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From the President's Palette

Dear Artist Friends and Colleagues,

As we gear up for the end of another school year, the words of the great Ansel Adams provide the perfect frame for the mindset in which I find myself:



"No man has the right to dictate what other men should perceive, create or produce, but all should be encouraged to reveal themselves, their perceptions and emotions, and to build confidence in the creative spirit."

- Ansel Adams

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Whatever our role in the Visual Arts, when we become members of this community we agree to play the part of caretakers who shepherd our students and communities through the amazing process of discovery and creativity that exists in this world. We may set out in our career paths to become art educators, supervisors, museum personnel, or advocates, but in the end we become cultivators of a greater good where our community enriches the lives of those we touch in our everyday roles.

With this role comes an unspoken responsibility to continue to seek out ways to grow, to reinvent ourselves and, when necessary, step outside of our comfort zone. With the end of the year comes an opportunity for reflection, but also a chance to make decisions to seek out the type of self-improvement and professional growth on which the artist and creative spirit

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"Art is not about thinking something up. It is the opposite -- getting something down."

- Julia Cameron, author of *The Artist's Way*



in all of us can thrive. Your Florida Art Education Association is proud to offer several opportunities for our members to take a step forward in their personal and professional development in the coming months. Consider presenting at our upcoming National Conference this October 2nd to the 5th at the beautiful Daytona Beach Hilton. Proposals are due by May 12th and can be submitted via a link on the website. In addition, join us for our Summer Workshops during your break and recharge your creative batteries while drawing inspiration from fellow members of the Visual Arts community. Information will be posted on the website soon. Most importantly, make a decision to get involved in the coming year with FAEA by attending our annual conference, staying in touch via our Facebook page, and visiting the website for the latest news, Board minutes, and information.

I wish you all a very wonderful and well-deserved summer break and look forward to working with all of you to continue to grow and strengthen both FAEA and our larger Visual Arts community as we move forward together. Let's all set a goal to let the artist within us out as we continue to work to inspire and protect the creative spirit of the many generations each and every one of us has the power to influence.

Yours in art education,

Karen Nobel
President, FAEA

FAEA Summer Workshops

We are pleased to offer our members another opportunity for personal, professional, and artistic growth this summer by offering summer workshops in two locations.

**"Artistic License"**

Miami, Florida
June 10-17, 2014

"Sarasota Retreat Quest, Small Works 2014"

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Conference Presentation Proposals - deadline May 12th

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