## Charlotte Mason Inspired

ONLINE HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE



Attendee Guide & Notebook

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# WELCOME

**Welcome!** We are so glad you are here! We have been praying for you and your family and we want you to know how much having you here means to our conference team and our speakers.

This conference is designed to give you all kinds of tips, advice, and information on the Charlotte Mason philosophy of education, to help you instill the love of learning in your child and to bring joy and peace to your homeschool days,





We created this conference guide and notebook to make things easier for you! Everything you will need to know in order to watch all workshops at the Charlotte Mason Inspired Conference 2021 is right here at your fingertips.

We are praying and believing for God to do above and beyond all we can ask and pray for during this conference. Will you join us in prayer?

Ana & Tatiana





#### **OVERVIEW**

All you need to know about this year's conference! Speakers, workshops, schedules, swags, and more!

#### **WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE**

We don't want you to miss anything, so we created a beautiful printable calendar for you to print.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Have you seen the amazing line-up of speakers we have for you this year? We want you to get to know these speakers and interact with them, too!

#### **NOTES**

You will learn so much during this conference and we want to make sure you will take plenty of notes to go back to later. So, enjoy the beautiful note pages we created for you and write down those nuggets you don't want to forget.

## Follow these 3 steps:



If you haven't yet, join our Attendees group on Mighty Networks: <u>Charlotte Mason</u> <u>Inspired Attendees Group</u>

This is where the fun happens!

Stay plugged in for announcements, live workshops, Q&As, giveaways, and more.

Our conference groups are always encouraging and uplifting!

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Download and keep this Attendees Guide & Notebook at hand.

Sure you can print it out too!

This guide will remind you of who is speaking when and what topic will be covered each day.

If you can't print it, keep this PDF file opened on your desktop or on your smart device so you can go back to it anytime you need it.

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Your Charlotte Mason Inspired Conference Lifetime Access is located on a course platform called **Teachable**. To access your account, simply go to **theycallmeblessed.teachable.com** and log in using the email and password you created when you signed up for the conference.

On Teachable is where you will be able to access and watch every workshop recording. Take some time to explore your conference dashboard on Teachable and get familiar with it.

We have organized all the workshop pages by day. In each tab, you will find the workshop time, workshop description, and speaker information. All recordings are posted on Teachable the same day the live workshops end on Zoom.

# Get all the information you need below...

#### **QUICK FACTS:**

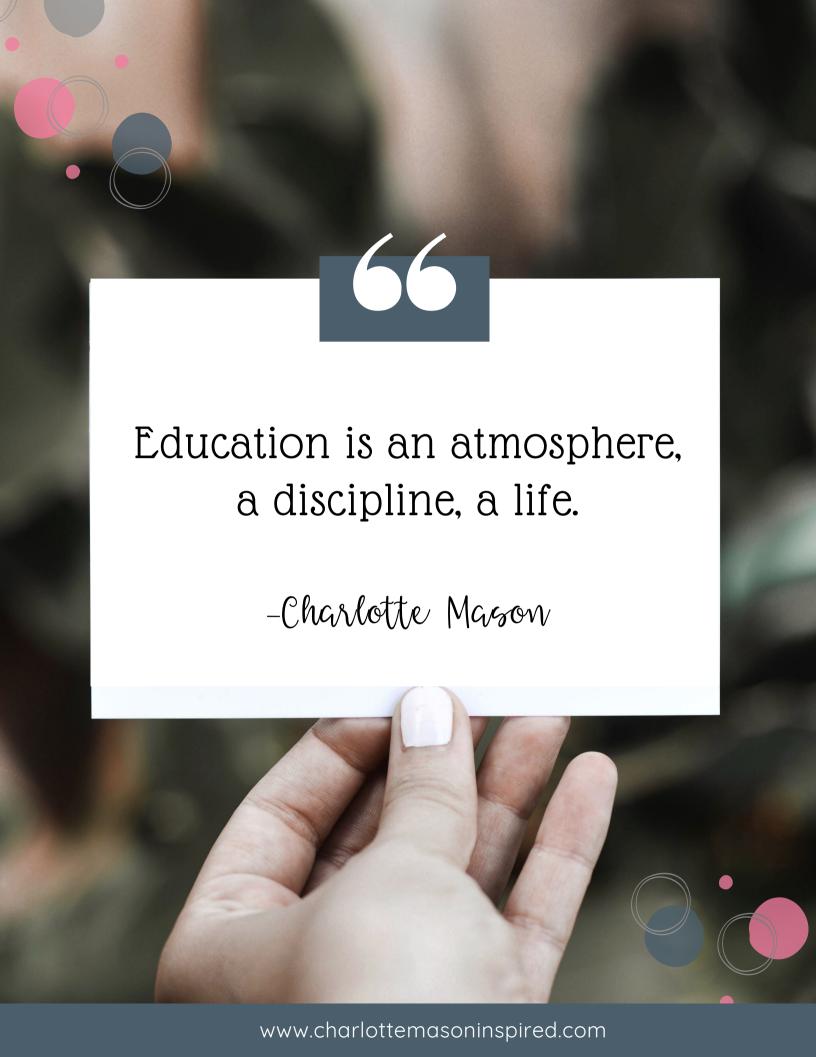
Conference Dates: Monday, May 24th 2021-Friday, May 28th 2021

Workshop Times: 9:00 AM - 3 PM (PDT)

Workshops: 35+ workshops divided into approx 7 workshops/day

live on Zoom





## THINGS TO DO

- Bookmark the <u>Teachable page</u>
- Join the <u>attendee's group</u>
- Print this attendee's guide
- Print the <u>workshops schedule</u>
- Check out our <u>Vendors Hall</u>
- Check out <u>our sponsor's website</u>
- Share your questions in the group
- ✓ Join the <u>live workshops on Zoom</u>

Enjoy the conference!

## WORKSHOPS

Mon	9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT SUZANNE GOSE 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT MEGHANN DIBRELL 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT ALISHA GRATEHOUSE 12 pm PDT / 3 pm EDT SARITA HOLZMANN 1 pm PDT / 4 pm EDT LINDA LACOUR HOBAR 2 pm PDT / 5 pm EDT JULIA NALLE 3 pm PDT / 6 pm EDT JEANNIE FULLBRIGHT
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## **SUZANNE GOSE**

Mon 9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT

## **Learning Styles and Learning Languages**

In this interactive workshop, you'll discover for yourself: What are learning styles, and how do they affect absorbing (and using!) a foreign language? After discovering your own preference for learning and your children's, Suzanne Gose will discuss what Miss Mason had to say about learning styles, and how we, as modern mothers, can practically implement her successful methods.



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## **MEGHANN DIBRELL**

Mon 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT

#### **Handicrafts for Homeschoolers**

We live in an increasingly technological world. With computers and automation everywhere we turn, where do handicrafts come into play? Does working with our hands and doing things the old-fashioned way even have a place in educating our modern day children?

In this workshop, we'll dive into the timeless benefits of handicrafts and how we can incorporate them into our homeschool in a way that will bring your family together, inspire creativity, and lay the foundation for a rich and broad home education.



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## ALISHA GRATEHOUSE

Mon 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT

## How to Make Your Art Studies Come Alive!

Charlotte Mason wrote, "The art training of children should proceed on two lines: The child should begin both to express himself creatively and learn to appreciate art."

In this workshop, I'll show you how forming relationships with the master artists will spark your kids' artistic expression and make your art studies come alive!



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## SARITA HOLZMANN

Mon 12 pm PDT / 3 pm

## **Teaching a Worldview of History With Living Books**

Teaching history through a worldview lens raises children to have a heart for the world. Help your children move beyond your own backyard, state, country, and even hemisphere with a globally-minded perspective that produces empathy and instills a sense of purpose. Join Sarita Holzmann to discover how stories in living books and great literature can be one of the simplest – and yet most powerful – ways to develop a global mindset in your family.



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## LINDA LACOUR HOBAR

Mon 1 pm PDT / 4 pm EDT

#### Artists of the Renaissance— That Everyone Ought to Know!

Need to brush up on art history? Want a better grasp on the masters of the Renaissance? Join Linda Lacour Hobar, author of the award-winning series, The Mystery of History, for a delightful presentation of three major artists of the Renaissance that everyone ought to know. This fact-filled lecture includes beautiful family-friendly slides of world-famous masterpieces—making this workshop appropriate for students young and old. No art experience needed!



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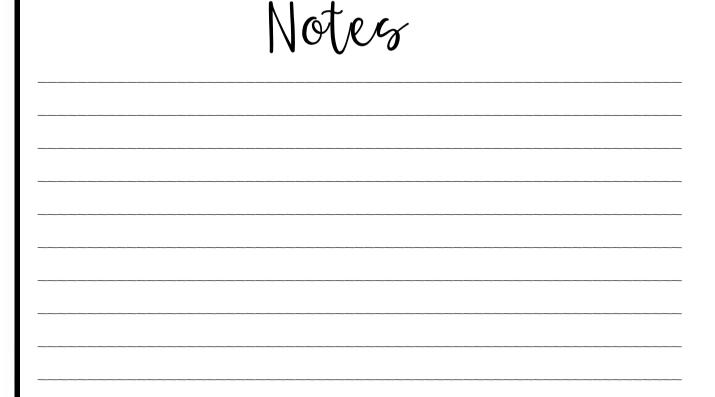
#### **JULIA NALLE**

Mon 2 pm PDT / 5 pm EDT

## Helping Mom Craft a Creative and Thoughtfully Designed Curriculum

Is your head spinning with all the homeschooling lingo? Charlotte Mason. Classical. Unschooling. Traditional. Are you trying to pick and choose but don't know what would be the best fit for your family? Do you tend to lean towards thinking outside the box? Or do you feel stuck in the box without any other options? Come discover why one style does not have to fit all. Depending upon your child's bent, age, grade, learning challenges or interests, mom can a la carte with purpose. Julia Nalle shares from teaching her own children and through designing the BiblioPlan curriculum that it is possible to thoughtfully pick and choose a little bit of this and a little bit of that – with success





## **JEANNIE FULLBRIGHT**

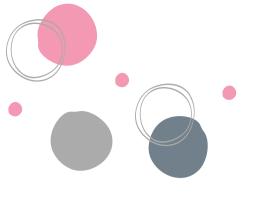
Mon 3 pm PDT / 6 pm EDT

#### Masterly Inactivity: 7 Essential Tools for Developing Self Motivated Children

Charlotte Mason inspires us to take a step back and educate our children with purpose and poise. Our children will prosper when we exercise Masterly Inactivity and restrain ourselves from interfering in our child's learning, thoughts, and play. Jeannie will share the seven elements of Masterly Inactivity that will help you homeschool with excellence.



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## STEVE DEMME

Tues 9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT

#### Fear Not! You and Your Children Can Learn Math Together

Each student is unique. Since parent educators are tutors, they are able to adapt to the needs of their individual child. Find out what they know, and begin there. Giving your children a firm foundation in math will equip them to succeed at every level of math. They are not behind, they are where they are.



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## **KATHRYN GOMES**

Tues 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT

#### **Marvelous Math Manipulatives**

Which ones are worth buying and how should you use them? Not all manipulatives are created equal. This session will show you the top math manipulatives and multiple ways to use them so that you get your money's worth.



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## ANA & TATIANA

Tues 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT

#### **Q & A Panel - 1**:

Need ideas on how to implement the Charlotte Method philosophy in your home today? Join this live Q & A session with the hosts of the Charlotte Mason Inspired Online Conference.





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#### **JULIE H ROSS**

Tues 12 pm PDT / 3 pm EDT

#### The Gentle Art of Teaching Reading

Charlotte Mason wrote that the traditional methods of teaching reading in her day were "one of the many ways in which children are needlessly and cruelly oppressed," and were "an abuse of his intelligence."

What were the methods she so vehemently spoke out against? Unfortunately, many of them are still used to teach reading today. In her volumes, Miss Mason outlined steps in a reading lesson that would arouse the imagination and awaken the "joyous interest which is the real secret of success." In this super practical workshop, Julie H Ross (who has taught dozens of children how to read), will guide you through Miss Mason's approach to reading lessons. You will walk away ready to implement this method in your home without spending any money on expensive curriculum or fancy manipulatives.



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## **CINDY WEST**

Tues 1 pm PDT / 4 pm EDT

#### **Nature Study Made Easy**

Nature study can truly be one of the most powerful practices you keep in your Charlotte Mason homeschool. Not only is it a beautiful and effective way to learn real science, nature study naturally reaches into so many other areas of school and life. It can sometimes be difficult to find enough time in a busy schedule and/or know what to do during nature study. These EASY tips and tricks will help you make productive nature study a regular reality. Of course, we'll talk about nature walks, but don't be surprised when some of the awesome ideas don't even require you to get outside!



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## **ELLA SAVCHUK**

Tues 2 pm PDT / 5 pm EDT

#### For the Mother's Sake

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## **RACHEL LEBOWITZ**

Tues 3 pm PDT / 6 pm EDT

#### **Transformation, Not Information**

Homeschooling with the Charlotte Mason method often comes with a "paradigm shift" in the way we think about education. It also comes with an overload of information about "how to" implement the method. You may have already felt overwhelmed just searching for information about how to get started.

Rachel is here to remind us that the Charlotte Mason method is simple, easy, and adaptable to your family's needs. You don't need all that excess information. You need transformation.

Learn how the transformative power of a Charlotte Mason education can have a profound impact on your homeschool, your home, and your relationships with your children.



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## STEVE DEMME

Wed 9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT

## God's Plan for Building a Family of Faith

In Deuteronomy 6, God's simple and effective plan for the family begins with parents loving God with everything in them and having His Word on their hearts. When parents have established their own relationship with God and His Word, they are equipped to teach their children to love God and His word.



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#### AMBER O'NEAL JOHNSTON

Wed 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT

#### Roots & Branches: Pursuing Universal Brotherhood Through Family Heritage

In the midst of living books and time-tables, have we forgotten Charlotte Mason's vision of universal brotherhood?

Building authentic relationships across racial, ethnic, and cultural lines requires self-awareness, humility, and a willingness to sit with the tension that often accompanies the melding of different viewpoints or even competing aims. Before children can be expected to thrive in diverse spaces and relationships, they must develop agency through personal identity. Kids (and adults too) find it difficult to honor the humanity of others when they are disconnected from their own personhood. We'll discuss how we can use family culture and intergenerational history to deeply water our children's roots as they spread wide branches towards others.



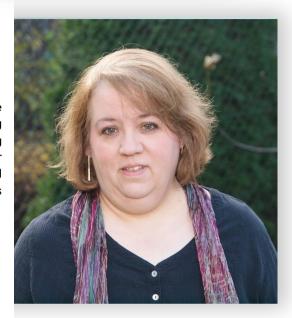
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## **KAREN GLASS**

Wed 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT

## **Cultivating a Home Culture—Education** is an Atmosphere

Did you know that Charlotte Mason shared ideas about home decorating, choosing art, and even making clothing purchases? Lots of little things go into creating a healthy atmosphere where our children can thrive and grow—whether you are homeschooling or not. Let's take a look around and appreciate what we have first of all, and then find some ideas to inspire us for the upcoming school year.



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## NICOLE WILLIAMS

Wed 12 pm PDT / 3 pm EDT

#### A Short Synopsis of CM's Philosophy (a.k.a The 20 Principles)

In the preface of Charlotte Mason's books on education, you will find a Short Synopsis" of her philosophy. Many religious traditions have creeds — a statement of their religious beliefs. Knowing the goal or the big picture helps us understand how to live rightly and make the small decisions that carry us through life. Charlotte Mason's short synopsis is our educational creed, one that clarifies our beliefs and aims and guides our actions.

Join Nicole to take a closer look at Charlotte Mason's short synopsis. At the very least, you will learn whether a CM education is right for you and if so, you will understand what it means to adopt her educational credo for your own family.



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## **ART MIDDLEKAUFF**

Wed 1 pm PDT / 4 pm EDT

#### The Perfect Charlotte Mason Education

When people first hear about the Charlotte Mason method, many decide they want to try it out. They start small, with a few elements such as nature study and narration. Over time they begin to see results in their family, and they want more. For some, this becomes a quest for the perfect Charlotte Mason education. But prudence would ask, is more always better? Is there even a way to do it all? Or is the perfect Charlotte Mason education something other than checking all the boxes? If so, what is it? Come with an open mind to consider what is the very best that Charlotte Mason has for your family.



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## **AMY BODKIN**

Wed 2 pm PDT / 5 pm EDT

#### **Special Needs Kids Are People Too!**

Do you have a child with special needs? Then you know the frustration of using a curriculum that doesn't fit your child. How can the Charlotte Mason approach help? Charlotte's 20 Principles are the key. Her belief that "children are born persons" is the revolutionary idea that makes all the difference for children with special needs.

Children often say "No one cares what I think because I am just a kid." Special Needs kids receive that message even louder: "No one cares what I think because I am broken." But Charlotte's words offer hope and healing to both children and parents dealing with special needs.

Join me, Amy Bodkin, EdS, as we walk through Charlotte Mason's 20 Principles from a developmental approach, and you'll see how Charlotte's ideas can transform your home, your relationships, and your heart. The 20 Principles are really all you need!



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#### REBECCA SPOONER

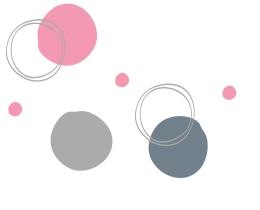
Wed 3 pm PDT / 6 pm EDT

#### **Teach Everything Through Anything**

Do you want your kids to actually remember what they are learning? Context is the key to memory. The smell, the feeling, the atmosphere, the wonder, the connections of that one topic to the real world around you . . . these are like the flavors that make your homeschool "dinner" come to life. Let's talk about how you can connect your subjects and create a learning atmosphere of wonder and excitement so that learning "sticks". In this session, Rebecca will share some of the simple things she has implemented to make learning a way of life in their home, rather than separate subjects with separate grades. It's time to color outside of the lines, let the watercolor flow and blend, and see what happens when you get out of the box!



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## MIKE & CARLIE KERCHEVAL

Thurs 9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT

Actions Speak Louder Than Words: How Your Marriage Impacts Your Children's Faith



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## **GENA MAYO**

Thurs 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT

## What is a Folk Song and Why Include Them in Your Homeschool

Have you ever wondered what's the big deal about folk songs? Why do music teachers, and why did Charlotte Mason, consider them important? Join Gena Mayo as she explains all about the beauty and uniqueness of folk songs. And, she'll share how easy it is to include them in your homeschool!



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#### **ERIN COX**

Thurs 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT

# Charlotte Mason's Formidable List of Attainments For a Child of 6: What do they really look like?

In Ms. Mason's Original Homeschool Series, she outlined a list of 18 lofty ambitions for a child of 6. At first glance this list of "formidable attainments" looks almost unattainable, especially when compared to a public school's kindergarten or first grade curriculum.

In this talk, we will learn Charlotte's detailed plans for implementation (as she did not leave us hanging), and discuss how we might actually accomplish these in "real life."



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### MIN, ERIKA & MARIANA

Thurs 12 pm PDT / 3 pm EDT

#### Q & A Panel

Need ideas on how to implement the Charlotte Method philosophy in your home today? Join this live Q & A session with the hosts of the Charlotte Mason for All Podcast.



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### MIN JUNG HWANG

Thurs 1 pm PDT / 4 pm EDT

### How to Aim for a Life-giving Homeschool

Do you want to give your child the very best education possible, but don't quite know what that means? Do you want to do "all-the-things," but don't know where to start or you keep getting distracted by the next shiny, new curriculum? Are you feeling anxious and worried you're not up for the task to home-educate your child? Let's get back to the foundations together. Let's provide our child with "a thinking love" (Pestalozzi) and take hold of what is essential. Let's grasp, with both hands, the 3 powerful educational instruments at our disposal (according to Charlotte Mason), as we allow our Lord to breathe fresh, new life into our homes and homeschools.



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### **ERIKA ALICEA**

Thurs 2 pm PDT / 5 pm EDT

#### Discovering the Delight in Urban Nature

For those of us in the city, it may take a bit more intentionality to find beauty amidst concrete. But God's beauty is everywhere! We need only to train our eyes to both discover the beauty of urban nature and delight in it.

During our time together, we'll glean from Miss Mason's advice on helping our students discover their own delight and explore numerous ways nature can be explored right in your city neighborhood.



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#### **LEAH BODEN**

Fri 9 am PDT / 12 pm EDT

#### **Standing On The Shoulders Of Giants**

Do you really know who Charlotte Mason was, what she built and why her work is so important today? This workshop will be part biographical, part personal stories and mostly inspirational as why we are the ones to honour the heritage, yet herald the future of Charlotte Mason's ideas around childhood, motherhood & education.



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### **CHELLI GUTHRIE**

Fri 10 am PDT / 1 pm EDT

### Creating Transcripts for a Charlotte Mason High School

Many times Charlotte Mason homeschoolers drop the Charlotte Mason education as they approach high school to better fit with the traditional high school subject course of study. Choosing to continue following the Charlotte Mason method, however, will absolutely work even when it comes to creating high school transcripts. I'll show you how to fit the unconventional Charlotte Mason education into a workable transcript.



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### MARIANA MASTRACCHIO

Fri 11 am PDT / 2 pm EDT

#### The Simplicity of Narration

Narration is one of the foundations of a Charlotte Mason education but it can seem intimidating! Do you wonder how to start narration? Or what to do if your student doesn't want to narrate? Or how this practice builds the act of knowing?

During our time together we will explore those questions and marvel at the simple, natural beauty of narration.



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#### **CORI DEAN**

Fri 12 pm PDT / 3 pm EDT

#### Charlotte Mason Had NO Kids

How did a woman who had no children of her own understand the needs of children so completely? She didn't have a fussy toddler to derail lessons or a mountain of laundry to try to manage and yet she gave us much wisdom. This workshop looks at ways to integrate beneficial aspects of Charlotte Mason's philosophy while recognizing the complex needs of family life. We will get to know Miss Mason and her ideals and explore simple ways to incorporate beneficial principles like using "living books" and narration, developing relationships with subjects, and cultivating strong habits into any homeschool no matter which way you approach home education. All this while pouring lots of grace as we strive to manage home and family life in the midst of it all.



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### KERRI BECK

Fri 1 pm PDT / 4 pm EDT

#### Teach Your Kids How to Think the Charlotte Mason Way (from Elementary to High School Years)

Discover how to use reading & writing to teach your kids how to think for themselves. Starting with young students, Kerry takes you through your kids ages to develop critical & Biblical thinking skills.

By the time she gets to high school ages, you'll know how to use great, living books and writing to prepare your kids to think for themselves and make wise decisions, instead of following the crowd. Plus, you'll love her ideas on how to incorporate your read alouds in this process.



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#### **SARAHRUTH OWENS**

Fri 2 pm PDT / 5 pm EDT

#### Nature Study - Getting Started, Resources, and Methodology

The crux of science and so much more in a Charlotte Mason education, nature study is often misunderstood or left by the wayside due to other more easily mastered content areas. In this workshop, SarahRuth will share resources, stories, and the how to of nature study. She will help you get started, as well as detail what nature study looks like in the early years and how to up the rigor as children grow.



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## ANA WILLIS

Fri 3 pm PDT / 6 pm EDT

### The Riches of A Charlotte Mason Education

Your home education don't have to taste plain and bland. In this workshop, Ana Willis founder of theycallmeblessed.org and thehomeschoolsisterhood.com will teach you how to add a mix of "spices" that will elevate your kids' learning time to the richest and most tasteful feast they will beg for more!

This workshop will give you the practical steps and ideas to capture the heart of your child and help him/her fall in love with learning in a fresh new way!



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