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From the President's Palette

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." [Brad Paisley](#)



Our blank canvas theme keeps coming around as a reminder of new beginnings we often have as educators, but one of the best "blank" days happens each year on New Year's Day! Though we may not be "writing" a book, each day we add to our own creative sketchbook as we teach our students and pursue our own creative endeavors. As you set out on this journey called 2015, may you have all of the tools to make it a colorful, successful year!

As an FAEA Board, we begin our year by having a meeting in Naples, Florida on Saturday, January 24th to prepare for our 63rd Annual Conference in October. We are excited to see our new location and possibilities that await us in the fall! We will also be planning our summer workshops and other events to provide you with new professional development opportunities as members.

The first task on our 2015 calendar is to remind you to please get involved with Youth Art Month. We are currently accepting submissions for the **2015 Youth Art Month Flag Design Competition: Art Builds Bridges**. The theme is continued from last year, and we are excited to see all of the incoming submissions. Youth Art Month gives all of us in the art education profession a chance to be part of a national movement that recognizes the importance of our field. Since our Strategic Plan focus area will be **Advocacy** in 2015, what better way to start off our goal than to begin to find ways to bring Youth Art Month to your school and community?

In 2014 we congratulated Laura Lou, a 6th grader from Franklin Academy in Pembroke Pines and her Art Teacher, Glenda Lubiner and Principal, Brenda Cummings as our Youth Art Month Flag Winner for Florida. It was fabulous to see the winning flag displayed in San Diego at the National Art Education Convention in March (image shown below.) Could it be your student that wins this year?

While we are on the subject, make your plans to join some FAEA members in New Orleans at the 2015 National Art Education Conference that runs from March 26th - 28th. Early registration ends February 26th, and more information can be found [here](#).

In NOLA, Glenda Lubiner will be honored as Florida's Art Educator of the Year, many of your colleagues will be presenting, and professional and creative opportunities will be plentiful in one of the world's most fascinating, historical cities that blends art, music, and culture like few cities can do.

On behalf of your FAEA Board, we wish you a truly brilliant 2015!
"Write a good one!"

Yours in Art Education,

Karen Nobel
FAEA President

2015 Youth Art Month Flag Design Competition Submissions due January 16

Guidelines:

- Incorporate the big idea: ART BUILDS BRIDGES
- Represent Florida
- Include the YAM logo
- Each FAEA member may submit one design per student
- Submit digitally on the FAEA website
- Entries due January 16, 2015



Login to your account on the **FAEA Website**, then click the **2015 Youth Art Month** link to enter!

Youth Art Month Overview

2015 K-12 Student Art Call for Entries

The Florida Art Education Association is pleased to provide the **K-12 Student Virtual Art Assessment and Exhibition** to our membership. The purpose of the program is to serve as a statewide assessment for visual art and promote the achievements of students enrolled in visual art classes throughout Florida.

The Virtual Exhibition will include only artwork that receives the new designation, "**Award of Excellence with Distinction**". Please visit faea.org for more information.



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The 2015 K-12 Student Art Assessment and Virtual Exhibition will be open from late January through early April. Please log into your **member account** to submit your students' entries or visit **www.faea.org** for more information.



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