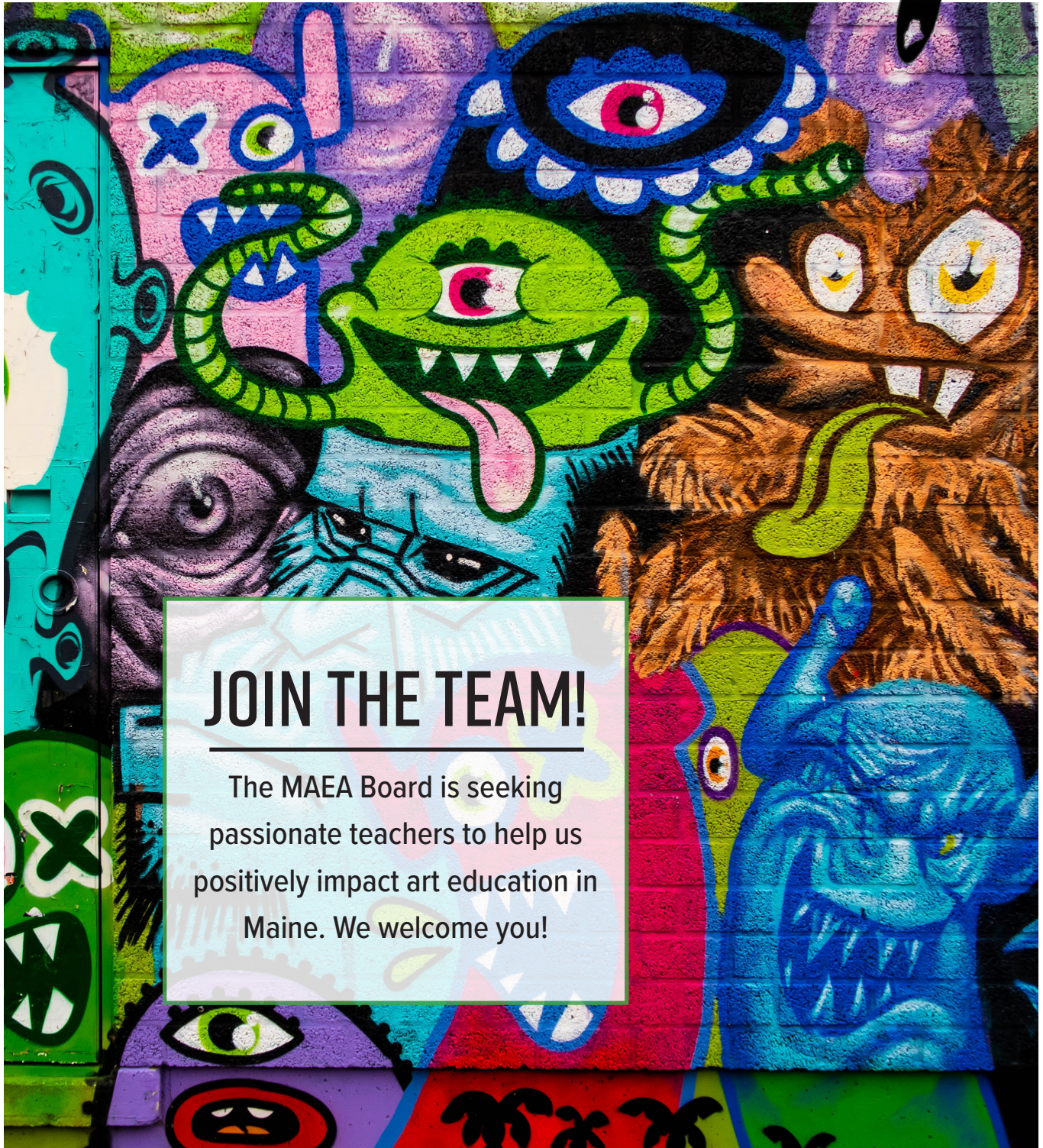


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## JOIN THE TEAM!

The MAEA Board is seeking passionate teachers to help us positively impact art education in Maine. We welcome you!



# THE REWARD OF GETTING INVOLVED

If you were at the annual meeting at Haystack this fall, you heard me speak off-the-cuff about why volunteering my time with the MAEA is important to me. At the risk of repeating myself, I'd like to share that story again.

I've been a member of the MAEA for a long time, but didn't really get involved until the pandemic. The stress and isolation of that crisis made me realize just how important it is for my own well-being to connect with art educators around the state and be an active participant in this incredible collegial community.

Scientific studies have shown that volunteering has a positive impact on mental health, improves your sense of social connection, and can even make you happier (check out this article in [Journal of Happiness Studies](#) if you don't believe me).

Volunteering my time with the MAEA has undoubtedly made my personal and professional life happier, and I invite you to be happy with us! Take a look at the opportunities (page 4) and choose your own adventure!

*Cory*

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# MENTORSHIP MEETINGS

Join us for a series of casual virtual get-togethers to give new and emerging art educators a chance to connect with and learn from those with more experience. Hosted by Cory, meetings will be from 5:00-6:00pm on the following dates: Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 7, May 4, Jun 2.

Contact Cory Bucknam for details:  
[cbucknam@brunswicksd.org](mailto:cbucknam@brunswicksd.org).

## MAEA CREATE ARTMAKING SATURDAYS

Join art educators throughout the Maine for artmaking on Saturdays! MAEA Create is an interest group that meets monthly and gives art teachers the opportunity to make art while socializing with colleagues.

We gather on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to noon (dates may fluctuate due to major holidays and school calendars). Here is the schedule so far:

January 28	Great Falls Elem, Gorham Allie Rimkunas
February 25	TBD
March 25	TBD
April 29	Brunswick Junior High Cory Bucknam
May 27	TBD

If you would like to host a Saturday morning meet-up in your classroom or studio, please sign up on our shared calendar:

**MAEA CREATE CALENDAR**

## PHOTO TEACHER MEETINGS

This group will have the opportunity to meet online to share our many student successes and the challenges of teaching photography in the wet darkroom and digitally.

This group will provide an opportunity to make connections with other art educators and learn about our many creative approaches to teaching young people photography. There will be a couple of opportunities to gather in person this year.

Zoom meetings will be on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30pm (see schedule below) and a link will be emailed the day before.

Please let me know if you are interested in hosting our group at your school. I need those who are interested in joining at the PMA to see the exhibit to RSVP to me so I can get you on a free admission list. Here is the tentative schedule:

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January 18 (Wed.): 3:30 Zoom

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February 11 (Sat.): TBD in person workshop

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March 15 (Wed.): 3:30 Zoom

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Please email Jennie Driscoll  
at [jdriscoll@brunswicksd.org](mailto:jdriscoll@brunswicksd.org)  
to join this interest group.



# JOIN THE TEAM!

Taking on a leadership role can seem intimidating, but is the most fulfilling way to support your colleagues and your profession. Take the next step in your career, share your expertise and your perspective, make your voice heard, and make a difference in art education in Maine. We are looking for candidates for President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Services, and a new role assisting the Recognitions Chair. Elections happen at the Spring Conference!

The two-year terms begin July 1, 2023 and run through June 30, 2025. Candidates for office must be members in good standing who have held active membership the previous two years. Board meetings are usually held at the MEA office in Augusta from 5:15-7pm on the second Thursday of the month. You may attend in person or virtually. If interested in taking on one of these important and rewarding roles, please email Lynda Leonas at [president.mainearted@gmail.com](mailto:president.mainearted@gmail.com) or Cory Bucknam at [cbucknam@brunswicksd.org](mailto:cbucknam@brunswicksd.org).

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

Two-year term

2nd delegate to NAEA Delegates Assembly at National Convention, NAEA Leadership Conference, and NAEA Team East Leadership Conference

Duties include assisting president in their duties in preparation for carrying out the duties of president the following term.

## SECRETARY

Two-year term

3rd delegate to NAEA Delegates Assembly at National Convention, NAEA Leadership Conference, and NAEA Team East Leadership Conference

Duties include documenting meeting information including all voted-on agenda items, discussion highlights, and questions or concerns that may need future follow up; presenting draft for review prior to following meeting; being familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

Stipend: \$300 per year (based on 10x dues)

## TREASURER

Two-year term

4th delegate to NAEA Delegates Assembly at National Convention, NAEA Leadership Conference, and NAEA Team East Leadership Conference

Duties include providing monthly financial report of income and withdrawals; creating working budget for each fiscal year; recording transactions that occur through Paypal and credit union; filing taxes for the organization between July and September.

Stipend: \$600 per year (based on 20x dues)

## MEMBERSHIP

Two-year term

5th delegate to NAEA Delegates Assembly at National Convention, NAEA Leadership Conference, and NAEA Team East Leadership Conference

Duties include maintaining a yearly spreadsheet of current MAEA members; distributing new membership cards to members; verifying membership status in order to participate in MAEA-sponsored art shows, scholarships, fellowships, etc; serving as registrar for MAEA conferences including assigning members to and notifying members of their particular sessions; assigning Haystack housing for the Fall conference; greeting members as they arrive at Haystack to provide info.

Stipend: Fall Conference Registration

## RECOGNITIONS

Two-year term

Work with us to honor and recognize the outstanding art educators in the state.

Duties include helping review nominations and applications for Art Educator Awards, the Quimby Family Haystack Fellowship, and student and teacher scholarships.

## WINTER RETREAT + BOARD MEETING

You are invited to attend our in-person Maine Art Education Association Annual Winter Retreat: Saturday, January 21, 2022

We are excited to announce that we will be in-person this year! Thank you to Allie Rimkunas for hosting.

Great Falls Elementary School: 73 Justice Way, Gorham, Maine

9-10:30am: Annual Review Association Treasury Books, Maea Policy Review C1-C5  
10:30am-1pm: Additional Business Items

[MORE INFO | FULL AGENDA](#)

## FUTURE MEETINGS

You are invited to any of our MAEA Board Meetings. Unless otherwise noted, they are held on the second Thursday of the month at the MEA offices in Augusta (and via Zoom).

February 9

March 9

April 6 (due to NAEA convention)

May reserved for committee meetings

June 1

Questions: Lynda Leonas at [president.mainearted@gmail.com](mailto:president.mainearted@gmail.com).





# YOUTH ART MONTH IN PERSON

For 2023, Youth Art Month returns to the Portland Museum of Art walls! The exhibition will be on view on the Lower Ground Floor of the PMA from March 1st through April 2nd, 2023, and digitally on the PMA's website.

Registration is now open and will close on Friday, Feb. 3.

**REGISTER NOW**

Youth Art Month at the Portland Museum of Art is an annual exhibition showcasing the incredible talent in Maine's art education programs. In collaboration with the Maine Art Education Association (MAEA), the PMA is honored to present artwork made by young artists in our communities. Youth Art Month is also an opportunity to highlight the art educators in our schools and the importance of and access to quality art programs. Art educators help to inspire and empower young artists, creating avenues for young artists to express their creativity, find their voice, and cultivate communication skills.

All artists, their families, and educators are invited to the Youth Art Month celebrations on Sat. March 11th. Dates and details below:

## EXHIBITION ON VIEW:

March 1 through April 2, 2023

## CELEBRATION:

Saturday March 11, 2023

Portland Museum of Art

Lower Ground Floor

3:30pm: K–4th grade

4:30pm: 5th–8th grade

5:30pm: 9th–12th grade

## ARTWORK DROP OFF DATES:

Friday February 10, 3-5pm

Saturday February 11, 11-3pm

Monday February 13, 3-5pm

## ARTWORK PICK UP DATES:

Thursday, April 6, 9am-5pm

Friday, April 7, 9am-5pm

Saturday, April 8th, 10am-5pm



Young artist celebrated at a past exhibition (photo from PMA)

**Questions:** Elise Pelletier at [epelletier@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:epelletier@scarboroughschools.org) or Meghan Quigley-Graham at [mquigley@portlandmuseum.org](mailto:mquigley@portlandmuseum.org).

# WINTER MEMBER EXHIBIT

2023 MAEA Member

Exhibition:

University of Southern Maine

Atrium Gallery

51 Westminster Street

Lewiston, Maine 04210

Exhibit:

February 16 through April 24

Opening:

February 16, 2023

**REGISTER HERE**

Please submit one recent artwork ready to hang or display (2D work: 14x20 inches maximum; 3D work permitted). Artworks must not exceed 50 lbs and must be wired for hanging (the walls of the gallery are curved, works that are not wired may be rejected). Thank you for your understanding.

When calculating your sale price, include 10% for MECA&D Scholarship Fund.

## Artwork Drop-off

Mon. Jan. 30: 9:00am–5:00pm

Tue. Jan. 31: 9:00 am–5:00 pm

Wed. Jan. 1: 9:00 am–5:00 pm

## Artwork Pick-up:

May 8 – 10

**Questions: please contact Iva Damon at** [iva.damon@msad52.org](mailto:iva.damon@msad52.org).





## MONHEGAN ARTISTS RESIDENCY

The Monhegan Artists Residency supports the creative growth of dedicated Maine artists by providing them time and space to work in the beautiful and inspiring environment of Monhegan Island. The residency includes living quarters, studio space, and a stipend of \$350 per week. Though dates for the 2023 program are not yet finalized, it typically takes place during the first two weeks of July. Applications will be available online from January 22 through March 17.

Monhegan Artists Residency is also excited to announce that it will host a retreat for alumni teaching residents this August to make artwork and share ideas together on the island. More info coming soon on their website:

RESIDENCY WEBSITE

## MAEA EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

ED&I is a topic that is increasingly important to both us and our students. Join this new committee to explore how ED&I manifests in the art room and help develop resources that can be shared statewide. We'll craft a land acknowledgment, collect links to share on the MAEA website, explore lessons that support ED&I, and more. [For more info, contact Cory Bucknam](#) [cbucknam@brunswicksd.org](mailto:cbucknam@brunswicksd.org).



## NAEA CONVENTION

Are you presenting at the National Convention in San Antonio? Let us know the name of your session and when it's scheduled, so we can promote it for other MAEA attendees! [Please contact Lynda Leonas: president.mainearted@gmail.com.](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: APRIL 29-30, 2023!

Our first two-day Spring Conference & Retreat with MAEA Art Educator of the Year Awards ceremony on Saturday evening.

The event is in person!  
Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30  
The Ecology School, River Bend Farm  
184 Simpson Road, Saco, Maine 04072

More information will arrive by email at the end of January!

## SUMMER RETREAT + CONFERENCE

July 7-9, 2023  
Pilgrim Lodge  
Lake Umbagog  
West Gardiner



# WORKS BY WATERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FEATURED IN ART OPENING

By Jessica Hamilton-Jones

On December 17, 2022 a few of my students from the Waterville Alternative Senior High School braved the storm to attend the opening of the new Paul J. Schupf Art Center in downtown Waterville. Ann Prickett, Abby Albert, Camden Jipson and Camden Cotnoir are four of the nine contributing students/artists for the first show at the Joan Dignam Schmaltz Gallery of Arts located in the new building. The art project was a collaboration with Abby Newkirk, Linde Family Foundation Senior Coordinator of School and Teacher Programs for the Colby College Museum of Arts, and Siera Hyte, Assistant Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art.

Abby and Siera visited with my students in our classroom at KVCC where we discussed the new art center and the importance of having art accessible in the downtown Waterville area. The students were then shown three videos to be featured in the first exhibition called *Light on Main Street*. The selected video works are by Erin Johnson, Paul Kos, and Jennifer Steinkamp and do not include sound content. The students were tasked with creating sound compilation for the videos that inspired them the most.

At the opening, the students felt like royalty as they were meeting people from the museum and Waterville Creates. They also got to talk to the art critic from the Portland Press Herald. I told him that he would be seeing a lot more from them in the future. They were also thrilled to be treated to lots of art swag and gift certificates from the museum. What impressed them the most was seeing their names on the label as contributing artists in a professional museum gallery. How great is it to be part of Waterville's renaissance!

If you get a chance, visit the new Paul J. Schuff Art Center and check out the soundtracks they made by scanning the QR code while watching the videos in this gorgeous new space.



Abby Newkirk, Camden Jipson, Camden Cotnoir, Jessica Jones, Ann Prickett, and Abby Albert



Waterville high school student Nolan Villeux