

DOE arts newsletter



GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY with a view of the STATE HOUSE DOME at the Department of Education

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY!

This 26th issue marks the one year anniversary of the first newsletter. It was created to start an avenue of communication with the MDOE and the field. The first newsletter went to 340 arts educators who responded to filling out an online survey. Since the first issue, one person at a time has requested to be added and the

total is 625 (an increase of 11 from Newsletter #25). At this important juncture I need your help: How is the newsletter doing? Does it serve a need for you? What kind of information would you like to see included? Please email your feedback, suggestions, comments to me at argy.nestor@maine.gov



FORUMS ANNOUNCED

Please go to http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=edu_letters&id=49234&v=article for details on the forums being held throughout Maine starting tonight to gather your input on the framework for developing regulations for the implementation of the Maine *Learning Results*. Let your voice be heard!

QUOTE

When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a moment longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

--Harriet Beecher Stowe--

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Please let me know what you think of the format of the newsletter... hopefully it is more user friendly and aesthetically pleasing! Access back newsletter issues at <http://mailman.informe.org/pipermail/doe-arts/> If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletter please have them email me at argy.nestor@maine.gov

ARTS NEWS

I had a **delightful visit to MSAD #6:** Buxton, Standish, Hollis, Limington, Standish and Frye Island, nine elementary schools, one middle and one high school (Bonny Eagle). The school district is the third largest in the state and really cares about visual and performing arts education. THANK YOU to music teacher Karina Babcock

(seen here in action) who traveled

with me from school to school for three days. Thanks also to MaryEllen Schaper for her help.

Below are MSAD #6 Visual Art Teachers (L to R): Mary Emerson, Jeff Poole, Betsy Davidson, Octavia Stevens, Nicole Baker.



I had the pleasure of visiting the **District III Honors High School Festival** practice sessions on Friday at Cony High School. It was a thrill to see and hear the 322 students representing 22 schools. CONGRATULATIONS to Cony's music teachers Teresa Beau-doin and Mike Scarpone for hosting the event.

The Maine Learning Technology Initiative presents:

"ARTS, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY" INSTITUTE

April 6 and 7, 2008 at The Samsot Resort - Rockport, Maine. Registration and details will be posted in the near future on www.mainelearns.org and in the MDOE Arts Education newsletter.

Workshop topics include:

- hands-on creative and imaginative professional development opportunities
- interdisciplinary connections between the arts and creative thinking in other Maine Learning Results content areas utilizing technology
- innovative instruction, curriculum and assessment
- unique learning opportunities for educators utilizing technology to impact teaching and learning for all students

Maine Art Education Association is assisting with this conference by arranging an art exhibit of student work and ideas.

AWARDS

Americans for the Arts seeks nominees for the **Arts Education Award**, given annually to identify the best in arts education program design and execution, as well as leadership. The award brings visibility and national recognition to model partnership programs. For more info please go to <http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org/ArtsEducation/Award>

The Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, in cooperation with the YWCA of Harrison County, WV, is sponsoring the nationwide 2008 Freida J. Riley Teacher Award for \$10,000. The award honors an American teacher who works with a physical disability, teaches in an especially challenging educational environment or has performed a heroic act. For more information and forms please go to <http://www.columbusfdn.org/freidajriley/default.asp>. The deadline is February 4, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program** has several positions available for an Italian Classics Seminar and a Greece Classics Seminar (summer 2008). Application deadline is February 7, 2008. For more information please go to <http://www.fulbrightexchange.org/View/ViewOtherOpps.asp>

Americans for the Arts annual arts education conference features research and coaching on systemic arts education change, including NCLB, new creative workforce research, RAND research on systemic provision of arts education, and Dick Deasy discussing arts education. The convention will include a Teaching Artist Strand—a program for and

by teaching artists, in partnership with the Dana Foundation. Philadelphia, PA; June 20-22, 2008. For more information go to <http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org/ArtsEducation/Conference>

The **Teacher to Ranger to Teacher (TRT) Program** offers an opportunity for teachers to link National Park units with teachers from low income school districts. Teachers are selected to spend the summer working as a park ranger, often living in the park. During the school year these teacher-rangers bring the parks into their classrooms. For more information please go to <http://www.nps.gov/wupa/forteachers/trt.htm>.

JOB OPENING

One day at art position at Helen Dunn School in Greenbush (K-8) and one day in Alton (K-5). Start day second week in February until the end of May. Please contact Union #90 in Milford or Kristine Welch at welchkristine@hotmail.com

FUN WEBSITE

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFJ9R_39G3g

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ARTISTS

Annegret Baier is a knowledgeable percussion teacher who includes performing, dancing and the role of drumming to the African music culture into her presentations. Annegret is available for performances and residencies. To learn more www.annegretbaier.com annegret@maine.rr.com or 871-8859 She just completed a residency with dancer Erma Colvin

(seen here in a workshop at the "At the Creativity Arts Conference")



and music teacher Mike Davis as a follow-up to Mike's MAAE Fellowship award.



Mike sharing his experiences at the state-wide conference.

Geralyn Winslow recently moved to Belfast from the New London area of CT where she worked as the Studio Manager of The Mystic Arts Center from 2002 to 2006. She is available part or full time to work with students in the mid coast area using the program of Beth Olshansky's called Picture Writing. For more information please contact Geralyn at 338-5954.

EXHIBITS

Maine Art Education Association members' exhibit "Educate and Create", Atrium Art Gallery, University of Southern Maine, Lewiston-Auburn College, January 25-April 5th.

Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St., Portland, February 15- June 1st: "Gifts from Gluskabe – Maine Artforms" from the Hudson Museum will feature over 70 objects that reflect a spectrum of Maine Indian traditions including basket making, beadwork, and wood carving. Teacher training will be offered by Maine Historical Society. For more information please contact Director of Education, Carolin Collins at 774-1822, ext. 212 or ccollins@mainehistory.org

MENC

Music teachers have the chance to vote for president of the National Association for Music Education. Scott Shuler is one of two candidates. Scott traveled to Maine in October and gave our keynote presentation at the statewide arts education conference and is Connecticut's Arts Consultant.

Scott during his keynote at the fall conference.

