HAMILTON RESIDENTS WINNERS IN ONTARIO-WIDE ESL CREATIVITY CONTEST

Toronto, September 3, 2013 – The opportunity to express satisfaction in teaching English as a second language has been rewarding for two Hamilton Ontario residents, Jennifer Weiler of the Immigrant Women’s Centre, and Janice Desroches of Brock University. Both were selected as winners in the Instructor Division of a province-wide creativity contest to celebrate ESL (English as a Second Language) education and learning.

Ms Weiler was chosen as a Runner Up for her entry in the Blog category of the Writing Activity option. Her submission entitled “Cultivating Learning: Projects for all Seasons” is a blog about seasonal hands-on projects and activities for LINC (Language Instruction to Newcomers to Canada) classes with a focus on Literacy CLB (Canadian Language Benchmarks) outcomes. View it here. Ms Desroches, also a Runner Up, entered in the Short Story category of the Writing Activity option entitled “Culture Shock”. View it here.

The contest, organized by TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language), is a feature of ESL Week, an annual celebration of ESL education and learning throughout Ontario, held this year from October 20 – 26.

Ms Weiler and Ms Desroches were selected from a total of 49 submissions of ESL instructors and learners throughout Ontario and will be honoured along with four other contest winners at a Welcome Reception of TESL Ontario’s 41st annual conference in Toronto October 24, 2013.

TESL Ontario, established in 1972, is a non-profit organization serving the needs of teachers of English as a Second Language. It represents more than 4,600 language training professionals working in immigrant serving agencies, school boards, publicly funded sites across Ontario, colleges/universities, elementary/secondary and private language training schools. TESL Ontario’s expertise is in teaching, advocacy, accreditation and professional development. The organization is instrumental in influencing the success of many thousands of English language learners throughout the province.

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