

In Perspective

Arizona
Art Education
Association

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September 2024

It's almost time! Our AAEA Fall 2024 Conference is just around the corner. Have you registered yet?

Our conference will be held October 24-26 in Tucson at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tucson - Reid Park. Currently, the rooms at this hotel are all booked, so we recommend staying at one of the many nearby hotels. You can also share a room with another member using this Room Share doc.

This issue of the AAEA Newsletter will detail what to expect, what to bring, and all things conference-related!





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AAEA Board & Council

MISSION STATEMENT

To further highly qualified art education through professional development, service, advancement of knowledge, advocacy and leadership, and to increase creative connections to human experiences.

It is our purpose to promote and maintain the highest possible quality of instruction in visual arts programs under whatever auspices that they are fostered.

It shall be our intent to communicate our belief to the organized teaching profession and to the community-at-large, to strengthen the position of the visual arts as a discipline in the schools, and to affect positively the role of art education in the culture.

We dedicate ourselves to aesthetic and humanistic growth and quality performance in art.

With these as our goals, we support visual arts and humanities programs that provide depth and breadth of experience in art in order to meet the needs, interests, and abilities of the varied individuals we teach.

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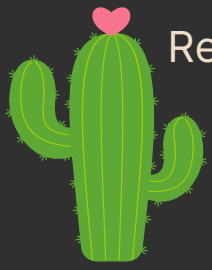


Regional Chair: North
President-Elect

If interested, please email aaea.president@gmail.com

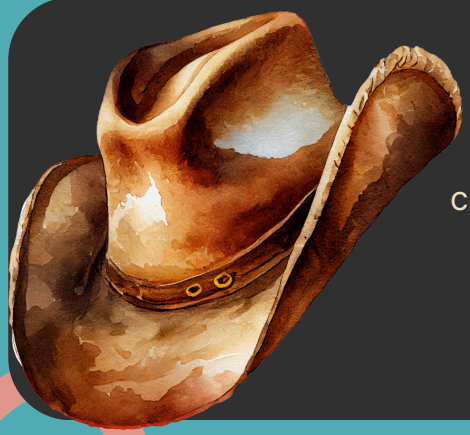
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Do you need help with conference fees? We have a **PDSF scholarship** available, which is funded through the Professional Development Scholarship Fund raffle that we hold every year at the conference! Click to apply, the deadline is **October 1st!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bronte Burgess	Carli Cummings	Sandra Saiz
Madison Blilie	Breanna Miranda	Paul Mack
Andrea Rivera	Joanna Cardenas	Gerald Bunting-Blake
Rachel Zollinger	Holly Hendrick	
Spencer Brown	Hanah Nordmeyer	Tina Marie Rey
Sue Pontel	Kelly Montano	Ziyu Feng



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to help out at conference with tasks such as setting up before conference, taking down after, setting up the State Flag display, and more.
Please email or text Candace Greene at (602) 394-2444 or aaea.pastpresident@gmail.com.

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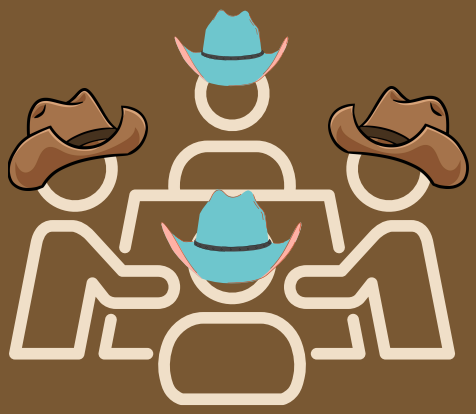
Meetings & Membership



Please watch your emails for communications and zoom links regarding future meetings and other opportunities. Any questions please reach out to our President at aaea.president@gmail.com or our Secretary at aaea.secretary@gmail.com



Membership in AAEA is combined with National Art Education Association membership. Sign up on the NAEA website

Membership Dues:
Active or Associate $95
Emeritus $75
1st Year Professional $70
College Student $45
Institutional $215

UPCOMING MEETING & EVENT DATES

Board & Council meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm via Zoom on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 9/10
- Tuesday, 10/8
- Tuesday, 11/5

Additional conference meetings may be scheduled.

Zoom link will be sent to Board & Council Members in advance to join the meetings.



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THE CONFERENCE 411
Recycle Roundup

SAVE THE DATE

Our 2024 AAEA Conference will be
October 24-26th
in Tucson at the Doubletree by Hilton Reid Park for a
Recycle Roundup

WHAT TO EXPECT

The AAEA Conference is a multi-day experience where you attend classes, meals and collaborative events with Art Educators from across the State of Arizona! When you register, there is a difference between lectures and workshops. A workshop will be longer and you will be creating a hands-on activity, whereas a lecture is shorter and will be more focused on information such as strategies.

HOTEL ROOMS

Currently, the rooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tucson - Reid Park are all booked, so we recommend staying at one of the many nearby hotels. You can also share a room with another member using this **Room Share doc**.

WHAT TO BRING

- Bring a **hat** and a **bag** that you can upcycle in our Makerspace
- Basic materials for taking notes and journaling
- Materials for personal use, such as pencil, markers, glue, scissors, colored pencils, etc.
- Student art for the AAEA State Flag Contest **with 2 copies of permission slip** (2 per grade band K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- Cash for raffle tickets for the Professional Development Scholarship Fund
- Cash to support the artists at the Artists Market
- Donation supplies for our Makerspace
- PDSF Raffle Basket items you are willing to donate
- Outfit for the awards dinner and Recycle Fashion Show



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The Conference Hub

Recycle Roundup

Conference Hub Doc

REGISTER | **SESSION CATALOG** | **SCHEDULE** | **SESSION GRID**

CONFERENCE RATES

Early Bird Registration: July 17- September 28, 2024

Member Entire Conference (50% discount)	$396
Non-Member Entire Conference	$792
Member Pre-Service & Retired	$356
Member Presenters $25 Discount (Early Bird Only)	$371

Regular Registration: September 29 - October 12, 2024

Member Entire Conference (50% discount)	$495
Non-Member Entire Conference	$990
Member Pre-Service & Retired ($50 discount)	$445

Late Registration: October 13 - 20, 2024

Member Entire Conference (50% discount)	$594
Non-Member Entire Conference	$1,188
Member Pre-Service & Retired ($50 discount)	$544

Registration Closes at 11:59 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2024

NOTE: There is NO One Day Rate available

PRESENTERS

To receive your presenter discount, you must register Early Bird (July 17- Sept 28) and select the "Member Presenter" option to receive the $371 rate, which is a $25 discount for presenters only.

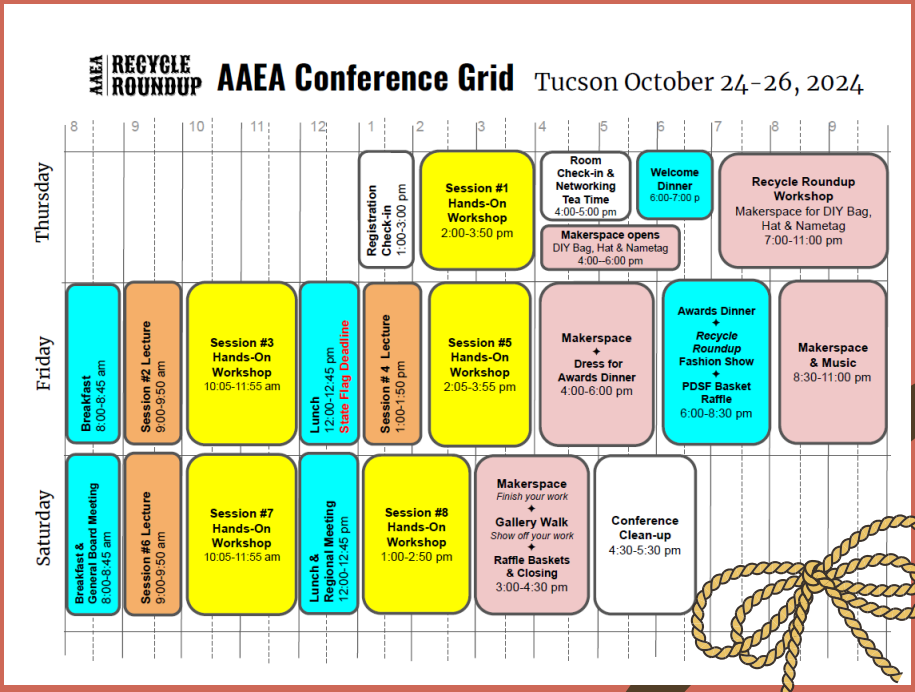
You can be reimbursed for up to $50 in consumables as a workshop presenter by filling out this reimbursement form. **Keep in mind that you will need to bring your own supplies, computer, projector and speakers.**

Here is some information you need to know when planning for your lecture or workshop. Feel free to email aaea.secretary@gmail.com with any questions about presenting.

ADVOCACY

Show this Letter of Encouragement to your administration for support in attending the conference. This is 3 days of in-person, unique and valuable professional development JUST FOR ART TEACHERS!

Also, we have a PDSF scholarship available, which is funded through the Professional Development Scholarship Fund raffle that we hold every year at the conference! Click to apply, the deadline is October 1st!



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AAEA State Flag Contest

2024 THEME:
"HEALING THROUGH COLOR"

The AAEA State Flag contest is an opportunity to showcase your students' artwork! Have your students create 2D artwork with the theme **"Healing through Color"** to enter into the 2024/2025 school year contest. Artwork should also **include elements that help identify that the flag represents the state of Arizona**.

You may bring up to 2 submissions per grade band, per teacher to the conference. Grade bands are: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th.

All art must have **two copies of the signed permission slip**, attached to the back of the artwork. Artwork without the executed form will not be considered. Please also **fill out the teacher entry form online** before bringing artwork to the conference.

State Flag Student Form

Print this form and have students fill out the informational side. Students **SHOULD NOT draw in the box**, artwork should be on a separate paper. Bring 2 copies of this form with student artwork to the conference.

Teacher Entry Form

After selecting the two entries per grade band, please **fill out this Google Form to officially register** your entries. This must be done prior to bringing them to the conference.

I have my art and forms... what next?

The AAEA state flag design contest is open to all AAEA members. Bring the artwork to the conference, where it will be displayed and voted on.

Submissions are **due by Friday at 5pm.** Voting will be at lunch on Saturday, and winners will be announced at dinner.

The winning overall flag design will represent Arizona at national level events and different state events.



2023 Arizona flag contest winner

The winning entry will be turned into a flag and hung at the National Conference in the Spring of 2025!

PDSF RAFFLE & Artist Market



Roundin' Up Supplies for our Conference Makerspace

Please bring any of these to the conference if you can donate!

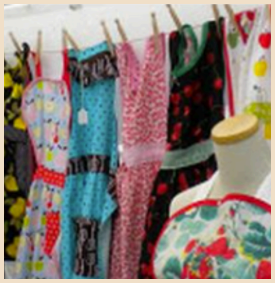
HAT BAR
Hats / Cowboy / baseball / trucker hats
Ribbons / scarves / pins / patches
Embroidery thread
Fabric paint
Feathers
Patches / ties / lace / leather string
Vests (for non hat wearing folk)

RECYCLED LOOMS
Old t shirts
Rit dye
Wood to make looms & volunteers to assemble looms

FRIENDSHIP BRACELET STATION
Beads , ribbons , spandex fabric
Stretchy string

COLLAGE STATION
Rubber stamps , ink pads , watercolor paper

Artist Market



Do you want to showcase, share, and sell your art during the upcoming conference?

Start working on your inventory and fill out this form to be a part of this year's Artist Market! The cost will be $25 per artist. Each artist will have 1 table. The Artist Market will set-up and sell during dinner on Friday. You will need to cover your wares when you are "closed" to secure your valuables.

PDSF Raffle Baskets

Each year at conference art teachers across the state bring items they do not need in baskets or handy containers, and they are raffled off. PDSF is a win-win for all of us. What was taking up space in your classroom is much needed in another, plus, the raffle helps provide scholarships for teachers to attend conference the following year.

Step 1: **Start collecting new and gently used items to donate for the raffle,** such as a basket of printing supplies, a collection of yarn, a set of watercolor markers, or any art materials that others could find useful. These could also be personal care items or gift cards for a massage, spa day, or fun experiences. We could even raffle off personal artwork or unique items! Baskets could be themed, such as drawing, sculpture, or even "Teacher Down Time." PDSF basket raffles are fun, and no matter what your basket holds, it should be fun too.

Step 2: **Bring that basket of materials to the conference**. Please label it with a description of what is included. If you don't have time to make it pretty, we can do that for you when you arrive.

Step 3: Be sure to **bring cash for raffle tickets**! Look for members wearing special aprons to purchase. You DO need to be present to win. Half of the baskets will be awarded at Friday night's awards dinner; the other half will be awarded on Saturday during the closing, so you should plan on attending all weekend.

Step 4: You'll be able to take the baskets with you as soon as you win, so leave room in your car!

2024 AWARD Winners



CONGRATULATIONS
to the
2024 AAEA WINNERS

The following members will be honored at the conference on Friday, October 25th at the AAEA Awards Dinner. Congratulations to these outstanding members for their contributions to Art Education!

AZ State Art Educator of the Year Award

Cameron Kahle

Mountain Pointe High School - Tempe Union High School District

Elementary Division Outstanding Art Educator Award

Jodi Biasiucci

Starline Elementary - Lake Havasu Unified School District

Middle Division Outstanding Art Educator Award

Laura Namerow

Miles Exploratory Learning Center - Tucson Unified School District

Secondary Division Outstanding Art Educator Award

Christina Wilson

McClintock High SChool - Tempe Union High School District

Pre Service Division Outstanding Art Educator Award

Andrea Rivera Cisneros

Arizona State University

Distinguished Service Outside of the Profession Award

Jennifer Penoyer

Liberty Elementary School - Paradise Valley Unified School District

New & Exciting!

Courtyardly

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Courtyardly seeks Arizona Arts Educators who are ready to embrace technology to enhance learning and opportunities for students and arts classrooms. Courtyardly is a new social and entrepreneurial platform for artists, arts educators, and students. Dedicated to empowering artistic futures, Courtyardly provides virtual space for creation, community, and creative classrooms, allowing arts educators to leverage the power of technology to track student growth and mastery.

Courtyardly actively invites schools and districts to pilot with Courtyardly and allow their students to:
·Prepare for college and career post-high school graduation,
·Prepare high school students for the Arizona Seal of Artistic Proficiency capstone project,
·Track student work and demonstrate growth and mastery,
·Provide virtual classroom space specially designed for art classrooms,
·Provide virtual gallery and presentation space for student work,
·Allow teachers to archive each student's work through virtual student portfolios and MORE!

Partner with Courtyardly and help us discover what features would benefit YOU and YOUR students most!
If you are interested in exploring how Courtyardly can enhance your fantastic work with your students, please get in touch with Courtyardly at: contactus@courtyardly.com.
You can also explore our education demo reel to see how you can get started!

Thank you for investing in your students and the future of our nation and state!



Courtyardly Team
"Where Creativity Meets Opportunity"

Jodi Lyn Biasiucci

K-6 ART, AAEA SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR
ELEMENTARY DIVISION OUTSTANDING ART EDUCATOR AWARD



How long I've been teaching: 9 years (6 in art)
Favorite lesson I teach: I love teaching sculpture and charcoal techniques!
Art teacher pet peeve: eaten erasers!
Best part about teaching art: Creativity & Connections I build with my students
I want my fellow art teachers to know: that we TRULY have the BEST job in the entire world! We teach ALL subjects to all students every week!! We have multiple personalities, and we are always thinking outside of the box and willing to adapt and connect!

Member Spotlight

Jenni Feidler-Aguilar

PREK-6 ART, AAEA SECRETARY & NEWSLETTER CHAIR
Arizona Teacher of the Year Semifinalist



How long I've been teaching: This is my 16th year teaching!
Favorite lesson I teach: I love to make projects where we think outside the box, mix mediums, and have to problem-solve. One project that I do every year with 6th graders is where we create Animatronic moving sculptures using Model Magic, Little Bits electronics, and a shoebox. We use other Makerspace materials, and cover it all with neon paint, paper, and oil pastels. These projects go on display for our annual school event in the Glow Art Gallery and always steal the show! You can see this project on my YouTube channel, Art with Mrs. F, or my Instagram.

Art teacher pet peeve: Sharpening both sides of the pencils
Best part about teaching art: Inspiring creativity in my students, especially those who don't excel in other areas.
I want my fellow art teachers to know: YOU make a difference! YOU have to chance to shape our future generation through connections and creativity... wield that power wisely!

Phx Art Phoenix Art Museum

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM EDUCATOR DAY

In August, the Phoenix Art Museum held a professional development day for arts educators! We heard a keynote speech by Jamie Kasper from the Arts Education Foundation, attended relevant PD workshops, got a free lunch and raffle tickets! Attendees also got to participate in the **Cultural Resource Fair**, where vendors and program representatives were present to share a plethora of resources. Pictured below are AAEA Members at our booth!













HAVE AN IDEA FOR A WORKSHOP IN YOUR REGION?

Send your ideas to Candace Greene, Regional Liaison, at aaea.regionalevents@gmail.com

Or contact your Regional Chair:
Central: Ellen Merchant
East: Christa Knox
North: OPEN
South: Jane Peterson
West: Jodi Biasiucci

Regional Events Website
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ARIZONA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

ED&I ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE

Megan Driving Hawk
edichair@gmail.com

ED&I NEWS

"Since 1985 nearly half of the Poet Laureates have taken on a signature project to increase appreciation for poetry. Inspired by 2020 Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo's Living Nations, Living Worlds signature project, I have decided to collect and compile ED&I resources from art educators across the state of Arizona into a working document. This cited and curated selection of resources will be shared with Arizona Art Education Association members and with the other ED&I Liaisons at the NAEA level."

-Megan Driving Hawk

*If you are interested in submitting a resource, please reach out to MeganDrivingHawk@gmail.com for a link to the application.

Interested in learning more or joining the committee?

Please fill out this interest form to be notified about the upcoming meeting:
ED&I Interest Form

Have Questions?

Contact Megan Driving Hawk
ED&I Arizona Representative
edichair@gmail.com

Look for the upcoming ED&I lecture at the conference!

Thank you to everyone who attended the session at the state conference last year! Below are are our presentation Slides.



For more information about the National ED&I Commission visit the following toolkit:

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MCAD

The Spix Foundation is excited to announce the inaugural SpixArt Youth Art Contest, inviting Arizona students ages 12–18 to explore the evolution of education through visual arts. Running from September 15 through November 15, 2024, the contest offers a creative platform for middle and high school students to reflect on how learning has transformed from ancient times to modern digital classrooms.

This year's theme, "From Scrolls to Screens: Education Through the Ages," challenges young artists to depict how education has transformed across generations and cultures. Participants can submit their artwork online or by mail, with monetary prizes up to $1,000 awarded to winners in two age categories: 12–14 years and 15–18 years. Winning entries will be featured on the Spix Foundation website, offering students professional exposure.

As a "thank you" gift for fostering creative expression in schools, the first 50 Arizona teachers who submit classroom entries receive a special gift, while supplies last. All teachers who submit five or more student entries during the contest period will have the chance to receive an iPad.

While the 2024 contest is open exclusively to Arizona students, the Spix Foundation plans to expand the contest nationally in the coming years. For submission guidelines, rules, and prizes, visit www.spixfoundation.info/spixart



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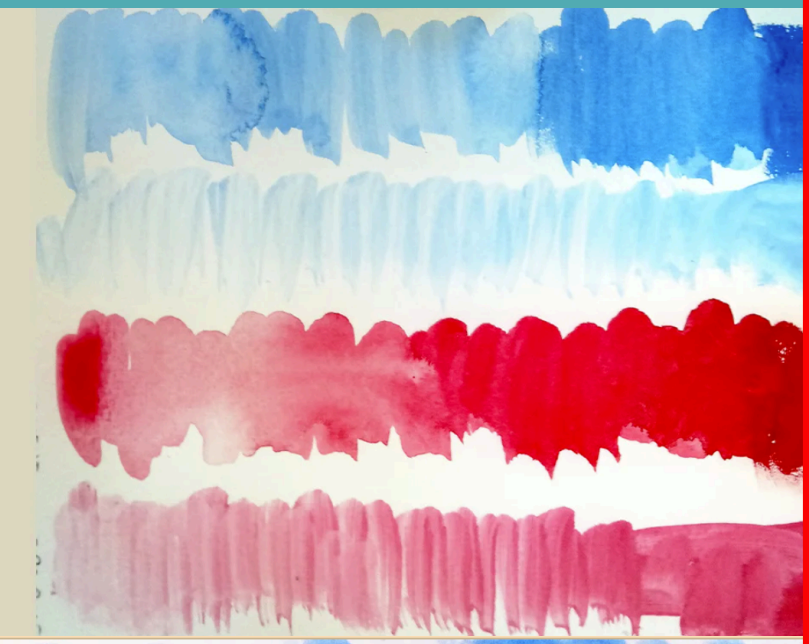

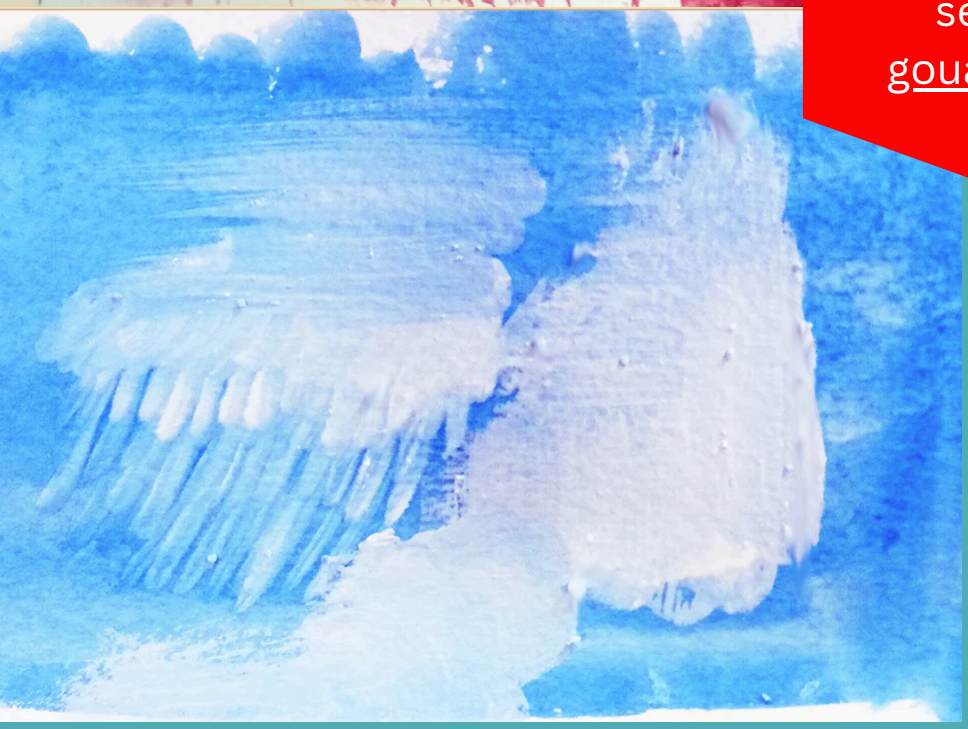

"Time for a little transparency on just what makes watercolor different from gouache! We promise the answer isn't too opaque. By the end of this short video clip from BLICK, you'll find that both have their advantages and choosing one over the other may just be a wash. Either way, we hope you'll take a look at our explainer and shop the wide selection of watercolor and gouache at www.dickblick.com!"

Blick Lesson Plans

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NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2025 NAEA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Secure your spot now for the 2025 NAEA National Convention, taking place March 20-22 in Louisville, Kentucky. Yearly, NAEA brings thousands of visual arts, design, and media arts education professionals together for this epic event offering hundreds of opportunities for all levels of educators, administrators, teaching artists, and more! Engage in premier professional learning and make meaningful connections at NAEA25. Join us in Louisville and be inspired!
Download the NAEA25 Letter of Supportoffsite link downloadAcrobat Reader to help make your case.



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OPEN POSITIONS

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President-Elect
Regional Chair: North

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LESSON OR FEATURE SUBMISSIONS

Have a lesson or great idea that you would like to share? Send it our way and we will share it with all our members!



SPOTLIGHT OR SHOUT OUT

Want to suggest some one for a spotlight or share an inspiring story?

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