



# MIXED MEDIA

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*Happy*  
HOLIDAYS!

*Presque Isle High School student Piper Galipeau (grade 10) created this ornament for the National Christmas Tree Lighting in Washington, D.C. See page 3 to view more works from this celebration.*



## MESSAGE from the President

***Lisa Ingraham***

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### **Happy Holidays!**

Before leaving your schools for a well-deserved break to spend time with family and friends, please take a moment to appreciate everything you and your students have achieved during this first part of the year. Like me, you may feel exhausted, challenged, and intently focused on all of the ways you still need to improve your practice. (Anchor breath!)

Also like me, the times when you did not succeed may be the ones that stick with you as you try to problem-solve on behalf of all your students, even (especially!) over vacations.

I am going to challenge you (and myself!) to revel in all the times - big and small - you have gone above and beyond your job description in ways that aren't measured. You know the ones: For me it is the look on one of my first graders faces when I told him how much I love being his art teacher. I will also hold close another student who received a "Caught Thinking Like and Artist" card for awesome choices in the art room one day last year, and every time he gets on the bus at the end of the day tells me he still has it.

Enjoy your time off knowing that your students will be so happy to see you "next year."

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# National Tree Ceremony

Presque Isle Student Work Represents Maine in Washington D.C.

by ELLYN WHITTEN SMITH  
Art Teacher, Presque Isle High School



Jacob Bonville, Grade 12



Meaghann Collins, Grade 12

Presque Isle High School was approached to create ornaments representing Maine for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Washington DC. After reconvening from Harvest Break, students in Ellyn Whitten Smith's intro level

Sculpture class created 24 ornaments that highlighted their favorite parts about Maine. Using primarily oven-bake clay, found objects,

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and paint, the student-artists created assemblages depicting agriculture and food (potatoes, blueberries, broccoli, fiddleheads, Moxie and whoopie pies), wildlife (puffins, junebugs, chickadees, moose, bees,

brooktrout), folklore, a single lighthouse, past-times (camping, hot air ballooning) and also

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NATIONAL TREE LIGHTING *Continued from page 3*  
 nods to the author Stephen King and the iconic  
 LLBean boot. The students had so much fun that  
 they decided, with their teacher, to include this



Caroline Von Semkov, Grade 12

as part of the permanent Sculpture curriculum.  
 After the official ceremony lighting on December  
 5, works will be on display in President's Park  
 through the month of December.



Sierra Galipeau, Grade 12

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 winning (September-June)  
 newsletter of the MAEA.

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 MAEA, and shared on our website  
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### SHARE YOUR STORIES

Submissions for consideration can be  
 submitted to Lisa Ingraham  
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## *You are invited to* **MAEA Board Meetings**

*Join us at the MEA offices in Augusta or  
 virtually via Zoom online conferencing.*

### **2019-2020 Meeting Schedule**

**1.9.20, 2.13.20, 3.12.20, 4.9.20, May-By  
 Committee, and June-Summer Retreat**



# Items, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

## *Nominate an art teacher!*

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### **MAEA AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

#### **Nominations - January 3rd**

Know an art teacher that inspires? Consider nominating them for an MAEA Award. Nominations are due by the first Friday in January. It is incredibly easy to nominate a colleague in the categories of Elementary, Middle, High School Art Educator of the Year, Higher Ed Art Educator of the Year, Museum Educator of the Year, Retired Art Educator of the Year, Supervision/Administration Art Educator of the Year, and Student Art Educator of the Year. Nomination forms and more information can be found here:  
<http://www.aeforme.org/member-recognitions.html>

## *Exhibit and Volunteer!*

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### **MAEA MEMBER EXHIBITION Saco Museum of Art**

#### **January 27th - March 27th**

Time to start making some art for the MAEA member show at the Saco Museum of Art! Artwork will be on view from January 27th through March 27th. Drop off dates are Friday, January 24th and Saturday, January 25th. There will be a public reception on Saturday, February 1st from 1-3PM. And artwork pick up will be

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

To volunteer for drop off or pick up email Cameron Davis at [cdavis@acton.k12.me.us](mailto:cdavis@acton.k12.me.us). Suzanne Goulet has volunteered a central Maine satellite pickup location for artwork. Email her at [sgoulet@aos92.org](mailto:sgoulet@aos92.org) for more information.

### **MAEA YOUTH ART MONTH Portland Museum of Art**

#### **Public Reception - March 7th**

Registration will open for this student show on January 6th and close on February 4th. There will be a public reception on Saturday, March 7th. Drop off dates for artwork are Wednesday, February 5th from 3-5PM, Friday, February 7th from 3-5PM, and Saturday, February 8th from 11AM-3PM. And pick up dates are Wednesday, April 1st, Thursday, April 2nd from 9AM-5PM. Please contact Elise Pelletier with any questions or to volunteer for drop off and/or pick up:  
[epelletier@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:epelletier@scarboroughschools.org).

## *Regional Leadership*

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### **MAEA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE Ongoing**

If you are interested in exploring the idea of regional leadership for the Maine Art Education Association, please contact MAEA President, Lisa Ingraham [lisa.ingraham@msad59.org](mailto:lisa.ingraham@msad59.org). This is a new initiative of the MAEA with the goal of growing our membership and serving all our members around the state.

## *An Introduction*

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**JON GRAHAM**

**Maine DOE Elementary**

**Digital Learning Specialist**

Hello! My name is Jon Graham and I am the Maine Department of Education's new Elementary Digital Learning Specialist. I am looking to connect with and highlight PreK-5 art teachers who are doing innovative and interesting work with technology. You don't need to be Tricia Fuglestad, but if your students work in digital formats, design 3D printed art or you have a colleague who does such work – I'd love to know about it. I am also working within the Department to explore how schools and teachers are communicating with and engaging parents through school websites and social media. I am curious if there are some elementary art teachers out there who are sharing student work through Instagram in particular. I look forward to hearing from Maine art teachers – [jonathan.m.graham@maine.gov](mailto:jonathan.m.graham@maine.gov)

## *An Invitation*

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**SHARE YOUR HOORAYS**

**with MAEA PR Chair Lynda Leonas**

MAEA President-Elect, Lynda Leonas would like to hear about all the exciting news from your visual arts program. As Public Relations Chair, she has recently filed press releases for two of our members in their local papers to assist those members' efforts and to promote the MAEA's mission statewide. Contact her via email at [leonas@auburnschl.edu](mailto:leonas@auburnschl.edu).

### *The Center for Maine Contemporary Art*



is looking for your input. Access this QR code to participate in their survey.



### **NAEA Eastern Region Meeting & Awards Celebration**

**Eastern Region Leadership Meeting: Friday, March 27, 2020 12PM to 12:50PM**

**Eastern Region Awards: Friday, March 27, 2020 1PM to 2:20PM**

**Center/Meeting Room M100G/Mezzanine Level**

Interested in MAEA/NAEA leadership? Join us for the Eastern Region Meeting on March 27th, and then stay to celebrate those who have received their state association's art educator of the year award. Our honoree from Maine is Gorham Middle School art teacher, Amy Cousins.



# Art Teachers Create

## 2020 Schedule:

January 25th, February 29th, March 28th, April 25th, May 30th, June 27th, July 25th,  
August 29th, September 26th, October 31st, November 21st, December 19th

BYOA: Bring your own art! Or host a gathering in your home, studio, or school.  
Many of the dates above need a host. Please contact Jodi Thomas  
[jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org](mailto:jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org) for more information.

November's Art Teachers Create took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jodi Thomas was the host at Thornton Academy in Saco. 5 members attended this get-together. Jean Shorey, Justine Lasdin Springer,, Margaret Burman, Suzanne Goulet and Jodi Thomas were highly productive artmakers!



# MAEA Mission \_\_\_\_\_

*The Maine Art Education Association is a statewide professional organization whose members are committed to excellence in visual arts education.*



## MAEA Goals:

- To encourage best practices in standards-based and learner-centered visual arts classrooms in all Maine schools.
- To foster high quality teaching in the visual art and provide professional development opportunities in curriculum, instruction and assessment, as well as in current issues and artistic practice.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and support collaboration among educators and other arts agencies to ensure quality programs for all learners.

**It is our purpose** to promote the highest quality instruction in visual arts programs that provide depth and breadth of experience to meet the varied needs of students.

## Join Us Today!

**You can sign up online at [aeforme.org/membership](http://aeforme.org/membership) or complete this membership form and include a check for membership dues made out to: MAEA and mail to MAEA, c/o Hope Lord, P.O. Box 10463, Portland, ME 04104**

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*Registration. Membership expires August 31<sup>st</sup>.*