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GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

NAT. ART FELLOWS INST. SANDY POINT, MAINE

The nation's educational leaders in visual arts gathered for a week in Sandy Point for a National Art Educator's Fellows Institute. Twenty-five visual art educators participated. The week was planned and implemented by Dr. Barbara Bridges, professor at Bemidji State University. Dr. Pat Stuhr from Ohio State University opened the gathering with: "How to Develop Credibility as a Leader in Your Community, Practical Suggestions". Each

morning a different educational leader presented. Sessions included: "Critical Historical Perspectives on Curriculum Leadership" with Dr. Mary Ann Stankiewicz, "Curriculum as Educational Leadership" with Dr. Kerry Freedman, "Curriculum as Resistance" with Dr. Laurie Hicks and "Changing the Field Through Assessment" with Dr. Doug Boughton. Several ME educators attended on Wednesday for "Maine Day". Sarah Sutter, art teacher from Wiscasset High School and I presented an overview of the

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"... we must carry arts to the people, not wait for the people to come to the arts."

- Arthur Mitchell, choreographer and founder, The Dance Theater of Harlem

Maine Learning Technology Initiative and the connection with art ed. Participants returned to their communities with tools to create leadership opportunities.

MLTI TECHNOLOGY CONF.

"Airborne for Beyond Creativity", was held in Castine on July 23-25th. The arts were well represented with ten arts educators in attendance. Presentations were given by the following visual and performing arts educators: Jennifer Holmes, Michael Cushman, Sarah Sutter, Emily Foss, Debi Lynne Baker, Bronwyn Sale and James Small.

STEM and THE ARTS

In the last week STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and the Arts have come up in my conversations more than once. At the Fellows Institute I learned about an Ohio art teacher who puts the arts into STEM making it STEAM. David Warlick was asked to speak at the PA music educators conference this month. He is a strong proponent of arts education and included this in his presentation: "STEM without the Creative Arts is just machinery! ...because the creative arts are the language of the 21st century". Please go to <http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/?p=1521> and read more. Consider how you'll communicate in your district about the Arts and STEM!!

JOB OPENINGS

*Sara Grover McDougall, part-time art teacher at Vine Street School, Pk-gr 3 in Bangor is looking for a substitute until Thanksgiving. If you are interested contact Sara at sgmcdougall@bangorschools.net or call 735-3637.

*Vinalhaven School Performing Arts teacher, K-12. , during, after school and community opportunity. Great possibilities with this job! For information please contact Kathy Warren kwarren@vinalhavenschool.org

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Two day workshop on creating digital portfolios using NoteShare. August 20 and 21st, Bar Harbor, 8AM-2PM, FREE. Instruction by MLTI Barbara Greenstone and Phil Brookhouse. To register please go to <http://www.createsurvey.com/c/70462-sTf0uo/> Questions, contact Joanne Harriman, Curriculum Director, Union 98, jharriman@u98.k12.me.us or call 288-5049 x324.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

As part of the establishment of Gifted and Talented programs, opportunities must be provided for students with exceptional abilities in the VPA's. During the 2008-09 school year School Administrative Units are required to plan programs and in 2009-10 programs must be implemented. I have created a document to serve as a guide to help with establishing

G/T Arts programs. The document, can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/standards.html> If you have resources to contribute, for others to learn from, please contact me argy.nestor@maine.gov

GIFTED & TALENTED BLOG

If you are interested in reading and subscribing to a blog to learn more about G/T education please click on Tamara Fisher's blog: **Unwrapping the Gifted** Hoping to squash the many misconceptions and misunderstandings, Tamara Fisher provides a list of the "is" and "is not" of G/T ed.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

**WMTW TV - Twelve schools will each be given a digital camera for the upcoming school year to participate in "Through A Child's Eye". To learn more and fill out an application go to WMTW.com beginning August 1st or call 523-4549 for more information. This program is designed for 4th graders and their art teachers.

**Molly Winchenbach, Music Director, Wiscasset High School is directing a two week camp at Walpole Chapel, Walpole for 12 singers, ages 13-18, \$125.00. Chamber style choir to perform 5 pieces of a variety of styles. For more information contact mwinchenbach@wiscasset.k12.me.us or call 975-6998.

MARY CASSATT DVD

Based on Mike Venezia's Greatest Artists book, "Cassatt". 22 min., \$29.95, Free shipping, coupon code: FREESHIP. For more info <http://www.gettingtoknow.com>

INANNA PERFORMANCE

Saturday, August 1st, Winterport Music Festival. 8-10 music acts including Inanna. For more info www.winterportmaine.gov/images/festival/festival.html. or call the town office 223-5055.

STUDIO FOR RENT

250 square feet, artist's studio at Artdogs in Gardiner. See studio 2A at www.theartdogs.com For information call 582-6600.

LOOKING FOR ART

Open studios competition seeks art for publication in New American Paintings magazine. Entry fee \$35, deadline: 8-31-08. More info www.newamericanpaintings.com/ or call 617-778-5265.

CENTER FOR MAINE CRAFT

Seeking Maine books, cards, music CDs, DVDs of Maine subjects by Maine artists to sell at the Center for Maine Craft. Interested in an avenue to sell your work? Contact Chris Krauss at 645-2241 or newood@beeline-online.net

ARTS ED NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is now going to 743 educators. It is also being available as a podcast in iTunesU. If you have not gone to iTunes please do, and see the content that has been posted for arts education.

INTERESTING ARTICLES

**Click on the title to read this article from the New Haven Register (Conn) 7/21

Art teaches many lessons

Art can help bring together students with diverse special needs as well as mainstream and gifted students, says Beverly Levett Gerber, a Southern Connecticut State University professor emeritus who has had a national art special-education award named in her honor. Open-ended art projects can help students explore other subjects, gain confidence and express their emotions, she says.

**Click on title again to access this article from the Clarion-Ledger, (Jackson, Miss) Delta Democrat Times 6/29

Educators say arts integration boosts participation, recall

Thanks to their teachers' integration of arts into math, reading, social studies and science class work, students in one Mississippi district became more engaged and bettered their performance. "Every classroom learns better if the arts are part of the learning process. That transcends private school, public school, economics," said Marcia Daft, an arts-based education consultant who taught Greenville, Miss., educators how to incorporate the method with her workshops, funded by a Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts grant.

GRADUATE MUSIC COURSE

James Madison University is offering an online 3 credit graduate course Music and Special Learners. For more information contact JMU Outreach Programs at www.jmu.edu/outreach.music or 540-568-4253.

MAINE MEDIA WORKSHOP

A high end movie camera was generously donated from the Workshop this month. It will go on loan to school districts just like the digital cameras. Check the MDOE arts ed web pages for more information. (Will be posted soon).

CENTER THEATER

Wonderful opportunities during August in Dover-Foxcroft including their Children's Drama Camp performance of Charlotte's Web and Grandmother Tales. For more information go to www.CenterTheatre.org

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