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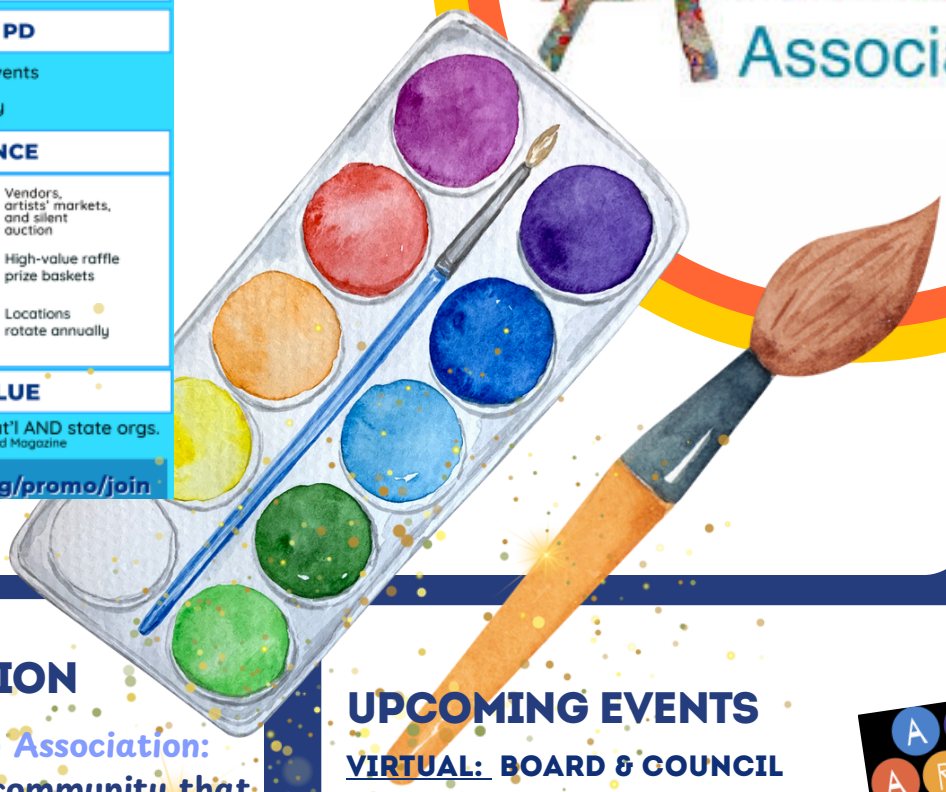

OUR MISSION

Arizona Art Education Association:

A vibrant and creative community that inspires, supports, and advocates for innovative learning in the visual arts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL: BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS * ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT OUT *

- 2/8 ZOOM 11:30-12:30
- 3/1 ZOOM 11:30-12:30
- 4/19 ZOOM 11:30-12:30

PHOENIX AREA:

- YAM MUSEUM EXHIBIT MARCH 30TH PRESENTED BY AAEA

REGIONAL:

- WINSLOW DESERT WATERCOLOR RETREAT
  - APRIL 12TH & 13TH
  - CONTACT CHRISTA KNOX
  - AAEA.REGIONALEVENTSPD@GMAIL.COM

AAEA FALL CONFERENCE 2025

NOVEMBER 13TH -16TH

DOUBLETREE-TEMPE

Save the Date

50th

AAEA Board

Dear AAEA Members, Educators, Artists, and Creators

Welcome back to another exciting year with Arizona Art Education Association! We are thrilled to have our members follow and reminisce back to our 2024 highlights and are looking forward to a year full of inspiration, learning, growth, and fun. As we kick off this year, I want to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our organization as a community. Together, we can make this year a memorable one for all our members.

Warm regards,
President Candace Greene

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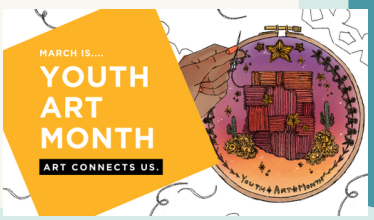
MARCH: YOUTH ARTS MONTH

PRESENTED BY AAEA

WHAT IT IS

Youth Art Month is a celebration of the visual arts in March!
The Council for Art Education (CFAE) administers Youth Art Month offsite link. Youth Art Month encourages support for quality school art programs, and promotes art material safety. The Council for Art Education (CFAE) administers the program at the national level. The program provides a medium for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences unlike any other curriculum subjects, including:

- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Observation
- Communication



DATES

FEB 14 — Submission Deadline Forms Close For AAEA YAM @Western Spirit

FEB 15 — Teachers notified of selected artwork for presentation

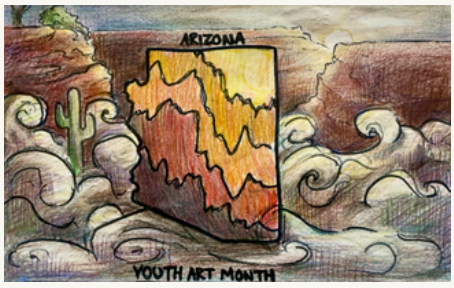
FEB 19 — Selected Artwork needs to be sent by this date

MAR 30 — YAM Show 2pm @ Western Spirit: Scottsdale Museum of the West (Artwork may be taken home)

WE NEED SUBMISSIONS!

Online submission deadline: February 14th. Please contact our YAM Chair Laura Namerow with any questions. Presentation and display of physical pieces will also be featured at this year's 2025 Annual AAEA Conference in Tempe. Directions for submission to the Council for Art Education can be found here ART SUBMISSION

2024 YAM FLAG WINNER!



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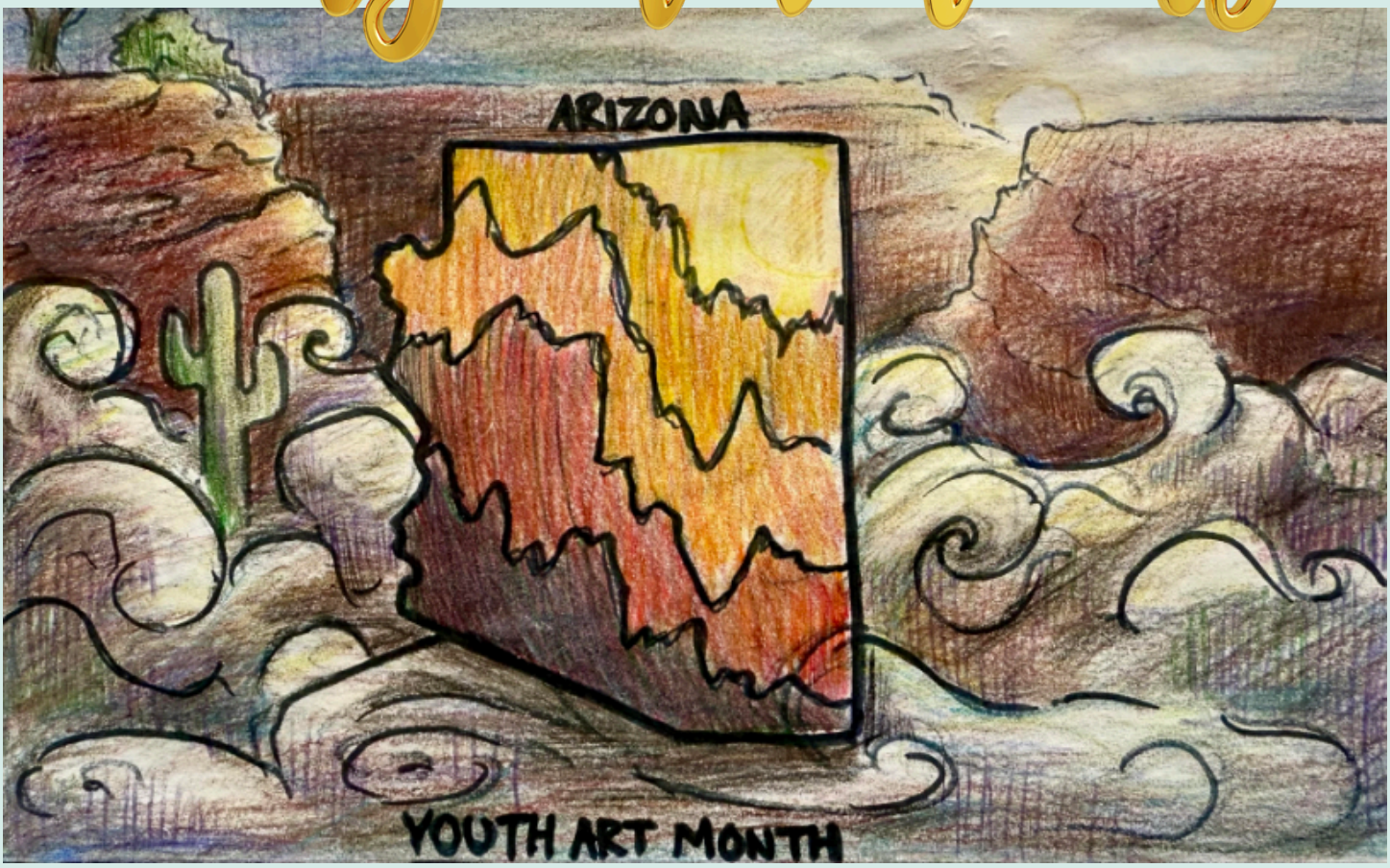
Congratulations!





MARCH: YOUTH ARTS MONTH





Western Spirit
SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST
Smithsonian Affiliate

PRESENTED BY AAEA

Arizona Art Education Association

Youth Art Month Exhibit

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West

1. **Exhibit dates:** March 16 - March 30, 2025
   Reception: March 30th from 2-5pm

CLICK HERE

2. **How to Submit Artwork**
   - Art teachers may submit 4 works of 2D student art to this AAEA YAM submission form.
   - Upload a quality image of the student artwork with your submission
   - Now allowing the submission size up to 16"x20"

You may now submit 4 pieces!

3. **Submission Deadline: February 14, 2025**
   - 100 submissions will be selected to hang in the museum
   - All artwork submitted will be included in digital presentation at the exhibit

   Teachers of selected submissions notified on February 15

Deadline Extended!

4. **Sending the Artwork**
   If your student's artwork has been selected to hang in the museum, you will need to mail the artwork and this parent release form to 4009 N. 14th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85013 by **February 19th.**

5. **Artwork Return**
   - You will need to include a self addressed and stamped envelope for artwork return -OR-
   - You can take your student artwork home from the reception on March 30th

CLICK HERE

You can visit our website for updated information, and we look forward to seeing your submissions!

MEMBER NEWS!

INTERESTED IN AN AAEA POSITION??



We have an open chair position! Do you like to lead, inspire and guide others?? If so,
WE NEED YOU!

CHAIR OPENINGS

- **Higher Education/ Pre-Service/ Student**
  - contact aaea.secretary@gmail.com if interested

WELCOME NEW WINTER MEMBERS!

OCTOBER

- Carla Mora
- Samar Waterworth
- Shannon Jeffrey
- Sarah Martin

NOVEMBER

- Emma Kageyama
- Emily Lowery
- Amber C. Coleman



DECEMBER

- Aaron Abbott
- Sabrina La Velle



REMINDERS

NAEA Membership Link:

- JOIN NOW!



Would you like to be featured in our seasonal newsletter? If so, email: aaea.newsletter@gmail.com with a quick intro, some career highlights and 3 interesting facts about yourself.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun".

Greta Mae Evans



2024 Conference Highlights



November 14-16th
Tucson, AZ

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.

Recap of Events

Where: DoubleTree Hilton Reid Center
Thursday 14: Meet & Greet- Early Check In- Maker Space, Workshops & Social Hour
Friday 15: Breakfast, SESSIONS, lunch, YAM, Artist's Market, Fashion Show, dinner, awards presentation & scholarship raffle.
Saturday 16: breakfast & social

MINI GALLERY

Thank you presenters!



PDSF RAFFLE SCHOLARSHIP

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!

contact: Laura Pontel
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2024 WINNERS





WHO MAY NOMINATE?
ANYONE, MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER, MAY NOMINATE AN ELIGIBLE AAEA MEMBER FOR AN AWARD.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
AAEA MEMBERS WHO MEET THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED FOR AWARDS. HOWEVER, MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OUTSIDE THE PROFESSION AWARD.

HOW DO I SUBMIT A NOMINATION?
WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION/NOMINATION THAT EXPRESSES WHY OR HOW AN INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED WITH AN AAEA AWARD (SUBMITTED THROUGH OUR ONLINE FORM). COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM BEFORE JULY 31ST.

DESCRIPTIONS OF AWARDS



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 WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FOR THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE RECOGNIZED AND HONORED.

WINNERS OF AWARDS WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL AAEA CONFERENCE. UPON NOTIFICATION, EACH AWARD RECIPIENT IS ASKED TO ATTEND THE AWARDS BANQUET AT OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HONORED AND RECEIVE HIS OR HER AWARD.

2024 RECYCLE ROUNDUP GALLERY











WORKSHOPS!







HOWDY PARDNER!

















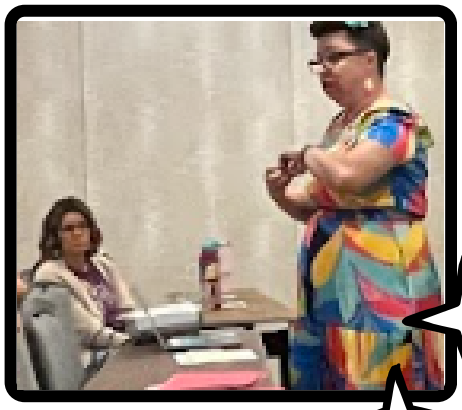

WELCOME TO THE WILD WEST

























VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NOV 13-16

50th Anniversary

NON-COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR CONFERENCE

SILENT AUCTION - OPEN
ARTIST MARKET - OPEN
PRESENTERS - OPEN

SHOW & TELL:

Have an idea for conference? email our Conference Chairs at
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aaea.presedentelect@gmail.com

We ♥ our Volunteers

SHOUT OUT!

Thank you Jen Pulbratek ,Tina Rey & Blu Garivay for being the 1st volunteers for our 2025 conference!



LOOK @ US!

CONTACT:

Interested in Volunteering? message our Secretary,
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ARIZONA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

ED&I ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE
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WHAT WE ARE

"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



The Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Hub

Resources for this year's Election Season



For more information about the National ED&I Commission visit the following toolkit:
Getting Started with Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION COMMISSION

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

NAEA



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!

Sign up Now!

EVENTS



JANUARY 20, 2025

LIVE Webinar: Feb. 12 | 7pm ET

Join us for the February webinar, "Leading the Conversation: How to Build Effective Relationships With Administrators." NAEA webinars provide 1 hour of professional development credit. Register now—free for members!

Click for more information!

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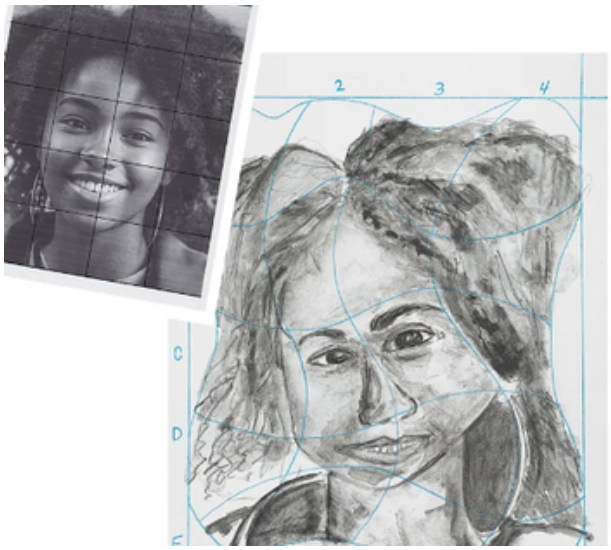


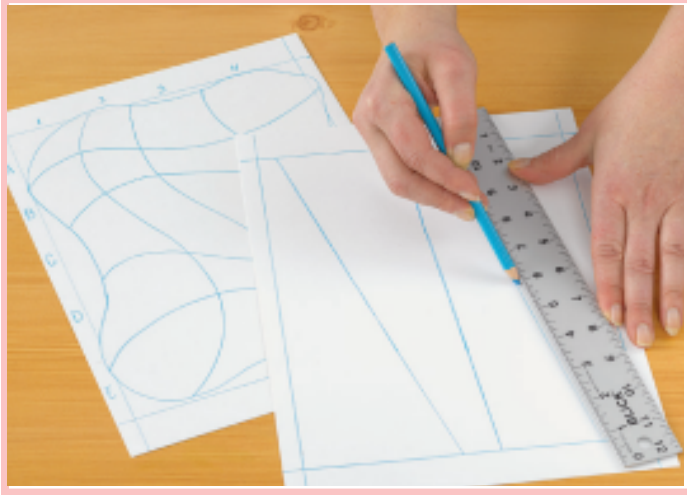
Funhouse Portraits!

The grid system is a useful tool. But, when over-relied upon, it can limit creativity. In this exercise, the traditional grid is manipulated and played with to suit the artist's message and creativity, while still demanding the same focused practice of looking as an artist.

Download the free BLICK grid lesson PDF HERE

Get your BLICK supplies HERE







MAR
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EDUCATOR EVENT

K-12 Educator Night: Boarding Schools

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Educators, you are invited to a **virtual event** with the **Heard Museum on March 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for K-12 Educator Night!**

Join us for an evening of professional learning and classroom resources supporting instruction about Boarding Schools.

The evening will also provide a presentation from the Heard Museum Engagement and Learning Programs team about downloadable classroom resources.

The program will be presented via Zoom. This is a free event, but registration is required.
Email us with questions at education@heard.org. We look forward to seeing you online!

Register here

Presented by Cultural Coalition & SRP

Mask Alive! Festival of Masks

SAVE THE DATE
Join us for the next Mask Alive Festival
March 2, 2025 at Sunday 2-5 pm
Pioneer Park
526 E. Main St, Mesa, AZ 85203
FREE EVENT

Celebrate the masked traditions of cultures from around the world at the Annual Mask Alive Festival. A community favorite, known for its diverse performances with colorful characters and joyous atmosphere, this free family friendly festival is at Pioneer Park.

Register here



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Contact: Xochitl Valdez at aaea.vendor@gmail.com
for more information

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Who sees it?

- [ ] Public Viewing
- [ ] ALL AAEA Members through our exclusive newsletter
- [ ] Viewers of our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter accounts

Where?

- [ ] Quarterly Newsletter
- [ ] Facebook & our AAEA Website
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