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Portland Museum of Art Youth Art Month Has Gone Virtual

For almost 30 years, the Portland Museum of Art and the Maine Art Education Association (MAEA) have collaborated to bring National Youth Art Month to Maine. We are happy to announce that this tradition continues. This year marks the first time that **Youth Art Month at the PMA will be digital.**

This annual exhibition emphasizes the value of art education and encourages support for quality school art programs through a month-long exhibition of artwork by K-12 students throughout the state. **The exhibition will begin digitally on March 1, 2021 on the PMA's website.**

Registration will be open from 9 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021 through 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021.



To submit student work, you must be a **current member of MAEA**. Check your membership status, [email membership chair Hope Lord](#) before completing the online registration.

You may submit one artwork per teacher per school.

Artwork created by multiple students or work with multiple teachers is not permitted.

Artwork must be photographed properly (see our Guidelines for Photographing Artwork) and will only be accepted if proper protocol is followed.

Because it is a virtual exhibition, we hope that teachers submit a wide array of media. **2D, 3D, animation, short film and video** are all able to be submitted. We also will be accepting artist statements.

[Registration Link](#)

All artists and their families are invited to the Youth Art Month digital celebration on **Saturday, March 13th: K-4th grade at 3:30pm; 5th-8th grade at 4:30pm; 9th-12th grade 5:30pm**. More information coming soon.

If you need to make special arrangements, email [Meghan Quigley Graham](#).

For all other questions, please contact the MAEA Youth Art Month chair, [Elise Pelletier](#).

Elise Pelletier Visual Arts Scarborough High School Youth Art Month Statewide Coordinator

Cover Image: "David" by 2020 PMA YAM Artist, Jacqueline Heanssler, Brewer High School. Art Educator, Lori Spruce

Image Page 2: "Untitled" by 2020 PMA YAM Artist, Aleah Warren, Lake Region High School. Art Educator: Christina Metcalf



Reminder to Maine Arts Educators!

We are seeking your input!

Maine Arts Education Advocacy Day 2021

Wed. February 17th – 10 to 11:30 am

DOE Commissioner Pender Makin will be one of the speakers at Advocacy Day. Send specific questions or topics you would like to see Commissioner Makin address.

Send those by email to VPA Content Specialist Jason Anderson at Jason.Anderson@maine.gov by February 1st.
Thank you!

Join us at the free zoom plenary session to hear State leaders, educators and students discuss this special year for arts education and how they have been responding to its challenges



Full program and registration link coming soon!



For more information visit
www.maineartsed.org

We KNOW there are FANTASTIC Art Educators in our midst, doing wildly creative things during a distinctly crazy time. Who are the educator professionals supporting you? Who inspires and influences your practice and career? Honor them today with a request to nominate. Thank them publicly and recognize them by beginning the nomination process on a friend or colleague.

Nominations due by January 22 (this year only).

Candidate forms due February 19th.

All forms can be found on our [MAEA site](#).

Thank you for helping share the incredible efforts of our Maine art teachers.

Nominations and questions should be directed to Holly Houston at
holly_houston@yarmouthschools.org.

Summary of MAEA Recognitions program:

Maine Art Education member Recognitions program seeks to recognize and honor excellence in Maine art education. Candidates are assessed with a rubric that looks at their involvement in the following categories: national and regional National Art Education Association activities; Maine (MAEA) activities; leadership roles and/or offices and honors in other professional organizations; program development, publications, artistic production and/or exhibitions; teaching and related experiences; and letters of support. There are multiple division awards, including Student, Museum, Retired, Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Higher Education, and The Maine Art Educator of the Year.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our colleagues!



PORTLAND MUSEUM OF ART

PMA Classroom.



[Check out PMA Classroom](#)

A digital space for you and your classroom—however you define it.

No matter the age group you work with or the setting you teach in, these resources
are designed with your needs in mind.

We are so excited to launch PMA Classroom, our remote learning initiative focused on using art as a springboard for a multitude of experiences. The way we approached creating this resource was to align it with what we value when engaging with art: open-ended experiences, honoring multiple perspectives, encouraging personal connections, and empowering people to utilize artwork in a variety of ways. We wanted this to be a resource for educators or anyone working with youth. We've had so much fun diving into the artworks in our collection, and we hope you have fun discovering and learning alongside your students. PMA Classroom is designed to grow and expand, so be on the lookout for more activity guides and resources in the coming months! We also want to hear from educators – how are you using PMA Classroom? What more would you like to see from us? What would be most helpful to you all? Please reach out to Meghan Quigley Graham (mquigley@portlandmuseum.org) with feedback and suggestions.

Meghan Quigley Graham

Learning and Teaching Specialist

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Through downloadable, curriculum-based lesson plans, PMA Classroom builds upon core principles in art education: student agency and voice, open-ended experiences, art as a springboard for conversation, and collaboration and partnership with educators. At the PMA, we believe that a classroom can be any place where learning, critical thinking, questioning, and open dialogue happens. As the idea of the classroom rapidly expands to respond to our current moment, PMA Classroom will also grow and adapt based on your evolving needs. PMA Classroom is yours to use how you see fit! Please reach out to us, give us feedback, and tell us what you'd like to see.

We are here for you and grateful that you chose to spend time with PMA Classroom.

2021 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 [Join](#) MAEA to become a participating Member

Join the MAEA Art Teachers Create Online Interest Group

with Erin Landry Fowler, Scarborough School Department

Email questions to: elandry-fowler@scarboroughschools.org [Join](#) MAEA to become a participating Member

MUSEUM OFFERINGS for Art Educators

<p>Current Involvement Opportunity For Students and Teachers</p>	<p>Remote Outreach</p> <p>Maine Museum Offerings for Art Educators</p> <p><u>What is Missing?</u></p> <p>Maya Lin</p> <p>Colby College Museum of Art</p>	<p>with Abby Newkirk, Linde Family Foundation Senior Coordinator School and Teacher Programs aenewkir@colby.edu</p> <p>Join Maya Lin at <u>What is Missing?</u></p>
	<p>PMA CLASSROOM</p> <p>Portland Museum of Art</p>	<p>DOWNLOADABLE CURRICULUM-BASED LESSON PLANS</p> <p>REMOTE LEARNING INITIATIVE</p> <p>Meghan Quigley Graham Learning and Teaching Specialist mquigley@portlandmuseum.org</p>

MAINE ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OFFERINGS for Art Educators

<p>1st evening of every month</p> <p>Monday, February 01st, 2021 Monday, March 01st, 2021 Thursday, April 01st, 2021</p> <p>6:00PM - 8:00PM</p>	<p>MAEA Monthly Open Forum</p> <p>2021 MAEA Engaging Learning Resources MAEA Virtual</p> <p>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: jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org</p>
<p>Last Saturday of every month With holiday fluctuations</p> <p>Saturday, January 30th, 2021 Saturday, February 27th, 2021 Saturday, March 27th, 2021 Saturday, April 24th, 2021</p> <p>9:00AM - NOON</p>	<p>MAEA Monthly Open Studio</p> <p>2021 MAEA Engaging Learning Resources MAEA Virtual</p> <p>Art Teachers Create Interest Group</p>	<p>REMOTE ART CREATION & DISCUSSION STUDIO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES YOUR OWN ARTISTIC EXPLORATION</p> <p>Artwork and Technique Share with Erin Landry Fowler. Email questions & intent to attend to: elandry-fowler@scarboroughschools.org</p>

You are invited to our monthly MAEA Board Meetings

The MEA offices in Augusta have currently suspended the use of their facilities due to COVID restrictions.

Please join us online via Zoom at 5:00PM for our 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule:

02.11.21, 03.11.21, 04.08.21, May reserved by Committee, and 06.10.21

2021 MAEA Maine Education Association YOUTH ART MONTH Exhibit

Cancelled Due to COVID-19

While the MEA and their sponsor, Horace Mann Insurance Company, are sad to announce this cancellation; they look forward to offering this wonderful student opportunity as soon as possible.



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2021 Virtual **Maine College of Art** MAEA Art Educator Exhibit

Rachel Somerville, Interim Program Chair of Art Education at MECA

Samara Yandell, 3D Art Teacher at Biddeford Middle School

MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON! LOOK FOR OUR MAEA EMAIL BLAST!

This virtual MAEA winter art show through MECA social media channels is replacing the combination of our two MAEA member exhibits below due to COVID-19:
2020 MAEA FALL Member Exhibition at MECA and our March 2021 Member Exhibition at Museum LA Lewiston

REGISTRATION WINDOW: FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 01, 2021

ONLINE EXHIBIT: APRIL 15-MAY 09, 2021

June 2020 Membership Drive:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

All new and renewing members on June 1st were placed into 3 drawings; and, our winners are:

Kari McCarthy, RENEWING MEMBER for 1 on campus registration for the next
(2021) MAEA Fall Conference at Haystack

Cami Davis for 1 priority/early registration time slot for the next
(2021) MAEA Fall Conference at Haystack

Ryan Weed, NEW MEMBER for 1 on campus registration for the next
(2021) MAEA Fall Conference at Haystack

We'll keep you all posted as our interim options develop!

As you may have heard, Haystack has decided to forego their programming again this summer as a result of the pandemic. While disappointing, it is certainly understandable and we will continue to work with them to provide the Fall conference at Haystack when they are ready, hopefully in 2022.

That said, we know many of our members look forward to this experience; and, if there is an alternative route we can go for 2021, we are certainly willing to help organize and facilitate that as well. We have discussed some options such as webinars or virtual learning experiences that may be of interest to our members.

Anthony Lufkin and Brooke Holland, Haystack Conference Coordinators

MIXED MEDIA is the award winning newsletter of the MAEA.

It is sent to anyone interested in the MAEA, and shared on our website aeforme.org. Please contact us for reprinting considerations.

Submissions for consideration can be submitted to [Lynda Leonas](#) (current Editor/Designer). The opinions expressed in **MIXED MEDIA** are those and only those of the authors and do not necessarily represent MAEA policies. A policy change has reduced the amount of annual published issues to 4 exciting quarterly publications: September, November, January, and April.

MAEA Art Teachers Create Online!

MAEA Art Teachers Create is back! Join us on Zoom once a month for MAEA Art Teachers Create in its new virtual format! All MAEA Members and Retirees are welcome. MAEA Create Online will be a Covid-friendly opportunity for art teachers to carve out time for their own artistic practice, share their artwork or techniques, and talk shop with their fellow art teachers. MAEA Create Online will meet on the last Saturday of the Month (dates may fluctuate due to major holidays and school calendars) from 9:00 am-noon.



Interested? Join the MAEA Art Teachers Create communication list by emailing the Chairperson, Erin Landry Fowler, elandry-fowler@scarboroughschools.org. Please RSVP prior to the MAEA Create Online meeting that you plan to attend.

Even though meetings will take place on Zoom rather than in each other's classrooms, we would still love to have volunteers "host" MAEA Create Online! A host could give a short technique demonstration, present their artwork to the group, lead a discussion, etc. As always, the majority of meeting time will

be dedicated to individualized art-making, whether that be drawing, painting, collage, pottery, etc. Come hang out and make some art!

MAEA Interest Group for Art Teachers Create

2020-2021 Schedule

January 30th, 2021 February 27th, 2021 March 27th, 2021 April 24th, 2021 May 29th, 2021

June 26th, 2021 July 31st, 2021 August 28th, 2021



[MONHEGAN ARTISTS RESIDENCY](#)

Eligibility

The Monhegan Artists' Residency Program is open to visual artists who live in, or have significant ties to the state of Maine. Artists working in all visual art media including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, digital, video, or other new media, are welcome to apply. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and not enrolled in a degree program.

2021 Residency Dates:

Saturday, July 2 - Friday July 16 (only for K-12 Maine art teachers)

2021 Jurors:

Lisa Pixley - Artist, founder of Pickwick Press (2009); recipient of Maine Arts Commission, Good Idea Grant (2012); teaches art at the University of New England (2014-present); currently runs Printcraft, a print shop and retail space in Portland.

Dylan Metrano - Papercutting artist and graphic designer; exhibits his work in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; musician; recently moved from Monhegan to Bath, where he and his wife run La Nef Chocolate, which they started on Monhegan in 2018.

Alexis Iammarino - Interdisciplinary artist based in mid-coast Maine; her training as a dancer and choreographer informs her current collaborative studio practice as a mural artist, curator, and educator at Steel House and the lead artist/educator at CMCA's ArtLab in Rockland.

Application Process

The submission deadline is March 19, 2021.

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

MAEA COVID-19 Visual Arts Classroom Management and Safety Suggestions

Recent updates include access to links for our excellent Maine art museum educational opportunities and materials!

IMPLEMENT CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR ART EDUCATION DELIVERY DURING OUR PANDEMIC

Should you have concerns as you are reopening and working in your art studios, please contact
lmccann-olson@msad51.org.



Image Above: "Untitled" by 2020 PMA YAM Artist, Abel Kraft, Peaks Island Elementary. Art Educator: Allison Villani

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 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

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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

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 Photography Educators Interest Group 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

Editor of Mixed Media - The MAEA's National Award Winning Association Newsletter

2022 MAEA Spring Member Exhibition at the Saco Museum Coordinator

2023 MAEA Winter Member Exhibition at MuseumLA Coordinator

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

Jodi Thomas, MAEA 2020 Art Educator of the Year, jodi.thomas@thorntonacademy.org

Matthew Johnson, MAEA Treasurer, Treasurer.MaineArtEd@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

MAEA 2021 Spring Conference: Saturday, April 3, 2021

NAEA 2021 National Conference: Thursday, March 04, 2021-Saturday, March 06, 2021

[NAEA CREATE NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION LINK](#)

