



From the President's Palette

Dear Colleagues,

As a parent, I am always amazed at the endless flow of tips and "expert" opinions on the best strategies for raising children. Some of these tips are helpful, while some simply add to the basket of anxiety that feeds every parent's question of "Am I getting it right?" As a mom who has done her best to foster a love of creativity in her daughter, and in working as an art educator with the youngest of artists who are often more interested in what each color crayon *tastes* like instead of the art it can produce, what I have come to realize is that art is more than just expression, or beauty, or necessary for building a balanced approach to thinking. More simply, art is one of the earliest and most accessible gateways to inspire a lifetime of confidence and a foundation of pride and self-love in a child.



As teachers and, for many of us, as parents, we have all experienced that opportunity to gush over a child's work of art. It's the moment when a student, or your own child, comes barreling over to you holding up a piece of paper filled with anything from scribbles, to detailed story scenes, to a collection of things found around the house now glued in purposeful randomness. Met with that unfiltered excitement and energy, who at that moment can resist displaying anything but enthusiasm and encouragement? And yet, with that simple reaction, we build the foundation for confidence and self-love in children. In that moment, they are proud...and they are inspired!

With the passing of February we look forward to spring, which has always been a season of new beginnings. I like to think of it also as a season of creativity, which is why March is the perfect time for us to celebrate **Youth Art Month**. Having just sent the submissions from our **community** of young

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Established in 1961, YAM provides a forum to support art education because it develops self-esteem, appreciation of the work of others, self-expression, cooperation with others, and critical thinking skills.....all vital to the success of our future leaders, our children.



artists around the state to be considered for the NAEA Youth Art Month exhibition, I would like to invite you to help spread the seeds of creativity by submitting work to the **K-12 Student Art Assessment and Virtual Exhibition**. The April 7th deadline for submission is fast approaching.

As you celebrate **Youth Art Month** this March and spread visual arts awareness in your own **communities**, I encourage you to seize this perfect opportunity to help awaken and inspire the confidence and love of the arts in your students. According to the experts, it takes a village to raise a child. This may be true, but it takes a **community** of art educators to guide young artists to find their creative voice inside the crayon, the paintbrush, the clay, and the pencil. It's a confident voice that will lead them in the direction of great things in their lives, and one we should all be proud to help grow.

Yours in art education,

Karen Nobel

President, FAEA

March is Youth Art Month

How are you celebrating in your county?

Visit www.faea.org or the **Council for Art Education**, the sponsor of Youth Art Month, for ideas on how to celebrate in your school or district.



*Laura Lou, 6th Grade Student
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2014 K-12 Student Art Assessment

Submit now, the deadline to submit your student's entries is **April 7, 2014**.

For more information and to get started entering student work, visit www.faea.org.



Prize structure as offered by
Sargent Art

New Museum Division Director

FAEA welcomes our new Museum Division Director, Elizabeth Miron!

Elizabeth Miron
K-12 Curriculum Specialist



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333 North Laura Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

2014 Conference Workshop Proposals

FAEA members are invited to submit a proposal to present a workshop or presentation at the 2014 FAEA Conference, October 2-5, in Daytona Beach.

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