

“Children, Nature & Us”

2-Day Conference for Parents

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We anticipate registration materials will be available online in late May. To be on our e-mail list and receive notification when registration opens, [contact us](#).

How can we as adults connect more consciously with nature and pass on an understanding of the interconnectedness of all life to our children? While fewer children in this area suffer from “nature-deficit disorder” than throughout the nation, you can still be inspired, not only by the landscape, but by the keynote presentations and the three dozen workshops on nature and family life, Waldorf education and home schooling. Our internationally-known keynote speakers will be:

Joseph Cornell is one of the most inspiring nature educators in the world today. His first book, *Sharing Nature with Children*, sparked a worldwide revolution in nature education and became a classic. His six *Sharing Nature* books have been translated into 20 languages. In 1978 Joseph founded Sharing Nature Worldwide, a popular and highly acclaimed nature awareness program. He is the honorary president of the Japan Nature Game Association, an organization of over 10,000 leaders who use and promote his nature education philosophy. A fifth-generation Californian, he and his wife are residents of Ananda Village, an intentional community in Nevada City, California. See www.sharingnature.com.

Sharon Lovejoy, as a child, was introduced to the wonders of nature by her Quaker Grandmother Lovejoy, a botanist and educator. As an adult, Sharon's passion for the natural world guided her to become a naturalist, a watercolor illustrator, and an award-winning garden and nature writer. Her first book, *Sunflower Houses*, helped introduce hundreds of thousands of children to the wonders of nature through gardening. Among her other books are *A Little Green Island with the Little Red House* (2005 National Outdoor Book Award winner), *Trowel & Error; A Blessing of Toads; Hollyhock Days;* and *Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots: Gardening Together with Children*. See www.sharonlovejoy.com

Craig Holdrege spearheaded the founding of The Nature Institute in Ghent, NY in 1998 and serves as its director. His areas of study include philosophy and biology, and he worked for many years as a high school biology teacher in Waldorf Schools in Germany and the United States. Since the 1990s Craig has been involved in teacher training and mentoring high school science teachers and has given many courses for adults in a phenomenological and experiential approach to nature study and biology. He has written numerous articles on genetic manipulation of life, including *Beyond Biotechnology: The Barren Promise of Genetic Engineering* (University of Kentucky Press, 2008). Craig is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in sustainability education from Prescott College, Arizona. See www.natureinstitute.org.

Chris Korrow has been a biodynamic farmer and gardener for the past 20 years, doing his best to live a sustainable lifestyle. He is also a filmmaker who's latest documentary, “Garden Insects” premiered

nationwide on PBS last summer. Chris is the photo editor for LILIPOH magazine and is currently working on several book projects with his wife, Christy, including a series of nature/gardening books for children. Chris and his wife have been instrumental in helping to transform agriculture in the southeast, as well as working on many other social/spiritual issues. They reside in rural Kentucky with their two home-schooled daughters.