



MIXED MEDIA

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A publication of the Maine Art Education Association

Love
HOME



Artwork by Sophia Farrell, 6th grade Maranacook Community Middle School student. See page 7 for more about the MCMS Art Night. Photo by Hope Lord.



MESSAGE from the President

Lisa Ingraham

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Opportunity

Last week I could not miss a live stream of one of my personal heroes in education, Diane Ravitch. If you are unfamiliar with her, take a minute to Google her name or go to her blog dianeravitch.net “a site to discuss better education for all.”

Her conversation with New York Superintendent, Michael Hynes, “What Should Our Schools Look Like When They Reopen?” is not about the logistics of returning to our schools in the fall, but about the philosophies that can guide public education moving forward. You can watch the video here:

<https://networkforpubliceducation.org/diane-and-michael/>.

So many things about this conversation resonated with me. It included ideas of wellness, teaching the whole child - including physical and social emotional and cognitive capabilities - and how we are at a unique juncture to change the focus in education and create a new normal.

The arts have always been innovative in the methods, strategies, and standards we implement in our programs. Our creativity and flexibility are assets to our schools and students. We need to continue to find ways to share our knowledge with our colleagues, administrators, and communities. And share these with each other.

I hope as you think about the uncertainty surrounding back-to-school planning, you consider these ideas and the opportunity that has been presented. The MAEA and our partner arts groups will continue to gather and share resources to help with this endeavor. Please visit our website www.aeforme.org for updates.

If you have any resources to share, please send them to MAEA Webmaster, Heidi O'Donnell, heidiaemaine@gmail.com. If you have advocacy ideas or success stories, please send them to me, lisa.ingraham@msad59.org, or MAEA President elect, Lynda Leonas, lleonas@auburnschl.edu.

Be well!

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June Membership Drive

June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020



The MAEA is assembling Care Packages to send to all educators who sign up for new or renewed MAEA membership during the month of June 2020.

Join or renew on June 1st you will also be entered into a drawing for one of two certificates to attend the 2021 MAEA Fall Conference at Haystack. Join/renew at aeforme.org.

Both certificates will be awarded by random drawing. One certificate will go to a member who hasn't attended our fall conference in the past. Good luck!

Maine Arts Leadership Initiative

Visual, Performing, and Literary Arts
Teacher Leader and Teaching Artist Leader Search

DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Martha Piscuskas, Martha.piscuskas@maine.gov or visit the MALI page on the Maine Arts Commission website, <https://mainearts.maine.gov/Pages/Programs/MAAI>

APPLY HERE:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA9Jw25Ql2q1y-C-o0uhUgROieKIJQBpsuDkELfrWVDMXT2Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you are selected, you will be expected to attend the 2020 Summer Institute, taking place virtually June 15, July 24, and in-person August 5, pending state policy.

This year's Institute will explore Leading with Resilience; Embedding Social and Emotional Learning in our Teaching, Ourselves, and Our Communities; and Arts Advocacy.



Maine
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You're Invited...

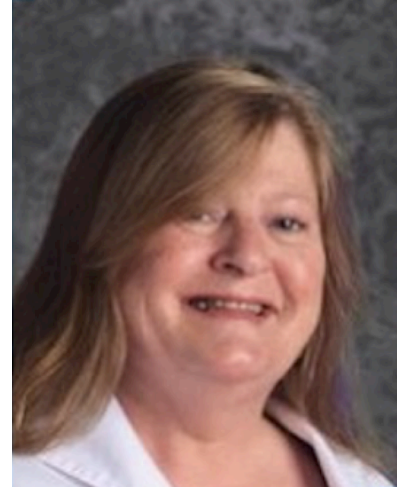
to our 2020 MAEA Recognitions Zoom Celebration 5.30.20



Jodi Thomas
*MAEA Art Educator of
the Year*
Thornton Academy



Raegan Russell,
*MAEA Secondary Art
Educator of the Year*
Berwick Academy



Libbie Winslow
*MAEA Middle Level Art
Educator of the Year*
Medomak Middle School

**Please Join Us at 4pm on Saturday, May 30, for a Virtual Celebration
Recognizing Excellence in Art Education in Maine.**

The Maine Art Education Association will be honoring
the following art educators:

Jodi Thomas, presented by Deb Bickford
Libbie Wislow, presented by Brooke Holland
Raegan Russell, presented by Cami Davis

The MAEA will plan a follow up in-person event at the next possible opportunity.

Please contact MAEA Recognitions Chair Holly Houston,
holly_houston@yarmouthschools.org, with questions.

We look forward to seeing you all on May 30th!

Congratulations!

to Maine College of Art Master of Arts in Teaching Graduates!



MECA MAT art educators graduated via Zoom on May 8, 2020. Top right corner: Adrienne Munger. Second row from top: Karol Carlsen, Ian Myers, Melissa Weglein, Arianna Dilios. Third row from top: Jon Rudnicki, Kristen Kaiser, Dylan Fruh, Anne Hayes. Bottom left corner: Miguel Benitez. Thank you to Rachel Somerville, Assistant Professor of Art Education at MECA, for sharing MAT educator accomplishments and this fabulous screenshot. The MAEA wishes each of you all the best!

Youth Art Month Update

The 2020 Youth Art Month exhibition will be extended for at least a few weeks once the museum reopens. There is no reopening date yet. As soon as the PMA knows their timeline, we will share the extended show dates and artwork pick-up dates with MAEA members.



In the meantime, you are welcome to explore some of the PMA's at-home art activities visit their website:

<https://www.portlandmuseum.org/learn>.

Please send any feedback to Meghan Quigley Graham, PMA Associate Educator for Youth Learning, mquigley@portlandmuseum.org.

Members Respond

MAEA Members Volunteer Creative Solutions



HOPE LORD, MAEA Board Member and Membership Chair, is helping her community by sewing masks for her neighbors, health care workers, and volunteers at her town's local Food Bank. By the end of April she had donated 80. By now that number must be so much higher! Thank you Hope for sharing your time, creativity, and the following link so others can learn how to make their own masks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEHU0U4TQXc>.



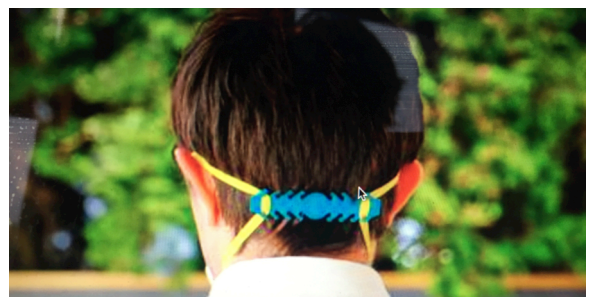
Paul and JoEllen Cottrell, Winthrop Food Bank volunteers.

MAEA member, CAROLYN BROWN has been working on masks in a different way by creating earsavers on a laser cutter. Earsavers are the little hooks used on the back of surgical masks, so you can avoid hooking the elastics on your ears. Hospital staff can use these in quantity.

Carolyn writes, "this design is much faster than the 3D printed ones....and uses 1/8" (3mm) acrylic sheet." She found the original design on the Glowforge site and modified it.

Thank you Carolyn for sharing your resources:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n-IvNmW07zq4t1EoUZHclvHhFJx8-Kew?usp=sharing>.

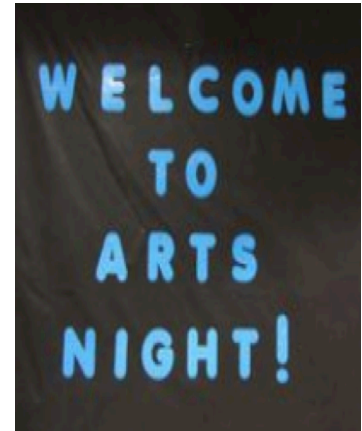


Arts Night

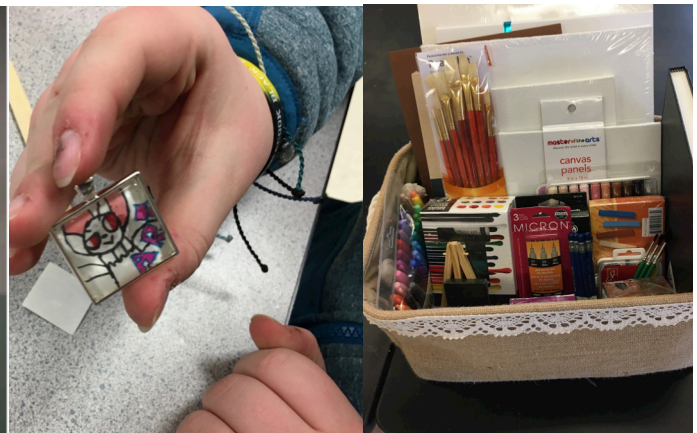
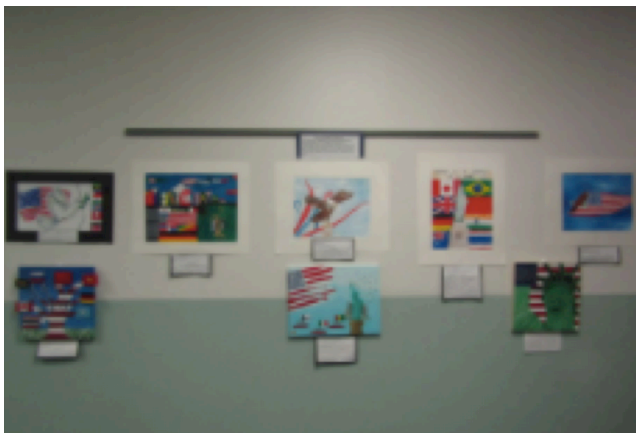
at Maranacook Community Middle School

by HOPE LORD
MAEA Membership Chair

On Sunday March 8th, from 4-7pm, The Maranacook Community Middle School hosted an Arts Night. The theme of the evening was “Celebrate Maine,” in honor of our state’s 200th anniversary. The evening consisted of student musical performances, 2D and 3D art exhibits, art and music workshops, food concession, and raffles. This was a free community event open to all ages. Music and Art teachers Adam Scarpone and Hope Lord organized the event with assistance from the school’s Parent Teacher Organization.



Photos by Hope Lord



SUBMIT YOUR PRESENTATION PROPOSAL



Extended Submission Deadline:
June 1, 2020 at 11:59pm ET

Acceptance Notification:
Acceptance notifications will be emailed on or before September 30, 2020.

Questions:
Contact Kathy Duse,
NAEA Executive Services and Convention and
Programs Manager: kduse@arteducators.org

<https://www.arteducators.org/events/national-convention/naea21-call-for-presentations>

MAINE ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Resources

MAEA Open Letter in Response to Covid-19 Crisis
http://www.aeforme.org/uploads/9/1/7/6/91766722/maea_commitment_to_quality_arts_programs.pdf

Engaging Learners PD Resources
& Resources for Virtual Learning
<http://www.aeforme.org/professional-development.html>

If you have any resources to share, please send them to MAEA Webmaster, Heidi O'Donnell,
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Maine 3D Expo

and Stay Home and Healthy (Covid) Challenge

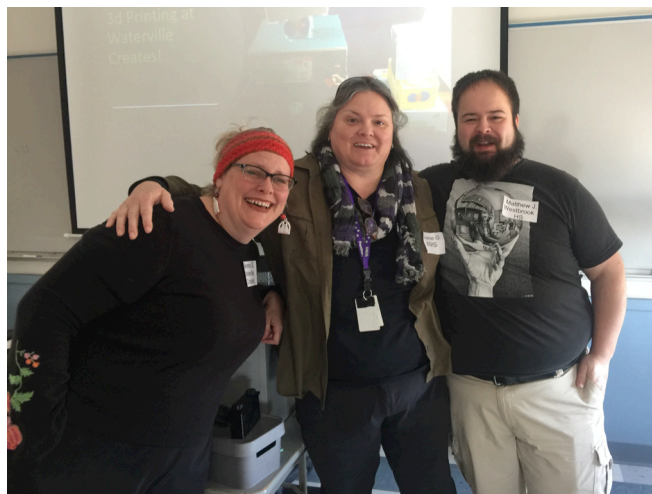
By SUZANNE GOULET
MAEA Past President

If you have not considered the place of 3D printing and design in your studio classrooms, then you may want to make plans to attend the 2021 Expo. Kennebec Valley Community College's (KVCC) 3D Printing Club in Fairfield hosted the 2020 Maine 3D Printing Design Challenge and Expo on Saturday, March 7th. This exposition presented possibilities for all levels of experience, grades, and regions of Maine as we came together to share and learn.

Hollie Hilton (Sheepscot Valley RSU) brought her team of citizen designers that presented their process and solution for a community challenge from an area business. Connie Barnes (Trenton ES) continues to serve in her unofficial role of ambassador between Art and Design worlds presented her plethora of investigations and student artist creations. Serena Sanborn



(Common Street Arts), Matt Johnson (MAEA Treasurer, Westbrook HS), and myself, Suzanne Goulet (MAEA Past President, Waterville SHS), collaborated on presenting the role of 3D printing in the community.



Serena Sanborn, Suzanne Goulet, and Matt Johnson.



Art/GT Educator Hollie Hilton with her "3D Musketeers" Taisen, Wyatt, and Addison.



How to get started (because we are Staying Home and Healthy). No printer required: If you have

not yet explored 3D design, and have Internet access at home, you may want to investigate Tinkercad (free). There are numerous tutorial videos and challenges online. I started with this wrench,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60xflu-lqAs>.

See MAINE 3D EXPO, page 9

MAINE 3D EXPO continued from page 2

If you have not yet explored 3D design, and have Internet access at home, you may want to Check out the impact of 3D printing in Maine: UMaine recently set three world records including using the worlds largest 3D printer to print the worlds largest 3D printed object (boat). <https://bangordailynews.com/video/watch-as-umaines-3d-printer-builds-a-boat/>

Maine community colleges role in designing/printing a new device can help 4 patients use the same ventilator. You may have heard Maine Calling's Jennifer Rooks interview with Southern Maine Community College's (SMCC) Dan Abbot about this 3D printing contribution (starfish) that we hope is never needed.

<https://www.mainepublic.org/post/new-device-could-allow-four-patients-share-same-ventilator>

Starfish is printed with a special kind of printer that most schools do not have, so don't feel bad that you did not bring your printer home. Want to help out with the pandemic? Do your job, stay home, wash your hands, check in on neighbors and family, and thank a healthcare worker, all essential workers, and a fellow educator.

Don't have a 3D printer in your school?:

The Perloff Family Foundation has a mission to get a 3D printer in every Maine school, and have remarked how amazing it is to see Art and Design educators so embracing of this technology. Maybe you should consider submitting an application? If granted, ask for the device to be delivered to your Health Sanctuary (home), and embrace this as professional development.

MIXED MEDIA is the award winning (September-June) newsletter of the MAEA. It is sent to anyone interested in the MAEA, and shared on our website aeforme.org.

SHARE YOUR STORIES

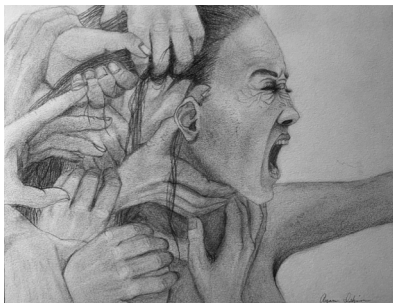
Send photos and stories to Lisa Ingraham (Editor/Designer):
lisa.ingraham@msad59.org.

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NAHS Connections

From: Charlie Johnson, Mt. Desert Isle HS Art Teacher



Perdition by Ayano Ishimura, MDI NAHS student. See links to the right for more artwork from MDI.

"Through the request of my students, I would like to connect to other NAHS organizations here in Maine, not requesting anything at this point, but maybe just getting like minded students together to share their thoughts. We could just focus on Hancock County (Ellsworth HS, George Stevens HS, Bucksport HS, Sumner HS), but I thought it might be fun to "reach" a bit!"

<https://sites.google.com/mdirss.org/mdihsnahswords/home>

<https://sites.google.com/mdirss.org/mdihsnahsmusicshow/home>

If you would like to reach out to Charlie, send him an email:
cjohnson@mdirss.org

Nature of the Arts

RSU 40 Virtual Art Show

Contributed by BROOKE HOLLAND
Medomak Valley High School

Due to the Coronavirus, the RSU 40 district-wide art show, "The Nature of the Arts" was cancelled. On the date of the show the fine arts staff from all of RSU 40 schools and high school students were busy transforming the school into a gallery. The gym and hallways were slowly accumulating artwork by all PK-6 students in the district and 7-12 students enrolled in a fine arts class. Music and theatre performances from students of all ages were to happen in the evening.

At 12:00 p.m. on March 12th, Governor Mills advised that there were to be no large gatherings over 250. The art show, musical and theatre performances, and the Empty Bowl supper planned for that evening was expected to draw in much more than that. The Superintendent had to make a tough decision but with the safety of our community is paramount he came to his decision. By 1:30 the show was canceled.



With most of the show hung, students and staff continued to finish the last bit. After hearing the news we were emotionally and physically exhausted, but knew we wanted to finish hanging the show. The following morning the high school invited classes to walk through the gym and the hallways in small groups to admire the work of students in our district and listen to the jazz band play.

What you will see in the virtual tour is the documentation of the art show and videos of some of the music from the Jazz band playing to a morning audience.



Please take a moment to take a virtual tour. Thank you, Elizabeth Bianchi, for working tirelessly on this! We know it will lift your spirits. Virtual tour link:

<https://sites.google.com/msad40.org/natureofthearts2020/home>

NAEA 2020 Member Exhibit

CALL FOR ARTWORK

NAEA invites YOU to celebrate the artistry within our vibrant professional community by submitting your artwork to be juried for possible inclusion in the fifth annual NAEA Membership Exhibition!

This exhibit – **which will be displayed virtually this year due to health concerns over COVID-19** – will showcase artwork created by NAEA members, highlighted the artistic skill and vision of art educators worldwide.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
MAY 28, 2020
11:59pm ET**

Submit your artwork in 6 EAST steps:

1. Go to <https://naea20.artcall.org>
2. Click the “REGISTER” button in the top right corner of the page to create an ArtCall profile. (If you have submitted to the NAEA exhibit through ArtCall in the past, log in with your existing ArtCall login credentials.)
3. Click the “New Submission” button.
4. Enter your submission details and credit card payment for submission fee of \$8.00
5. Upload an image of your artwork.
6. Receive a confirmation e-mail once you have completed the submission process.



PANDEMIC POSTCARD PROJECT

DUE: September 1, 2020

Calling all artists, all ages! Spread the word! Be part of a community conversation! Share your ideas! *And be sure to share the information about this project with friends and relatives.* We hope to have a large number of postcards to display from all over the state, nation, and world!

The postcards will be part of a time capsule, reflecting ideas and opinions about our experiences during this unique time. The Library will exhibit the postcards on our website and host a live exhibit when possible.

Create a postcard image in response to one or more of the following prompts:

1. After six weeks (or more) of this pandemic, what do you appreciate?
2. What has been an unexpected benefit of quarantine?
3. What is something you have learned about yourself as a result of the pandemic?
4. Create an image about a day in the life of a quarantined person.
5. Imagine what you will be doing in 6 months that is different from what you were doing 6 months ago.

Here are some guidelines for the final product:

- Cut heavy weight paper to postcard size - 4” x 6”
- Use pencil, pen, colored pencil or any non-smudgy medium.
- Indicate which prompt you are depicting.
- Please sign your name and city or town where you live.

Send your postcards to the following by September 1, 2020: Bangor Public Library, Attn: Candis Joyce, 145 Harlow Street, Bangor, ME 04401

If you have any questions, please contact candis.joyce@bangorpubliclibrary.org or call 207-947-8336 ext. 127.

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 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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[☐] New Member [☐] Renewal

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[☐] Active Membership \$30.00

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[☐] Retired \$15.00

[☐] Retired LIFETIME \$120.00

[☐] Pay It Forward donation to new teacher scholarship to Haystack Fall Conference

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

Registration. Membership expires August 31st.