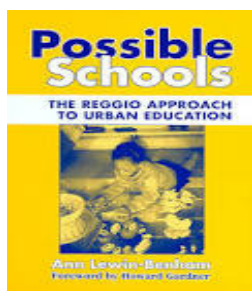
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BIOGRAPHY: Ann Lewin-Benham was born into a family of strong women and determined men. Her mother acted in the early days of one-person theater and her father was in merchandising. She grew up in Manhattan and upstate New York and graduated from Bryn Mawr College. She first worked for a small welfare department in rural North Carolina. The birth of her son Danny in 1961 spurred her interest in education. When Danny was three, her search for a preschool led her to a Montessori school where she became the Administrator, then trained and taught as a Montessori teacher. Since the mid-1960s, she has been teacher, teacher educator, school founder, and children’s museum pioneer.



Recently she became an author. Her first two books, *Possible Schools* (2006) and *Powerful Children* (2008), tell the stories of a preschool she founded. Her third book, *Infants and Toddlers at Work*, contains activities, guidance, and sources for materials, all based on current research on how the brain works. In all, she has written six books on early education and thinking/learning – two on her publisher’s “best seller” list. Ann has founded and run schools and a major children’s museum. She lectures widely and is currently working on three new books.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Western Medicine Study Grp	1st Friday Feb - July	10:00 am	Private Home
Cryptography	Tues, Jan 3,10,17 & 24	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Climate Change	Thurs, Jan 5, 12, & 19	9:30 am	Natural History - Farrand
So.Africa Under Apartheid	Thurs, Jan 26	1:30 pm	Trinity Luthern- Social Room
Hollywood Musicals	Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Bible Translations	Wed, Feb 8	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Grandchildren Learning	Mon, Feb 13, 20 & 27	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Nikola Tesla	Wed, Feb 22 & Mar 1	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Short Story Seminar	Wed, Mar 1, 8, 15, & 22	1:30 pm	Private Home
Lewis Carroll	Mon, Mar 6 & 13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Strauss by Bisno	Wed, Mar 29 & Apr 5	9:30 am	Valle Verde Theater
Symphony Orchestra	Wed, Apr 12, 19, & 26	TBD	TBD
Rural New England 1830’s	Thurs, May 4	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room