

PERSPECTIVES



Alabama Art Education Association

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President's Message



I hope this newsletter finds you relaxing on the beach, lounging by the pool or napping on the couch! Remember our goal this year is to TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES! We cannot pour all we have into others if we don't fill ourselves up first!!

The AAEA board met in June to reflect on the past and plan for the upcoming year. Each region will have workshops throughout the school year for fun, fellowship and learning new lessons to take back to our classrooms. In the next few months you will begin to hear about opportunities to celebrate our Centennial, AAEA in some form was established in 1923 and we are ready to celebrate Art Education in

Alabama. Sadly, arts classes across the state are being cut due to low enrollment and monies. This year we are going to focus our advocacy efforts on our politicians who can make a change and funnel money into the arts. We have to help them realize that if art is considered a core class then they need to fund it on all levels.

If you are looking for grants please visit arts.alabama.gov/apply, Kaci Norman (board member) has a large amount of money to award for grants but needs more applicants. Make sure that you are in contact with your district supervisor for the State Grants, applications usually are emailed to the BOE in late August/early Sept. with a deadline of October.

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. Fall Conference is set for October 19th & 20th...yes that is Thursday and Friday. We want you to have the weekends for family, yes we are aware that there is a sub shortage but if we don't put ourselves first then no one will **#aaealoveyourselfmore!** Please check your email and submit a proposal for presentation...the theme is "Back to Our Roots" so really anything goes except something tech heavy. We will be at Camp McDowell so technology is a struggle.

Our NEW website went through a revamp is now LOVE and ready to go! Please check FB/Instagram regularly for updated information and the Alabama Art Teacher page for exciting live events coming soon!

Remember, we want to hear what is going on in your classroom, in your district! ALL AAEA members are encouraged to write articles for our newsletter Perspectives, send your submissions to aaenewsletter796@gmail.com.

I would like to welcome new board members **Aprill Jones**/Mentor/Advocacy and **Daniel Vann**/ED&!! Please remember, the board works for YOU! We have many new faces on the board and with that will

be fresh changes and new ideas that come from new board members. Thank you to all our board members for your willingness to serve in a leadership capacity! If you are ever interested in leadership within AAEA, please contact me, I would love to talk to you! Thank you in advance for the opportunity to serve you as president of AAEA!

Creatively Yours,

Mary Jane Coker

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Registration for the Fall Conference at Camp McDowell is coming soon! Here is a link to the website for registration, accommodations, and workshop proposals. Questions? Email [the Conference Chair here!](mailto:theconferencechair@aaea.org)

[CONFERENCE WEBSITE](#)

Scholarships are available to assist with the cost of registration. Deadline is September 16. Click on the links below to apply:

- [First Year Art Educator Scholarship Application](#)
- [University/College Student Scholarship Application](#)

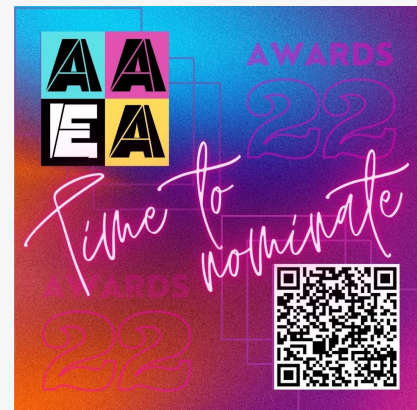
JOIN THE SOCIAL CONVERSATION!



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.



[Click Here to Submit Your Proposal by July 29](#)



Please take a moment to nominate a deserving Art Educator for one of the 2022 AAEA Awards! We will announce the winners at the Fall Conference October 19-21.

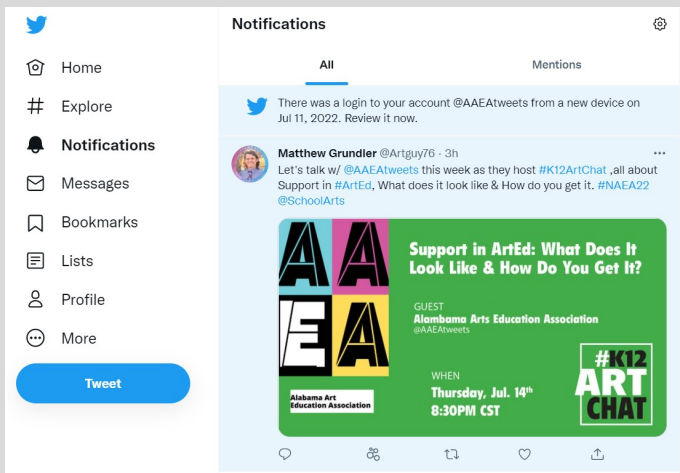
The categories are:

- Elementary Art Educator of the Year
- Middle School Art Educator of the Year
- Secondary Art Educator of the Year
- Museum Art Educator of



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CALLING TWITTER USERS!



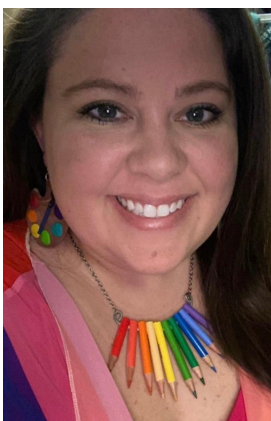
@AAEAtweets was recently invited to host the **#K12ArtChat** on Twitter. If you have never participated, this is a weekly "live" chat through Twitter tweets & retweets hosted by **@CreativityDepartment** - a husband and wife art ed dynamic duo based in Plano, TX. Even if you missed the AAEA take-over, you can keep coming back for more thoughtful conversations every Thursday at 8:30PM CST!

- the Year
- Higher Education Art Educator of the Year
- Alabama Art Educator of the Year
- Supervision /Administration Award
- Retired/Emeritus Art Educator of the Year
- New Professional Art Educator of the Year
- Pre-Service Art Educator of the Year
- Rising Stars Award for Outstanding Secondary Art Student interested in Art Education
- Outstanding Service Outside the Profession Award
- The Mac Arthur Goodwin Award for Distinguished Service within the Profession
- Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award

[Descriptions and rubrics for the national awards can be found HERE.](#)

Click Here To Nominate by August 1

AAEA ACCOLADES and WOW! NEWS



From Amanda Knight: This summer I was fortunate to be asked to be a facilitator for the Visual Arts part of Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts. We had a group of about 20 educators which included high school math, science; as well as elementary gifted, reading specialist, homeroom teachers and a few visual arts teachers. Some of our teachers are at schools with no art, music, etc. in their school, so I feel it was very important for them to soak in what they could while at the Professional Development sessions. We gathered in Montgomery for 4 days. The first day, our director introduced the elements, principles, and the four components to art education. For the next two days, we focused on artists, styles of art and how general education teachers could use visual arts in their classroom. As we did this, we created art that went along with each lesson. The last day, each discipline of the arts got to rotate to the others. Our teachers rotated to dance, theatre, music and

back to visual arts. While in visual arts we did a collaborative lesson showing teachers how they could include group art projects in their lessons.

My hope is that we showed teachers how to create opportunities for their classrooms to include the visual arts.



Thanks to a DEKKO grant, Leah Pierce was able to do a black light art show at two Athens City elementary schools. Take a look at these spectacular photos of the student work at Spark Academy at Cowart and Heart Academy at Julian Newman. One was rainforest themed, the other was ocean themed.

Pierce says one show was rainforest themed while the other was ocean themed. You can follow along with her Art Ed journey and see more great work on Twitter @leahcp1 - go give her a follow!

SAIL [Sustaining Artful Instruction & Learning] 2021 & 2022 UPDATES



SAIL is designed to provide valuable training and resources for everyone:

- PreK-12 classroom teachers
- Arts Specialists
- Community Arts leaders
- Administrators
- Arts Advocates

The Alabama Arts Alliance had to make the difficult decision to make their 2022 summer workshops virtual again this year. The good news is that SAIL 2021 is still available online - for more information, go to <https://buff.ly/3xEtg5k>

Registration for the 2022 SAIL Virtual Workshop is now available here: <https://buff.ly/3tLHOyl> but HURRY! Early Bird registration ends August 31!

SPRING ART SHOWS

We love seeing the fruits of your labor as you present your young artists' works for their family, teachers, and community to see. Here are a few photos from across the state:



Art Teacher: Amanda Faulkner-Barrett
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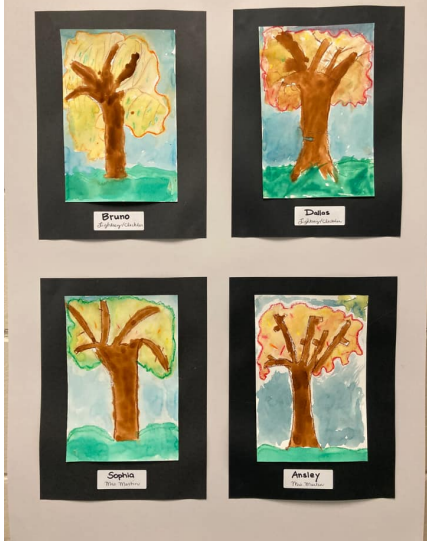
Art Teacher: April Jones
Spanish Fort High School
Senior Art display



Art Teacher: Mary Jane Coker
McAdory Elementary, McCalla
World Games Banner 2022



Art Teacher: Amanda Youngblood
St. Paul's Episcopal School, Mobile
Bay Area Art Educators Spring Show



Art Teacher: Julie Harrison
Clanton Elementary School



Art Teacher: Shelbye Reese
Heritage Christian Academy, McCalla
AISA State Art Show



Art Teacher: Karen Watkins
Hard Elementary School, Bessemer
Spring Art Show



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