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## MAEA CALENDAR Continuing Virtual Opportunities for Fine Arts Educators



Both our student events and personal art educator events turned into virtual opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Where once young students like Wyatt, of Walton Elementary School in Auburn, enjoyed art educator-painted fire hydrants on local streets for the LA ArtWalk, we now have the art alone - in and of itself - remaining. So many of our own NAEA members have stepped into the role of Virtual Conference Presenters. Please review our May 2020 Engaging Learning Resources at <http://www.aeforme.org/professional-development.html>. As our own MAEA calendars continue to remain on a virtual platform this autumn season, please take a moment and plan to partake of the upcoming Professional Development opportunities.

## 2020 MAEA Engaging Learning Resources

**Join the MAEA Photography Teachers Interest Group**

with Jodi Thomas, Thornton Academy, MAEA 2020 Maine Art Educator of the Year

Email questions to: [jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org](mailto:jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org)

[Join](#) MAEA to become a participating Member

## MUSEUM OFFERINGS for Art Educators

<p>Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:00PM</p>	<p><b>Remote Outreach</b> <u>Maine Museum Offerings for Art Educators</u> <b>September Spotlight</b> <b>Bates College Museum of Art</b></p>	<p>COLLECTIONS DATABASE ONLINE ORIENTATION</p> <p>with Corie Audette, Registrar and Collections Manager Join us at <a href="https://bates.zoom.us/j/93601177350">https://bates.zoom.us/j/93601177350</a></p>
<p>Saturday, October 17, 2020 9:30AM - 3:30PM</p>	<p><b>MAEA Weekend Workshop</b> <b>CMCA</b> Center for Maine Contemporary Art</p>	<p>"TEACHING VIRTUAL" IN PERSON ORIENTATION and ARTMAKING LAB</p> <p>20 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM 2 GROUPS OF 10</p> <p>LOOK FOR OUR EVENT REGISTRATION PAGE AND CMCA COST AROUND SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020</p> <p>with Mia Bogyo, Look Inside Education Coordinator <a href="http://cmcanow.org">cmcanow.org</a></p>

## MAINE ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OFFERINGS for Art Educators

<p>1st evening of every month Thursday, October 01, 2020 6:00PM - 8:00PM</p>	<p><b>MAEA Monthly Open Forum</b> <u>2020 MAEA</u> <u>Engaging Learning Resources</u> <b>MAEA Virtual</b> Photography Teachers Interest Group</p>	<p>REMOTE CURRICULUM STRATEGY DISCUSSION PROJECT-BASED LEARNING EXPLORATION QandA</p> <p>Resource Share with Jodi Thomas, 2020 Maine Art Educator of the Year Email questions to: <a href="mailto:jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org">jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org</a></p>
	<p><b>MAEA Fall Conference</b> <b>CALL FOR PROPOSALS</b> <b>MAEA Virtual</b> SAVE THE DATE MORE INFORMATION BELOW</p>	<p>CALL FOR PROPOSALS CLOSES OCTOBER 03, 2020</p> <p>Share or join a 15-20 minute online presentation with a small audience with QandA to follow Email questions to: <a href="mailto:sgoulet@aos92.org">sgoulet@aos92.org</a></p>

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**MESSAGE from the President** Lynda Leonas . Auburn Public Schools, Auburn, Maine



## **A Different Year**

As we all begin such new routines, veteran teachers are recalling nervous energies of the early years when you just couldn't sleep for many nights before the students started back to school. So many questions about the "how-to?"s and worries about the "did-I?"s fill our minds as we throw ourselves exhausted into bed at the end of very long days. Zoom eyes burn and lids flutter as we finally drift into whatever sleep is to be had...

...aaahh, the excitement! To feel new again! I keep hearing, "It's a different year". It is. Yet, the energies feel as alive as when I set up my very first art studio for students (even if it is a bit harder to breathe those energies through our masks). Confusion and mayhem have filled my all-of-a-sudden unorganized space as uncertainty reigns over entire school domains. Welcome back to each and every one of you! You are extremely important to each of your students, their guardians and supporters, and to each of your peers and administrators. Along the way this year, the MAEA will work to keep you updated on relevant workshop sessions, workshops and seminars, and art educator opportunities that keep each of you personally in mind. Please take advantage of the many exciting upcoming and valuable opportunities! We appreciate your support! Please let us know how we can best support each of you as we move through this school calendar year.

...enjoy our very different year!

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynda Leonas".

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A message and invitation on  
**Remote Outreach at the Bates College Museum of Art**  
from **Anthony Shostak, Education Curator**

LEWISTON-A strange side effect of the distancing regimen precipitated by the pandemic is that, in some ways, the Bates College Museum of Art is more accessible than ever, despite the fact that we are closed to the public at this time. While they are no substitute for in-person visits to the museum, these remote options still provide teachers powerful tools to energize their teaching and engage their students.

Teachers and students anywhere there is an internet connection can browse and search our collections database. K-12 teachers who want to learn more about how to take full advantage of the database can attend an on-line orientation with our registrar & collections manager, Corie Audette, on **Wednesday, September 16 at 4 p.m.** Join us at <https://bates.zoom.us/j/93601177350> to learn about the collection, how to view photos of objects, create and edit portfolios of works, and how to participate in citizen-scholarship by sending us suggestions for descriptive keywords.

The museum's Thousand Words Project and STEAMpower program offer opportunities for art teachers to build relationships with English Language Arts and Science teachers, respectively. Learn more about these at [bates.edu/museum/learn-explore](https://bates.edu/museum/learn-explore).

Teachers can also bring the museum's education curator into their classroom for a Zoom meeting with their students to discuss works in the exhibitions or selections from our permanent collection. To schedule a time or if you have any questions, please contact me by email at [ashostak@bates.edu](mailto:ashostak@bates.edu) or by phone at (207) 786-8302.

I look forward to working with some of you this year!

Sincerely,

Anthony Shostak

Education Curator

Bates College Museum of Art

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Lisa Ingraham during MAEA 2020 Winter Conference as she tours the Bates College Museum of Art



The Maine Art Education Association appreciates all of the hard work of recent President, Lisa Ingraham, that benefited our Association and all of its members. Lisa's outreach to art communities throughout Maine has been heartwarming as well as inspiring. Her determination in connecting the vast regions of our beautiful State of Maine is applauded, especially as we move into uncertain times throughout each of our communities. Thank you, Lisa, for encouraging us to gather around and support one another long before it became necessary. We wish you all the best on your future journey as an extraordinary art educator!

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## Maine Art Education Association Goals

- To encourage best practices in standards-based and learner-centered visual arts classrooms in all Maine schools
  - To foster high quality teaching in visual arts and provide professional 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
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At this time **ART TEACHERS CREATE** has suspended gathering until further notice.

ART TEACHERS CREATE finds Art Educators invited together on the last Saturday of each month. As our communities work toward a healthier solution during the COVID-19 return to school this year, we will advise you as soon as we are once again allowed to visit each other's studios. Our monthly "bring your own project" has been suspended until further notice.

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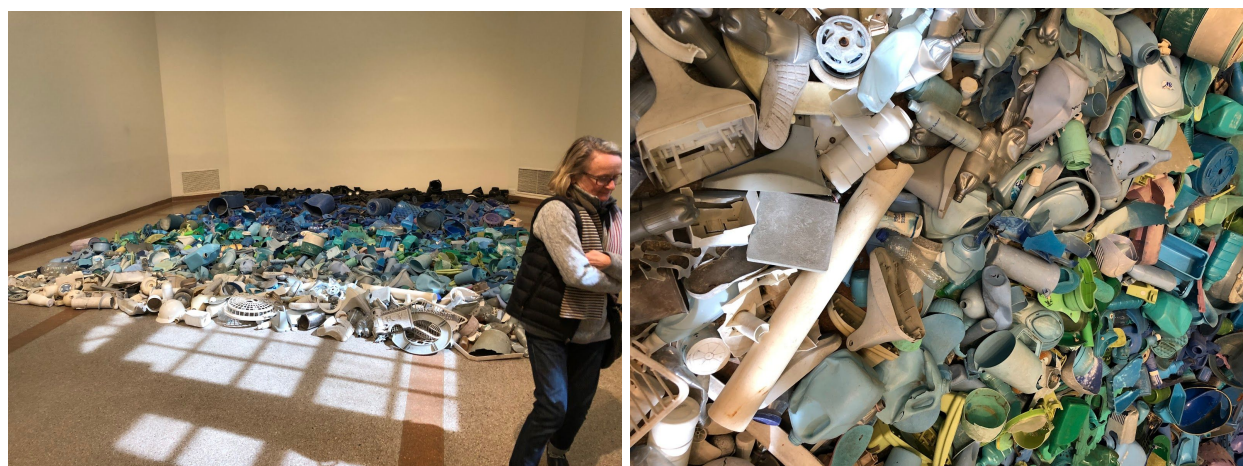


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## MAEA COVID-19 Visual Arts Classroom Management and Safety Suggestions

### with Interest Group Visual Arts Educator Support Links

State of Maine visual and media arts educators, Lynda McCann-Olson and Gail Rodrigue-Dubois, have provided modifications and additional suggestions respectively that complement a guide adopted from the Massachusetts July 2020, “MA Considerations for Visual and Performing Arts Classes in the Era of COVID-19” document. As such, this document was adapted from a shared resource organized by Amy Bultena, Visual and Performing Arts & STEAM Coordinator at Stanislaus County Office of Education, CA. Media Arts content was contributed by Alice Gentili. The new guide includes the recommended grade band level Individual Student Art Supply Kit sets and definitions of educational scenarios adapted from the visual arts section of the Arts Ed New Jersey publication, “September Ready: Fall 2020 Guidance for Arts Education”. Once the additional comments from additional Maine art educators are completed, we will publish the *MAEA COVID-19 Visual Arts Classroom Management and Safety Suggestions* document to the MAEA website. Thank you, Lynda, for spearheading the campaign to assist Maine art educators!



Lynda McCann-Olson, M.S. Ed Greeley Middle School and M.I. Wilson School, MSAD #51 at the Portland Museum of Art 2018

Should you have concerns as you are reopening and working in your art studios, please contact  
[lmccann-olson@msad51.org](mailto:lmccann-olson@msad51.org).

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS



### PUMPKIN FRESHET -

There was a fast fall flood in 1869 that dramatically rose the banks of the Sandy River that washed out every bridge, and carried away the soon to be harvested pumpkins and squash of the farmers in the valley. The *freshet*, as referred to by "old timers", carried the gourds as far as the Kennebec and on to Skowhegan. It is reported that community members gathered these runaway floating crops and wagoned them back to Farmington to be divided amongst the impacted farmers.

**Please join us for our *Freshet*.**

**SAVE the DATE - Oct 21-24 (Call for Proposals closes Oct 3)**

**[Submit your Freshet Proposals Here](https://forms.gle/hDEa5RMrwwG1rnh4A)**

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**Do you have something to share, to give back to another educator, that can improve teaching and learning in our new realities?**

**Please consider a 15-20 minute online presentation to a limited audience followed by 15-20 minute questions/discussion? You pick the day, the time slot, the size of your group.**

A technology trick, process, studio, social emotional learning, and wellness are some topics to consider.

If you are not sure what you can share, please contact [sgoulet@aos92.org](mailto:sgoulet@aos92.org) for assist you with your floating gourd.

**What do you get?**

**Complimentary access to all Freshet sessions and conference swag, Access to our Statewide Membership Meeting, Meet some new colleagues and get to know some old ones better**

**The satisfaction of knowing you are helping others (we are ALL NEW EDUCATORS this year!)**

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## MEMBERSHIP AND OUR MAEA MISSION

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School/Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Active Membership \$30.00 ☐ Student \$5.00 ☐ 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**



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## The MAEA Needs YOU!

Jodi Thomas would like to pass each the following positions on to other MAEA members that have been thinking about getting involved:

**MAEA Art Teachers Create Interest Group Chairperson**  
**MAEA Photography Educators Interest Group Chairperson**  
**MAEA Handbook Chairperson**

Lynda Leonas would like to pass each the following positions on to other MAEA members that have been thinking about getting involved:

**Public Relations Chairperson**  
**MAEA Maine Education Association (Augusta) Youth Art Month Exhibit Chairperson**  
**Editor of Mixed Media - The MAEA's National Award Winning Association Newsletter**

Matthew Johnson would like to pass the following position on to other MAEA members that have been thinking about getting involved:

**MAEA Treasurer**

**For more information please contact Lynda Leonas, Jodi Thomas, or Matthew Johnson**

**We hope you will join us in leading educational adventures that our Maine art teachers will enjoy!**

Thank you,

Lynda Leonas, MAEA President, [President.MaineArtEd@gmail.com](mailto:President.MaineArtEd@gmail.com)

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