



Kendall Merrill
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MAEA ART STUDIOS

Student Thoughts to Inspire Fine Arts Educators



“I want to share this wonderful answer to a question in art from a 5th grader, Kendall Merrill” read the email from Stephen Amoroso, K-6 Art Teacher at Fairview Elementary School, in Auburn, Maine. “What is art? Why is it important? What inspires you to be creative?” were the questions he posed to his students two weeks ago. Kendall’s response that excited her art teacher enough to share out to our MAEA world:

“Have you ever heard the saying ‘we eat with our eyes’? Whether or not you have, it’s true. **It’s a different thing for each and every person, what they ‘eat’ with their eyes.** It’s crazy...the feeling that you get when you look at something you absolutely love

looking at. It makes you feel like, maybe happy?

Either way, it’s a great feeling. What it is for me is art. I just absolutely love art. It’s so beautiful with so many colors and shapes of all sizes! That’s what art is and why it is so important. What inspires me to be creative? Well, I think it is because I want to inspire other people to be artists and **dream big.** That is what motivates and inspires ME to be an artist at least.

The only description [of these artworks that] I’m going to give is one about any art. I need people to know **what** art is. And if I’m being honest, it can be anything! From an old, broken picnic table

that is now decorated with colorful shapes to a cake decorated to look like a unicorn!!! 🦄 I guess, what I’m trying to say is, anything can be art! So go ahead artists, and put yourself out there! Because the truth is, anyone can be an artist! 🧑🎨 🧒🎨 🧑🎨 🧒🎨 ”

-Kendall Merrill

So many of our MAEA members have stepped into the role of hybrid educators seeking opportunities to reach our young artists and to continue inspiring their creative thoughts and each of them to “dream big”. Why does it always seem like those open-ended questions are the ones that bring us the greatest joy in the art education world? Enjoy your students’ voices as we continue on our new journeys this year!



Stephen has also stepped out into his community to continue to inspire students and families with his personal art exhibit for the month of October at Guthrie's on Middle Street in Lewiston. Check out their facebook posts for the secret word to say when you go in to receive 10% off. It was his suggestion that brings each of you a discount when you tell them: "Mr. A sent me"! Thank you to Stephen Amoroso for reminding us all to take those necessary relaxing breaks as we scramble to continue providing dynamic arts education across the state! Please check out Guthrie's Facebook page for a chance to win one of Stephen's paintings! Thank you to Kendall Merrill for reminding us all why teaching art to our students is so very dear to each of us. As many of our own MAEA school

art studios continue to remain on a virtual platform and our personal studios have been placed on hold this autumn season, please take a moment and review our calendar for upcoming Professional Development, Personal Creative Production, and Art Educator Exhibition opportunities highlighted herein.

CREATE! CREATE! CREATE!

The **Maine College of Art is working hard to plan a MAEA and MECA MAT Art Educator Exhibit for our 2021 winter season!**

Rachel Somerville, Interim Program Chair of Art Education at MECA, is working with her Marketing and Admissions teams to finalize dates for hosting our Virtual Art Educator exhibit. This winter date will replace and combine our usual calendar events of the MECA show in the autumn and our winter exhibit. We will keep you posted as the dates and submission guidelines unfold for this virtual opportunity!

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

Join the return of MAEA's Art Teachers Create Online

with Erin Landry Fowler, Scarborough High School

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

June 2020 Membership Drive:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

All new and renewing members on June 1st were placed in 2 drawings; and, our winners are:

Kari McCarthy 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

JEANS GATHERING AND DROP OFF

Department Of Education Visual and Performing Arts and Maine Arts Commission
Pilot Artist-in-Residence Program with Pamela Moulton

PLEASE DONATE YOUR FAMILY'S USED JEANS TO ART EDUCATOR, Hope Lord, AS SHE
WORKS WITH ARTIST, PAMELA MOULTON,
as the Middle Level PILOT ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

CONTACT Hope_Lord@Maranacook.org IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE

MUSEUM OFFERINGS for Art Educators

<p>DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP: OCTOBER 16th, 2020</p> <p>Saturday, October 17, 2020 9:30AM - 3:30PM</p>	<p>Join here: <u>MAEA Weekend Workshop</u></p> <p>CMCA Center for Maine Contemporary Art Rockland, Maine</p>	<p>"TEACHING VIRTUAL" IN PERSON ORIENTATION and ARTMAKING LAB</p> <p>20 PARTICIPANTS MAXIMUM 2 GROUPS OF 10</p> <p>7 SPACES AVAILABLE \$50.00 PER PERSON</p> <p>with Mia Bogyo, Look Inside Education Coordinator cmcanow.org</p>
<p>WEBINAR Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 6:00PM</p>	<p>Educator Evening What is Missing? With Maya Lin Colby College Museum of Art Email: abigail.newkirk@colby.edu Abigail Newkirk Linde Family Foundation Senior Coordinator of School and Teacher Programs</p>	<p>"What is Missing" with Maya Lin WEBINAR AND ART EDUCATOR PARTICIPATION</p> <p><u>WEBINAR REGISTRATION LINK</u></p>
<p>Schedule an appointment for educator, student, and family art education opportunities at your convenience!</p>	<p>Remote Outreach <u>Maine Museum Offerings for Art Educators</u> Bates College Museum of Art Email: ashostak@bates.edu Anthony Shostak Education Curator</p>	<p>Collections Database Online Orientation with Corie Audette, Registrar and Collections Manager The museum's Thousand Words Project and STEAMpower program also 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</p>

MAINE ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OFFERINGS for Art Educators

<p>1st evening of every month Sunday, November 01st, 2020 6:00PM - 8:00PM</p>	<p>MAEA Monthly Open Forum 2020 MAEA Engaging Learning Resources MAEA Virtual 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 the Month with holiday fluctuations Saturday, October 31st, 2020 9:00AM-NOON</p>	<p>MAEA Monthly Open Forum 2020 MAEA Engaging Learning Resources MAEA Virtual Art Teachers Create Online</p>	<p>REMOTE PERSONAL CREATION SHARE AND EXPLORE ARTWORK PRACTICES</p> <p>Artist Time with Erin Landry Fowler Email questions to: elandry-fowler@scarboroughschools.org</p>

A message and invitation on

Remote Teaching at The Center for Maine Contemporary Art

from Mia Bogyo, Look Inside Education Coordinator

Rockland, ME, October 2, 2020 — The Center for Maine Contemporary Art (CMCA) in Rockland will host a full-day professional workshop for Maine art educators in partnership with the Maine Arts Education Association (MAEA) on Saturday, October 17 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Pre-registration for the workshop is required, participants may register at cmcanow.org.

The daylong workshop “Activating Hybrid Learning with Contemporary Art” will look to diverse themes and artworks in the CMCA 2020 Biennial to discover a range of artmaking processes and ideas to heighten curriculum and personal practice. CMCA staff will lead participants through a gallery tour, hands-on activities and informational sessions on concepts and techniques for incorporating contemporary art into classrooms, both in-person and online. The event will conclude with a Biennial artist talk.

The cost of the workshop is \$50 per participant. Registration currently allows for 7 more art educators, in accordance with social distancing guidelines. To learn more or to register, contact Mia Bogyo at mbogyo@cmcanow.org.

Group 1

9:30 - 10:00 Check in & Introductions 10:00 - 11:00 Biennial Tour 11:00 - 12:00 Teaching Virtually w/CMCA

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Look Inside 2:00 - 3:00 Open Studios

Group 2

9:30 - 10:00 Check in & Introductions 10:00 - 11:00 Teaching Virtually 11:00 - 12:00 Biennial Tour

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Open Studios 2:00 - 3:00 Look Inside

ABOUT CMCA

CMCA is a contemporary arts institution presenting year-round exhibitions, engaging events, and educational programs for all ages on site and online.

Location: [21 Winter Street, Rockland, Maine](http://21.WinterStreet.Rockland.Maine). Hours: Monday - Saturday, 11am to 5pm; Sunday, noon to 5pm. Closed Federal holidays. FMI cmcanow.org

ACTIVATING HYBRID LEARNING WITH CONTEMPORARY ART

with Mia Bogyo, Look Inside Education Coordinator

Join us at cmcanow.org

Saturday, October 17, 2020 • 9:30AM-3:30PM

Educator Evening: What is Missing? with Maya Lin

Wednesday, OCTOBER 28th, 2020 at 6:00PM

Presented by the Colby College Museum of Art and the Lunder Institute for American Art

In this special evening for Maine K-12 environmentalist Maya Lin will to the planet's biodiversity crisis as a classrooms to collect personal memories parents and grandparents, students will and present recovery. What is Missing? science, and storytelling. The lesson Principles of helping students to become & Involved Citizens, and Integrative & open to educators of all grade levels and administrators and educators in training. address.



educators, world-renowned artist, designer, and introduce What is Missing?, her project devoted result of habitat loss. Lin will invite Maine about the natural world. Through interviews with share stories of Maine's past natural abundance lives at the intersection of art, environmental plans and assignments fulfill Maine's Guiding Clear & Effective Communicators, Responsible Informed Thinkers. This program is free and disciplines, as well as interested school Please register using your school-issued email

About What is Missing?

Designed by Maya Lin as her "last memorial," What is Missing? is an interactive project that combines in-depth research on ecological history with personal memories contributed by individuals, making for a truly interdisciplinary and participatory work of art. What is Missing? is a wake-up call and a call to action, showing us how to reimagine our relationship to the natural world in ways that balance our needs with those of the planet.

About the artist:

<https://www.colby.edu/lunderinstitute/2020/08/26/lunder-institute-appoints-maya-lin-to-2020-21-senior-fellowship/>

Email questions to abigail.newkirk@colby.edu

Abigail Newkirk '03, Linde Family Foundation Senior Coordinator of School and Teacher Programs, Colby College Museum of Art

For more information about our school programs please [click here](#).

EDUCATOR EVENING: What is Missing? With Maya Lin

with Abigail Newkirk '03, Linde Family Foundation Senior Coordinator of School and Teacher Programs

Register for our Wednesday, October 28, 2020 • 6:00PM WEBINAR at

https://colby.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EqXsuKEEQkqETw3nvTB3cA



Please Keep Me Posted

I thank each of you that responded to our recent survey, “COVID-19 Visual and Media Arts Program Impact”, concerning our return to visual arts programs here in our Maine public school system. 69% of the programs participating in the survey have altered the delivery of art programs. Our hope here at the MAEA is that soon 100% of our original arts programs will return to the “norm” as those 19% that have not altered in delivery other than to provide a different kind of “safe” distancing and cleaning during the time of COVID. Being “very grateful to have a full time job still” and working through medical concerns with few or no accommodations is difficult on your own. While many members currently feel that our programs and educators have been “placed on the back burner”, I promise that the MAEA is not alone in supporting our districts as together we wait out and weave through the CDC and DHHS guidelines for the safe implementation of public school programming. As you continue to arrive at your schools with every positive of your nature every day, Jason Anderson, Visual and Performing Arts Specialist of the Maine Department of Education, is working hard to promote your well-being - both for our programs and for ourselves. I am pleased to announce that Susan Potters of the ABC Coalition has continued to advocate for the arts in Maine throughout our State’s ordeal. Her brightest demeanor continues to shine and inspire all around us as we each dig in locally and bring light to the students we support.

Please keep me posted should you require assistance in advocating for you and your programs within your districts. **Keep me posted with phenomenal photos and highlights of you and your students this year!** Please share your new normal in our MAEA newsletter! Continuing to bring our fabulous to the table will be the asset our communities will choose to support!

Fondly,

lynda.g.leonas

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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

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

October 31st, 2020 November 21st, 2020 (NOT the 28th) December 19th, 2020 (NOT the 26th)

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

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



Maine Art Education Association



COVID-19 VISUAL ARTS CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

WITH INTEREST GROUP VISUAL ARTS EDUCATOR SUPPORT LINKS

October 2020

VIEW OUR RECENTLY RELEASED COVID-19 VISUAL ARTS RESOURCE

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE [MAEA COVID-19 Visual Arts Classroom Management Safety Suggestions](#)

State of Maine visual and media arts educators have provided modifications and additional suggestions that complement guides adopted from Massachusetts and New Jersey art collaboration documents. As such, our new guide includes the recommended grade band level Individual Student Art Supply Kit sets and Maine art educator suggestions. Please review the *MAEA COVID-19 Visual Arts Classroom Management and Safety Suggestions* document on the MAEA website. Should you have further suggestions evolve as you work in your art studios this year, please share with us to further assist Maine art educators as our year is continually changing!

Should you have concerns as you are reopening and working in your art studios, please contact

lmccann-olson@msad51.org.

Brunswick Visual Arts Educator Student Work Highlight

Enjoy viewing these video links to Cory Bucknam's student work:



Samantha Butts, 8th Grade



Peter Wilkoff, 8th Grade



Trevor Campbell, 8th Grade

Here's a 7th grade class: <https://youtu.be/QC1jO4KDrEU>

And here's an 8th grade class: <https://youtu.be/E3NupReTr5s>

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: _____

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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

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

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

Hello hard-working Art Teachers –

I think about you every day, as you figure out how to bring joyful artmaking to your students right now – distanced in person, through zoom, or through videos and digital assignments. THANK YOU for being flexible, for hanging in there with your students. The arts are a lifeline to so many, more than we can say right now. The opportunity to express oneself couldn't be more critical than today. And you are the one who extends that line out, over and over. You are making a difference.

Here's two opportunities with you in mind:

Maine Excellence in Arts Education Exhibition – It's On!

This year's exhibition will be different in several ways. Instead of artwork hanging in frames around the Capitol Complex, we will introduce and promote a statewide **Virtual Gallery** of submitted student artwork. Artwork that IS hanging in the Statehouse are paintings by the nationally-celebrated Maine artist and author **Ashley Bryan**, now in his 97th year. You can see the [paintings here](#) on the Maine Arts Commission website.



For the Maine Excellence in Arts Education show, we will have a **theme**. To celebrate his lifetime of achievement, we will invite student artists to share original work inspired by Ashley Bryan: his paintings, his life, themes in his books, his palette, his styles, his experiences as a Black American soldier during World War II and beyond. For more info about him, the [Ashley Bryan Center](#) is a great resource. MUCH more information on how to get involved in this exciting exhibition will be coming soon!

Wednesdays – Making Art Together!

I just wanted to make sure that you knew about this fall edition of the popular virtual **Open Art Teachers Studio** that MALI – Maine Arts Leadership Initiative -- ran last spring – an hour of creating **together**. First and Third Wednesdays until Dec. 16.

Please join us if you haven't signed up already – it starts today, Wednesday, October 7 @ 4 PM.

Here's the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucOutqDkjHdx0zCHB_LvWf3lptROuklpY

For many, it is just what is needed – to be seen, making, as an artist, by other artists.

Hope to see you there!

Feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas, or comments. Take care --

Martha Piscuskas, Director of Arts Education, Maine Arts Commission

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DATE:
WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD)
OCTOBER 7 - DECEMBER 16

TIME:
4:00 - 5:00 PM

ZOOM LINK:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1ZoucOutgDkHtdv0xCHB_LvWF3lptROukipY

CONTACT HOURS AVAILABLE