



Deaf  
Women  
New  
England  
Conference  
2010

**Conference Program Book**

**November 5, 6 & 7, 2010**

**Heritage Hotel  
Southbury, CT**





Deaf Women of Maine (DWM) is hosting the next national conference at the Wyndham Hotel, South Portland, Maine. This special \$300 early combo package offer for DWU members good only to January 2011 includes registration, workshops, entertainment, 10 meals, conference bag, and an outing.

## 13th Biennial Deaf Women United

Conference in  
S. Portland, Maine

**June 29 — July 3, 2011**

FMI: [www.dwu.org](http://www.dwu.org)

[www.deafwomenunited2011.webs.com](http://www.deafwomenunited2011.webs.com)

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[www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/pwmht\\_deafwomenunited/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/pwmht_deafwomenunited/main.wnt)

Conference rate is \$109 per night.



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In 1994, the organization was established since there was a first gathering of about twenty women to share their experiences as Deaf and hard-of-hearing women about Leadership, Sexuality, Mental Power, and Women's Health. This organization became CT Chapter as an affiliate of Deaf Women United.

The former CT Chapter-DWU hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial Deaf Women New England conference, as called as Northeast Deaf Women's Conference, on April 9 - 11, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Select in Stamford. Our conference theme was a "Woman's Passage to Wisdom".

In 2004, CT Chapter, Deaf Women United was renamed as Deaf Women of Connecticut or DWC.

The goal of our organization, DWC is to encourage Deaf, hard-of-hearing, late-deafened and deaf-blind members to network and provide social opportunities for continued personal growth. We aim to communicate and support each other through social gatherings, email, and the DWC website.

## **Mission Statement:**

- ☼ To promote the best interests and quality of life for Deaf women;
- ☼ To be committed to creating opportunities for Deaf women in CT to join together in planning, devising, conducting, and participating in activities and workshops.
- ☼ To provide social, leadership, and empowerment opportunities.

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# DWNE 2010 Conference Committee

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Thanks to some women for fundraising, homemade cards, scarves and planning project. We send our heartfelt appreciation for their time and help to:

Mary Ann Corson  
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Beth Moore  
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## MC Host

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Sue Pedersen, First Recipient, DWC Woman of Year 2007, Retiree, State CT Commission on the Deaf, Deaf Certified Interpreter, FSW and President of CT Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (CCOSD)

It is a blessing to live in America for equal rights and freedom to enjoy our womanhood!



# Keynote Speaker

## Dr. Suzette Garay, Educational Consultant and Professional Speaker



*"Discovering the New You and Lovin It!"*

**Today's Deaf woman is all about being confident and following your own heart to inspire and be inspired...regardless of what others may think or say!**

Dr. Suzette Garay holds a BA, MA, PSY.S and a Ph.D. and her major areas of study are Psychology, Sign Language and Special Education with an emphasis on Deafness and Learning Disabilities. Dr. Garay is currently an Educational Psychologist, and teaches psychology and sign language courses at Waukesha Technical College in Wisconsin. She also works with many private business owners about accessibility and working with DHH consumers. She is now a newly minted business owner teaching hearing babies sign language, and has taught distance education courses and workshops in ASL linguistics, special education and disabilities issues throughout the Midwest and internationally. She is a national motivational speaker and enjoys working with very young children and families.

# PROGRAM

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## Friday, November 5, 2010

6:00 PM	Registration	Terraces
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Welcoming Remarks	Terraces

## Saturday, November 6, 2010

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Garden
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker	Garden
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Intermission	
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Workshop A	Terraces
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Intermission	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Water Exercise	Indoor Pool
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Workshop B	Terraces
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Luncheon	Garden
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Exhibitors	Garden
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Seminar Art Project	Congress Senate
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Tea & Coffee Served	
5:15 PM – 5:45 PM	Panel	
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Private Dinner	Garden
8:30 PM – 12:00 PM	Entertainment	Garden

## Sunday, November 7, 2010

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Breakfast	Garden
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Intermission	
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Keynote Speaker	
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Candle Closing Ceremony	

# Memes & Colloquy

## Welcoming Remarks: “Stay Connected with Deaf Women Network”

*Her presentation will cover about her personal transformation from being a passive bystander as a Deaf woman to being an active participant of Deaf Women of Maine and Deaf Women United. She will share how she felt as a woman before and after her involvement with other Deaf women.*



Presenter: Diane Poulin

Diane Poulin, Office Assistance, Dept. of Labor in Maine. She shares her own words, “Being with other Deaf women can result in personal enrichment and they will feed your soul. The three C’s of being in charge, change and curiosity how they have applied to her as a Deaf woman and how they can be passed to local communities will be shared.”

## Workshop A: “Training/Presentations: Skills, Styles & Tips? Which will work for me?”

*The goals of “Training/Presentations” are:*

- ✿ *To provide tips in presenting or training materials*
- ✿ *To show different styles of training*
- ✿ *Explain about different skills and approaches*
- ✿ *To encourage everyone to think about ways to educate communities in a non-boring way!*
- ✿ *Different techniques and how to take advantage of them without technology*

Presenter: Keri Darling

Keri Darling, Founder & Director and Trainer, Deaf Vermonters Advocacy Services (DVAS) which serves Deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and deaf-blind women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the state of Vermont.



Keri believes in the strength and bond of deaf women gathering together to share, listen, talk, laugh and learn together. This only makes us become better and stronger women and we can pass that along to younger women.

### **Workshop B: “Deaf Women in the Media”**

*This workshop will discuss the portrayal of Deaf women in media. We will watch clips from four different films and observe how Deaf women are misrepresented due to disability and gender inequality. We will attempt to better understand why Deaf women in media are often unable to speak out in a community, and will bring voice to those women who feel they have been denied their rights due to their deafness and gender.*

Presenters: Doreen Simons & Sherry Powell



Doreen Simons, Staff Instructor for ASL Studies; i.e. Deaf Women Studies, Sociolinguistic in the Deaf Community; ASL Literature and Multicultural in the Deaf Community at University of Connecticut including Assistant ASL Research and RSC-CDI interpreter under Family Service Woodfield.

Sherry Powell, full-time lecturer of Deaf Studies in the Linguistics Department at the University of Connecticut.



Sherry and Doreen are deaf women who want to promote awareness about Deaf and Women Issues. Five years ago, Doreen had been asked

to teach a course under the Women Studies department where a new curriculum was developed from the materials available from Deaf Studies and Women Studies.

### **Water Exercise: “Aqua Fitness and Aqua Arthritis”**

*This exercise will show two different kinds of aqua classes; Aqua Fitness is an energizing, low impact water fitness class that combines both strength training and cardiovascular conditioning exercises that will challenge your muscles and increase your strength, and Aqua Arthritis is a gentle water class designed specifically with arthritis, chronic pain, or other joint injuries.*



Shirley Desrosier, Vice-President and Editor for Baystate Deaf Senior Citizens, By-Law for CT Deaf Senior Citizens & CT Retirement Colony, Hall of Fame Excellence and Fundraising for ASD Alumni. On her own time, she attends swim fitness and arthritis at Healthtrax Fitness & Wellness every week.

In addition, as deaf ministry, she teaches sign language, and private Bible classes, and attends Life groups including the Life of Old Testament, Hour of Power Prayer and Women Bible at Granby Life Church.

Shirley is interested to help deaf women and became involved in Deaf Women of CT since she attended DWNE conference in Vermont for a first time in 2008.



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## **Seminar: “One Step Ahead”**

*This workshop will talk about how you can be ahead in life in such a fast pace world with overwhelming information. How you can stay with clarity, feel connected to your mind, body and soul? Is there a short cut where you can love life and be happy? Hands on activities, discussion, and powerful tools how to stay one step ahead in your life! Some touch bases explaining who is Global Deaf Women and share some stories how some of women stay ahead in their life.*

Presenter: Sofia Seitchik



Sofia Seitchik, Founder & President, Global Deaf Women, Public Speaker, and Certified Life Coach

*“Life is full of opportunities, dive in, taste and explore it, in the end, I gained something. Better try it than regret for not doing. Never know what might stores in you.”*

She appreciates as being a deaf woman and meets so many wonderful deaf women with diversity background, some of them are able to follow their passion; some of them are living in fear or doubt in themselves. She wants to reach out and guide them with compassion to bring out their inner-self to pursue their dream or awaken within purpose and gift.

## **Art Project: “Fun with Fiber Arts – Shibori Dyeing”**

*In this workshop, you will explore Shibori dyeing - a Japanese art form that includes folding, stitching, binding and using resists dyeing fabric. This process is safe for children and is environmental friendly. At the end, you will create a lovely handmade scarf that you can wear to the Candle Ceremony!*

Presenter: Kat Burland

Kat Burland, LMSW; BSW, NYU; MSW, Hunter College/CUNY, Program Assistant Director for the Program for Deaf Adults at LaGuardia Community College/CUNY in New York City and Advisory Board member for The Postsecondary Education Programs Network serving Deaf students in the Northeast Region. She also provided numerous professional development workshops and presentations at several conferences as well as served on the boards



Kat believes to identify herself as a culturally Deaf woman - and a feminist. As an individual, she advocates for equal communication access as well as equality rights in all aspect of her life, such as financial freedom, educational and employment opportunities.

As a community of Deaf womyn, we need to access a full support system and networking resources in order to successfully managing our home, family, and community and career areas of our lives. We all need to come together in recognizing the needs, identifying the steps, and striving together toward a vision of total equality and respect of everyone in this country.

### **Panel: “Look Me Down...How to Overcome?”**

*A panel of 5 or more will participate in a question and answer workshop to discuss their experiences about growing up in daily life and learning in many levels of education as being deaf women in all walks of life – culture, politics, employment and education.*



Jennifer Cho , Co-Founder, Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association NY/NJ and currently Chair, National Asian Deaf Congress 2011. She earned an AOS/ AAS degree in accounting. She worked as a position of mortgage accounting assistant at Bridgehampton National Bank for 5 years and in Blind/ Deaf Mental Retard Residential Habilitation Counseling and Day Habilitation Consultant from Mill Neck Services for Deaf Adults for 10 years

Jennifer believes in deaf women because we can do anything as well as both men and women are equal.

**Entertainment: “Nutritarian”**

*This entertainment will provide insights about the dangers of lifestyle and eating habits, and will share information based on “Eat America Right”.*

**Presenters: CM Boryslawskjy & Alice Bianco**



CM Boryslawskjy, Spiral Shell Web Owner & Web Developer, and Board Director Chair, Communication Advocacy Network. She is former Board and Treasurer for Deaf Women United, and the recipient of DWC Woman of the Year 2009.

Alice Bianco, SAP Data Entry Operator/Assistant to the Buyer, Conair Corp. She teaches ASL as part time.

CM calls herself as Deaf feminist and supports the Equal Rights Amendment and believes that the USA is ready to vote for a Woman President.

Alice prefers to get out of comfort level and faces some new challenges for more growth, self fulfillment and enthusiastic to learn new things as she is wholly very independent woman.

We want to get together as one unity of deaf women to share the life experiences including important issues and to support each other for personal, mental and emotional growth.

# EXHIBITORS

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## **Announcement:**

Deaf Women of CT will plan tea party next year 2011. Please send the names of deaf women in CT for nomination as you believe she is potential candidate for the DWC Deaf Woman of the Year 2011 Award.

The woman candidate who volunteers in the community and should be recognized for being inspirational, outspoken, charismatic, and good leadership to support any cause relating to Deaf community including women and children issues. For any inquires, contact by email: [info@dwconline.org](mailto:info@dwconline.org)



6TH TRIENNIAL NADC CONFERENCE

**6<sup>th</sup> Triennial NADC Committees  
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6<sup>th</sup> Triennial NADC Conference

National Asian Deaf Congress

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Location: Flushing, New York

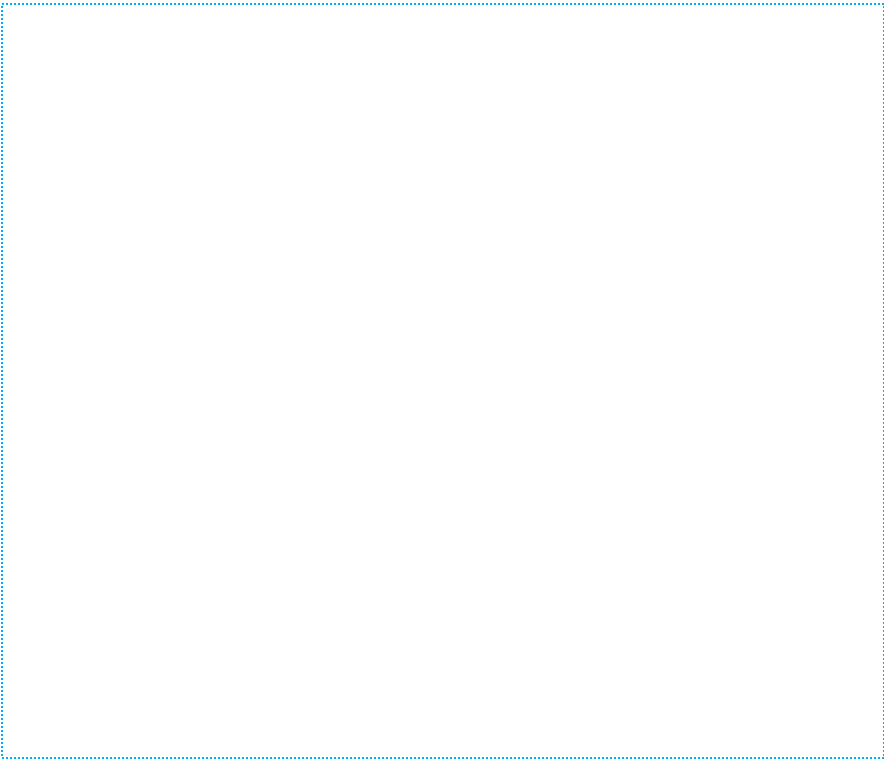
Our theme is *"Reconnecting the Beautiful Traditions of our Asian Multi-Cultural Heritage and the Value of Modern Cultural Experiences"*

**Combo Registration:**

<b>Regular- after Aug-Dec. 2010</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>Senior Citizen- after Aug-Dec. 2010</b>	<b>\$225</b>
<b>Student- after Aug-Dec. 2010</b>	<b>\$150</b>

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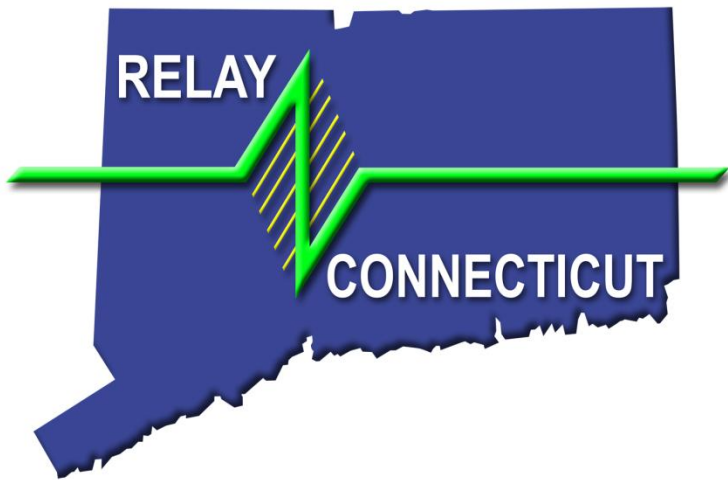
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# NOTES



*Thank you very much for allowing Deaf Women to use P3 Netbook at the Heritage Hotel during their visits at the conference.*



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We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

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**Thank you for being a part of the  
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