

# PERSPECTIVES



## Alabama Art Education Association

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## President's Message



**We made it!!!!** Though your Winter break may have been full of things that NEED to be done, I hope you remembered 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!! Sleep a little extra, soak a little longer, exercise, eat, drink and visit with friends and family (or don't)...school, students and lesson plans can wait until workdays in January.

As I head into my 2nd year of Presidency **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 is set for April.** If you have never been I would highly recommend it! It is a great way to rejuvenate even the most tired teacher. Registration can be found on the NAEA website. Speaking of Conference...what a great fall conference we had at Camp McDowell!!! Thank you Brooklyn Scoggins and committee for an amazing two days and thank you to all who presented! **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, more

information coming soon.

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 and Tammie Clark have all led sessions! **Here is the schedule and who will be teaching**...I'm still looking for teachers so let me know if you are interested...can be any level or personal art for us!

**January 15** - Rebecca Wall

**February 12** - Tricia Oliver

**March 19** - Shelbye Reese

**April 16** - TBD

**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!

I hope you have had a restful winter break, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hannakuh...

*Creatively Yours,*

**Mary Jane Coker**

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## Save The Date(s)!

### BIRMINGHAM AREA:

**Wednesday, January 4th 3:30-4:30** , we will share ideas on preparing for an art show at Pelham Oaks Elementary. Please bring your ideas to this. We will all get an opportunity to share how we host art shows.

**February-** Laura Beale with Liberty Park Elementary will have an artist talk about clay, glaze and kiln advice, Date and time TBD \*this is subject to change based on artist's availability

**Friday, April 21** we will have two workshops and a gallery walk at Shelby County Arts Council from 9:00-3:00. The cost will be \$10 for AAEA members and \$50 for non-members (pricing is subject to change). This is an all day PD that will be during the school day so it shouldn't take away from your family time. Registration coming in the next couple months.

## FALL CONFERENCE RECAP



What better way to get “Back to Our Roots” than by spending a little time in nature. Deciding to have our annual fall conference at Camp McDowell was just what our art educators needed to relax and recharge. There is nothing like pow-wows by the campfire and a little tie dying to spark some inspiration in our personal and professional work.

This year, we had over 120 participants at the conference, with about 20 first time attendees or first year teachers. It’s an exciting time to welcome new educators to the profession and we hope you all continue to learn and grow with AAEA. The friendships and connections we make at conferences are reminiscent of those from summer camp when we were kids; we may only see each other once or twice a year, but it’s always great to get back and collaborate with those who truly “get” art educators.

We appreciate your attendance and support of AAEA. We hope you were able to benefit from the wide range of sessions and multiple opportunities to attend them, along with the digital access to the presentation information. I want to give a huge thank you to all the presenters, most of which offered to present their lessons twice throughout the weekend. A great deal of preparation and courage go into presenting. I also want to personally thank Mary Jane Coker and Sharon Christman for pushing me into this opportunity to serve in this capacity and for their support song the way. Mary Jane coordinated having our Guest Speaker, Lindsay Fincher, Miss Alabama and Sharon handled the treasury responsibilities. I'd also like to thank Sarah Caroline Padgett. She was my left hand woman and the other half of my brain.



Conference Chair addresses the attendees at Camp McDowell.



Workshop attendees flex their creative muscles!



Bookbinding workshop

She has great ideas and promise for the future of AAEA and was a huge asset to making the conference a hit. It truly takes a village, so a shout out to the board members who contributed to this year's conference.

We hope that you enjoyed the conference back at Camp McDowell for a second year and look forward to many more weekends there in the future. Next year's annual conference will be held in Dothan, Alabama in October as AAEA celebrates it's 100th anniversary. Be on the lookout for dates, registration and a call for presenters from Brooke McGinnis. Can't wait to create with you soon!

*Brooklyn Scoggins, Conference Chair*

## 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.



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



Guest Speaker Miss Alabama Lindsay Fincher speaks about the importance of Arts Education



## Award Winners

### Front row L-R:

Brooklyn Scoggins, President's Award; Tiffany Ala, President's Award; Shelly Bailey, Supervision /Administration Award; Tammie Clark, Alabama Art Educator of the Year; Nancy Raia, Agent of Change in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award; Ashley Sams, President's Award

### Back row L-R:

Mary Jane Coker, AAEA President; Tricia Oliver, AAEA Past President; Amanda Knight, Elementary Art Educator of the Year; Valerie Jones, Secondary Art Educator of the Year; Sally Chambliss, President's Award.

### Not pictured:

Higher Education Art Educator of the Year-Dr. Mary Soyulu  
Museum Art Educator of the Year-Angie King



Outstanding Service Outside the Profession Award- Carey Fountain

## ALABAMA ART EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - TAMMIE CLARK



Let us introduce you to the **2022/23 Alabama Art Educator of the Year, Mrs. Tammie Clark**. Tammie is a veteran teacher with 19 years of teaching experience. She currently teaches for Decatur City Schools at Oak Park and Frances Nungester Elementary. She is also a National Board Certified Teacher and holds a bachelors degree from University of Alabama in Clothing, Textiles, & Design as well as an MA in Art Education from Alabama A&M. Throughout her career, she has been active on both the state and national level, holding a variety of leadership positions and attending/presenting at conferences including 3 NAEA National Leadership Conferences and an impressive 10 National

Conventions. As an advocate for Arts Education, Tammie also co-wrote the Art Education Response to ALSDE Covid 19 Recovery Plan in March 2020 and was selected as the Decatur City Schools System Wide Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2016.

As a visual artist, Tammie says that collage is her medium of choice, specifically repurposed items and fibers. Her talents in this area recently earned her the title of "2022 Best In Show" at the Embracing Art Juried Art Show at the Carnegie Visual Arts Center. Tammie is an active participant in her local arts scene through personal work as well as student exhibitions and her lessons have been frequently published in *Arts & Activities Magazine*. When asked about her legacy as an art educator and member of the Alabama Art Education Association, Tammie remarked "I hope I'm remembered for enthusiasm, beginning the jump into the virtual world, and improved communication among the AAEA membership and board transitions." We are fortunate to have such a seasoned educator and robust leader working in our state and for the members of AAEA. Congratulations Tammie - a well deserved honor!



## PD, COMPETITION, & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



### Professional Development at the Wiregrass Museum of Art!

Earn CEUs for select studio classes AND through our asynchronous online class specifically designed for educators! This winter you can register for The Whole Nine Yarns, Pet Portraits, or Exploring Weaving and earn up to 3 CEUs while developing your creative side. See the class listings for more information.

You can also register for the self paced, fully online class, "Upcycled Art: Using Simple, Everyday Supplies to make AMAZING art!" developed with classroom teachers in mind. Earn 8 CEUs as you discover how to create art with materials you likely already have around your home and/or classroom! Create and learn with us!

**Instructor: Brook McGinnis**



### Grant Opportunities from the Alabama State Council on the Arts

**Curriculum-based Project Grants** (application open April 1, deadline for submissions is June 1)  
Classroom projects beginning October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024 directly related to ALCOS must be arts-first projects or arts-integration  
Requests: \$1,000-\$10,000 (**matching requirement waived for Title I schools**)

Notifications will be made first week of September, funds available after October 1st  
**\*\*Project grants have a second deadline** for projects beginning January 1, 2024-September 30, 2024 (application opens July 1, deadline for submissions is September 1).  
Notifications are made first week of December with funds available after January 1st



### VACA (Visual Arts Competition of Alabama)

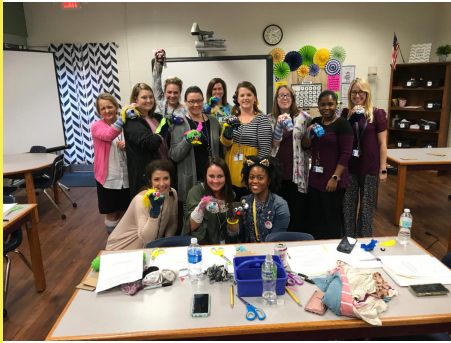
AAEA announces a call for student artwork for the **2022-2023 Virtual Art Competition of Alabama, a juried online art competition.** The competition is open to all students K-12 in public or private schools of AAEA member teachers. This is a beautiful opportunity for our students to have their work showcased at this year's NAEA conference in San Antonio, TX from April 13-15th and on the Alabama Art Education Association website.

Teachers can submit three entries per level, so you can submit up to 3 for each if you teach elementary and middle or middle and high. All mediums are accepted.

**VACA Prospectus**

**Dates for Upcycled Art: March 20 through May 22; 8 CEUs**  
**Registration Fee: \$30 members; \$40 not yet members**

For more information, contact Brook McGinnis, Education Director, at [brook@wiregrassmuseum.org](mailto:brook@wiregrassmuseum.org).



**Live Arts Learning Grants** (rolling deadlines, funds available until exhausted)

Grants ranging from small one-off performances by guest/teaching artists to robust artist-in-residency programs. Focused on bringing art experiences to the students or taking the students to the arts experiences. Must apply 4-6 weeks before planned experience. Artist-in-residence requires site visit.

Requests: \$500- \$5,000 (no matching requirement).

**NEW!! Administrative Grants** (same dates as project grants)

Schools can apply for funding to send their educators to arts-based professional development. This funding can be for any educator but it must be for arts-based training.

Requests: \$1,000-\$20,000

**Arts Educator**

**Fellowship** (application open January 1, deadline to submit is March 1)

Recognition for exceptional teaching: used to further the career of the arts educator, enhancing creativity, and the experiences of students.

Award: \$5,000 (notifications are made first week of June, funds available after October 1)

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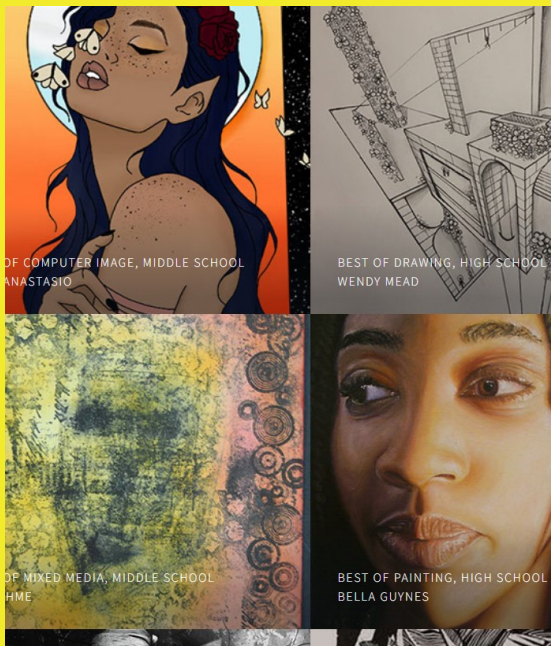
[Learn More about VACA](#)

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Our Grade Level Representatives want to stay connected - please take a moment to complete the contact form/survey below to help these hard working volunteers better plan for YOUR needs!

[Elementary Educators](#)

[Middle Grades Educators](#)



## VAAP - Visual Arts Achievement Program, sponsored by the Alabama State Council for the Arts

The Visual Arts Achievement Program provides local and state recognition for student achievement in the visual arts. The program is designed to offer encouragement to young artists, showcase their work and offer opportunities for advanced training beyond high school.

As an arts in education program, it awards students in grades 6 through 12 that are participating in arts programs within their academic institutions.

**Find your district below and email your coordinator by clicking on their name!**

**VAAP 2023 dates to remember:**

- January 2023 - Regional Competitions begin
- Late March 2023 - Winners from Regional competition move onto State

**District Coordinators:**

District 1 - [Sydney Cramer](#)  
 Baldwin Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington Counties

- April 1-29, 2023 - Exhibition of Regional Winners at the Georgine Clarke Alabama Artists' Gallery on view
- April 21, 2023 - Awards Ceremony and Reception in Montgomery, AL

[Learn more about VAAP](#)

[2021 Winners Gallery](#)

District 2 - **Kelly Berwager**

*Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Clay, Coffee, Coosa, Covington Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike, Russell, Randolph, and Tallapoosa Counties*

District 3 - **Shannon McCue**

*Bibb, Chilton, Choctaw, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo Perry, Pickens, Sumter Tuscaloosa and Wilcox Counties*

District 4A - **Shelby Reese**

*Bessemer, Birmingham, Calhoun County, Fairfield, Homewood, Jefferson County, Leeds, Midfield, Mountain Brook Pell City, Talladega County, Tarrant, Trussville and Walker County*

District 4B - **Misty Bennett**

*Hoover City, Shelby County and Vestavia Hills*

District 5 - **Laura E. Smith**

*Blount, Cherokee Cleburne, Colbert Cullman DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan St. Clair (Pell City see District 4a) and Winston Counties*



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