

Banner year for folklore & education

Greetings!

It's been an exciting year in the world of folklore and education: the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress launched its "Folklife Resources for Educators" Web site, providing a long-awaited online update of its landmark print publication, "Teacher's Guide to Folklife Resources." Read more about it by clicking the New Resources icon below.

Last fall's American Folklore Society meeting featured the Local Learning "conference-within-a-conference": four days' worth of panels, forums, and workshops devoted to reflecting on the progress of the folk arts in education movement, and providing a much-needed extended opportunity for professionals working in these fields to exchange ideas and revitalize their commitments. Read more about it under AFS News.

Newsletter co-editor Gregory Hansen took the first step toward establishing a greater presence for the Folklore and Education section in folklore graduate programs when he gave a presentation on the topic for graduate students at Indiana



Maria Carmen Gambliel (Idaho Commission on the Arts) works in front of some of the illustrated corridos produced during the 2009 AFS Local Learning conference-within-a-conference.

University. He describes his visit in this issue's Feature.

Hansen was joined at his presentation by by long-time section member Jan Rosenberg, who is researching assessment tools in folklife and education and the subject areas we usually deal with in folklore and education.

As Jan notes, "At this time, there is no universal assessment tool for our work, and it might be wise to create a quantitative instrument that we could use to show accountability to ourselves, those we work with, and with funding agencies."

She is interested in Web sites people may have worked with, articles, and the like. Jan can be reached at janrosenberg@att.net, or at 1061 Knollwood Circle, Bloomington, IN 47401.

And please keep in touch about your programs, publications, and projects-- we love to hear what you're up to.



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