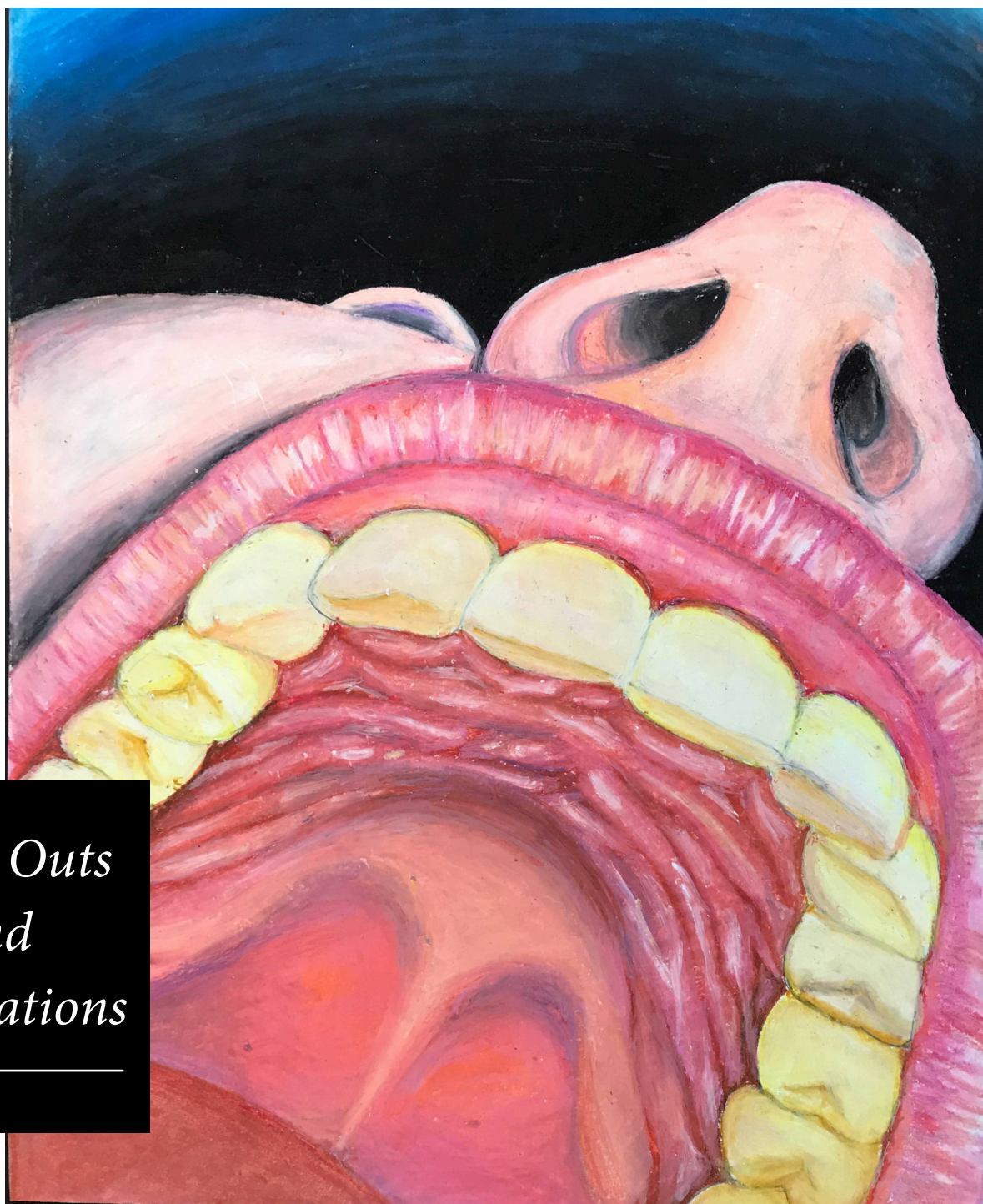




# MIXED MEDIA

March 2019

*A publication of the Maine ART Education Association*



*Shout Outs  
and  
Celebrations*

*"Inside My Mouth" by Zoe Lafleur-Kief, York High School Junior, was on view at the Portland Museum of Art with the work of other Maine student artists for their Youth Art Month exhibit. Elizabeth Nowers, Art Teacher.*



## MESSAGE from the President

**Suzanne Goulet**

WATERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WANDERINGS,  
WONDERINGS,  
SHARING and  
CELEBRATIONS**

**Events bring us together...Celebrating the  
Excellence that surrounds**

**Boston, Thank you.**

The National Art Education Association's (NAEA) national convention **provided a wide variety of new knowledge, reflecting and embracing of tested educational practices and celebrating of new innovations and innovators.** Amy Sherald's presentation (portraitist of Michelle Obama) opened my eyes to what some of my students may

be seeing (hint... we are not seeing the same things).

**Maine had much to celebrate in Boston** with exceptional, and **well discussed and regarded presentations, an award winning monthly newsletter**, recognition of excellence through the **prestigious President's Citation Award**, and the national demonstration of gratitude for the **generosity and vision of Paula and Peter Lunder.** If you have toured the Museum of Fine Arts Boston with your students at no charge... it is because of them. If you have not... then you need to know that **admission is free for all Maine students and educators** (see details in the 3/20/19 email blast). Your entrance does not require students and a \$30 discount is offered for Museum memberships. *Continued on page 3*

## MAEA Board

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**Our Aroostook colleagues were well represented and I do believe they enjoyed seeing grass (it's going to be a while).** A year ago we were preparing to gather in Presque Isle and Ashland to hone our craft and assembling in Boston provided us an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to Quality Arts Education (You can get there from here) and soon we will meet again. Maine was well represented and celebrated.

**Registration will soon be out for our 2019 MAEA Spring Conference: Coastal Convergence.** Heidi O'Donnell, Secretary/Web Master (*Belfast AHS*) is our host and BAHS will also serve as the venue to celebrate excellence in Art Education as we present our honored educators:

#### **2019 - Honors**

Outstanding Commitment to the Profession

**Judy Novey** (*Wayneville*)

Elementary Art Educator of the Year

**Allie Rimkunis** (*Gorham ES*)

Middle Art Educator of the Year

**Cami Davis** (*Acton PK-8*)

Outstanding Service to the Profession

**Matt Johnson** (*Westbrook HS*)

Secondary Art Educator of the Year

**Jodi Thomas** (*Thornton, Saco*)

2020 Maine Art Educator of the Year

**Amy Cousins** (*Gorham MS*)

**The Spring Conference is also our time to determine our future leaders. Elections are coming!** President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership are served through two year terms (President-Elect rises to President, then Past-President). **We have excellent qualified candidates for President-Elect, Secretary, and Membership,** and are always seeking more. **URGENTLY SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER.** Please consider and reach out to me with any questions or nominations (you may nominate yourself).

**Belfast,** Thank you.

#### **It's a matter of perspective**

Suzanne C Goulet

President, Maine Art Education Association

Traditional, Digital, and Emerging Art Educator,  
Waterville SHS

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## ***You are invited!*** **MAEA Board Meetings**

are held on the second Thursday of the month at 5PM in the MEA offices in Augusta, unless otherwise noted. All MAEA members are encouraged to attend and become board members. Distance an issue? You can join in virtually via Zoom.

**April 11** Committees Meet

**May 9**

**June/July** - Summer Retreat

**August** - No Meeting – Vacation!

# Governor's Proclamation

## Designating March 2019 Youth Art Month

*The Proclamation reads:*

### State of Maine Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the study of art leads to a fuller, more meaningful life; and

**WHEREAS**, art education provides substantial educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students; and

**WHEREAS**, art education develops students' creative potential and improves problem-solving and critical thinking skills; and

**WHEREAS**, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities, and also gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Maine Art Education Association, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness of the cultural strengths of Maine and the United States as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Maine have joined the National Art Education Association and the Maine Art Education Association in supporting the youth of our community in their intellectual development through artistic endeavors, and offering support to our committed art teachers



*Madison High School students Helen Lin, Emily Blauvelt, Ariana Burrows and Abbie Burrows pose with the Youth Art Month Proclamation after volunteering at Madison Elementary School's Family Art Night.*

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

### Youth Art Month

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*“...art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities...”*

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in Maine, and I endorse the observance of Youth Art Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of art education and

encourage teachers, students, and all citizens to participate.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-seventh day of February Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills, Governor





## ***The Maine Arts Leadership Initiative Mega Conference***

by ARGY NESTOR

Director of Arts Education, Maine Arts Commission

The Maine Arts Leadership Initiative (MALI) Mega Conference was a huge success on Friday, March 15 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. The workshops brought educators together from all grade levels and community organizations. The workshops presented by MALI teacher leaders and teaching artists leaders provided participants a plethora of topics to choose from where they left with many ideas to apply directly to their teaching! One participant said: "Accessibility goes beyond the physical boundaries in arts education - I really appreciated the workshop and the resources provided by the presenter".



## ***Registration is Open!*** **MAEA Spring Conference • April 6, 2019** ***Quality Art Education***

Heidi O'Donnell, MAEA Secretary, will be our host for the 2019 MAEA Spring Conference at Belfast Area High School. Come join us in the mid coast for professional development driven by you, our members!

Saturday, April 6th, Belfast Area High School  
 98 Waldo Avenue, Belfast, ME 04915  
<http://www.aeforme.org/spring-conference.html>



# Portland Museum of Art

## Student Art Exhibit and Celebration



*A proud father smiles over 5th grade artist, Favour Monday, at the PMA celebration, Saturday, March 2nd.*



*Juliana Aguirre, Grade 4 from Congin School in Westbrook and her Intaglio print.*



*First grader Brooklyn C. from Ocean Avenue Elementary School in Portland stands proudly in front of watercolor resist and paper collage along with her Art teacher Sally Mitchell*



*Two Auburn Students Meet at the Portland Museum of Art: Kimber Sprague (K), left, of Walton Elementary School meets Favour Monday (5th Grade), right, of Washburn Elementary School in front of Favour's "Pepsi Can 3-D Drawing."*



*Kimber Sprague's father stops to smile and discuss his daughter's Kindergarten work, a watercolor crayon pig.*



# Youth Art Month at PMA Keynote Address

## March 2019

by HOLLY HOUSTON  
Art Teacher, Yarmouth High School

Good Evening. Thank you to all who have made this amazing event possible. I am honored to be speaking to you tonight. I'd like to frame my remarks around five quotes that ring clear to me as an artist and art educator:

**"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best."** *Henry Van Dyke*

You have to start somewhere. You all CLEARLY have something to say and you say it so well (or your art would probably not be on the museum wall right now). Remember that if you are ever feeling that you aren't the best artist and others have so much more talent, that you, too, have talent and if we all waited for only the very best to make art, there would be very little new art to enjoy. We ALL must contribute to the absolutely essential and varied world of art to see it continue to grow and flourish.

**"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."** *Maya Angelou*

Art makes people FEEL. It gives messages of hope, sadness, happiness, anger, and so much more. It has the power to describe SO MUCH-- from how you feel about your new puppy to your frustration about the amount of plastic in our oceans to a personal journey you have experienced. Have you ever stood in front of a

piece of art, either by a classmate or in a museum or gallery, and gotten lost in how it makes you feel? It is an amazing sensation! What I think is so very wonderful is that different pieces of art make me feel differently, and the experience

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*"Let this be the fuel for your creative flame. Let this be your connection to museums and galleries for the rest of your life."*

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powerful, but different. *Continued on page 8*

I feel when I stand in front of a certain piece of art is likely to be different than what you experience. It might be similarly



*Maine Art Educator of the Year, and PMA Youth Art Month keynote speaker, Holly Houston.*



MAEA President Suzanne Goulet, MAEA Teacher of the Year Holly Houston, Bridget Matros from Waterfall Arts - MAEA Art Advocate of the Year and MAEA Board Member Carolyn Brown at the PMA Awards Ceremony, Saturday March 2, 2019.

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**“Do one thing every day that scares you.”**

***Eleanor Roosevelt***

Be open to learning new things. Surround yourself with people who can teach you new things. Take chances. Try something new. That can be scary. Sometimes you’ll create a mess. But sometimes you’ll make a masterpiece. Isn’t that worth trying for?

**“Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered.”** ***Michelle Obama***

There are a lot of things that fill your days. You are responsible for other classes, not just art. You play sports, like to read, have chores and jobs. If art is something you love to do, make it happen. Your artwork’s presence on the wall outside this room is evidence that you are a creative thinker

who cares about making your mark. Let this empower you to continue to do so.

**“Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.”** ***Fred Rogers***

I feel very certain that your having your art hanging here in this month, in this year, is not going to be the end of your art career. This is the beginning. Let this be the fuel for your creative flame. Let this be your connection to museums and galleries for the rest of your life. YOU have your art hanging at THE PORTLAND MUSEUM of ART. That is very cool! You make us proud to be your art teachers, your friends, and your family. THIS is just the beginning. Please continue to sing with your art so that the woods of our lives will not be silent.

Thank you.



# Youth Art Month with MAEA Northern Partners at the Aroostook County Mall

by JANE HUTCHISON  
Art Teacher, Easton School System

Maine Art Education Association Northern Partners held their annual Youth Art Month Celebration on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Aroostook County Mall. The show was a standing room only success with 15 to 17 teachers and schools participating. The show runs through March 31<sup>st</sup>.



Ashland



Caribou



Caswell



Connor



Easton



Fort Fairfield





*Frenchville St. Agatha*



*Hodgdon*



*Limestone*



*Mars Hill*



*Presque Isle*



*Washburn*

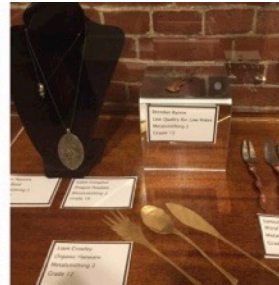
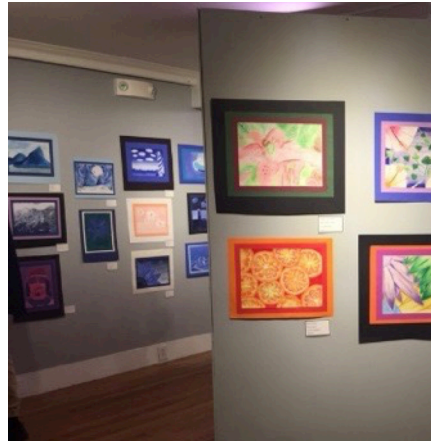


*Woodland*



# Kennebunk High School

## “Untitled” Student Exhibit at the Brickstore Museum



The Kennebunk High School Art Show, “Untitled” was held Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. This annual exhibit is all-inclusive that show celebrates the work of all current art students at Kennebunk High School and is consciously aligned with Youth Art Month. The show includes digital art, photography, ceramics, metal work, drawing, painting, collage, prints, and mixed media pieces. The artists and teachers really enjoy partnering with the Brickstore Museum to highlight the work of young artists and showcase the creativity and talent of their students to the community at large.

## Maine Education Association

### “The Art of Education” Student Exhibit



Student artists at the MEA/MAEA Youth Art Month celebration in Augusta, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students (pictured and not pictured) with artwork in the show until next fall are: Summer Bush, Grace Campbell, Cierra Chabot-Johns, Dixon Clauson, Jocelyne Coombs, Anna Cox, Sam DeRaps, Lexie Dixon, Nova Dolley, Leora Doyle, Lucas Edstrom, Anna Erb, Olivia Fuller, Carmen Gallinas Gonzonlez DeVega, Caitlin Hensen, Bethany and Dorothy Ives, Lily Lenigan, Karrah Lewis, Trevor Martell, Alivya Obie, Gabriel Perry, Madison Peters, Charlotte Plourde, Vylet Robbins, Hannah Rodriguez, Karah Schmeiks, Karson Tibbetts, Rachel Walton, Abby Webster.

## MAEA Mission

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*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 Holly Houston, P.O. Box 10463, Portland, ME 04104**

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*Membership is renewed with each school year. New or renewal is required at time of Fall Conference*