

# PERSPECTIVES



## Alabama Art Education Association

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## President's Message



What a ride this year has been! But we are in the home stretch! Most of us are recovering from prepping for our massive art shows - for those with one still on the horizon, I'm sending up all of the positive thoughts and good vibes I can possibly send out!!!! I have loved seeing all of the pictures!

I want to encourage you to **consider serving on the board in some capacity**. Amanda Youngblood is our President-Elect and will be looking for people to fill positions. The terms are 2 years and won't even begin until January 2024...give it some thought and let us know if you are interested.

The National Art Conference took place last month in San Antonio, TX where we got to celebrate Tammie Bruton Clark, our 2022 Art Educator of the Year, who was selected to receive the Southeastern Region Art Educator of the Year Award! If you have never been to a national conference I would highly recommend it! It is a great way to rejuvenate even the most tired teacher. **Next year's conference will be help in Minneapolis, MN** so stay tuned for registration rates & deadlines on the NAEA website.

**Our next state conference will be in Dothan** and Brook McGinnis is the conference chair. There will be an opportunity for a juried Art Educator Art Show that will hang at the Wiregrass Museum for the month of October. **The call for presenters has gone out and I encourage you to consider**

**presenting**...we need workshops and lectures for everything under the sun. If you have been around for a while please share your knowledge, if you are new we would love to learn some new stuff from you!! Don't be shy...it's fun!

We will be celebrating 100 years of being an Art Organization so the conference will be lit (as the kids say)! If you haven't joined us on **Facebook Live we are doing monthly art making** on the Alabama Art Teacher page!! Amanda Youngblood, Sarah Caroline Padgett, Tammie Clark, Rebecca Wall, Tricia Oliver, and Shelbye Reese have all led sessions (*check out links to their live videos below*)! **I'm still looking for teachers so let me know if you are interested...**can be any level or personal art for us!

May 21 - TBD  
June 11 - TBD

Please remember, the board works for YOU! If you are needing ANYTHING please reach out to any board member. No one in this organization should be an island...if anything we are the Keys...an all inclusive body of lesson plans, classroom management and ideas to share. Thank you to all our board members for your willingness to serve in a leadership capacity!

**Summer is on the horizon!**

*Creatively Yours,*

**Mary Jane Coker**

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Let's celebrate the end of the school year with an..

## Art Educator Get Together

Tuesday, May 9th  
Taco Mama  
Trace Crossings  
5:00PM



Alabama Art  
Education Association

## Save The Date(s)!

### BIRMINGHAM AREA:

Please join us for an Art Educator Get Together on May 9 at 5:00 at Taco Mama in Trace Crossings.

Also, please fill out this [survey](#) so we can best serve your needs this summer.



## NORTH AL MINI CONFERENCE

**WHO:** ALL ART EDUCATORS WELCOME!  
**WHAT:** 5 ENGAGING HANDS ON SESSIONS  
**WHEN:** JUNE 1ST 8:30-4:00  
**WHERE:** ACA IN DECATUR  
**HOW MUCH?** FREE FOR MEMBERS \$25 FOR  
NON-MEMBERS  
**LIMIT 20 PEOPLE**

## Registration is open for the North Alabama Mini Conference!

Scroll WAY down on this s'more for session details and registration link. Free for AAEA Members and \$25 for non-AAEA members. Payment will be collected on site. Please bring cash or a check made out to AAEA.

If you don't have a PowerSchool account **contact Ashley Sams!**

**REGISTER TODAY**

**TAMMIE CLARK AWARDED**

**DEADLINES**

# SOUTHEASTERN REGION ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR!



Read all about Tammie's art education journey and what earned her this top honor. Congrats Tammie!

[Read More!](#)

## JOIN THE SOCIAL CONVERSATION!



We have a lot happening on our social media outlets so if you aren't following us, you are missing out! In addition to the social platforms linked at the bottom of this newsletter, we also encourage you to join the Alabama Art Teachers group on Facebook where you can network with art educators across the state, share lessons ideas, ask questions, share your personal art, and refuel your ArtEd tank.

**EXTENDED! Don't  
Miss It!**

AAEA Fall Conference 2023  
Dothan

## TRANSFORM. REFLECT. SHINE!

Call for presentations!  
It's YOUR turn to SHINE!

Deadline: Monday, April 10



[Click HERE](#) to submit your conference session proposal!  
Deadline extended to May 27!

ALABAMA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
CALL FOR  
AWARD NOMINATIONS

# 2023

DUE APRIL 30, 2023



[Click HERE](#) to submit your Award Nominations - deadline extended to May 14!

## NEED INSPIRATION? Rewatch the past AAEA Lives using the links below:

[Manuel Paz Cardboard Dog/Cat with Tammie Clark](#)

[Creating Zines with Sarah Caroline Padgett](#)

[Embroidered Photos with Tricia Oliver](#)

[Korean Hanbok Collage with Rebecca Wall](#)

[Neurographic Art with Amanda](#)



### Alabama Art Teachers

Private group · 504 members



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About  
Welcome to Alabama Art Teachers, where we are building a more supportive, collaborative visual art education community in Alabama.

**Join the Alabama Art Teachers FB Group!**

## VISUAL ART COMPETITION of ALABAMA - winners Announced and Online Exhibit now LIVE!

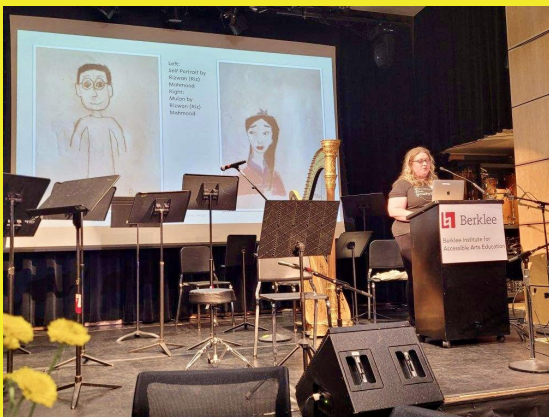


Announcing the winners of the 2022-2023 Virtual Art Competition of Alabama, a juried online art competition. The competition was open to all students K-12 in public or private schools of AAEA member teachers. This was a beautiful opportunity for our students to have their work showcased at this year's NAEA conference in San Antonio, TX and on the Alabama Art Education Association website.

The goal of the Virtual Art Competition of Alabama is to promote the work of our students from across the state in a central and easily

accessible location for all. Through the VACA website, students and guardians will be able to view their own children's work and the creation of their peers.

**View the 2022-23 Gallery of Artworks and Winners!**



### **BROOK MCGINNIS PRESENTS AT ABLE ASSEMBLY in BOSTON, MA**

At the recent **ABLE Assembly [Arts Better the Lives of Everyone] 2023 Conference**, hosted by the Berklee Institute for Accessible Arts Education at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA Brook McGinnis gave a presentation entitled **"What you CAN do! Creating Art with Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors."** The presentation highlighted the museum's partnership with the Alabama Head Injury Foundation and her work creating art with survivors of traumatic brain injuries. The Wiregrass Museum of

Art (WMA) and the Alabama Head Injury Foundation (AHIF) have been in a partnership for over 3 years, providing regular art activities to traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors and their caretakers. She also walked attendees through a sample art activity using simple everyday supplies chosen especially for her TBI artists, whose long term symptoms run the gamut from cognitive disorders to motor skills issues. Brooks explains, "So much focus has been on what TBI survivors cannot do after their injury that it consumes their self-image. **Art opens their eyes to just what they CAN do!**" Thank you for

# ART SHOW HIGHLIGHTS from around the state

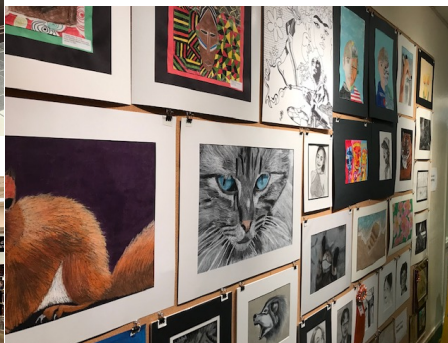
**Auburn City Schools District Show**



**State Superintendent's Show in Montgomery**



**VAAP District 4B Student Art Show & Workshops at University of Montevallo**



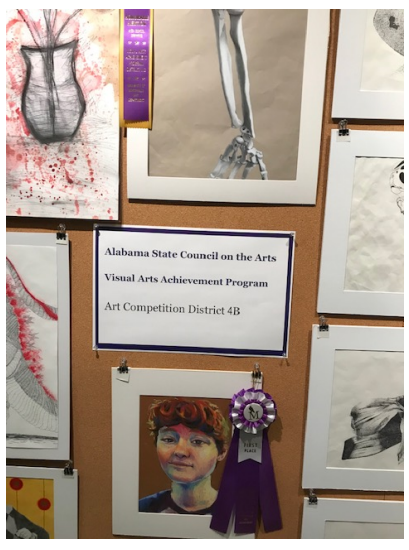
**Trojan Art Day 2023 Student Art Show & Workshops at Troy University**



**AISA State Art Competition**



**VAAP District 4A Student Art Show  
& Artist Talk at Birmingham  
Museum of Art**



**Specials Showcase Gallery Hunt at  
Edgewood Elementary in  
Homewood**

**Tuscaloosa County Fine Arts  
Showcase**





*“Why do I need to start a NAHS Chapter?”*

Where do I start? There are so many reasons to start a chapter! **Here are a few of the reasons I did! TWICE!**

- 1. ADVOCACY!** How many times does an art teacher hear this? “Oh it must be so fun to play with paint all day! You may hear me say, “They call it ArtWORK not ArtEASY!” at least weekly to fellow teachers and students. I feel that an Art Honor Society helps validate all that we do in my program.
- 2. OPPORTUNITIES!** NAHS members enjoy the opportunities to participate in exclusive exhibitions and may submit to the NAHS publications as well.
- 3. SCHOLARSHIPS!** Were you aware that there are art scholarships available exclusively to NAHS members?
- 4. LEADERSHIP!** By acknowledging NAHS members, fellow students are able to not only applaud the success of their friends but also be inspired to reach that goal themselves. I will share a personal example of this....After one of our school’s NAHS Tapping ceremony at the end of our church service in front of the whole school, upon returning to my classroom I found a post-it note on my computer. It read, “I have a new goal....I want to be inducted into the NAHS before I graduate.” One of my freshman art students wrote it. I am



**The Wetumpka Impact Crater Commission** would like to share our upcoming artist opportunities with you and we would love for you to participate!

- 1 Call for Sculpture Proposals
- 2 Adult Crater Art Contest & Exhibit
- 3 K-12th Grade Student Crater Art Contest & Exhibit

Artists are invited to create artwork related to the Wetumpka Impact Crater and Cretaceous Period.

-Including: Meteor Impact, the Crater, Impact Effects to Life & Landscape, Dinosaurs, Pterosaurs, Birds, Insects, small Rodents, small Mammals, giant Marine Reptiles, Sharks, Fish, Turtles, Invertebrates (many forms such as: Ammonites, Belemnites, Mollusks, Jellyfish, Corals, Crustaceans, Echinoderms, Gastropods, Brachiopods, Pelecypods), Ferns, Palms, Cycads, Conifers, and Angiosperms (Flowering Plants).

**Complete details and information about these upcoming art opportunities can be found on our website:**  
<https://www.wetumpkacraterart.org>

You will find tons of art ideas, facts, art from past exhibits and inspiration.

Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing your creations!

pleased to say that she attained that goal! The note is now on the wall next to my desk to remind me of how important it is to provide as many opportunities I can for my art students.

***Are you sold yet?*** It is really easy to do! I am here to help you! Contact me if you have any questions at [aaeanahsrep@gmail.com](mailto:aaeanahsrep@gmail.com)

*Let us get this conversation started! You can also start a NJAHS for Middle School*

**Felicia Olds**

*AAEA National Art Honor Society Chair*



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