



# MIXED MEDIA

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SUMMER  
*Time*

Artwork by O. Heath, Oak Hill Middle School student. See page 4 for a link to Art Teacher Gail Rodrigue-duBois' Virtual Art Gallery.



## MESSAGE from the President

**Lisa Ingraham**

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Summer Time

This issue is going to be short and (hopefully) sweet. I have no problem telling you I have already switched on my summer brain. There is a ton of work ahead of us, but I would like to suggest that you too prioritize your own physical, mental, and creative health this summer.

This spring was bizarre, challenging in different ways depending on your school district, and anxiety-producing whether or not your administration was supportive of your work. Now is the time to take a break. All you ants out there who think this grasshopper is out of her mind please hear me out...

Whenever the topic of teacher wellness is discussed, it begins with some variation of the airline emergency directive to “put your mask on first.” That is no accident. You cannot help anyone else if you do not take care of yourself. This is a radical idea for teachers who will go a whole day without using the bathroom to attend to the needs of their students and colleagues.

We have a big job in the fall. Although there are 2 or 3 potential scenarios at the moment, we cannot yet predict what our jobs will look like when we return to school. Education and art education have an opportunity to change business as usual for the better. That takes work: Research, PD, Advocacy, etc.

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*“Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air...”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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We are going to need all our energy and resources to be effective in the work ahead. My hope is that we will place some limits on how much time we will devote to that this summer so we can be fully present for our students - in-person and virtually - when school begins again.

Be well!

## MAEA Board

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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.**

*If you joined or renewed on June 1st you have been entered into a drawing for one of two certificates to attend the 2021 MAEA Fall Conference at Haystack. Join/renew at [aeforme.org](http://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. Winners will be drawn soon!



## *The Portland Museum of Art is reopening June 17th!*

The Portland Museum of Art is reopening this week! If you choose to go visit, you will be asked to wear a mask, keep your (social) distance, and wash your hands. At this time all visits are by advanced timed ticketing, please see the PMA website for more information, <https://www.portlandmuseum.org/>



**The PMA/MAEA will share Youth Art Month artwork pickup dates soon!**

**Free admission for all through July 6**

Hours: Wed 10am-6pm (Members only 4-6pm), Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-8pm (Senior hours 10am-12pm), and Sat and Sun 10am-6pm.

*The PMA is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.*

Oak Hill Middle School  
Virtual Art Gallery SY 19-20



These images are from Gail Rodrigue-duBois' Virtual Art Gallery of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Studio Art student artwork. Gail's students usually have an art opening with a reception for families, but like many art shows this year, this time it was virtual. You can see more here:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1b6gnwdA2R-yYGTQSDJKY6MicYgWZVfqQMg0LM6DcRDg/edit?usp=sharing>

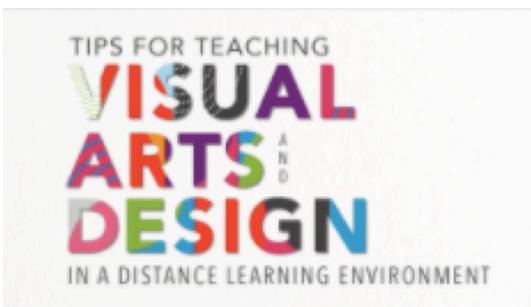
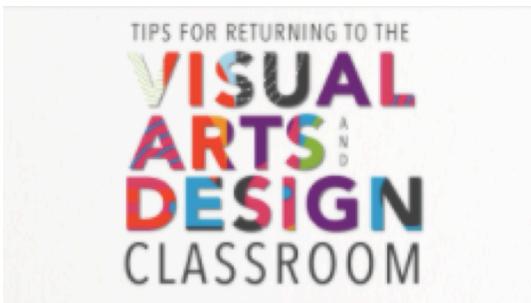
# Resources and PD for the 2020-2021 School Year



NATIONAL  
ART EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION

The National Art Education Association offers distance learning prep and resources on their Remote Learning Toolkit page:

<https://www.arteducators.org/learn-tools/remote-learning-toolkit> including the two downloadable guides below.



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](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,  
[heidiaemaine@gmail.com](mailto:heidiaemaine@gmail.com)



The Maine DOE has been incredibly responsive to the needs of students and teacher and continues to offer resources and PD on the MDOE website:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19/>

# Arts Art Basic Coalition Letter

to all Maine Superintendents, Principals and School Board Chairs



*The following copy is from a letter signed by the members of the Arts are Basic Coalition, Maine Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE), Maine*

*Association (MAEA), Maine Music Educators Association (MMEA), Maine Educational Theatre Association (MEdTA), and Maine Dance Educators. This effort was led by Susan Potters, Executive Director of the Maine Alliance for Arts Education. Thank you Susan!*

As the leaders of the five Maine organizations that collectively represent the Visual and Performing Arts in Maine schools, we are writing to let you know that in this time of anticipated changed in schools and heightened concern about school funding reductions we are putting our creative and collaborative skills to work to respond to the artistic and social needs of our students and using our advocacy experience to help preserve state funding levels in Maine schools.

Advocacy has long been a strong suit of Maine arts education leadership. For more than 20 years our five statewide professional organizations have been united in the Arts are Basic Coalition (ABC) for federal and statewide advocacy. Led by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education, our coalition's members, from all around the sate, go beyond arts educators and include parents, students, community arts organizations and individual arts supporters – all eager to send a message about the importance of arts education and education in general.

Last fall our coalition created a new ABC Student Leadership Group that was inducted at the Blaine House, with the Governor as signatory. This group of 11 exemplary arts students from around the state is eager to add their advocacy voice and to create a wider network of student advocates. The current threat to school funding is putting all of us to the test, and we have already joined with our state partners, the Maine Education Association, to advocate for additional federal aid that will offset anticipated state and local budget reductions.

Maine arts educators are also developing innovative ideas to adjust their work to the new school safety guidelines. These include ideas that draw on ways that the arts connect to social and emotional learning, such as giving students more opportunities to express the experiences they are living through and to connect meaningfully to others. They also draw on the arts' connection to community economic development, giving arts student the tools to contribute to the creative economy of their communities, and involving them in initiatives that develop the potential of their community's natural resources.

Education is the lifeblood of our young people's and our state's future. We as arts educators are excited about the ways that we can offer our positive energy and creative problem solving to Maine schools in this challenging time, and share ideas that can give us all hope We look forward to staying in contact with you as we go into the summer months, and to continuing to work with you in the fall. You can reach us by contacting Susan Potters at [spotters@maineartsed.org](mailto:spotters@maineartsed.org) or 207 439-3169. Thank you!

Click this link to download a pdf of this letter <http://msma.informz.net/MSMA/data/images/Arts%20are%20Basic%20Coalition%20Letter.pdf>



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## New Summer Courses!

*Summer is the time to reflect upon our school year about what worked and what we can do better in our classrooms. This has been the most challenging of all years in our experience!*

We've come up with some new courses to meet the needs of educators in this uncertain time.

### Engaging Digital Learners Best Practices for Teaching Literacy Encountering the Arts

And then there are our popular courses:

### When Trauma Comes to School Teaching Children of Poverty Social & Emotional Needs of Gifted Students Google Suite 101 Teaching the Exceptional Child

And so much more  
Now is the time to register!  
Courses start 6.29 and 7.6

Check our website  
<https://newenglandinstitute.org/>

**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](http://aeforme.org).

## SHARE YOUR STORIES

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

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## 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](mailto:candis.joyce@bangorpubliclibrary.org) or call 207-947-8336 ext. 127.

# 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 Hope Lord, P.O. Box 10463, Portland, ME 04104**

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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 31<sup>st</sup>.*