

MDOE arts ed newsletter



GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

DEADLINE EXTENDED: STATE WIDE CENSUS APRIL 29TH

Please don't hesitate: Go to www.maineartseducation.org to learn more and the link to the survey. All K-12 Maine Visual and Performing Arts Teachers are included in this opportunity. 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, go online today!

MLTI Arts, Innovation and Creativity Institute Carrying On

Tim Sample's keynote "How Art Saved Tim" is available as a podcast www.mainelearns.org Also available are resources from the sessions offered at the spring institute. Check the site often since the presenters are continuing to send materials information and it is being posted as submitted. Thank you to all the presenters for their excellent sessions!

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"Art is the signature of
civilization."

Beverly Sills

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FOUR DAY SUMMER INSTITUTE sponsored by York School District, York, ME. Art, Music, Video included, 3 C.E.U.'s., \$550. For more info: www.osrs.yorkschoools.org.

SIX WEEK CLASS: "Learning to Draw the Natural Way" sponsored by Kennebec Valley Art Association, Wed., 6:30, May 21-June 25, Members: \$72, Non-members: \$90. For more info or to register call: 622-3813.

"SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS: CELEBRATING LITERACY AND THE ARTS", August 5-6, UMaine, Orono, for PreK-12 educators. For more info and registration: www.umaine.edu/edhd/happenings.htm

AMERICAN BOARD FOR CERT. of Teacher Excellence seeking K-12 teachers to assist in the development of teacher certification exams. For more info: www.abcte.org

NATIONAL DAY, WEEK, MONTH

April 26th: Nat. Day of Puppetry
May 5-9th: Nat. Wanna Play Music Week
April: National Poetry Month and Jazz Appreciation Month

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Target grants available to provide funding for the arts, reading, and family violence prevention. For more info: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-004090>

WEB SITES TO CHECK

UK SCHOOLS using literacy test to gauge application of tech skills to everyday life. For more info:

www.edutopica.org/assessment-technology-literacy

THE IMAGINE NATION:

"building capacities of the imagination rests primarily with an education in and through the arts..." Read more at: www.theimagineation.net/

A SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER-Hirshhorn Musuem-so cool!

<http://www.zimbio.com/member/DaveDorgan/articles/827137/Art+Single+Sheet+Paper>

WEB QUEST SITE

Make your own webquest at trackstar.4teachers.org (no www)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ART IN THE HEART member juried exhibit at Boyd Place, Bangor. Opening: June 22nd, 3-5PM. Drop off work May 28 or 29th, Boyd Place, 8AM-8PM.

EARTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

** April 26th: Workshop with Inanna, 10-3, \$75., First Parish Church, Portland. Participants invited to perform at the evening performance, "Heartbeat of the Earth", 7:30. Tickets, Adults: \$15., Seniors/students: \$10., Children under 12: free. For more info or to register: tori@inanna.ws

**April 26th:"Cosmic Earthday" event, Watts Hall, Thomaston,

7-9PM. For more info: Mark Glovin mglovin@roadrunner.com

TAPESTRY SINGERS May 9 and 10th, 7:30, perform "Hail Britannia!" Music of the British Isles from Byrd to Britten, Tickets, \$10 advance, \$12 at the door, Students and children: free.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

COA'S ISLANDS THROUGH TIME SUMMER PROGRAM for high school juniors and seniors college credit. Applications due: May 23rd. To learn more: www.coa.edu/islandsthroughtime/

MAINE WRITERS ON

MAINE: "A Sense of Place". High School students are invited to attend The Telling Room opportunity. May 29th, 1:30, no cost, Unum in Portland. Maine State Poet Laureate Betsy Shool, hip-hop sensation Sontiago and fiction writers Debra Spark and Lewis Robinson will read and perform, and then discuss how they develop characters with the audience. For more and to register email molly@tellingroom.org

YOUNG STARS PRIZE PROGRAM

Bay Chamber Concerts is accepting applications for Maine residents, 12-25 years old, to study and perform jazz or classical music, solo or ensembles. Deadline: May 9th. For more info www.baychamberconcerts.org

BARNES & NOBLE EDUCATORS SPECIAL EVENT

April 26-May 4, Educator Appreciation Week, reception on April 30th, 5-7PM. First 15 educators will receive bag of free gifts. \$500 door prize at 8PM, must be present to win. I'll be there talking about arts education and the good work you do.

BLOOMS' TAXONOMY

Revised for the 21st century with CREATIVITY at the top of the pyramid.

www.techlearning.com/sharing/printableArticle.php?articleID=196605124

ARTS ED NEWSLETTER

683 educators are now receiving this newsletter. This is an increase of five. If you know of anyone who is not receiving it and would like to please have them contact me at argy.nestor@maine.gov

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ART ED SAYS GOOD-BYE TO A WONDERFUL TEACHER

On April 1st, Marcia Ryder, veteran art teacher at Traip Academy in Kittery, passed away from cancer. Please take a moment and go to Marcia's blog and learn about this wonderful person. <http://marciaabigailryder.blogspot.com>

I had the privilege of visiting Marcia's classroom last year and it was a pleasure to see her in action. She has positively impacted hundreds of students in her 28 years of teaching!



MAINE ARTS COMMISSION HOLDING artME WORKSHOPS

The MAC held their first in a series of discussions at the Portland Public Library on April 16th. The next session will be at the University of Maine Museum of Art on May 14th. There will be a segment on arts education (with Argy Nestor) and a focus on the Maine Learning Results. For more information and other sessions planned for Farmington, Ogunquit, Bar Harbor, Eastport, and Presque Isle please go to <http://mainearts.maine.gov/events/artME/index.shtml>

ARTICLES

** Time in partnership with CNN "How to Bring Our Schools Out of the 20th Century" by Claudia Wallis, Sonja Steptoe.

<http://www.time.com/time/printout/0.8816.1568480.00.html>

** Teacher Magazine "Unwrapping the Gifted" by Tamara Fisher.

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/

HOLOCAUST DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

In recognition a presentation of "Angels of Austria: The Church that Reached Out to Holocaust Survivors" documentary will be shared at the Railroad Square Cinema in Waterville, April 30, 7-8:30., rated PG, admission: \$7.50. Produced by Maine artist/educator, Judy C. Faust, co-edited with Maurice Amaral. Judy provides presentations and workshops called "What's Your Story?" Some of her workshops facilitate the documenting of family and individual stories.

LINCOLN CENTER INSTITUTE FOR ARTS IN EDUCATION

Summer week-long intensive professional development opportunity. For more info www.lcinstitute.org

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