

PERSPECTIVES



Alabama Art Education Association

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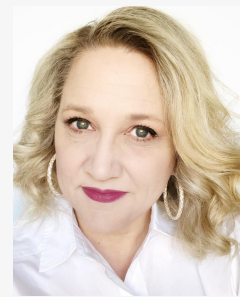


REGISTER TODAY!

This year's conference will be in **Mobile, Alabama, Friday and Saturday November 12 and 13!**

The theme is "Illuminate, Ignite, Excite!" with the purpose to re-engage and re-ignite our passion as art educators. To expand upon why we teach art and why the arts matter, we are excited to announce that the Instagram famous, Netflix 'star,' Expert Blogger, Art Educator Extraordinaire, Cassie Stephens, will be our guest speaker and presenter. [Click for more information about the conference including room blocks, registration, and a tentative schedule.](#)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



President's Message

Does anyone else hear these Dolly Parton lyrics in your head?

*"Here you come again
Just when I've begun to get myself
together"*

Well, I'm hoping we can all hang in there and continue to lift each other up. Surround yourself with people who will help you make it through the end of the day if you need it. We will get there.

Do you know who gives me energy and lifts my spirit? Amanda Youngblood. I've been getting weekly updates about the conference, and I'm here to tell you- SHE IS PUMPED! And she wants everyone to be as pumped as she is! She and her committee have worked tirelessly to create the best art teacher reunion ever with rockstar status keynote speakers like Cassie Stephens, Nancy Raia, and Ardith Goodwin! Plus, 101 other reasons to get on the road again and head to Mobile in November. We will have longer workshops, a pin exchange, art supply swap, beautiful ceramic tumblers made just for our 2021 conference- to name a few! Please be sure to pack something art-inspired (bright and colorful) to wear to dinner and the awards banquet!

Pin Exchange



AAEA Fall Conference
November 12 and 13
Mobile AL

Create as many pins or buttons as you like to participate in a Pin Exchange with fellow attendees. Attendees can peruse at any time during breakfast or lunch times to pick the pins they fancy! Must create pins to take pins. Again, make as many as you like. We are expecting around 120 folks, but if you can only make 10-15 pins that is totally fine!



Got any unused or unneeded art supplies in your classroom or studio? Did you retire and have some supplies or lessons to part with? Old art books? Lesson plans? Then please bring those to the Fall Conference, as we will have tables set up in the conference room at Spring Hill College for folks to meander by and take what appeals to them. **Your 'trash' could be someone else's everything.**

If you didn't know, a few years back, our fabulous past president Connie Deal created the President's Advocacy tagline of "Art is Key." I can remember making various mini works of art over the years that I took back and gave to my administrators as a thank you gift for supporting the arts. Recently, I ran into a former principal, and he mentioned still having that little gift. They remember those thank yous...just like we remember when people thank us for doing what we do. I will be continuing the tradition with an advocacy table at the conference where you will be able to stop by and make a miniature work of art to remind your administrator that "Art is Key" in our schools!

So make a plan not to miss this one! It's super special for me. I can't wait to have you in the town where my Daddy took me with curly hair or pigtails to the art store to buy art supplies because he knew it filled my soul. The place that started my journey to become an art teacher.... Mobile. See you soon!

Gratefully,

Tricia Oliver
President AAEA 2020-2022
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The JefCoEd Art Bus is ready to roll! In a previous edition of the AAEA Perspectives Newsletter, we shared the back story and blog for this amazing creation so that you could follow along on the journey. In July, key stakeholders held a ribbon cutting and the Art Bus facilitators poured through rigorous training and PD to prepare for the official launch. [Read more about it HERE.](#)

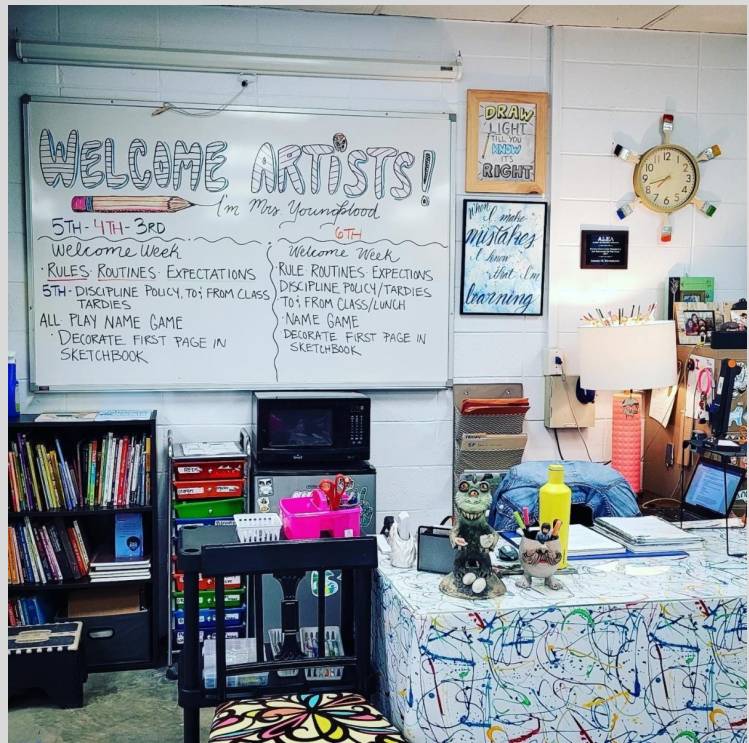


LoDA Art Walk
Saturday Nov. 12

BACK TO SCHOOL CLASSROOM PICS!



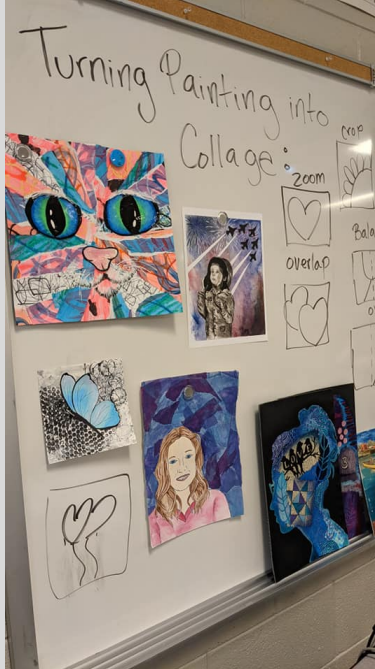
Pinson Elementary School



St. Paul's Episcopal School (Mobile)



Decatur City Schools



Liberty Park Middle School
(Vestavia)



Pizitz Middle School (Vestavia)



Auburn High School

MMFA

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts will be hosting Art Ed Central the second Tuesday of every month during the school year beginning in October at 5PM. This monthly professional development workshop will feature a short tour of an exhibition and an art-making lesson with a guest artist. A light meal will be provided. This workshop is FREE

to active AAEA members just contact Kaci Norman at knorman@mmfa.org or 334.625.4363 for discount code.



We need your input! Two easy ways to help build the Arts Ed community:

1. *From The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts:* "I would love for anyone to share with me stories from your career that made you realize you were doing the right thing at the right time. With your permission I will choose some to be part of the conference presentation I am preparing for. Feel free to share images, videos or anything you would like. This is purely just a way to remind other educators why we do what we do after such a trying year and a half- and to give motivation to continue on! Send your stories to knorman@mmfa.org or find me on FB!"
2. *Have you read a book, listened to a podcast, or seen a video that opened your eyes to addressing Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in your life and classroom? **Help us build a library of resources for all Alabama Art Educators by adding your finds to this Google Sheet.*** There are three pages - one for books, one for podcasts, and one for videos. Thanks for sharing!



Have you noticed some of your art teacher friends changing their Facebook profile photos using the frame above? It is part of an Advocacy initiative we launched this summer. We all have a story and AAEA wants to hear yours! **Regardless of your profession, how have the arts enriched your life? What about your family members, friends, and colleagues?**

Share your art story on social media with the hashtag #AlabamaArtStories so we can celebrate YOUR story! Watch the video below to learn how to add the #AlabamaArtStories frame to your profile picture. [Click here to learn how!](#)



NAEA Webinar - Maximizing Your Virtual, Hybrid, and Face-to-Face Classroom Management

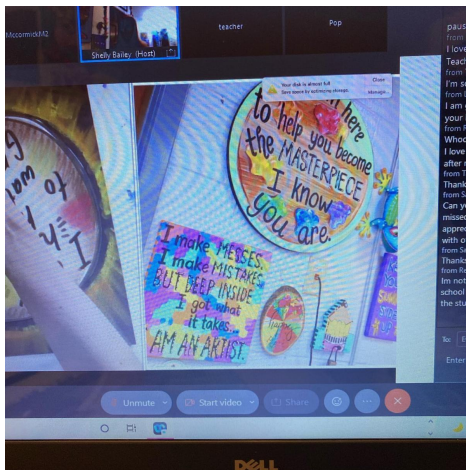
FREE for NAEA members, \$49 for non-members
Wednesday September 1, 7-8pm EST

[Click Here to Register](#)



SPRING/SUMMER PD

Summer was no time to rest for these dedicated Art Educators! Here are some highlights from various summer PD throughout the state of Alabama.



Jefferson County Board of Education treated teachers nationwide to a great workshop with **Cassie Stephens!** Discovering your why and printmaking techniques! We had 200 teachers registered from all over the United States. Missouri, Michigan, Texas, California, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama just off the top of my head. We love being able to share the

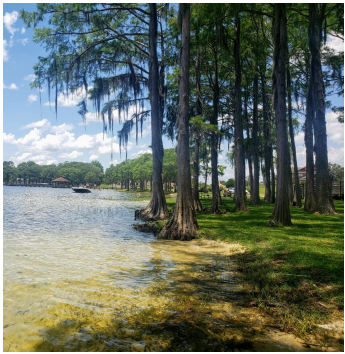


Teachers from nine systems in central Alabama met for a one-day, face-to-face PD sponsored by AAEA at the **Shelby County Arts Council in Columbiana on April 8th.** We had a very casual and enjoyable day! Teachers from the elementary (Melissa McMurray, Alabaster City, Meadow View Elem.), middle (Carla Keathley, Shelby

arts and educate. Keeping our world small is so important.

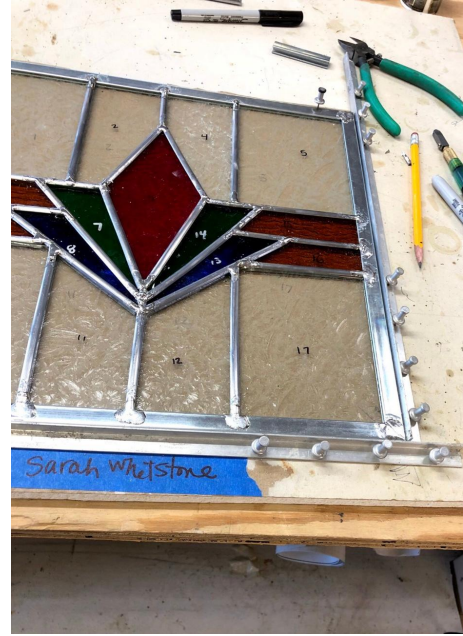
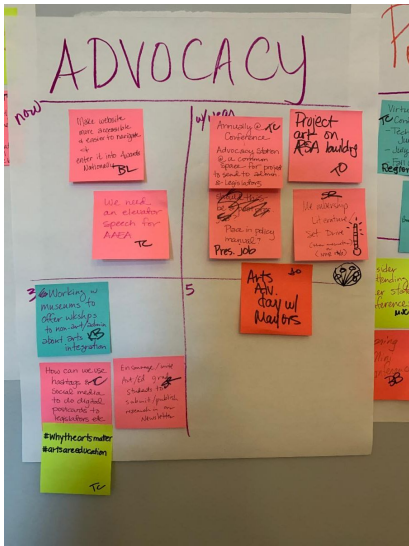


In picturesque Florala, your AAEA Board gathered to create, share, learn, brainstorm, and recommit ourselves to making the Alabama Art Education Association the best it can be! Many deep conversations, personal reflection, and creative problem solving gave all of us the energy we needed to begin the school year strong and bring our "A" game to the fall conference and beyond.

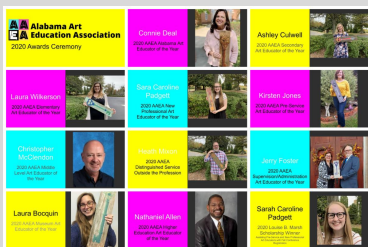


County, Columbiana Mid.) and high school (Chandler Foushee, Chilton County, Jemison High) levels each presented several lessons. Alabaster sculptor Nelson Grice treated us to an iron pour and educated us as to the process and technique, assisted by Hank Simpson and Stan Copeland. UAB Professor of Drawing and Painting Gary Chapman shared his and his students' mark-making work in charcoal. We were also visited by the UAB Institute for Arts in Medicine Director Kimberly Kirklin, along with Visual Artist Helen Taylor, who described their interaction with patients, caregivers, and clinical staff while administering the healing power of the arts. We viewed the excellent 2021 High School Juried Art Exhibit in the EBSCO Fine Arts Gallery at the Arts Center. Special thanks to our hosts Bruce Andrews and Benny Ndalima at the SCAC. We all agreed it would be fun to make this PD an annual event!





Sarah Whetstone, elementary art teacher with Huntsville City Schools, attended the Huntsville Stained Glass workshop with Mr. Terry Alexander huntsvillestainedglass.com. What a gorgeous creation!



Have you been inspired by a colleague this year? One of the best ways to thank them for all they've done for you and for the field of art education is to nominate them for one of

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Student Exhibition- Call for Entries

Turn of Phrase: Words and Images by Student Artists

Exhibition Connection: Lesley Dill: Wilderness, Light Sizzles Around Me

Artwork Due: October 22, 2021 by 5PM

Exhibition Dates: October 30, 2021- January 23, 2022

Eligibility: Middle/High and College students

Project: Inspired by the Museum's larger exhibition of Lesley Dill's work titled, Wilderness: Light Sizzles Around Me, secondary students including college students are encouraged to submit works in a variety of media for the

the awards given at our Fall Conference. **Click here to fill out the nomination form!**
******deadline for nomination is September 26******

Artworks Gallery exhibition, Turn of Phrase: Words and Images by Student Artists. Drawing from Dill's works on view, the use of words, phrases should play a big role in the overall execution of the art works. Dill's exhibition will have figures, made from textiles, and other materials that symbolize figures in history who have had a personal impact of the artists life. She then uses their own words as armor on the figures to convey the power or language and symbolism. Student works should focus on the power of words as well as images to convey the title of the exhibit, Turn of Phrase which is defined as a way of expressing something, that stands out in some particular way.



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