



# The Sanctuary School News

*Where heart-based education becomes a way of life*

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## *From My Desk...*



Patricia Jepsen,  
Creative Director

As The Sanctuary School evolves and expands its programs, I am constantly amazed at how quickly TSS students open to their creative potential and their leadership abilities. Susan Hunt, a TSS teacher, explains this experience when she writes: "I truly believe that children come in with

everything they need in order to do what they came here to do. They just need an atmosphere of love, support and respect (no limitation), so that they will not be undermined or caused to doubt themselves. I believe the reason why this is called the 'Sanctuary' School is because it provides a safe place where the budding soul can open and reveal itself in all its glory."

Parents, grandparents and teachers are also enrolling in The Sanctuary School. Many experience a spiritual awakening, a subconscious healing and a rebirth of their visions and dreams. For those who have chosen to enroll in the *Quest for Life* online course, a genuine feeling of self-worth and empowerment may occur with a deeper insight into the meaning of life. I encourage everyone reading this newsletter to register for this course. It is particularly important for

teenagers who know in their hearts that they are special--that their life has meaning and that they can make a difference. Recently, an adult student of this course shared, "If only I had been able to take this course when I was a teenager! What a difference it would have made!"

Exciting new courses are being prepared. Coming soon is an online Creative Writing course as well as a course about peacemaking, *Living Without War*. Look for both of these courses to be added to our curriculum. Also, The Sanctuary School web site is being redesigned. Of interest may be the special section for parents concerning the "Indigo child."

All children are "special." They are the heart of the earth. Susan Hunt adds, "I think the key is knowing that each child or individual already has a 'soul plan' in place. Our role is simply to acknowledge that, and to nurture and protect the individuals as they open, so that they can safely and successfully move forth and make the contribution they came here to make. To clear the way, so to speak, for them to do the work they came to do."

The Sanctuary School can be of great assistance for a child who is gifted, who is unhappy in school or having difficulty with their studies. This heart-based program may well offer the additional element that will make a difference in your child's growth and attitude towards life. Please let us know how we can be of help. For further information, email [patricia@thesanctuaryschool.org](mailto:patricia@thesanctuaryschool.org) or visit our web site at <http://www.thesanctuaryschool.org>.

## **We've Moved! Please Note Our New Address:**

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# From Our Students...

"I just wanted to say that I totally love the connection between all things. I am taking the *Quest or Life* lessons right now. I think about love all the time but can't seem to use it in my actions enough."

N.A., USA, *Quest for Life* student

"This journey has really taught me the keys to the heart and the importance of the heart... I will like to tell (my extended family) more about the heart and let them know the importance of the place."

E.U., Nigeria, *Quest for Life* student

## Meet Our Teachers!



**Susan Hunt**

Each issue we will be featuring one of our teachers. This month we would like to introduce **Susan Hunt**.

Susan graduated from Yale University with a degree in German and Music. It wasn't long before she discovered that she loved working

with children, and she has been with them in a variety of capacities ever since. She has been a preschool teacher, a summer day-camp counselor, a private piano teacher, a music and movement instructor, and an elementary online educator. Along with being an instructor and administrator for The Sanctuary School, she currently works with 3 and 4 year olds at Second Street Children's School in Tucson, Arizona, and gives private piano lessons to folks of all ages. She is also the founder and facilitator of the Tucson Delphi Kids Club (<http://home.earthlink.net/~delphiclub>), a caring and kindness club for children and their families, which was inspired by the book *Six Lessons with Delphi*.

Susan shares her home with a Great Dane mix and three cats, and enjoys reading, being creative and hiking in the desert. She especially enjoys spending time with the saguaros!

### Learning to Read? Let a Dog Help!

Children become more relaxed and learn to overcome shyness by reading to their canine companions! That is the finding of The READ program in Jefferson County, Washington, which helps children gain confidence in their reading abilities by having them read to pet therapy dogs. READ works in partnership with Olympic Mountain Pet Pals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization. To read an article featuring the program, visit: <http://ptleader.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=13992&SectionID=10&SubSectionID=&S=1>.

### ***Scholarships Available!***

We still have two scholarships available for overseas students (children or teens).

Each scholarship covers the tuition/registration and teacher service for one course. Please inquire at the TSS office or email [contact@thesanctuaryschool.org](mailto:contact@thesanctuaryschool.org) for more information.

### ***Did You Know...***

The Sanctuary School is an educational outreach of the Center For International Cooperation (CIC), a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) on the Roster of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Founded by Patricia Jepsen in September 1987, CIC's programs have addressed many of the critical issues of our time, including the rights of indigenous peoples and of planet Earth, international peace and conflict resolution, and global education. The Sanctuary School continues this tradition of peace-making, creative thinking and environmental leadership with its offering of online courses and resource materials for children, teens and adults. Our students come from many countries and several continents. CIC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.