

MDOE arts ed newsletter



GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

HAPPY HAPPY MAY

It is great to see the green grass and daffodils blooming after a wonderful snowy winter. If you live up north please know that Spring is just around the corner! I recognize the fact that some arts teachers are spending time advocating for programs as school boards are putting forth budgets for the 2008-09 school year. Please check with neighboring districts arts teachers to lend support! We need to continuously let others know how important the arts are to all kids learning. Please let me know how programs are doing in your district.

MAINE ARTS COMMISSION

On May 14th, MAC will host their next free artME session at the Maine Museum of Art in Bangor. Sessions are scheduled from 9-5:30. The arts education segment will start at 4:00. I will be there sharing a closer look at the revisions to the Maine *Learning Results*. For more info: <http://mainearts.maine.gov/events/artME/Bangor.shtml> Upcoming sessions will be held in Farmington, Ogunquit, Bar Harbor, Eastport and Presque Isle. If you have questions please contact me: argy.nestor@maine.gov

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"I stood there trembling with fright and I felt a loud unending scream piercing nature."

Edward Munch

PROF DEV OPPORTUNITIES

**“AIRBORNE FOR BEYOND CREATIVITY” The fun and learning will continue from the Spring “Arts, Innovation and Creativity” Institute. MLTI summer Institute, Castine. July 23-25th. More info: www.state.me.us/mlti/events/summerinstitute/index.htm

**Advanced Topics: ART, MAINE and a SENSE OF PLACE, UMO, with Michael Grillo. Starting May 17th: Six Saturday’s interdisciplinary graduate seminar. MES 520 (crn:13359)

**COMPOSING TOGETHER program, USM with Michelle Kashub, July 20-25th. Info: www.composingtogether.com/

**“WALKING THE DREAM: CREATING FOOTPRINTS IN THE ARTS OF THEATRE AND ED”. July 23-27th, Atlanta, GA. Info: www.aate.com/conference08.html

**VISCOSITY MONOTYPE PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP, June 14 & 15th, Circling the Square Fine Art Press, Gardiner. Instructors: Karen Adrienne & Ellen Roberts, \$130. More info: 582-2108.

**ARTIST/TEACHER INTERNATIONAL, week-long (starts July 20) residential program to design and implement an integrated, arts-centered educational program. Cost: \$1700. For more info: www.aems-edu.org/pdfs/ATlbrochure.pdf

**CREATIVE DRAMA 271, Fall '08, Gorham, 12:30-3. Learn to use theatre across the curriculum. For more info contact Professor Wil Killroy Killroy@usm.main.edu

PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITS

**MAINE DANCE INSTITUTE performs May 10th, 7PM, Carrabec High School, North Anson.

**HEARTWOOD REG. THEATER CO’s. Production of Gilgamesh., Newcastle. More info: heartwoodrtc@roadrunner.com or call 563-1373.

**VSA arts of Maine: “Promoting the creative power in people with disabilities through the arts”. Annual exhibit by Artists with Disabilities, through May 9th, 22 Western Ave, Augusta and until May 30th, Freeport Community Center. More info call: 607-4015.

**Lewiston High School 3rd Annual Celebration of the Arts, May 6th, 5-7.

**Paintings by Diane Noble, Heart of Biddeford Office, 205 Main St., Opening: May 8th, 5-7, Closing: May 29th.

DANCE CHANCE

LOOPIN, May 31st, EMPIRE Dine & Dance, corner of Congress & Forest Ave Portland.

LEND A HAND

**Former music educators, Bob & Dorothy Resiner, had

their home destroyed by fire on April 12th. If you’d like to help, please contact Mark Tanner, 474-2776. Music from the Skowhegan Community Band was destroyed. You can help replace it by contacting Les Tomlinson ltomlinson@sad4.com

**Center Theatre in Dover-Foxcroft is planning to purchase the space located next to the theatre. You can help out by making a donation of \$35.00 which will make you a member. Any amount you’d like to donate would be appreciated. For more info on their events: www.centertheatre.org

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth, US National Endowment for the Arts. Deadline: June 9th, \$5-100,00 each. More info: www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GPA09/LITA.html

**Partners in Arts Education grant. Deadline, May 23rd, Arts Ed. Partnership. Info: kellymchugh@nationalguild.org

POET/ANTHOLOGIST

Interested in having an award-winning poet/anthologist visit your school? Contact Paul B. Janeczko who is especially interested in residencies in northern Maine. Learn more and contact Paul at www.paulbjanezko.com

REORGANIZATION

You can sign up to receive “reorganization updates”: www.maine.gov/education/reorg

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

PCA Great Performances commissioned composer Elliot Schwartz to write a piece for the Borromeo String Quartet to be performed for the first time at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland on Thursday, May 8th, at 7:30. Student tickets: \$10, 842-0800. Discussion with Elliot, 6-7. <http://pcagreatperformances.org/2007-08/borromeo/> Join the ATM discussion w/musicians and students on May 9th, 11-12. To arrange, call David Patterson at Maine's DOE, 207 624-6779 or david.patterson@maine.gov before May 7th.

ARTICLE: "Drawing Lessons" www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/33/drawing_lesson.rtf

CONGRATULATIONS TO BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL

Take 174 teenagers, 22 chaperones, and 3 music directors, mix them with four Cyr buses and four days in New York City, add a generous heap of talent, a dash of dedication, and a lot of enthusiasm and you have the award-winning Bangor High School Music Department. Four days, seven performances, seven plaques, and five trophies later Bangor High School Music students can proudly claim their accomplishments. (Thank you Debra Bell for the above information)

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING

If you recently took the time to fill out the online state-wide arts census survey, A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!



CONGRATULATIONS MAAE FELLOWS

Maine Alliance has announced the 2008 recipients of their Arts Teachers Fellowship program. They are: Melinda Campbell, Fairview School, Auburn, Joe Farrell, King Middle School, Portland, Kathleen Hartley, Bangor High School, Cheryl Herr-Rains, Gardiner Area High School, Marguerite Lawler-Rohner, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, Paul LeBrun, Skowhegan Area High School, Lynda McCann-Olson, Drowner & Memorial Schools, Cumberland and Rebecca Wheeler, Windham Primary School.

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ARTICLE: Educator wins fellowship to spread music-based learning concept. Click here to read:

www.usatoday.com/news/education/2008-04-30-teacher-music_N.htm

SUMMER BAND CAMP OPPORTUNITY

The Merrymeeting Summer Band Camp is being held at Brunswick Jr. High School, July 7-11. For info on music camps:

www.mta75.org/curriculum/music/summercamp.html#

YOUTUBE: Check out this youtube and give your feedback to Don Grieco, Mt. Dessert Island High School dance teacher:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AU4I7ePPjk

View this animation created by an 8th grade student at Hope Elementary School: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPEC-QbNFHE

HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

The National Park has asked Governor Baldacci to select a marching band to participate in the 2009 Nat. Independence Day Parade. Commissioner Gendron had the attached letter sent from the MPA to Maine high school principals. The deadline is May 9th. If after reading the letter, you are interested, please contact the Commissioner's assistant at tammy.morill@maine.gov <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/33/4thparade.pdf>