

# MDOE arts ed newsletter



## GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

### STATE WIDE CENSUS

All K-12 Maine Visual and Performing Arts teachers are invited to participate in this important opportunity. The Maine Department of Education is working with the Maine Alliance for Arts Education with funding from the Betterment Fund and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. During Phase I we need all Maine Arts Educators to fill out an online survey. Please go to [www.maineartseducation.org](http://www.maineartseducation.org)

for more information and the link to the survey. If you have questions please email Argy at [argy.nestor@maine.gov](mailto:argy.nestor@maine.gov) or Carol Trimble at [ctrimble@maineartseducation.org](mailto:ctrimble@maineartseducation.org) Survey is available until April 22nd. In gratitude for your time you will receive a report on the responses and a special offer from ME's arts and cultural organizations. PLEASE participate, don't delay, get on line TODAY!

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Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.

Twyla Thorp

## **ART TEACHERS DOING GOOD WORK**

Read about the good work of two art teachers and their goal of having a million art teachers participating.

<http://www.amillionsmocks.org>

## **TANZANIA SLIDE SHOW**

Belfast Area High School art teacher, Charles Hamm, will share a slide show of his trip to Tanzania, April 16-7PM, Free.

## **ART SUPPLY RUMMAGE SALE**

The Kennebec Valley Art Assoc. is hosting an art supply rummage sale, April 12th: 10-4PM, 13th: 12-2PM, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell.

## **ERIC HOPKINS PAINTINGS**

You can view new small watercolors by Eric at his gallery, 21 Winter Street, Rockland.

## **SILENT ART AUCTION**

Lincoln Academy Lincolnaires combine with Aurora Ensemble and Da Ponte String Quartet, St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle, April 13th, 3PM, suggested donation, adults: \$10., students: \$5.

## **LEARNING WITH CHILDREN REGGIO EMILIA CONFERENCE**

Conversations with Reggio inspired teachers. For parents, and educators. May 17th, 8:30-2:30, Breakwater School, Portland. For more info, please contact Robin Brooks, [benjamin@gwi.net](mailto:benjamin@gwi.net)

## **HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY FARNSWORTH ART MUSEUM**

Presently on exhibit: Alex Katz, Louise Nevelson, Wyeth's, folk art, photography. Admission \$12, Sunday's free summer Wed. evenings, last Sat. of the month (Sept. through May). For more info

[www.farnsworthmuseum.org](http://www.farnsworthmuseum.org)

## **BAND OPPORTUNITY**

The American Veterans Center and Celebrations invitation to march in the 2009 National Memorial Day parade in Washington D.C. Contact Stephen Boomer @800-395-2036, ext. 118.

## **NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

Celebrate your love of poetry with Annie Finch readings and her site: [www.usm.maine.edu/~afinch/SpringSummer08.htm](http://www.usm.maine.edu/~afinch/SpringSummer08.htm)

## **MAINE ALLIANCE OF MEDIA ARTS FILM FESTIVAL**

For students in grades K-12, deadline for entries June 6th. For more info please go to [www.msfvf.com/](http://www.msfvf.com/)

## **NOVEMBER ART SHOW**

Art teachers as artists! Kittery Art Gallery, Kittery Point. For more info please contact Pat Sevigny-Higgins [psevigny-higgins@msad35.net](mailto:psevigny-higgins@msad35.net)

## **THREE YEARS OF STUDY**

Insights Gained into Arts and Smarts [www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2008/03/12/27arts\\_ep.h27.html?tmp=445131598](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2008/03/12/27arts_ep.h27.html?tmp=445131598)

## **STUDENT EXHIBIT CMCA**

Camden-Rockport at Center for Maine Contemporary Art, until closing reception, April 13th, 3-5PM, free admission. Performing will be "Fourmata" from Bay Chamber Concerts' Odeon Strings Program.

## **CMCA ART JOURNALING WORKSHOP SERIES**

Artist Abbie Read teaching the series beginning Friday, April 11th for 6 weeks. Visual Journaling, Crafting a Simple Book, Paste Papers and other topics will be part of the workshop. Cost, \$180 for members, \$200 non-members. To register or for more info please go to [www.cmcanow.org](http://www.cmcanow.org) or call 236-2875, ext. 303.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY COMMUNITY THEATER**

Castlebay's production of the Grand Design is looking for singers and actors. More info please contact Julia Lane @ 529-5438 or [castlebay@castlebay.net](mailto:castlebay@castlebay.net)

## **CENTER THEATRE**

Dover-Foxcroft, Bob Marley performing, April 19th, 7 and 9PM, \$21. For info on Bangor Ballet performance of *The Little Mermaid*, Children's Summer Drama Camp and other events please go to [www.centertheatre.org](http://www.centertheatre.org)

**HIGH SCHOOL ANIMATION UNIT-ROTOBALL**  
[www.carrotrevolution.com/rotoball/index.html](http://www.carrotrevolution.com/rotoball/index.html)

## **MLTI ARTS, INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY**

### **INSTITUTE A SUCCESS!**

On April 6th and 7th 272 educators converged on the Samoset Resort for opportunities to learn on integrating the arts, technology and other content areas. The energy and learning opportunities will continue by posting ideas, units, examples and other resources that were shared and generated. Keynote speaker Tim Sample spoke on Creativity and the impact the arts have had on his development and life. A GREAT BIG THANKS to the conference planners, workshop presenters and participants!

### **LET ME HEAR FROM YOU**

If you know of arts positions that are possibly being eliminated please contact me with this information.  
[argy.nestor@maine.gov](mailto:argy.nestor@maine.gov)

### **PORTAPORTAL**

About 20 new sites have been added, check them out:  
<http://www.maine.gov/>

## **ARTS ED NEWSLETTER**

678 educators are now receiving this newsletter. That is 35 more people than the last one. If you know of anyone who is not receiving it and would like to please have them contact me at  
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## **VISIT TO MANCHESTER SCHOOL**

On April 2nd, Manchester School in Windham held their 6th Annual Community Day. This years theme was "Kids Thinking Green". Four hundred and fifty, 4th and 5th graders participated in the integrated focus on helping the community locally and around the world. The showcase on all students and their accomplishments was SPECTACULAR! I was amazed over and over (and brought to tears) as I listened and learned about their work. The assembly included singer/songwriter Mike Noble, Ruth's from Ruth's Reusable Resources <http://www.ruths.org/> and Cindy Thomashow from Unity College. It is a program which highlights the arts over and over. For more info please contact art teacher Angelika Blanchard at [ablanchard@windham.k12.me.us](mailto:ablanchard@windham.k12.me.us)

## **ATOMIC LEARNING...**

### **Helps Maine Schools with Technology Literacy-- for Less!**

Do you need help with basic computer literacy skills, want to know about digital photography, Web 2.0, podcasting, or can't figure out how to use your interactive white board or your new TI graphing calculator?

Atomic Learning offers more than 35,000 web-based movie tutorials, project-based lesson plans, workshops and in class teacher resources to provide you with just-in-time training and support on more than 110 applications used by students, educators and family members everyday.

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**During the months of May, June and July,** Atomic Learning is offering Maine schools and districts (and 6 other NE states) the opportunity to participate in a group purchase program. Under this program, all students and FT teachers are counted in the site license. **Non teaching staff, their families and parents have free access!**

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