

## TEACHER BIOS

**Barbara Robinson:** basrobinson@bellsouth.net h 404-522-5750 c: 404-451-3858

Barbara has played the viola since 4th grade and studied music at Thiel College where she received a BA in Fine Art. She has been teaching violin and viola privately for 10 years after studying with Dr. Vernal Richardson, 40 year veteran of teaching and former child violin prodigy. She has led violin/viola clinics for elementary, middle school and high school players, and currently mentors a young women's quartet. She teaches at Greater Atlanta Christian School in their after school music instruction program. An active musician, Barbara performs with the Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra as 1st Chair Viola and plays with the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church Orchestra.

**Brooke Collins Hamilton:** brooke@gashakespeare.org w:404.504.3403

Brooke Collins Hamilton is the Company Manager at Georgia Shakespeare, and has worked with their education department for the last three years as the education associate. She has created the curriculum for Georgia Shakespeare's Saturday class series, Camp Shakespeare and Shakespeareance, and teaches/directs workshops and residencies within schools. Brooke has also taught and/or worked education administration with The Alliance Theatre, The Center for Puppetry Arts, ArtStation, Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta, and Virginia Stage Company, as well as just completing a long-term substitute position with Atlanta Charter Middle School as their performance arts teacher. Brooke has worked specifically with home school students on various projects, specifically by creating a Home School Camp Shakespeare in the winter at GA Shakespeare and directing Shakespeare performances with Artios Academy of Master's Academy Gwinnett.

**Christine Tholl:** blackdogncly@yahoo.com 404-917-4433

Chris Tholl has taught art classes at area art centers for the past 10 years and is currently co-owner of a local art studio and gallery. Her work is in private and public collections; she primarily works in clay, making functional and sculptural pieces.

**Christy Seeley-King:** kingstaste@comcast.net 404-627-6416 404- 978-5880

Christy returns for her 6th year as a LEAD instructor. She is a Chef Instructor, Scientist (performing fun science presentations to kids ages 5-12 for Big Thinkers), and the co-founder of the Culinary Historians Society of Georgia. She served a chef's apprenticeship through the American Culinary Federation, and was the first woman to graduate from the program in the southeast in 1984. Additionally, Christy is an active member of The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The SCA is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Through that organization, she has national awards for service and arts, focusing on music and the culinary traditions and texts from

that time period. Christy has also developed a curriculum program based on the food and feasting traditions of the Middle Ages and Renaissance for the SCA.

**Conway Brackett:** conway.brackett@gmail.com 404-371-1779

Conway has been teaching Latin for over 15 years at the middle, high school, and collegiate levels in both the traditional classroom and homeschool setting. She has prepared students for all levels of the National Latin Exam, the Georgia Junior Classical League contests, the CAMWS Latin translation contest, the Latin Advanced Placement exams, and the SAT II. After 8 years of full time teaching at the Lovett school in Atlanta, she has been teaching part-time while raising her two children, ages 9 and 3, with her husband in Decatur. Her studies abroad in Rome and experience in classical archaeology have helped her lead weekly tours of the classical galleries at the Michael C. Carlos Museum where she is also a docent. Magistra Brackett holds a BA in Classics from the University of Virginia and a MA in Latin from UGA. She enjoys cooking, reading, and bluegrass music in her spare time.

**David Vest:** 706-296-7097; 678-437-6913

David has been teaching chess to scholastic students for five years, working with well known coaches such as Lew Marin and Tim Brookshear. He is a National Master 1985, a 2008 state champion and a 2005/2006 state senior champion.

**Debbie Riggs:** debrlr57@yahoo.com 404-728-9661 404-374-6538

Debbie is the Director of Art for Kids, and has been teaching art to pre-school, elementary and middle school aged children, as well as adults, for the past 5 years. When not teaching, she does portrait commissions, and not surprisingly, her favorite subjects are children. Her portraits are currently held in numerous collections throughout the Midwest, Southeast, and from coast to coast. She is a member of the Atlanta Portrait Society.

**Germaine Schweibinz** schweibg@bellsouth.net 404-298-5564 404-731-2642

Germaine is the 3rd - 6th grade science teacher and K - 6th grade computer teacher at St Timothy School in Stone Mountain. She teaches chess at St Timothy School, Smoke Rise Elementary and Champion Middle School. She teaches Robotics at St Timothy School and Smoke Rise Elementary. She received her teaching certificate for Robotics through Carnegie Mellon University. This is her third year teaching Robotics.

**Jessica Henley:** jessicahenley@gmail.com 678-602-3675

Jessica Henley is the Founder of Henley's Haven Workshops for Kids. Jessica can also relate, and shares personal experience with our homeschoolers, because as a child she was homeschooled herself in her middle school years. Jessica has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Media Arts and Animation from the Art Institute of Atlanta, and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Science. She has worked as

a Project Lead and Animator Generalist on an 3D Animated DVD, target age 6 to 8, for TyeCan, Inc. She has managed staff members in Atlanta Georgia, North Carolina, Europe, and India, as well as mentored to interns at TyeCan, Inc. Jessica also worked for 3DH Communication in Georgia as a Production Rotoscoper turning movies, commercials, and other media content from 2d to 3d content. She's also done logo animations for RSN, a national broadcasting station. Jessica Henley is known for her professionalism and trustworthiness, and can offer innovative ideas to our youth as well as adults

**John Terris** cyberpunkjohn@gmail.com 404-384-5375

John is a nationally rated USFA épéeist and a member of the coaching staff at the Atlanta Fencers' Club and our fencing coach at LEAD. He is also a member of the United States Fencing Coaches Association and regularly competes locally, regionally, and nationally.

**Kay Rosenblum:** xmarkspot30307@yahoo.com 404-577-5336

Kay, our drama coach at LEAD, is a Georgia Council for the Arts Residency Artist, Member-artist of Young Audiences, Georgia State University Saturday School for Scholars teacher, Program Director for Circus Camp and Creative Play Teacher for Druid Hills Methodist Preschool. Kay is a Georgia Council for the Arts Residency Artist, Member-artist of Young Audiences, Georgia State University Saturday School for Scholars, teacher and program director for Circus Camp. Kay 404-577-5336 or [kayrosenblum@yahoo.com](mailto:kayrosenblum@yahoo.com)

**Louise Richardson:** richardsonlb@yahoo.com 770-452-7285

Louise holds a degree in English from Agnes Scott College, a master's in English education from Georgia State University, and has produced writing for both large and small companies in corporate and media relations, advertising, marketing communications, and publishing for more than 25 years. During 10 of those years, she owned a small business that produced newsletters as marketing tools for staffing companies in more than 40 cities across the U.S. Understanding the needs of the audience is something she emphasizes to her writing students. In addition, she has more than 10 years of experience teaching both high school and college English, and recognizes the huge head start students with good writing skills have in college. Convinced that anyone can learn to write, Louise helps students overcome their fear and loathing of the blank page, so that their innate intelligence can show forth—in writing!

**Robbin Marcus:** rdschaffer@gmail.com 770-482-8717 410-428-6841

Robbin taught for 25 years as an elementary music teacher at St. Paul's School in Baltimore, MD. She has extensive experience working with multi-age classes at Country Dance and Song Society summer camps and for the Children's Chorus of Maryland, and directs the Kodaly Teacher Training summer course at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Robbin is also a nationally known contra-dance caller, and can be heard calling frequently for the Chattahoochee Country Dancers on Friday nights in Atlanta.

**Roberta Jones:** pompipearl@gmail.com 404-874-8864 404-431-1046

has been teaching art at LEAD for many years. She BFA and Teaching Certificate from Georgia State University. She inspires our students with different materials and ideas to create art.

**Sabrina Alston** sjafit@aol.com 678-438-6058 (678) 344-7984

Sabrina is a certified fitness instructor and the mother of two (2) FitKidz. She has been an integral part of the fitness industry for approximately 20 years and currently customizes programs for children, adults and seniors.

**Sarah Newton** sarahbnewton@hotmail.com 404-510-9034

Sarah has a BA in Spanish from Central Michigan University, she completed her studies abroad at the Universidad de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico and the Universidad de Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain. She has taught English as a second language (ESL), translated documents for General Motors and has tutored privately for the last 5 years. She has lived in NY City, Washington DC and after moving to Georgia four years ago, she and her chef husband and two energetic boys have made Avondale Estates home. She enjoys traveling, reading and family time.

**Sandra Williams** sdealwilliams@bellsouth.net 770-934-1998 404-310-1482

Sandra earned a BA degree in English, with a minor in History, from Georgia Southern College. She has taught history, chemistry, Readers' Theater, and critical thinking at AAEN, Dunwoody Home School, and her home. She has homeschooled her son for 11 years, from first grade to college.

**Tina Sjogren and Greg Sjogren** sjogren@bellsouth.net 404 368 1429

Tina Sjogren view soccer as a way for the family to get out together and have fun, be in the fresh air and build each child's health, self-awareness and confidence. More importantly, soccer is always about having FUN!

Coach Tina and Coach Greg are both currently involved in the CFC East Soccer program. Coach Greg holds a Georgia Soccer Coaching License, and has been coaching for 4 years. He is the Director of Recreational Soccer as well as a coach for his son and daughter's U8 soccer team. He also coaches periodically for his older son's U12 Academy team as needed. Coach Tina also holds a Coaching License, and has been coaching for 2 ½ years. She coaches her daughter's U6 team and handles the details of the "Rec" program. Both have been an integral part of their children's soccer life for the past 9 years.

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