



**Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
Presents**

Trix Bruce

VISUALIZE THIS: Drawing in Space With ASL Classifiers

Dates: October 4, 2008

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm

.60 CEU's in Professional Studies

Location: Virginia Western Community College
3094 Colonial Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015

Building and Room #: National Science Center N101

For driving directions go to: <http://www.virginiawestern.edu/about/directions.html>

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Description: As a native English speaker you work within a linear language, but ASL uses space and movement through classifiers to show a visual picture. When using classifiers, are you able to clearly portray the English message into ASL? Do you know how to clearly show a car accident, a Lasik eye surgery, or a gymnast going through their routines? This workshop provides participants with an overview of using classifiers, by focusing on what they mean, when to use them and how they are used. Participants will explore various classifiers to express a visual picture breaking away from English words to translate ideas visually. This workshop strongly focuses on ASL storytelling, ASL performing, and ideas on how to use the appropriate handshape to show a clearer picture of the context involved.

This workshop will also provide hands-on experiences & skill building activities needed for appropriate classifier use applied to complex descriptions and images. Complicated & confusing pictures, eye gaze, role shifting, spatial referencing and appropriate use of classifiers in storytelling will also be presented. Emphasis is placed on developing the ability to think in pictures as a way to improve expressive and receptive communication skills.

Presenter: Patricia Bruce, Trix for short, is known nationwide as both a workshop presenter and an American Sign Language performer. Involved in the performing arts since 1980, her work has been warmly received everywhere. Trix loves interacting with lively audiences, sharing her experiences and exploring storytelling, poetry and songs in ASL. While she is known as the widely popular teacher of ASL storytelling and interpretation, only a few know of the struggles she has endured to get where she is today. Profoundly deaf since she was 6 months old, Trix attended oral and mainstreaming schools. She also attended deaf classes as well as online educational programs. During high school, she played the role of Helen Keller and fell in love with Drama. After completing her college program, she became involved with interpreter training. Trix's main area of study has been ASL Linguistics with a focus on ASL Storytelling. She is an approved sponsor for the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Certificate Maintenance Program and has also developed the popular www.TrixBruce.com website. Whether writing, creating, improvising, or starring in her many productions, Trix's passion for the dramatic arts shines through. All she asks from her audience is to sit back, relax and enjoy as she "welcomes you into her world."

Registration Form

REGISTER EARLY!!

Mail-in registration must be received by September 19, 2008 and credit card payments are to be posted online no later than October 1, 2008. Save time—pay on line at www.vrid.org!

Mail to: James Cromer: VRID Treasurer, PO Box 3102, Merrifield, VA 22116-9998

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COST: \$65.00 VRID Members

\$75.00 non-VRID Member

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) = .60CEUs

The Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf is approved by the RID CMP to sponsor Continuing Education Activities. This program is offered for .60 CEUs in the content area of professional studies and are at the beginner instructional level. No partial CEUs will be awarded. Late arrivals will not get CEUs.

For more information contact Nancy Mason at alan2nancy@hotmail.com or 540-798-6693

Lunch on your own.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____(home) _____(work)

E-MAIL: _____

Please make Check or Money Order **payable to “VRID.”**

- _____ Member \$65.00
- _____ Non-Member \$75.00

Please indicate if any accommodations are needed:

