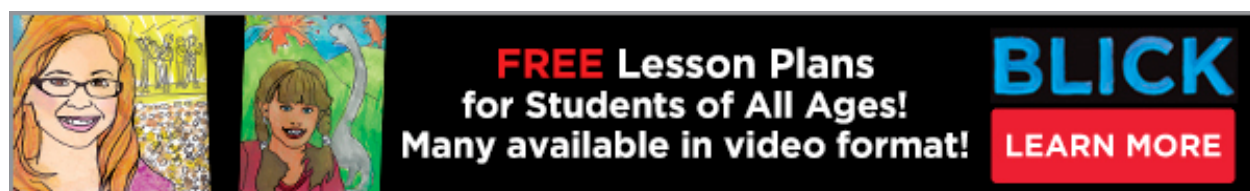
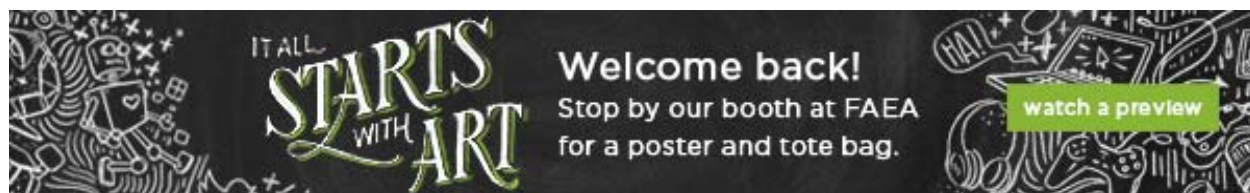




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Monthly News from FAEA

From the President's Palette

Dear FAEA Members:

How time flies? The summer has come to a close for educators around our state, and as we reflect on another warm-weathered vacation, I hope you find yourself relaxed, rejuvenated, and ready for yet another school year.

In July, Nicole Crane, President-Elect, and I had the opportunity to visit the culturally-rich city of New Orleans for the National Art Education Association's Southeastern Summer Leadership Conference. Surrounding ourselves with our leaders from our region is always both a professionally and personally rewarding experience. Leaders worked diligently on a new concept: The World Cafe Sessions - How To's: Governance, Leadership, Strategic Vision, and Membership Growth, among other productive NAEA tasks.





In addition to our NAEA leaders, Debi West and Scott Russell, we were fortunate to have Dr. Deborah Reeve, Executive Director of NAEA, join us and share her many insights with us. At the start of our time together surrounded by stunning paintings of Blue Dog in the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts, Dr. Reeve shared words of a poem to literally and figuratively spark our thought process. This poem, Fire by Judy Brown, was an excerpt from the book, Teaching with Fire: Poetry That Sustains the Courage to Teach.

In thinking in terms of summer vacation for teachers, this poetry verse stood out among the rest:

When we are able to build
open spaces
in the same way
we have learned
to pile on the logs,
then we can come to see how
it is fuel, and absence of the fuel
together, that make fire possible.



Educators need to take time to build that open space each summer in order to create new fires at every new school year. Space is an essential component to forge the new and necessary relationships that make our careers productive and worthwhile.

In speaking of relationships and NAEA, based on the results of the NAEA State Partnership membership survey sent out last spring, the FAEA Board of Directors has decided the NAEA dues affiliation agreement was not a viable option for FAEA at the current time. We thank all FAEA members that completed the survey and voiced your valuable opinions as we continually look for ways to increase our state membership.

Moving forward, FAEA remains affiliated with NAEA and united in the advancement of visual arts education. We will continue to grow as an organization and ask for your support in bringing in new colleagues at both the state and national levels. As part of this, the perfect start to your academic school year is making your plans to attend our

63rd Annual Conference in Naples in October. In Focus: Education Through the Artist's Lens will prove to be a professional experience worth remembering.

On behalf of FAEA, we hope your summer has allowed you to build all the necessary open space you need to ignite some major fires this year! Best wishes for a spectacular start to the 2015-2016 school year!

Yours in art education,

Karen Nobel

FAEA President

2015 FAEA Conference

[Register Now](#)

This year, the Florida Art Education Association will host its annual conference at the Naples Grande Beach Resort in Naples, Florida.

- Hotel rates start at \$129 for single and double occupancy.
- complimentary (FREE) self-parking!
- The daily resort charge, a \$30 value, has also been waived for FAEA attendees.
- Keurig coffeemaker in each room
- Mini refrigerator
- Private Balcony

For more information on the hotel, [click here](#).

To see the Conference Schedule, [click here](#).



Membership Referral



The program is simple: The FAEA member with the most referrals by September 30th will receive FREE conference registration to the 2015 FAEA Professional Development Conference this fall! \$140 VALUE! Winning member must register early online.

2015 Member Virtual Exhibition

It is time for FAEA members to submit their artwork for the 2015 FAEA Member Virtual Exhibition. The Member Virtual exhibition will be shown at the 2015 Conference in Naples and on faea.org.

Submission Deadline: **August 17, 2015**

How to Submit: [Upload Artwork here.](#)

How many entries per member? **Each individual member may submit 5 entries.**

How much? **\$5 per entry**

Members Know Best: Advice to and from Art Educators

FAEA connects members. We know that the membership holds a wealth of information and we want to share the best advice you have. Think about the best advice you have received as an art teacher or have given to another art teacher. Share this advice below and it may be featured online, in the monthly eblast, or even in the upcoming FreshPaint with all the credit given to you.

What is the best art education advice you have ever given or received?

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