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Robin Brooks Bringing Art and Tai Chi into the Lives of Adults and Children



Copyright: Robin Brooks, *Gilsland Autumn*, painted paper collage.

The view is looking over the field towards the estuary, Rt. 295 beyond.

This collage recently exhibited at the Visitor Center of the Maine Audubon in Falmouth, Maine, and is available for purchase.

Archival digital prints are also available by special order.

Contact [Robin Brooks Art and Tai Chi News](#) to sign up for her blog!



Top left: MAEA members with Mia Bogoy and at the CMCA “Contemporary Art in Context” workshop

Top right: Artist, [Warren Seelig](#), guest speaker presenting to attending MAEA members

Bottom: Timothy Peterson, Executive Director & Chief Curator, speaks with MAEA members in front of Ryan Adams’ 33’ long mural, *Switch the Code*

This “Lessons” exhibit has been made possible by a grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

“*Switch the Code* refers to the practice of ‘code-switching’, where individuals purposefully change their speech, behavior, and/or appearance to be seen outside of stereotypical assumptions and accepted within a majority culture.”



PORTLAND MUSEUM *of* ART

Portland Museum of Art Youth Art Month Student Exhibition

Registration is now open for Youth Art Month 2022 at the Portland Museum of Art! YAM 2022 will be digital again this year. We hope everyone will consider submitting artwork in all forms - 2D, 3D, digital, animation, video, etc.

Registration will be open from January 13th - February 14th

To find out more and to register your artist, please click [HERE](#).

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.

The exhibition will begin digitally on March 1, 2022 on the PMA's website.

All artists, their families, and educators are invited to the Youth Art Month digital celebration on

Saturday, March 12, 2022.

K-4th grade at 3:30 pm

5th-8th grade at 4:30 pm

9th-12th grade at 5:30 pm

Saco Museum MAEA Member Exhibit Opening this Saturday!



Save the Dates:

Exhibit open Saturday, February 05th, 2022 through Saturday, April 30th, 2022

Opening Reception from 1:00-3:00PM on Saturday, February 05th, 2022

(Opening Reception Rain Date will be February 12th, 2022)

Artwork Pick up: Monday, May 02nd, 2022 through Saturday, May 07th, 2022

How can moments of your time impact the Maine Art Education Association and the students we benefit? Please contact MAEA President, Lynda Leonas, if you - our talented and creative art educators - are able to offer time to keep our Association active by taking on a role or completing supporting tasks!

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**We are seeking assistance as our
MAEA Treasurer
and as our
Awards and Recognitions Co-Chairperson.**

2022 MAEA Engaging Learning Resources

Join the MAEA Photography Teachers Interest Group - Connections

with Jennie Driscoll, Brunswick High School

Email questions to: jdriscoll@brunswick.k12.me.us [Join](#) MAEA to become a participating Member

Photography Teachers Interest Group - Connections

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 provides connections with other art educators to learn about our many creative approaches in teaching young people photography.

Zoom meetings will be the second Wednesday of the month @ 4:00PM.

Links will be posted on the Meetings doc.

Scheduled 2021-2022 Dates:

February 09th, 2022; March 09th, 2022; April 13th, 2022;

Thursday, May 12th, 2022; and, June 15th, 2022

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

MAEA Create Online

Back for the 2021-2022 school year to provide a Covid-friendly opportunity for art teachers to carve out some time for their own practice, share their artwork or techniques, and talk shop. Last year's Create Online meet-ups were amazing! Being able to make art and chat with other art teachers helped us get through what was easily the most challenging year of our teaching careers.

MAEA Create Zoom meet-ups will continue to be the last Saturday of the month

(dates may fluctuate due to major holidays and school calendars) @ 9:00 AM-NOON.

For the time-being, Meetings will take place on Zoom rather than in each other's classrooms.

Scheduled 2021-2022 Dates:

February 26th, 2022; March 26th, 2022; April 30th, 2022; May 28th, 2022;

June 25th, 2022; July 30th, 2022; and, August 27th, 2022



Maine Art Education Association



COVID-19 VISUAL ARTS CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

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A document offering Visual Arts Educator support links

including MAEA Interest Group Contacts and Museum Education Programs.

THE ADVOCACY EXAMPLE ADDED TO THE VISUAL ARTS SECTION IS NEW THIS MONTH:

SEE A SAMPLE ADVOCACY LETTER FOR RETURN OF ART STUDIOS AND/OR CLASSROOMS
TEMPORARILY BORROWED FOR OR SUSPENDED DUE TO IMPACT OF COVID-19.

Links to Visual Arts Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning resources are now incorporated to assist with the impact of COVID-19 Learning Challenges for general education through arts focus education.

Included are links to Visual Performing Arts Specialist, [Jason Anderson](#); State of Maine Visual and Performing Arts Department of Education [Teaching and Learning Opportunities](#); and DOE [calendars](#) and [newsletters](#) offering statewide professional development.

MAEA AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

QUIMBY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

From the Awards and Nominations Committee

Due to the effects of Covid-19 impact, this year we will not be accepting applicants for the Quimby Scholarship due to the MAEA wish to honor past awardees.

MAEA Summer Retreat 2023 Survey

**Please provide your responses as we plan our MAEA Summer Retreat
at Pilgrim Lodge, Cobbosseecontee Lake, West Gardiner, Maine.**

July 06th-09th, 2022



*"A wonderful rejuvenating experience. Full of camaraderie and sharing. A beautiful place and time to rediscover yourself."
Summer 2021*

Please respond to the MAEA Summer Retreat 2023 Survey by December 21st, 2021!

**Our chairperson & MAEA member, Allie Rimkunas, feels your voice important
in providing the personalized professional experience our MAEA members are looking for!**

The MAEA Summer Retreat 2022 is quoted as having established what every art educator is seeking:
*"I am a new teacher so this entire experience was full of inspiration. I feel excited and supported going
into my first year knowing I have this wonderful network of incredible educators."*

MIXED MEDIA is the 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/October, November/December, January/February, and March/April/May.

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Maine Art Education Association Spring Conference

IN PERSON

SATURDAY, APRIL 02ND, 2022

Weather Cancellation Reschedule Date will be SUNDAY, APRIL 03RD, 2022

presented and hosted by



Farnsworth Art Museum

9:00AM-3:30PM

Including

MAEA Art Educator of the Year Awards Program Hosted by Argy Nestor

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for our MAEA newsflash in your email mailbox with more details soon!