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GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

with a view of the STATE HOUSE DOME at the Department of Education

CELEBRATE ARTS EDUCATION

With March just around the corner and the focus on Arts Education LET's CELEBRATE! As teachers of the Visual and Performing Arts we have so much to be proud of! This month take time to "SHOUT" about the value of arts education. However you celebrate, large or small, here's a GREAT BIG THANK YOU for the important work you do each day in Arts Education!

Youth Art Month openings:

Portland Museum of Art, March 1st, 5:00 and Maine Education Office, March 9th, 1:00. Both sponsored by Maine Art Education Association.

Arts Advocacy Day: State House, Hall of Flags, March 10th, 10-1,

sponsored by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education.

MLTI ARTS, INNOVATION, AND CREATIVITY INSTITUTE REGISTRATION-OPEN

April 6 and 7th, Samoset Resort

*Innovative links between the arts and creative thinking in other Maine Learning Results content areas utilizing technology * over 30 hands-on workshop opportunities * unique learning opportunities for educators utilizing technology to impact teaching and learning for all students.

*For registration info and to learn more: <http://www.mainelearns.org/>

*Key note: Tim Sample

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"If you could say it in words there would be no reason to paint."

- Edward Hopper

NEWSLETTER

WHOoo HooOo.... 636 educators have received this newsletter, an increase of 4. Others can receive it, just email argy.nestor@maine.gov

PORTA PORTAL

The Portaportal is filled with over 100 websites on a variety of arts education topics. I've just added two new sites. One is from Mike Davis, who teaches music in Auburn. It is a w e s o m e ! www.auburnschl.edu/Users/mdavis If you have a school website with arts information please send it to me and I will add it to the porta portal. The other one is called FREE <http://www.free.ed.gov>. The federal government organizes more than 1,500 lesson plans, primary documents, science animations, math challenges, and works of art, literature, and music from the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, National Archives, National Science Foundation, NASA, National Gallery of Art, National Endowment for the Humanities and many other institutions. Locate resources by subjects at <http://www.free.ed.gov/sitemap.cfm> or locate by topic at <http://www.free.ed.gov/sitemap.cfm?page=alpha>

To access the porta portal please click on <http://portaportal.com>. On the right side of the screen find the words "Guest Access". Below that, under the words "Guest Name" in the box type: meartsed. To the right of that click "Visit".

FREE PIANO

Looking for a free small grand piano? Contact Beth Preston at preston@lincolnacadey.org. The piano is located at Skidompha Library in Damariscotta.

3-D ARTIST OPPORTUNITY

Gallery 302 in Bridgton is looking for 3-D artists to exhibit in their co-op. Gallery 302 has been open for 4 years and has about 60 artists exhibiting. For more information please call the gallery at 647-arts or stop by the gallery to pick up an application.

GUITAR OPPORTUNITY

MENC members can participate, at no cost, in guitar teaching techniques workshop this summer. Three graduate credits are available from Duquesne University. Register at <http://www.guitaredunet.org/> Learn more by contacting Mike Davis mdavis@auburnschl.edu

UMA JAZZ CONCERT

Friday, February 29th, 7:30, Jewett Hall Auditorium, free concert by Steve Grover's Quintet. Please pass the information on to your students. A special invitation to educators!

VISUAL ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM

Susan Fleminger is the instructor for an exploration of the art of collage, the topic for summer week-long sessions in Lubec. Learn more by calling 973-316-6220 or by emailing sksmail@summerkeys.com

PORTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

First annual Educator Day hosted by Portland Symphony Orchestra. Complimentary informal lunch and moderated round table discussion to contribute your ideas on how PSO can better serve educators on March 15th. RSVP by March 10th. Learn more at <http://www.evite.com/pages/invite/viewInvite.jsp?event=GQZLDFDVSMOZRTEYXFMY&inviteId=JDVMYPHVIWPWZEVLXAN&showPreview=false&x=580714832>

PCA GREAT PERFORMANCES

* Borromeo String Quartet, USM School of Music's Corthell Hall in Gorham, March 21st, 3:15 - 6:00 musical opportunities.
* March 30, 4:00, The Spirit of Uganda, Portland City Hall, pre-curtain lecture and community sing at 2:30.
* Moby Dick Rehearsed, April 16th, 7:30, Merrill Auditorium, pre-curtain lecture at 6:00.
For more information on PCA opportunities please go to www.pcagreatperformances.org or contact PCA's Director of Education and Outreach, Barri Lynn Moreau at blmoreau@pcagreatperformances.org

FORUMS

If you weren't able to attend the Department forums that were held recently on the proposed rule changes and high school diploma requirements your feedback is still being accepted. Please go to www.maine.gov/education/21stcentury/index.html, watch Commissioner Gendron's 35 min. video and fill out the online feedback/survey.

PHYSICS AND ART

Interested in making connections between physics and art? Ed Latham who is one of Maine's eMINTS instructors is looking to collaborate work with art teachers with the program Line Rider. Learn more at <http://linerider.com> and contact Ed at elatham@bidwell.textdrive.com This has the potential for a great partnership.

ARTICLES

- * *Artists as Education Consultants* by Marcia Daft published in Edweek www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/28/artists_ed_consultants.rtf
- * *The Reality of Art* by Michael Martin www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/28/reality_of_art.rtf
- * *The Knowledge Connection* by E.D. Hirsch published in the Washington Post, Feb. 16th www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/28/knowledge_connection.rtf

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Getting to Know, Inc.

Recently a generous donation of 300 VHS tapes on Rembrandt with a retail value of almost \$9,000.00 came to the Department of Education. These will be distributed any time art teachers are gathered until they are gone. Getting to Know creates books and videos on artists and you can see more of their products and teacher resources at their website <http://www.gettingtoknow.com>

Thank you to Veronica Wagner from Getting to Know!

CONNECTING HISTORY TO FAMILY STORIES AND THE ARTS- What's Your Story?

Angels of Austria: The Church That Reached Out to Holocaust Survivors movie presentation, March 9th, 2:00, Holocaust Human Rights Center at UMA. Question and answer session will follow the movie. For more information please phone 651-3532 or email jmlittlefield@maine.edu

PICTURING AMERICA

The National Endowment for the Humanities' has available, at no cost, to every school and public library in the US who requests it a program entitled Picturing America. It consists of 40 reproductions (24"X36") and a teachers guide and provides an innovative way for citizens of all ages to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's greatest works of art. Offer available online through April 15th <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>