IN PERSPECTIVE
AAEA NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Now that we have made it through the end-of-year chaos at school, it's time relax & unwind for the summer!
As another incredible school year with the Arizona Art Education Association comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of our members for your passion, creativity, & dedication to art education. Your support and involvement help strengthen our community & inspire students across Arizona. We hope you take time this summer to relax, recharge, & enjoy well-deserved moments of creativity. We look forward to reconnecting in the fall as we plan an exciting new year & an unforgettable upcoming conference together!

SUMMER EDITION 2026

Arizona Art Education Association

MISSION

Arizona Art Education Association:
A vibrant and creative community that inspires, supports, and advocates for innovative learning in the visual arts.

REGIONAL RECAP

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fiber Arts Workshop & Festival in Flagstaff! We learned how to weave on different types of looms, gained a new appreciation for weaving patterns, and attended a local art festival filled with fiber arts and all the wooly animals they come from. Special thanks to Nancy Bene for hosting!





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HAVE AN IDEA FOR A REGIONAL WORKSHOP?

CALL FOR PRESENTERS!

AAEA CONFERENCE OCTOBER 16-18

Did you know that our association is completely run by volunteers?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT...

- Leading an outdoor art walk on a beautiful lake trail?
- Guiding an "unplugged" art session in The Quiet Place?
- Teaching a fiber arts class in The Old Wagon Shed?
- Leading a plein-air painting session by the Tree House and gazebo?
- Leading a yoga session in the Meadow?

Have a lecture proposal?



Have a workshop proposal?





Dear Art Educators,

Presentation proposals are now open for the Arizona Art Education Association Conference at Friendly Pines Campsite in Prescott, October 16-18, 2026.

This year's conference centers on nature, mindfulness, unplugged creativity, nostalgia, and a bit of DIY 90s grunge spirit. Whether you have a classroom lesson favorite or a new idea you'd like to explore, we'd love to hear from you. We welcome workshops, lectures, demonstrations, and discussion-based sessions. Based on the venue and last year's feedback... Here is what we would love to see! Workshops that work without electricity! Unplugged hands-on experiences will be preferred due to limited access at camp. Nature-inspired projects or themes like en-plein air drawing, Andy Goldsworthy inspired photography, or even going on a hike to collect texture rubbings. Lectures that re-inspire and get back to basics with practical art classroom advice. Opportunities for hands-on making or collaboration with other attendees with a focus on skill building.

PS... you get a $25 conference discount & reimbursement up to $80 for materials!!!! Proposal Deadline: June 30

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CALL FOR POSITIONS!!!

Considering a leadership position with AAEA?
If you are interested in getting more involved as a volunteer or council member, we would love to have you, just let us know!

We are in need of:

- **Membership Chair**
- **Website Chair**
- **South Region Chair**
- **Retired Chair**

If interested, please email Jenni Feidler-Aguilar at aaea.president@gmail.com or Aaron Abbott at aaea.presidentelect@gmail.com to connect.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Conference Meetings: 6/25, 7/16, 8/27 @6pm-7pm ZOOM
Council Meetings: Thursdays 6/18, 8/13
Board Meetings: Wednesday 7/8
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81682877627?pwd=wioK9CGbGSE5eLIfYEeKXNPbhBXcys.1
Meeting ID: 816 8287 7627 Passcode: 430907

NEW ARRIVALS

WELCOME NEW AAEA MEMBERS!

February to May

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Member Opportunity

Have an interesting topic or information to submit to the newsletter? Have pictures from an event?
Fill the form below or email Jodi, our Newsletter Editor, at aaea.newsletter@gmail.com to be featured!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS FORM

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

WE WANT YOU!

Please fill our the Member Spotlight section of this Newsletter Submissions form about yourself or email JODI BIASIUCCI @aaea.newsletter@gmail.com to be featured in our quarterly newsletter!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TINA Rey



What I teach: Kids! No, seriously, Pk in the Gilbert District

How long I've been teaching: I was a classroom teacher first (because you can only become the art teacher when someone dies or retires, as a professor once told me lol) for 9 years as a 1st grade teacher, 5th grade math teacher, then a 4th grade teacher before the art position opened up at my school! This was my second year as an art teacher. This is just a long was of saying 11 years lol.

Favorite lesson I teach: There are so many, but I think (which came as a surprise to me) all the clay lessons! I also love teaching weaving.

Art teacher pet peeve: When I keep getting asked where I keep the sharpies (in the same spot for two years) or "where do the dirty paintbrushes go?" Um, the sink maybe?

Best part about teaching art: It is getting a student who thought they hated art and couldn't do art to explore a new medium and realize that they just hadn't found the right material to work with yet! The other thing I love is when a student is not "feeling" their art so I take it and hold it up, but make them walk 10 feet away. When they turn around their eyes light up. I tell them "you have to look at your art the way a patron in a museum will look at it." Then they realize they really are making great things!

I want my fellow art teachers to know: You may not recognize the ways that you are impacting your students, but if you give them permission to try and fail then trust in the fact that you definitely did make an impact.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

WHEN

October 16th-18th, 2026

WHERE

Friendly Pines Camp
Prescott, AZ

REGISTRATION

Coming in July!



CONTACT FOR MORE INFO

Jenni Feidler-Aguilar at
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New to presenting or need support developing an idea?

If you'd like help shaping a proposal, adapting a lesson to an unplugged format, or simply talking through an idea, I'm happy to help! Feel free to reach out. I'd love to provide some brainstorming space. Reach out by email and we will connect!
amandamcglothern@gmail.com
Thank you for considering sharing your ideas to inspire others! We hope you'll join us in Prescott for a weekend of making, learning, and reconnecting with art in nature as a community.
Warmly,
Amanda McGlothern
AAEA Conference Presenter Chair amandamcglothern@gmail.com

CONFERENCE REMINDERS!

PDSF AUCTION BASKET

Don't forget a PDSF basket for auction! Baskets can be any size, contain themes OR be totally random. The creativity is at your fingertips!

WANT TO BE A PRESENTER?

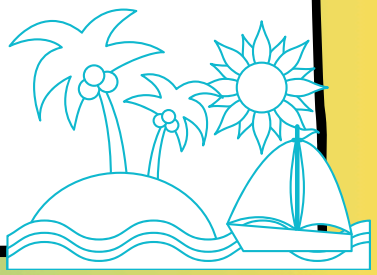
We will reimburse you up to $80 for your supplies & you get a $25 conference discount! Contact Amanda McGlothern @ amandamcglothern@gmail.com for more information on becoming a presenter!

WHAT TO BRING???

- Bring some art supplies to work on your own projects and journaling, such as: coloring supplies, scissors, glue sticks, pens, pencils.
- Camping Necessities: Sleeping Bag, pillow, twin fitted sheet, warm clothing, shoes for forest walks, flashlight, insect repellent, (smores ingredients)
- Cash or card for PDSF baskets and auction prizes. We will have QR codes to pay with Paypal, Venmo or Zelle.

ARTIST MARKET @ THE CONFERENCE

- Artist Market- Our on-site artist market is a space for artists to showcase and sell their artwork at the conference! If you are interested in selling your work, please choose 'I am interested' in the Artist Market section of registration and you will be contacted by the coordinators.
  - Questions? Email Ellen at aaea.secretary@gmail.com
  - Paypal Link to pay for Artist market table https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/592WKNCWANA3J



CONFERENCE CENTERPIECES

INTERESTED?

Would you like to make a centerpiece to donate for silent auction at this year's conference? If so, please contact Tamara Haller at: tamara.haller@tempeschools.org

CHIA PET CENTERPIECES!



INSPIRED BY NATURE. MADE WITH NATURE.

Build Steps:

1. Sculpt an animal or shape using low-fire clay. (Be sure it's hollow and has texture on the outside to help roots)
2. Fire the clay. (No glaze!)

Grow Steps:

1. Soak your sculpture for at least 30 minutes
2. Prepare the seeds: 2 teaspoons per ¼ cup water, wait 30 for a gel
3. Apply an even layer of gel on to your sculpture
4. Let it grow! Pour a small amount of water inside, cover in plastic and keep moist until it sprouts
5. Keep the inside filled with water.



Please have your Chia pet growing by camp on October 16

or

Attend a workshop in August/Sept. More information on date and time coming soon.

CONTACT TAMARA.HALLER@GMAIL.COM FOR CHIA SEEDS OR KILN USE

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- For our centerpieces, you're going to design your own Chia Pet.
- Using low-fire clay (red terracotta for that authentic look), sculpt a hollow shape and score grooves where you want the chia seeds to grow. Size and subject are up to you as long as it's hollow and has a hole for water.
- Your chia pet only needs a single fire. Glaze is optional but cannot be over where the chia seeds will grow.

*Don't want to use clay? Be adventurous and see what else you can chia!

Contact Tamara.Haller@gmail.com for kiln use or chia seeds.

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!



CLICK HERE

AAEA is Accepting Nominations!

Each year, the Arizona Art Education Association recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the field of Art Education. These award recipients are announced and honored at our annual State Conference. AAEA encourages you to nominate an individual or organization for these prestigious awards so they can be recognized and honored. Nominate a colleague, educator, student, or community member for an Arizona Art Education Association State Award by clicking below.

All nominations are due by July 31, 2026

****click here for category descriptions**

YOUTH ART MONTH

WHAT

Annually during the month of March, school and community organizers coordinate a variety of events and activities, including art shows, special exhibits, and fundraisers, to celebrate and highlight the importance visual art education.

STATE FLAG CONTEST

This year's theme:
'My Community, My Story'
Have your interested students CREATE the next NAEA state flag for this upcoming year! Artwork should also include elements that help identify that the flag represents the state of Arizona.



CONTACT

Panthea Begay or Kim Hintze at aaea.yam@gmail.com for more information and criteria on YAM & State Flag Contest details

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM EDUCATOR DAY

Phoenix Art Museum is excited to announce the return of PhxArt Educator Arts Day + Cultural Resource Fair 2026! Join us on Saturday, September 19, 2026 for a full day of celebrating arts integrated learning and welcoming educators back on campus for this beloved, free event. **Registration coming soon!**
Join your AAEA representatives! Stop by our booth at the Cultural Resource Fair, or take one of our two classes: "*Weaving our Worlds: The Fabric of Time and Culture*" AND/OR "*A Mirror and a Window: Identity & Culture Through Your Students' Eyes*"

Scottsdale Museum of the West

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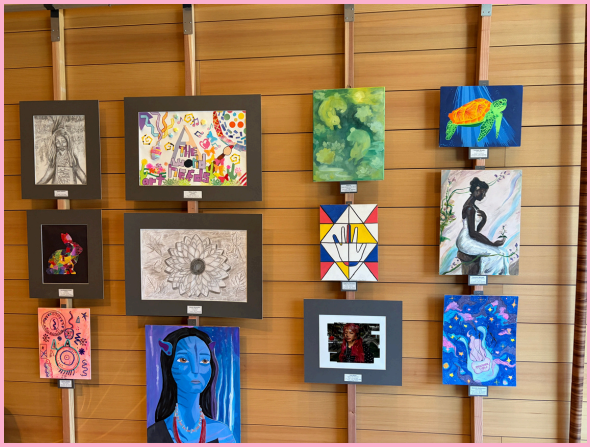

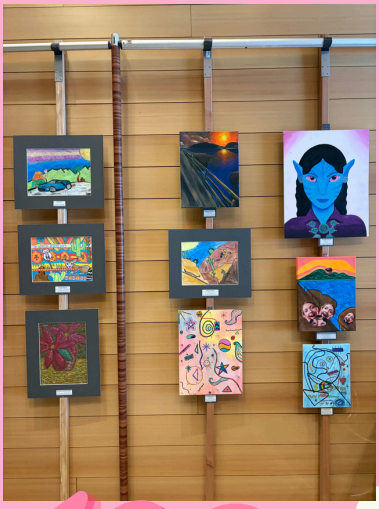



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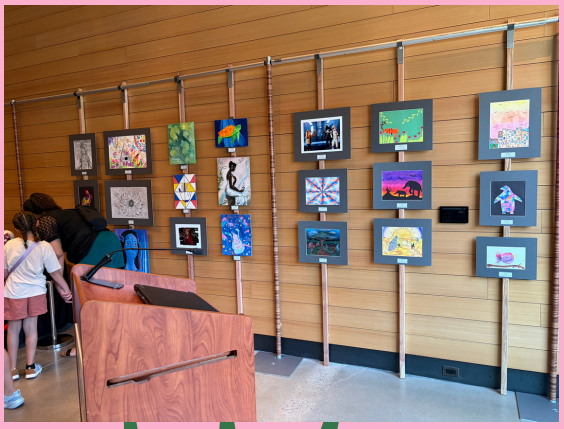



A POWERFUL COMMUNITY!

To our current members: We encourage you to share the benefits of AAEA membership with your colleagues, friends, and peers who are also passionate about art education. Let's continue to grow our community and strengthen the voice of art educators across Arizona. You can help us spread the word by directing potential members to our **[AAEA WEBSITE]** where they can easily sign up.

Together, we are creating a powerful community that champions the value of art education for all students, and we are grateful to have you as part of this journey. Thank you once again for your continued support, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead!

Enhance Your Membership

AAEA is always looking for dedicated and inspired members to contribute to the wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion for art education within our organization. Download the AAEA Job Descriptions to learn more about how to become more involved. AAEA Job Descriptions. Contact aaea.president@gmail.com with your interest.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

AZ REPRESENTATIVE: MEGAN DRIVINGHAWK

WHAT ARE THE INTERVIEWS?

What are the Agent of Change in Equity Diversity and Inclusion highlight interviews?

Each award season someone is selected as Agent of Change in ED&I. This person exemplifies what it means to practice equity, diversity, and inclusion inside and outside the classroom. These highlights nterviews provide an opportunity to get to know them and their education practices a little more.

CALL FOR INTERVIEW QUESTIONS!

Do you have general classroom questions for the previous Agent of Change in Equity Diversity and Inclusion award winners? Are you curious about how they discuss certain topics or lessons? Send your questions to the ED&I team to add your question(s) to the list to be considered for the interviews.

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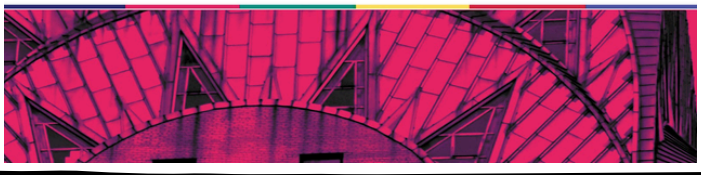

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