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Above: "These Walls Can Talk" by Elizabeth Dzuricsko IAEA Member Show Participant

IAEA
President,
Joan Mills



President's Message

■ During the past year I have been a part of many conversations concerning the state of art education in Illinois. Some of the conversations have been positive and some have centered on the challenges facing art educators.

One of the positive conversations has to do with the Illinois Learning Standards. The Illinois Learning Standards Initiative supports evidence, research based best practice, and content that position art education as a core subject in a balanced curriculum. The initiative supports students' success in the 21st century economy. Many of these best practice models and content are those we have been able to utilize within our curriculums via the new National Core Arts Standards.

Some of the challenges we face are the underlying structures within our profession that create scenarios where art teachers work alone, feeling isolated and unacknowledged. As an organization we offer you the ability to address these challenges. **By being a participating member of the IAEA you are part of a professional organization made up of individuals who work collectively ensuring the highest level of professional development in Illinois.** IAEA recognizes and acknowledges the contributions of our members both informally and formally. Informally colleagues meet to discuss classroom successes and applaud members' accomplishments. Formally IAEA recognizes outstanding educators through our awards program. Many of our award winners go on to represent Illinois at the national level.

There are continuous opportunities to make a difference in art education whether at the local, regional, state or national level. Members have the opportunity to take leadership roles in the association, present at the annual conference, host and attend workshops throughout the year, contribute to association publications, and showcase teaching through student art shows. As these opportunities arise, please contribute your time and talents to expand the art education experience for students, colleagues, and the wider community. **I thank all of the art educators and the IAEA board of directors who volunteer untold hours of their time to make and keep the IAEA at the forefront of art education in the state of Illinois.**

Two individuals who exemplify what the IAEA represents are **Becky Blaine** and **Pat Indovina**. The 67th annual conference marked the last conference that they will co-chair. These two amazing women have given countless hours and numerous years to providing an outstanding conference experience for you, the members of the IAEA. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve a portion of my presidency with these women.

My particular and deepest thanks go to **Anne Becker** who has been my mentor and friend as she ends her role as past president of the association. Anne has left a wonderful and indelible mark on the IAEA. □

Respectfully,

Joan Mills
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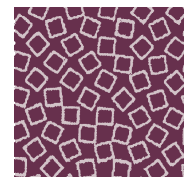
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Thank-You!

Becky Blaine & Pat Indovina.

Thank you for your many years of exceptional conference leadership.



Editor's Note

■ I am so excited! In only a few months, the National Art Education Association's annual convention will be in Illinois. This fabulous event gives attendees an amazing amount of content specific professional development for art educators. If you have never attended the national convention, this is a great time to try it out. Build your professional learning community, attend relevant training, meet and speak with individuals you have only communicated with on twitter and facebook.



Mark your calendars, make a request with your administration and plan to meet thousands of art teachers in Chicago on March 17-19, 2016. The early bird registration rate for members of NAEA is \$165.00 when paid by February 18, 2016. Look to page 23 for materials to help make your case to attend this special event. You can find information about sessions, workshops, special events and tours on the NAEA website arteducators.org. □

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Newsletter of the Illinois Art Education Association

The purpose of the newsletter is for Communication and as a forum for the expression of ideas. The IAEA encourages contributions of articles or description of activities related to art education. Opinions expressed by the authors may or may not represent the views of the Association, its members, or its governing body.

We welcome carefully proofread articles and good quality photographs. The Illinois Art Education Association publishes the Mosaic newsletter four times annually.

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NAEA Convention Information:

Volunteers are needed March 16-19 at the Convention Center and Hilton Hotel Hospitality Tables, as well as volunteers to attend off-site workshop and tours.

All volunteers need to be members of NAEA at the time of the convention and registered for the NAEA Convention.



Volunteers Needed


2016 NAEA National Convention

Volunteers are needed MARCH 16th- 19th at the Convention Center and Hilton Hotel Hospitality Tables, as well as volunteers to attend off-site workshop and tours.


Special note: Volunteers for off-site workshop and tours will ride the bus with attendees and receive a FREE TICKET to the event. All volunteers must be NAEA members at the time of the convention and must be registered for the NAEA Convention. .

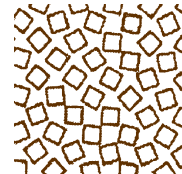
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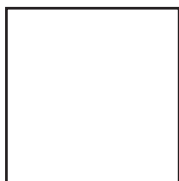


Thank you for volunteering your time for the 2016 NAEA Convention. Your efforts will help make this convention a success. If you have any questions, please email Karen Popovich (IAEA Vice President and 2016 NAEA Convention Committee Chair) at vicepresident@ilaea.org or Karen_Popovich@ipsd.org.





Vice President,
Patricia
Belleville



Central Council

Central Council met at the IAEA State Conference in Lisle. We asked members to be diligent about posting on the council Facebook page to keep us all updated and to be active participants in Central Council. Please post awards, student work, questions, and your own art-work.

Other events coming up for Central Council members; March YAM, please share student events that you are involved in. Central Council is also looking at the possibility of creating an online gallery or blog for the artists in the Central Council.

Central Council has planned a series of activities and member in-services throughout the coming year.

- **November 21st** from 10am-2pm **Print In** at EIU all are welcome for all or even part of the experience. (Possible PD Credit available)
- **December 5th** is the date for a meet up at two possible locations – David Davis mansion, Bloomington or Danna Thomas house, Springfield. Check Central Council's facebook page for an update.
- **February 13th or 27th Print In** at the McLean County Art Center, Bloomington (Possible PD Credit available)
- **March 2016: YAM** (Youth Art Month)
- **March 5th** is the annual **Media & Methods Conference** held at the EIU campus. (PD Credit available) 8-10 workshops will be offered. This event is sponsored by Central Council.
- **March 16-20** is **National Art Education Conference** in Chicago this Spring 2016. See page 2 for information on how you can volunteer!
- **May 2016** a sculpture walk is in the planning stages through Champaign/Urbana
- **Fall of 2016** may offer artist experience with sculptor, Preston Jackson in Peoria, IL possibly in September.
- **Allerton Park near Monticello** is also a possible sculpture experience in the planning stages.

Email Patricia Belleville to reserve your spot for these events.

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Northeast Council

Vice President,
John P
Zilewicz

Approximately 50 members were in attendance at the regional council meeting. Attendees had a chance to share their name and where they teach. There was a nice representation of grade levels and locations throughout the region.

Time was spent reviewing some of the workshop offerings from the past year. Those mentioned were Freestyle printing Workshop Round 2 Help at Palatine HS. This was well attended and very beneficial for attendees. Others in the region wondered if this could be held at their schools and were asked to go through the council VP John Zilewicz for more information. Another successful event was the Sargent Art Watercolor workshop. Workshops coming up: December 8, 2015 5:30-8:30 Golden Paint.

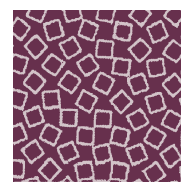
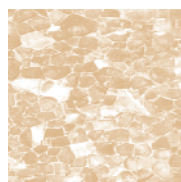
Below is a listing of suggested workshops discussed during the meeting:

- State Standards
- National Core Arts Standards
- Sargent Arts Workshops to explore materials
- Student Growth – what this looks like in different places
- NASCO
- Lesson plan share and experiment with media
- Tablet and Chromebook apps

Looking for volunteers to lead workshops. Contact John Z to propose your workshop.

Illinois Members Exhibition information was shared highlighting open artists' studios. The show will be held during first Friday. This year's show will be in the spring, date TBD, at the Bridgeport Art Center. Information will come out via website, Bits and Pieces, Facebook, website.

IAEA Council News



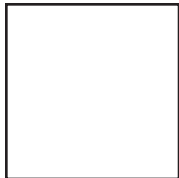
High School Art Show postcards were passed out. The opening will be held on March 6, 2016 at the Zhou B Arts Center. High schools art departments are encouraged to enroll soon, spaces are filling up quickly. Work will be submitted digitally for judging.

Reminder to check the website to stay current on events that are happening in the region.

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Members who are interested in becoming more involved in professional association affairs should contact their Regional Vice President.





*IRAE Chair,
Kathryn
Hillyer*



It was great to see several IRAE members actively involved in making our fall IAEA conference a success. Jamie Willis handled on-site registration again, Anna Marie Coveny headed up the Used Book Sale, Colette Rinn continues her work as Membership Coordinator for IAEA, Judy Doebler organized the Art to Go donations, Pat Indovina and Becky Blaine finished their long run as outstanding conference coordinators. Thank you to

all of them and the other retired members who attended and helped. We had about ten people attend our IRAE business meeting at the conference Saturday, November 7. I shared some information about IRAE (we do have a Facebook page and I'm looking for material to add to it). Linda Willis-Fisher (RAEA President) presented information about RAEA. Those IRAE members who are also NAEA members should already be receiving the RAEA (Retired Art Educators Association) e-blast. We are all looking forward to having NAEA here in Chicago in March. Watch for information calling for volunteers and for artwork to be donated to the RAEA auction.



In September, the RAEA e-bulletin had an article I submitted about Dennis Morris and a recent project he worked on. Dennis, from Springfield, is an example of someone who is doing a variety of things. Most recently, he led a team of volunteers on a project at Feitshans Elementary School in Springfield, as part of a Sharefest makeover of the 90+ year old school. Sharefest is a community project where a school in the neediest portion of town is given a complete makeover during a one week interval. Feitshans Elementary School was chosen this year. Dennis described the project to me:



"My church focused on making a neglected courtyard into an outdoor classroom with an exterior mural painted on a series of concrete walls lining staircases. The paintings included the solar system and the lifecycle of the Monarch Butterfly. A pergola with picnic tables was built along with a sodden area surrounded with mulched beds of plants. Adjacent to the stairways is a butterfly garden. The murals enliven a very sad area."



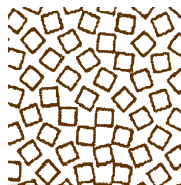
There were over 1300 volunteers who helped with many projects throughout the school. Some of them were parents of students, but others had no connection with the school and just wanted to help. Dennis donated time and talent to this worthwhile project, as well as continuing with his own art.

Northwest Council

*Vice President,
Kathy Kueker*

Proposed workshops

Late June or mid-July
Next Picture Show Arts Center
13 W 1st St, Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 285-4924
Deb Cleary will be the contact
for this workshop
Morning and afternoon workshops



David Smith offered his studio in Geneseo for a workshop – he is also willing to present at any workshop suggested that might include a field trip across to Davenport, Iowa's Figge Museum (an easily accessible world class museum) 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA 52801 (563) 326-7804.

Robin Russell from Medinah suggested that she do a SLO & Assessment workshop in May. Timing would be ideal as people would be starting to do revisions on their SLOs and assessments from the 2015-16 school year in preparation for the next one.

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IAEA is a professional organization for art educators, individuals and groups who wish to support art education in Illinois. Founded in 1935, IAEA promotes quality art education for children and adults.

Art Education Advocacy Day in Springfield: Past, Present, and Future

by Christopher Sykora

I know that I am preaching to the choir when I make such statements about the importance of the fine arts. The visual arts contribute at a 7:1 ratio to the economy versus governmental support, on top of increasing student and school achievement scores; are essential to brain development, fueling systemic innovation, and promote pro-social behaviors among other things. None or all of these arguments, factual as they are, have been sufficient enough to cause state government support for the fine arts as imperative in today's educational system. It must be understood by policy makers that the finer arts are not just a "nicety," but rather an economic priority, civil rights issue, and a matter of equitable, superior educational development.

Be warned, this article is a call to action. Positive dialog is starting among government leaders and business media in recognizing the truths just mentioned, and in some cases action is taking place. We have made connections in Illinois, and require your assistance in adding to the progression. This past April, 60+ individuals, which included teachers, students, and art supporters, visited the Springfield Capitol in order to grow support for fine arts education. There have been many successes, which I will outline below, but we still have much work to do, and is why we need you now. On **April 12th, 2016**, the IAEA in partnership with the Arts Alliance, Ingenuity, and the Illinois Music Education Association, will again visit the capitol. My goal is to have representation of over 100 individuals for this visit. We only need you to sign up now. We will provide the busses, and the education. We need your voice, and your representation. Please go to the IAEA website, and click on Advocacy for more information on how to get involved.

One of last April's big success stories was the adoption of House Resolution 271. We were there to witness the adoption of this resolution, sponsored by Rep. Camille Lilly, which calls upon elected officials and schools throughout the State of Illinois to maintain art programs. The work here is not finished however, as we still need to add pressure so that it can pass the Senate.

Another success story of that April visit was the 20+ signatures received by Senators and Representatives pledging their support for fine arts education. A key component of this success was student voice. If you are able to join us this coming April 12th, I encourage you to identify 2 or 3 students to bring along. I will be happy to work with you on



Mr. Sykora, his students, and representatives from IAEA and ILMEA at Capital Day

this endeavor, providing the needed paperwork and logistical advice to make it work. Elected officials love seeing and listening to student's voices.

All told, about 70-75 contacts were made, either by meeting the representative or senator personally, or by dropping off packets and information with the representative's or senator's staff members/secretaries. Several legislators were quoted as wanting to work to keep arts in all schools. There was even an art show, as 8 local students from Senator McConaughay's district had their artwork on display in the capitol building. We must build on these successes.

So what exactly are the specific goals of this work? I encourage you to take a look at our legislative document also found at the IAEA webpage, but I will briefly outline it here. Written and edited by a number of IAEA members, including myself, and past Advocacy Chair: Chris Grodoski, the document has 4 major asks.

1. Visual Arts High School Graduation Requirement of 1 year & Dedicated minimum instruction time for pre-K through Middle School.
2. Quality through mandatory licensed visual arts educators.
3. Accountability, Assessment and Evaluation.
4. Adoption of Illinois core art and media standards.

We have passed a major milestone in the Illinois Arts Learning Standards Initiative: On November 10th, behind the hard work of the Arts Alliance, a final draft of our recommended arts learning standards was submitted to the ISBE staff. These are high quality, thoughtful standards that reflect the insights of teachers throughout the state.

Looking beyond just our own state level success, one should find hope in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act & Every Child Achieves Act. This legislation was approved to replace the No Child Left Behind Act, and a congressional committee is currently working to reconcile both acts into a final piece of

Roundtable 2015:

by Eryn Blaser

The Advocacy Roundtable at the 2015 IAEA Conference

The Advocacy Roundtable was extremely successful at this year's IAEA Conference. This was the 3rd Annual Roundtable Meeting at the IAEA Conference. **The Roundtable is an opportunity to recap key organizational initiatives and explore new ways to collaborate. In previous years the Roundtable took the form of an open conversation.** This year, participants were asked to contribute by providing two PowerPoint slides that summaries the following: key educational initiatives of the past year, possible points of organizational connection and collaboration in the year ahead, and what can the arts education community can do to continue aiding state level education initiatives to ensure quality arts education for Illinois students. Each participant had about five minutes to share.

The Roundtable took place at 10:45 a.m. on Friday November 6th in the Board Room. The participants attending were: Joan Mills (IAEA President), Eryn Blaser (IAEA Advocacy Co-Chair), Amy Sue Mertens (Ingenuity Inc.), Jonathan VanderBrug (Arts Alliance Illinois), Darcy Nendza (IMEA), Cynthia Woods (Director of Advocacy Illinois Association of School Boards), Alison Marley

(Public Relations Director Illinois Association of Principals), Richard Siegesmund (Professor NIU), Marissa Reyes (Director of Education at the MCA), John Lustig (Director of the Illinois State Museum- Lockport), Senator Kimberly Lightford of the 4th District, Senator Pat McGuire of the 43rd District, Peggy Johnsen (Representative Camille Lilly's staff member).

This was the most diverse Roundtable yet. There was sharing, connecting, and many a-ha moments. Many eyes were opened to the research, activities, professional development and work that has been happening in partnership with Arts Alliance Illinois, Ingenuity, and Illinois Music Education Association. A huge thank you and shout out to Chris Sykora for inviting and putting together all the logistics of the Roundtable. He has been hard at work for many months to put this event all together. Thank you also to Chris Grodoski for all his support, guidance, information, and help with the advocacy work throughout the past few years leading up to this event. Unfortunately, Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, Senator Karen McConnaughay, Teresa Ramos (Advance Illinois Outreach Director), and Ben Boer (Advance Illinois Deputy Director) were unable to attend due to last minute scheduling conflicts. We know that they are eager to hear about the conversations and connections that have been created through this meeting.

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legislation for the president to sign. Combined, the 2 bills contain 13 arts-friendly provisions, including the arts as a core subject with expanded learning time, the offering of a well-rounded education, the arts increase achievement and graduation rates, and increased professional development time to name a few.

By building on the above success stories, both locally, and federally, my hope is to facilitate a clear and tangible path towards accomplishment of the 4 goals mentioned from the IAEA Legislative Document. We need political support to achieve these goals. In order to receive that support, we must establish a strong, and continued positive dialogue with state policy leaders and elected officials. Please join me and the other art education supporters in our April 12th visit to Springfield to do just that.

Thank you for your time. Please email me with any questions or reflections you might have.

Christopher Sykora

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IAEA representatives shared the goals of organization including **making certain that every student in Illinois has a comprehensive and well-rounded education, ensuring the competitiveness of Illinois citizens in a global 21st century economy.** There was also a conversation about the legislative documents, ESEA, that combine two bills contain 13 arts-friendly provisions (including the Arts as a core subject) with expanded learning time, offering a well-rounded education. It was noted that the Arts increase academic achievement, graduation rates, and professional development. IAEA also shared information concerning the last two years Arts Education Advocacy Days. Many in attendance were very impressed by the professional development that was offered at the IAEA Conference and enjoyed seeing the Student Show display. Nick presented in formation about the Illinois High School Art Exhibition focusing on the opportunities the show brings to students throughout the state.

We want to thank everyone who attended the Roundtable. The room was filled with IAEA members who wanted to hear and be a part of these important conversations. Thank you to everyone who participated in this positive dialog. Our hope is that the conversations we had during the Roundtable can lead to more conversations, understandings, and movements in educational policy. We all look forward to collaborating and working together.

LOOKING BACK ON A FANTASTIC 2015 IAEA Conference



*Right: Keynote
Speaker
Cindy Todd*



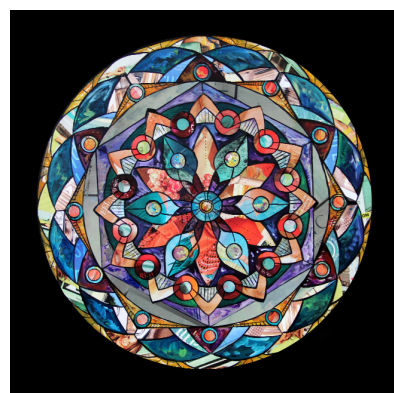
*Far Right: IAEA
YAM Coordinator
Greg Petecki*

*Artisan Gallery
Left to right:*

*Dorothy Bennett:
Jewelry*

*Karyl Silerzio:
Ceramic Ware*

*Heather Shore:
Glassware*



GENTLY USED BOOKS AND MEDIA SALE

Our thanks to Anna Marie Coveny and Deb Pfohl for their work to organize and run the Gently Used Books and Media Sale tables! Each year, Anna Marie comes up with creative ways to display the vast variety of books, posters, DVDs and CDs and lesson resources, and she has been ably assisted in these efforts by Deb Pfohl. Along with member volunteers, including Student Assistants, the sale tables yielded income this year of \$1,002.00! The income goes toward the IAEA Student Scholarship fund. Start saving your books and media to donate to the 2016 sale tables which will take place during the IAEA Conference in Normal.

IAEA ARTISAN GALLERY

Congratulations to our 2015 Artisan Gallery artists – Dorothy Bennett, Heather Shore and Karyl Silerzio, for participating in the Artisan Gallery during the President's Reception at the Conference.



IAEA STUDENT SHOW SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

Our thanks to Kimberly Butts and Mary Ellen Bebbler for their work to organize and run the Scholarship Raffle table and drawing! With the help of IAEA member volunteers, including our Student Assistants, the raffle raised just shy of \$1,000.00 to fund the IAEA Student Scholarship initiative! Thanks also to the IAEA members who created and donated over 50 pieces of artwork for the raffle. Start planning now for the work you will donate for the 2016 Scholarship Raffle that will take place during the 2016 IAEA Conference in Normal.



2015 IAEA CONFERENCE RECAP



Laura Milas with IAEA President, Joan Mills



IAEA Conference Luncheon



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2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS



Stacey Gross - Illinois Art Education Association **Art Educator of the Year**

Stacey Gross is a National Board Certified Teacher at Centennial High School in Champaign where she teaches photography, graphic design, cinema studies, AP Studio Art, and dual credit classes. She also serves as the Fine Arts Department Content Area Chair. In addition, she serves as the K-12 Visual Arts Coordinator for Champaign Unit School District 4. In that capacity, she acts as a liaison with administration for the art teachers in the district, organizes professional development, advocates for the visual arts, and promotes the visibility of art students and teachers. Now in her 22nd year at Centennial, Gross prides herself with creating a robust art program that fosters a broad appreciation of art and strong technical skill, while stimulating critical and creative thinking. Gross also co-sponsors Centennial's Gay-Straight Alliance.

Her dedication to her profession leaves a lasting impact on Dr. Judy Wiegand, Superintendent of Champaign Unit School District 4: "Time and time again, Ms. Gross has demonstrated exceptional teaching and leadership skills. Her progressive approach to teaching, coupled with her advocacy for the art program, ensures that art plays a relevant role in the high school curriculum at Centennial and throughout the district." A Quincy native, Gross earned a MA ('01) and BFA ('94) in Art Education, with a studio concentration in photography, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a practicing artist who works primarily with camera-less darkroom photographic processes to create abstract imagery. She is an avid traveler, with a passion for Japanese art and culture.

Stacey states: "I am grateful to the Illinois Art Education Association for the honor of being recognized as the Art Educator of the Year and to those who supported my nomination, along with my colleagues, administrators, mentors and collaborators who inspire me to be the best teacher I can be and to instill a passion for art in my students. It's especially incredible to be honored for doing what I love! It's humbling to be singled out in a field of tremendous Art Educators, who do amazing work to bring meaningful art experiences to students in Illinois."



Dr. Douglas G. Boughton

Illinois Art Education Association **Higher Education - Art Educator of the Year**

Doug Boughton is a Professor of Art and Education at Northern Illinois University. His research interests include assessment of student learning in art, portfolio assessment, and art curriculum policy. He has served in significant international leadership roles as World President of InSEA (International Society for Education through Art), Chief Examiner Visual Arts for the International

Baccalaureate Organization, Foundation Director of the National Art Education Research Council of the Australian Institute of Art Education, and Consulting Professor in Art Education to the Institute of Education in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Council for Policy Studies in Art Education (USA), is a Distinguished Fellow of the NAEA (National Art Education Association), an honorary life member of the Australian Institute of Art Education (now Art Education Australia) and the South Australian Visual Arts Education Association. In 1997 he won the Studies in Art Education Invited Lecture Award for consistent contributions through published literature to the direction and scope of the profession, and in 2006 won the

USSEA Edwin Ziegfeld Award for his outstanding contribution to international art education.

Doug has published in excess of ninety articles and book chapters, a monograph, and three co-edited books on the topics of art education curriculum policy, assessment, and multiculturalism (including books and articles published in Chinese, Hungarian, Korean, Portuguese, Dutch, German, Greek, and Slovenian languages). He has given keynote addresses and invited lectures in twenty-five countries throughout Europe, Asia, South America, North America, South East Asia and the Pacific regions.

Doug states, "I am thrilled to receive this award. I moved to Illinois from Australia over fifteen years ago and since then have enjoyed an incredibly rich professional experience working with students, art teachers, and other art higher education colleagues in this state. It is often difficult to begin a new professional career in another country so I am deeply touched to have been received so warmly in Illinois. I feel incredibly honored to be recognized by my colleagues in the IAEA and by my wonderful students who supported my nomination so enthusiastically."



Theresa McGee

Illinois Art Education Association
Distinguished Service in IAEA

Named IAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year in 2010, Theresa McGee has contributed to IAEA for many years since first joining as a student at Northern Illinois University. She has presented at countless IAEA conferences with sessions including technology integration, classroom management, and literacy. She has been an active participant in Arts Advocacy Day in Springfield over the past two years.

In 2009 Theresa joined the IAEA board as the Digital Editor; founding both the IAEA Facebook page and Twitter accounts, the first of any state art education organization. Two years later, she began serving as IAEA State Vice President and Awards Coordinator ending a four year term in 2014. Theresa has been an avid contributor to the IAEA Mosaic, and has had her student's artwork chosen for the IAEA Student Show over the past several years.

Theresa values the importance of connecting Illinois art educators together. A few connected examples include starting the annual Illinois educator happy hour at the national convention and establishing the Sister School Match up – connecting dozens of art educators with surplus funds donated by generous IAEA members. Theresa has also served on our digital team as IAEA moves forward on the vision of a comprehensive and interactive website.

Theresa is currently teaching at Hinsdale Middle School after many years teaching at the elementary level. Recent education honors include: 2014 National Art Education Technology Outstanding Teaching award, 2013 Apple Distinguished Educator (only K-12 art educator chosen in US), and 2011 National PBS Teacher Innovator winner.

Current IAEA vice-president, Karen Popovich states: "IAEA is honored to award the Distinguished Service to IAEA award to Theresa for her dedication and leadership within IAEA. Theresa has been instrumental to my transition in this role as vice president and is valued by so many peers in the field. We look forward to her continued leadership within IAEA."

IAEA Scholarship Recipient:

Sara Schulz

IAEA Professional Grant Recipients:

Joan Mills
Chris Sykora

Gina Szulkowski
Jonathan Reiman

If you submitted an IAEA award nomination form (the deadline is December 15), you will be contacted by Karen Popovich, IAEA Vice President. She will send you further information about the documentation required to support the nomination and the spring deadline to submit the documentation materials. Award recipients will be notified in summer 2016, and the awards will be presented in November during the 2016 IAEA conference in Normal.



Marty Voelker

Illinois Art Education Association
Secondary Art Educator
of the Year

Marty Voelker grew up in Western Springs and currently resides with his wife, Natalie, and three daughters in Wheaton.

Along the way, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Michigan, studied comic illustration at the Kubert School for two years, earned his teaching certification from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, completed an M. A. in Illustration from Syracuse University, and an M.F.A. in Illustration from the Hartford Art School-University of Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Voelker currently teaches drawing, painting, and computer art at Downers Grove North High School. Outside of school, he has worked as a freelance illustrator for years, specializing in illustrations and photographs of local architectural landmarks.

Ana Wilson, a parent of one of Mr. Voelker's students has many positive things to say about his positive impact as a teacher: "Within the classroom, Mr. Voelker has demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication to his students by creating a strong positive culture for learning. He shows compassion, dedication, and commitment to his students on a daily basis."

Marty serves as the Head of the Regional Suburban Chicago Affiliate for the Scholastic Art Awards, serves as College of DuPage Advisory Committee Member for Graphic Design & Illustration, and serves as juror for local art shows and competitions. Mr. Voelker provides his students with many opportunities to showcase their artwork in local and regional art exhibitions and contests.

Mr. Voelker reflects, "I'm honored to be chosen for this award! I know many dedicated, hard-working teachers who are equally deserving of this recognition, and I'm humbled to represent our profession. Thank you to all the people who have encouraged me throughout my career – especially my amazing students and colleagues at Downers North and District 99. They make every day fulfilling."



Hillary Andrlik

Illinois Art Education Association Presidents Award

Hillary Andrlik has been teaching elementary art in Community Consolidated School District #181 since 2002 at Walker, Oak, Elm, Madison and The Lane Elementary Schools. She continually strives to extend her students' art experience and bring it beyond the classroom. She has enhanced the curriculum through Artsonia, grants, artist-in-residents, student art exhibits and an annual all school art festival. Her passion for art education has helped her secure numerous grants including a year-long project that transformed Walker Elementary School's library by creating a student installation spanning over a 200 ft. She has worked with the PTO

and community to establish an annual artist-in-residence program that has already hosted 4 different artists. Her classroom was also featured in School Arts Magazine in 2012.

Hillary's dedication for art education extends beyond her students to other art educators as well. She is the Co-Author and Co-Founder of The Teaching Palette website. The website was originally started as a way to share resources for a classroom management presentation at the 2008 IAEA conference. It quickly expanded to cover all topics art education such as, music integration, free web resources, organizational ideas and the best art apps. In that time, Hillary has authored and co-authored over 100 articles. The website averages over 9,000 visits per month and has readers from all 50 states and over 150 countries. The Teaching Palette has received numerous awards and recognition from publications like Scholastic Instructor, School Arts Magazine, Edublog, NAEA News and the Art Teacher's Guide to the Internet.

Hillary's drive for art education beyond the classroom doesn't end with The Teaching Palette. She has contributed to the Mosaic, volunteered at numerous IAEA events and presented multiple times over the years at IAEA conferences since 2000. In 2012 she was honored with Illinois Elementary Art Educator of the Year.

Hillary served as the IAEA Digital Editor from 2012 to 2014. She collaborated with IAEA leadership to gather, write, share and communicate relevant information and art opportunities to all membership. She helped to continue to grow IAEA's digital online presence through Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr. In 2013 she worked with a team of IAEA board members to reimagine and rebuild the IAEA website to better meet members' needs throughout the state.

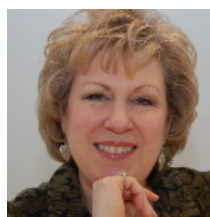


Dr. Anne L. Becker

Distinguished Member Award

Dr. Anne Becker has been a member of IAEA for 38 years. Her numerous leadership roles include YAM Coordinator, State Student Chapter Advisor,

President, President Elect, Past President and State Delegate. Her committee work includes off-site conference coordinator, conference committee, awards judging and advocacy. She has presented at almost every IAEA conference and has involved her students in art education conferences through her serious efforts with student IAEA chapters. She received the Illinois Higher Education Art Educator award in 2011 and the Kane County Distinguished Educator award in 2000. Anne's involvement in NAEA is equally impressive. She has been an active member for many years and given many workshops and presentations. For her work with student chapters she received the NAEA Student chapter of the Year Award in 2012. She will be the co-chair for the 2016 NAEA convention in Chicago. Her art teacher career path includes 36 years teaching elementary and high school art, Art Department Chairperson for 16 years, Technology Chairperson for 8 years and Columbia College associate professor for 10 years. Her community involvement through the years has taken her to work on committees for public schools, galleries and museums throughout the state of Illinois.



Meg Bero

Distinguished Member Award

Meg Bero has been a member of IAEA since 1993. For many years prior to that she focused on her personal art career and worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC and the High Museum of Art

in Atlanta. She began teaching elementary art in Batavia in 1993. In 1996 she became the Curator of Education at Aurora University's Schingoethe Center. She became Associate Director and Curator in 2001 and since 2007 has been the Executive Director and Chief Curator of the Schingoethe Center. Bero is an instructor in Museum Studies, a program she developed in 2007 and currently chairs. Her active involvement with IAEA includes many presentations and mini conferences for the Northeast Council, coordinating high school student art shows, and presenting workshops for IAEA members. Bero's work in the community includes curation of shows for the St. Charles Arts Council as well as an invited judge of many art shows in the Fox Valley area. She has worked diligently for IAEA to secure keynote speakers for the fall conferences. Meg's awards for her work in Illinois art education are many and include Illinois Museum Art Educator of the Year and the Visual Arts Educator Award from the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education, recognizing her contributions to IAEA. Her curatorial work has received awards from the Illinois Association of Museums and the Association for State and Local History. Meg continues to teach courses at Aurora University, curate exhibitions on art and culture, and support other artists through her love of teaching art. Meg continues to teach courses at Aurora University, curate exhibitions on art and culture, and support other artists through her love of teaching art.



Illinois Art Education Association 2016 Art Educator Awards

Nominations for the IAEA 2016 Art Educator Awards are open from October 15- December 15th, 2015. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague for an IAEA Award.

The IAEA Awards Program is intended to recognize art educators who are committed and dedicated to their students and the art education profession. This program, which recognizes excellence in individuals and programs, helps provide for the development of quality art education throughout the state of Illinois.

Award Categories: *(Bold face open to public nominations)*

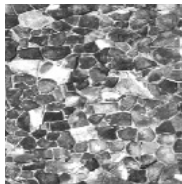
1. Illinois Art Educator of the Year (Chosen by award committee from nominations in categories below)
2. **Illinois Elementary Art Educator of the Year**
3. **Illinois Middle School/Junior High Art Educator of the Year**
4. **Illinois Secondary Art Educator of the Year**
5. **Illinois Early Professional Award (3 – 7 years teaching)**
6. **Illinois Higher Education Art Educator of the Year**
7. **Illinois Art Administrator/Supervisor of the Year**
8. **Illinois Museum Art Educator of the Year**
9. **Best School Art Program in Illinois**
10. **Distinguished Service in IAEA**
11. **Distinguished Service in the Profession of Art Education**
12. **Distinguished Service to Art Education (outside the profession)**
13. President's Special Award (chosen by current IAEA president)
14. Distinguished Member Award (chosen by past Distinguished Member recipients)

For more information: visit www.ilaea.org/awardsgrants

To nominate a deserving colleague, please click on the URL or QR code: If you have any questions, please email Karen Popovich at vicepresident@ilaea.org

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IAEA Student Art Show: 2015-2016

by Eryn Blaser



Student Show Award Winners

Forty pieces of student artwork have been selected for inclusion in the annual Art Show of the Illinois Art Education Association. This year over 650 entries from grades K-12 were submitted from IAEA members. The IAEA Student Show Reception and ceremony was held on Saturday, November 7th, 2015 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle. President of IAEA, Joan Mills states:

"IAEA recognized 40 amazingly talented young artists and their art teachers. These students and educators represent the excellence in art education that is occurring in classrooms across the state of Illinois."

The awards ceremony conducted by IAEA's Eryn Blaser and Venessa Hardy, is a special moment in these young artists lives as friends and family celebrate their artistic accomplishments. Congratulations again to all the student

artists and their amazing art educators. Venessa Hardy, Student Art Show Co-Chair states:

"The IAEA student show is one of my favorite parts of the conference. I finally get to put a face to the artwork I have been looking since the judging in May. At the IAEA student show reception, what started off as a class project turns into something so much more. Each student gets singled out for his or her artistic ability. Getting recognized is always special, but at a young age it looks different. It is dressing up in sparkly dress with fancy shoes. It is dressing up in collared shirt with matching vest or tie. Most important is the enormous smile these kids have as they make their way up to receive their awards midst all the applause and pictures being taken. For these young artists it is their moment. One that will stick with them and even help define who they will become."

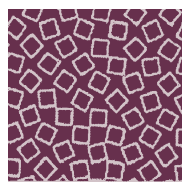
Student artists, their families, friends, art teachers, and principals were invited to attend the awards ceremony to acknowledge and honor the winners. Each student and their art teacher were presented with a certificate by Eryn Blaser (IAEA Student Show Co-Chair) and Joan Mills (IAEA President). The student artists also received a prize bag filled with art supplies. Evan Plumber (IAEA Exhibitions Coordinator) handed out all of the student artist and art teacher goodie bags. We would like to thank Blick Art Materials for supplying all forty student award winners canvas silkscreened art bags filled with drawing supplies. We would like to especially thank everyone who works at the Blick store in Wheaton for getting all of the bags ready and for ordering the mat board. The students' work looks so great! Other contributing companies who supplied

supplies for the goodie bags were; Sargent Arts, Crayola, American Academy of Art, and IAEA for the sketchbooks and cups. Art teachers received goodie bags with a mug with an image of their winning student art work printed on it from Artsonia. We would like to thank Jim Meyers from Artsonia for giving us the mugs as a gift to all of the art teachers.

Eryn Blaser and Venessa Hardy (Student Art Show Co-Chairs) would like to thank Christine Kaufman of Past Presence in Lisle for doing a wonderful job professionally matting each work of art. They would also like to thank the judges Robin Russell, Liz Chaney, and for spending a whole day selecting the forty pieces of art for this year's show. Thank you to Nancy Heuser for designing the Student Art Show poster and brochure design. Nancy spent several hours designing and working with the images of the artworks. Thank you to Pat Indovina, Becky Blaine (IAEA Conference Co-Chairs), the IAEA Board members, and all of the IAEA members for their support. Last but not least a big thank you to all the teachers who submitted their students' artworks to be judged.

"I am always excited to see what teachers are submitting each year. There is such a wide variety of subject matter and art mediums being used to create one of kind works of art. To think...Wow, look at how the kids took the information, directions, and tools that their art teachers presented them with and how the end result comes to be!" said Eryn Blaser.

The show is now traveling until the end of August throughout the state. Thank you to all the teachers who were willing and wanting to host the Student Show at their schools and public venues. Locations are listed on the following page.



Right: Student show winner 7th grader Jory Bell, with IAEA President, Joan Mills (left) and teacher Brooke Nicholson (right)

Far Right: Jory Bell's winning work



STUDENT ART SHOW 2015-2016

TRAVELING SCHEDULE

November

Shipman, Illinois

Shipman High School

Host: Tracy Zerwas

December

Normal, Illinois

Thomas Metcalf School

Host: Peggy Finnegan

January

Hinsdale, Illinois

Adventist Hinsdale Hospital

Host: Susan Tiemstra

February

Manlius, Illinois

Bureau Valley High School

Host: Sheila Heth

March

Winfield, Illinois

Wheaton Christian Grammar School

Host: Lora Hattendorf

April

Palatine, Illinois

Palatine Public Library

Host: Lee Ann Karsbaek

May

Elgin, Illinois

Westminster Christian School

Hosts: Dr. Carol Bristol and Katie Swalve

June

Lake Zurich, Illinois

Ela Public Library

Host: Jacqueline Bevan

July

Sugar Grove, Illinois

Sugar Grove Public Library

Host: Colleen Grigg

August

Lisle, Illinois

Lisle Public Library

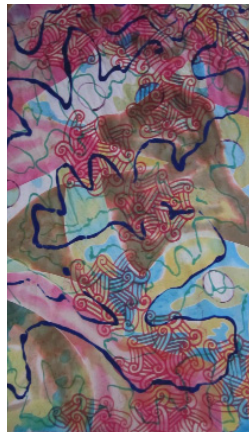
Host: Venessa Hardy

2015 STUDENT SHOW AWARDS

Student	Grade	Teacher	School
Lilly Haravon	K	Kristen Peck	St. Clement School
Matthew Warner	K	Laurel Scigouski	McDole Elementary School
Aubrey Thomas	K	Angie Bader	Longwood Elementary School
Gabriela Rodriguez	1st	Nancy Heuser	Park School
Matthew Sharp	1st	Colleen Grigg	John Shields Elementary School
Aiden Chavez	1st	Jennifer Pak	Naper Elementary School
Avery Faith Connolly	2nd	Dawn Bertolotto McKay	Hilltop Elementary School
Cohen Graustein	2nd	Joan Mills	Fry Elementary School
Mariangel Pedroza	3rd	Rebecca Staszak	Komarek School
Tommy Halcomb	3rd	Kara Berth	Blackberry Creek Elementary School
Hubert Radzik	3rd	Lee Ann Karsbaek	Lincoln School
Angel Sanchez	4th	Robin Russell	Medinah Intermediate School
Ryan Hesenflow	4th	Heidi Gilkey	John Stewart Elementary School
Averey Bartley	4th	Eryn Blaser	Meadow Ridge School
Kelly McManus	5th	Susan Tiemstra	Prospect Elementary School
Danielle MacMillan	5th	Laura Baker	John Stewart Elementary School
Hana Vanderbilt	5th	Daryl VanEck	Westminster Christian School
Stefanie Scarlatis	6th	Alicia York	Glenn Westlake Middle School
Billie Jo Gilliam	6th	Tracy Zerwas	Shipman Elementary School
Caroline Koslosky	6th	Lora Hattendorf	Wheaton Christian Grammar School
Mac Quast	7th	Theresa McGee	Hinsdale Middle School
Jory Bell	7th	Brooke Nicholson	Martino Junior High
Lashan Evans	7th	Dr. Sherry Abdelhadi	Fairmont School
Abigayle Willock	8th	Jacqueline Bevan	Lake Zurich Middle School North
Charis Chapman	8th	Carmen Gilbert	Westlake Christian Academy
Catherine Guan	8th	Donna Davis	Still Middle School
Luciana Calabria	8th	Carissa Zill	Hester Junior High School
Ella Zona	8th	Peggy Finnegan	Thomas Metcalf School
Sarah Albers Fester	9th	Candi Helsel-Wilk	Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Johnna Mitchell	9th	Greg Petecki	Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Hailey Kim	9th	Dr. Carol Bristol	Westminster Christian School
Destany Hahn	10th	Venessa Hardy	Lisle Senior High School
Brittany Schloderback	10th	Karyl Silerzio	Neuqua Valley High School
Elizabeth Kiernicki	10th	Cindy Kiernicki	Cambridge Lakes Home School
Andi Songer	11th	Sheela Gladwell	Carmel Catholic High School
Nathan Vento	11th	Lisa Dure'	Morton West High School
Breonna Balensiefen	11th	Sheila Heth	Bureau Valley High School
Alicia Govea	12th	Jilian Reints	Belvidere High School
Kari Rasmussen	12th	Frank Bush	Henry-Senachwine High School
Andrea Montano	12th	Jenna MacDonald	Harvest Christian Academy



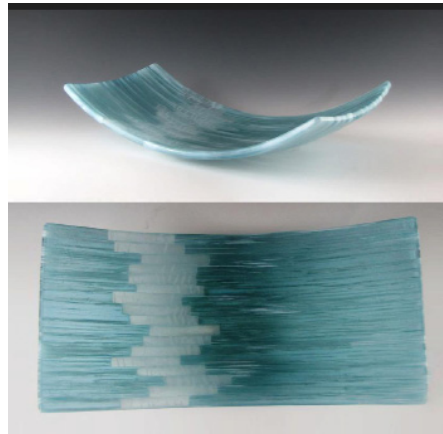
Above Left: "Mountain Journey" by Nancy Staszak
 Above Right: "Tell Us Everything" by Gabriel Mejia
 Below Left: "Trio of Handbuilt Vessels" by Karyl Silerzio
 Below Right: Hand Dyed Silk by Jeanette Thompson



IAEA 2015 MemberShow

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 IAEA MEMBER SHOW ARTISTS:

- Elizabeth Dzuricko
- Stacey Gross
- Tammy Kordik
- Gabriel Mejia
- Karyl Silerzio
- Nancy Staszak
- Gina Szulkowski
- Jeanette Thompson

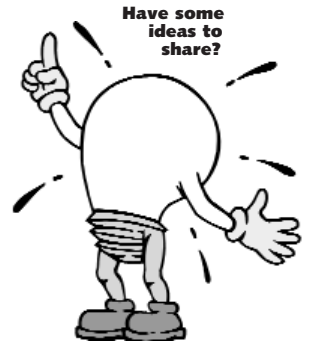


Above Left to Right: "Pink Lady" by Tammy J. Kordik; Kiln Formed Glass by Gina Szulkowski;
 Evan Plummer presenting artist Nancy Staszak with her show certificate during the President's
 Reception at the IAEA Conference. Far Left: "From Daguerre to the Moon" by Stacey Gross.

Our thanks to **Evan Plummer**, Exhibitions Coordinator and Show organizer, for his work on the 2015 show. Information about the 2016 IAEA Member Show will be posted on the IAEA website and in Bits and Pieces in early 2016, and information will be published in the winter 2016 issue of the IAEA Mosaic. You must be a current IAEA member to submit entries and participate in the IAEA Member Show. If your IAEA membership is up this winter or spring, go to the IAEA website and renew as soon as your date is up so you will be ready to enter your work. Start planning your entries now for the 2016 show!

2015 IAEA Conference Evaluation

Download both pages of this form and return it to Patricia Indovina by December 31, 2015. You can scan the pages and email them to Pat at: conference@ilaea.org OR mail the form to Pat at the address on the bottom of the next page. We will use your feedback to help plan future conferences.



Name _____
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Council _____
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Membership Category _____

Is this your first conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Check the days you attended the conference ☐ Thursday Night ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

GUEST SPEAKERS

Which **GUEST SPEAKER OR SPEAKERS/KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS** were most successful and WHY? _____

REGULAR SESSIONS (AT THE HILTON)

Which **SESSIONS** (at the Hilton) were most successful and WHY? _____

WORKSHOPS (AT THE HILTON)

Which **WORKSHOPS** (at the Hilton) were most successful and WHY? _____

OFFSITE WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Which **OFF-SITE WORKSHOPS AND/OR SPECIAL EVENTS** were most successful and WHY? _____

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE

Were any **SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS, EVENTS** less successful and WHY? _____

VENDORS

Did you visit the **VENDORS'** area? ☐ Yes ☐ No _____

Did you feel the **VENDORS'** set-up was effective and WHY? _____

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2015 IAEA Conference Evaluation (cont'd)

REGISTRATION & ORGANIZATION

How did you **REGISTER** (Early Bird or On-site) and WHY? _____

Any comments about the **REGISTRATION PROCESS**? _____

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Did the conference provide **USEFUL INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES**? EXPLAIN: _____

What topics would you like to see for **FUTURE SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS**? _____

Would **YOU BE WILLING TO BE A PRESENTER** next year for these topics or others? _____

2016 CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS

Provide constructive suggestions for **ORGANIZING THE 2016 CONFERENCE** (i.e. proposal forms, conference schedule, off-site workshops and events, etc.) _____

☐ **CONTACT ME TO HELP** with the 2016 Conference!

Name _____

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Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the 2015 IAEA fall Conference, "Encounters of the ART Kind" in Lisle! Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our Conference Team and volunteers, participants enjoyed a diverse and rich offering of sessions, workshops and special Conference activities.

In addition to thanking the many IAEA member volunteers and Student Assistants who insured that the Conference ran smoothly, a special shout out goes to the volunteer chairs who invested extra time and effort:

Co-Coordinator **Becky Blaine & Pat Indovina**
On-Site Registration Coordinator **Jamie Willis**
IAEA Student Scholarship Raffle **Kimberly Butts, assisted by Mary Ellen Bebbler**
Gently Used Books and Media Sale **Anna Marie Coveny & Deb Pfohl**
Student Show and Reception **Eryn Blaser & Venessa Hardy**
IAEA Member Show **Evan Plummer**
Advocacy Roundtable **Eryn Blaser & Chris Sykora**
Youth Art Month **Greg Petecki**
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A special thanks goes to the Conference Team members, including Conference Registrar Melissa Righter, Membership Coordinator Colette Rinn, and AV Coordinator Nick Hostert. To our session and workshop presenters, and our guest speakers Cindy Todd, Michael Barnes and Richard Frankenfeld – thanks for your special contributions to the Conference. And to our vendors, vendor presenters and Conference donors – thank you for making our Conference possible.

If you would like to help with the 2016 IAEA Conference, please contact the 2016 Conference Coordinators Jen Baker, Melissa Righter and Eryn Blaser at: conference@ilaia.org

The Registration table was a hub of activity at the Conference. Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy.



Thank You

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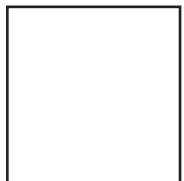
Illinois Arts Education Week Poster Design Contest

by Becky Blaine

Three high school students who received place awards in the 2015 Illinois Arts Education Week poster contest were recognized at the Student Show Reception during the IAEA Conference. The three 2015 Arts Week poster contest students who received place awards are:

- **Jessa Mae Mendiola** (Hinsdale South High School in Darien)
- **Jeremiah Yang** (Glenbrook South High School in Glenview)
- **Becca Timko** (Hinsdale South High School in Darien)

Jessa's work received a first place designation and was selected to be the cover of the 2015 Arts Education Week poster that was distributed to all schools in Illinois this past spring. Jeremiah was awarded 2nd place and Becca was awarded 3rd place. Jessa and Becca were students of Jen Belmonte at Hinsdale South High School. Jeremiah was an independent entry.



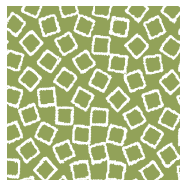
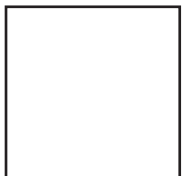
Jessa had this to say about her poster design:

"My art piece contains all the elements of art: music, dance, fine arts and theater. I wanted to humanize art by showing that humanity is capable of doing many forms of art if they so wish. I also wanted to show that art is not bound to time because the arts and the artists themselves can live on after they have died."



2016 Poster Contest

The Illinois State Board of Education has organized and run the Arts Week poster contest for over thirty years, with support from the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education and the Illinois Art Education Association. The state poster celebrates the arts in education in Illinois and features many arts education resources on the backside of the poster. For the 2016 poster contest, teachers of elementary and middle school students are invited to submit their artwork this fall for consideration for the 2016 state poster. The 2016 poster theme is "There is Magic in the Arts". The 2017 contest will be open to high school students. For questions about the poster contest, contact Cornelia Powell at the Illinois State Board of Education at: cpowell@isbe.net.



Top Right: Jessa Mae Mendiola, first place

Center: Jeremiah Yang, second place

Bottom Right: Becca Timko, third place





YOUTH ART MONTH™

The Power of Art

What are you doing for YAM this year?



The IAEA is a proud supporter of Youth Art Month (YAM) and is excited to announce this year's poster/flag theme, The Power of Art. All work will be due January 4, 2016 and will be submitted digitally via the IAEA YAM webpage: <http://ilaea.org/programs-events/yam/>

The winner of the poster competition will receive a free trip, sponsored by Sargent Art, to New York City. The trip is an all-expense paid trip for the winning student, one parent and art teacher. The winning image will also be made into a

flag which will be displayed at the National Art Education Association's Conference in Chicago. So teachers, start creating those "Power of Art" themed lesson plans!

Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage public support for quality school art programs throughout each state. Established in 1961, YAM provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are not possible in other subjects. The Council for Art Education (CFAE), a sponsor of Youth Art Month realizes that a comprehensive Art Education Program develops self-esteem, appreciation of the work of others, self-expression, cooperation with others, and critical thinking skills. All of these skills are vital to the success of our future leaders – our children.

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The IAEA conference rate will be \$105.00/night plus tax. This special rate includes internet access and parking in the adjacent garage. These benefits of your hotel reservation are valued at \$20.00 per 24-hour time block.

The conference planning team has been working with the Marriott staff and our partners in the School of Art at ISU and community to bring you an inspiring, information and content-rich conference! We will have access to the new University Galleries, which are literally 2 minutes from the hotel. We are also planning to use the Normal Theater for some presentations. The Theater shares a common wall with the Convention Center and is just steps away from the Conference registration desk. And we will have use of studio space in the nearby School of Art for hands-on workshops. Additional off-site and nearby venues in Normal and Bloomington will complement the well-equipped and spacious Convention Center meeting rooms.

More information about the 2016 conference will be published in the winter and spring *Mosaic* issues. To help you plan ahead for conference and IAEA program deadlines, make note of these dates:

- If you would like to present a session or workshop – the conference proposal form will be posted on the IAEA website early in 2016, and it will be due March 1, 2016.
- If you are submitting a nomination form for a 2016 IAEA award for a colleague or organization, the deadline to submit the online nomination form is December 15, 2015. Documentation materials will be due in the spring. Grant and scholarship applications will be due in May.
- Information about guest room reservations at the Normal Marriott and conference planning information will be posted on the IAEA website, announced in Bits and Pieces and published in the winter and spring *Mosaics*.

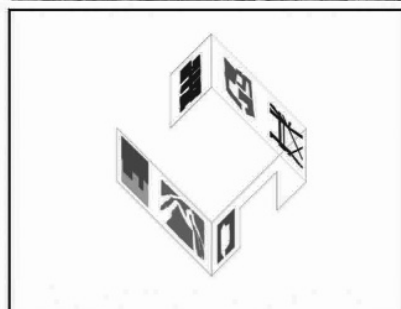
- If your IAEA membership is due for renewal in the winter or spring months, go to the membership page on the website to renew when your date is up. Please note that IAEA membership is not aligned with NAEA membership, and the memberships are paid separately to each association. You must be a current member of NAEA to volunteer during the NAEA convention in March. More information about the NAEA convention will be posted over the winter on the IAEA website and in Bits and Pieces.
- Remember to check deadlines for the IAEA Student Show and enter your students' work. The deadline for elementary and middle school teachers to submit artwork for the Arts Education Week poster contest is December 8, 2015. Information about the poster contest is in this Conference program book.
- Start working now on artwork for the 2016 IAEA Artisan Gallery and the IAEA Student Scholarship Raffle tables. This is also a good time to start preparing your Art to Go bags for next year, and to round up those gently used books and media materials for the sale tables.



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> **Today's** economic climate makes getting approval and support to attend conferences and conventions more challenging than ever. As a professional art educator, you provide students with critical 21st-century skills that are essential to student achievement and success. Staying on top of emerging research and practices within the field is more important than ever.

> **To secure support from your principal or supervisor**, it's important to show how your participation in the NAEA National Convention relates directly to the objectives within your school learning community and contributes to your professional development.

> **Do more than ask for approval**—consider submitting a more formal request that demonstrates how your participation directly relates to the strategies and objectives of your school. Articulate the value of your continued professional learning that benefits your students, your school, and your own professional growth.

> **Download the Encouragement Letter** from NAEA Executive Director, Deborah B. Reeve, EdD to include with your request.

DETAILS

When: March 17-19, 2016

Where: McCormick Place
Convention Center and Hilton Chicago

How: Download the registration form or register online:* www.arteducators.org

Stay: Book discounted accommodations at www.arteducators.org

Registration Fees:

EARLYBIRD RATES Before Feb. 18	ONSITE RATES After Feb. 18
Active: \$165	Active: \$195
Spouse: \$120	Spouse: \$150
Student: \$105	Student: \$125
Retiree: \$120	Retiree: \$150
Non Member: \$225	Non Member: \$255

Articulate the Need!

The following are several quick tips for articulating the need for continued professional development that benefits your students and your entire school community:

1. Write down 3-5 of the most important goals and strategies being addressed in your school today—what is the primary focus?
2. Think about how you contribute to those goals and strategies. How does your work as a visual arts educator advance student learning and the mission of your school? Make a list of the contributions made to your school's goals and strategies through the visual arts program.

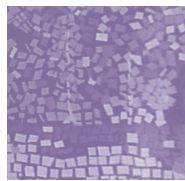
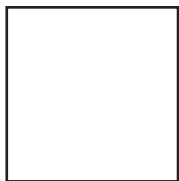
3. Review the Convention schedule to better understand how the 2016 theme, *Lead! Share Your Vision For Art Education*, and featured keynote speakers, artists, and workshops on emerging research, knowledge, and technologies will support your school and district goals. Identify the sessions you plan to attend and make note of the experts and others whom you would like to meet while there.

4. Create a compelling case for how participating in the NAEA National Convention and learning from researchers and scholars in the field will impact your teaching practice and benefit your students and school.

5. Provide a summary of the funding you will need, including Convention registration costs, travel, and housing.



*Online registration opens Fall, 2015.

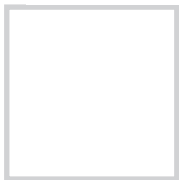


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Whereas, Art plays a significant and vital role in our culture, economy and the education of our children, it is the mission of the Illinois Art Education Association to provide leadership for the advancement of excellence in art education.

- Providing support, direction and advocacy for quality art education
- Providing professional development for the pursuit of knowledge, skills and content in the making and teaching of art
- Encouraging innovation, research and reform
- Networking within the arts and with other organizations
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RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP – AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR OUR MEMBERS

To all our members:

For many of you, your renewal date is September 30th. If you joined after that date, each of you will have a personal renewal date (one year from the date that you joined or renewed your membership).

With our new system now in place, the renewal process is a little different. You will receive a reminder e-mail letting you know that it is time to renew. You will not be able to renew until your membership ACTUALLY expires. At that time, simply LOG IN to the website using your user name and password. (The Log In button is in the upper left corner of the website). If you have forgotten your password, you will see a link where you can click to create a new password. If you have trouble, feel free to e-mail Colette Rinn at membership@ilaea.org and she can reset your password.

Once you are logged in, you can click on the Membership tab (located in the blue bar at the top) and go to "Check My Membership." This will tell you when your membership expires. When it is time to renew, scroll down to the next line under "Check My Membership" – "Register/Renew Membership." Click on the blue words "Subscriptions Page." The page that comes up should allow you to renew with ease.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Colette Rinn at membership@ilaea.org or colet-terinn@att.net or by phone at 708.751.3109.

Thank you for being a valued member of IAEA!