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MDOE arts ed newsletter



GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MMEA for an outstanding All State Music Conference and Festival held last week at UMaine, Orono. I know it takes hundreds of hours from many dedicated people to plan and implement an event of this magnitude. The professional development opportunity you afforded the 303 educators and 423 high school students who attended was extraordinary! I was delighted to attend the chorus, orchestra and band performances in Peakes Auditorium at Bangor High School on Saturday.

I have a tremendous appreciation for all you do for Maine students. At one point I looked around the auditorium and thought about the pride in the minds of parents as they watched their son or daughter performing. We all know that when a young person is successful there is often a dedicated parent and teacher right behind them. I can't imagine there were many dry eyes when the chorus surrounded the audience and sang James Erb's arrangement of Shenandoah. It was BEAUTIFUL!

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Music is enough for a lifetime but a lifetime is not enough for music.

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All State Orchestra, photo: B. Packales

NATIONAL ART ED ASSN
Distinguished Fellows
Leadership Institute in Maine,
July 18-25. The purpose is to
encourage and inform future
leaders. Deadline: June 15th.
For more info contact Barbara
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ate.edu, or 612-845-0416 or
go to [www.bridgescrate.com/
house/nat_art_ed.html](http://www.bridgescrate.com/house/nat_art_ed.html)

EMPTY BOWL SUPPER
Brewer High School,
Wednesday, May 28th, 5-7,
\$5.00 donation. Attend and fill
a hand made bowl with soup
and you keep the bowl. 100%
of funds raised supports ME
people. Questions:
menninghaus@breweredu.org

VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS
Barn Gallery, Ogunquit
summer workshops:
Creative Digital Photography,
Stuart Nudelman, July 14, 16.
Loose and Easy Watercolor
Florals, Dustan Knight, July 21.
Watercolor Landscape, Dewitt
Hardy, Aug. 18.
Papermaking, Gayle
Fitzpatrick, Aug. 21.
For more info: 646-8400

MAINE WRITERS ON MAINE:
"A Sense of People"
May 29, 11-1:30 PM, Unum,
Portland. Fiction writers
Debra Spark & Lewis Robinson
performing. For teachers and
high school students. For
more: info molly@tellingroom.org

PCA GREAT PERFORMANCES
New season announced. To
learn more & for ticket info :
<http://pcagreatperformances.org/>

MUSIC AND HISTORY
Folk Music Assemblies for
Schools with Adam Miller who
knows 2500 traditional and
contemporary folk songs.
More info: <http://folksinging.org>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

** Summer voice lessons. For
info: contact music teacher,
Beth Preston, 563-3209 or
preston@lincolnacademy.org

** Music Theater Camp,
Northport Music Theater,
Director Kim Murphy, music
teacher at Camden Hills Reg.
HS. Three-1 week sessions.
For info please call 338-8383.

** Young Authors' Camp for
students in grades 4,5,6, July
28-Aug. 1st. For young
writers sponsored by the
Telling Room. For more info :
www.tellingroom.org

LOOKING FOR TEACHERS
The American Board for
Certification of Teacher
Excellence www.abcte.org is
seeking subject matter
experts to participate in the
development of teacher
certification exams. If you are
interested in participating
contact shaque@abcte.org

CONGRATULATIONS
**Corliss Chastain, Maranacook
High School Visual Art
Teacher, for receiving a
Quimby Family Foundation
Fellowship to attend a two
week Mixed-media summer
session at Haystack Mountain
School of Crafts.

2 FUN SITES: [http://
artpad.art.com/artpad/painter/
www.dirtycarart.com/gallery/index.htm](http://artpad.art.com/artpad/painter/)

** National Consortium for
Teaching about Asia Seminar
being sponsored by the Maine
Humanities Council and the
World Affairs Council of Maine
have selected 20 teachers to
participate in the year long
program. Nine Maine Arts
Educators are included:
Elizabeth Arno (Hall-Dale
Elementary), Rush Brown
(Sanford HS), Carmel Collins
(Lake Region HS), Eliza
Damone (Freeport HS),
Catherine Geren (Massabesic
HS), Audrey Grumbling
(M.L.Day School), Lennie
Mullaney (Mt. Ararat HS),
Cindy Worcester (Lake
Region HS), and Janie Young
(Deering HS).

** Follow-up to art teacher,
Audrey Grumbling's Fulbright
Memorial Fund trip to Japan ,
Mildred L. Day School studied
Japan. More than 400 visitors
hung their "Wishes for the
World" on a tree as part of the
school's culmination of the unit.
The school was selected as a
WCSH-TV's "School that Shines"
for April. Read the attached
article: [www.maine.gov/
education/lres/vpa/newsletter/
34/japanese_evening.rtf](http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/34/japanese_evening.rtf) Learn
more & see pictures of Audrey's
trip at www.arundelschool.net/

MAINE CENTER FOR CRAFT
If you are interested in selling,
exhibiting, or promoting your
craft work please see article:
[http://www.maine.gov/
education/lres/vpa/newsletter/
34/maine_crafts.rtf](http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/34/maine_crafts.rtf)

NH FALL ARTS ED CONFERENCE
For more info and to register
www.nh.gov/nharts

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ARTS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is now being emailed to 715 educators. That is an increase of 24 since the last newsletter. I am very happy that so many folks are receiving it. I know that there are several arts educators that are not receiving it and are not connecting with other arts educators. There are about 1200 arts educators in Maine. If you know of someone who is not receiving it, please share this information with them and encourage them to email me and request being added to the list serve. It is one way that we can work together as arts educators to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the Arts in Maine.

THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

The March edition of the journal is devoted to Arts Education. I recommend that you take the time to go to the link and read the articles that include:

"Why the Arts Deserve Center Stage" by Richard J. Deasy, Director of Arts Education Partnership, *"Bucking Trends: Expanding the Arts"* by Kathi R. Levin, *"Creating a Brighter Workforce With the Arts"* by Robert L. Lynch, *"The Arts in Contemporary Education"* by John M. Eger and *"Creating a Whole New World"* by Paul D. Houston, Executive Director of the American Association of School Administrators. I've shared Mr. Houston's article "A Whole New Mind" with many of you. It will soon be posted on the MDOE Arts Ed webpage as a podcast. To read these and other articles in The School Administrator click on this link:

<http://www.aasa.org/publications/saissuedetail.cfm?ItemNumber=10137&snItemNumber=950&tnItemNumber=>

2008 NEW ENGLAND ARTS ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

August 5-8 at Castleton State College, Castleton, VT presented by NH DOE and VT DOE. Attached you will find a .pdf file with detailed information about this institute http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/34/08assessment_institute.pdf Graduate credit is available. If you have questions please contact Gail Kilkelly at gail.kilkelly@state.vt.us.

"AIRBORNE FOR BEYOND!"

The Maine Learning Technology Initiative 2008 Summer Institute, July 23-25th, Maine Maritime Academy, Castine. Description and registration for this outstanding professional development opportunity: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/newsletter/34/castine_conf.rtf

Many sessions will have an arts connection. Back, after popular demand are music teacher, Roger Whitney and art teacher, Sarah Sutter along with other arts educators.



Chorus practice at the All State Music Festival.