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VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS

# BRIEFING

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## WELCOMING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

If I were still teaching, I would be starting my 34th year! As a young teacher, I remember wondering how anyone could last "that long" at a job!?! We can do it, despite the frustrations, because it's fun and rewarding! My wife recently reminded me of the differences we've made in students' lives. From time to time, we see or hear from former students we've positively affected. They still recognize us; still honor us in the stories they tell and the decisions they make. Though I'm a bit "long in the tooth," it's soothing to know what I've done makes a difference in kids' lives. When you're having a rough day, remember the difference you're making and celebrate your decision to be a teacher! There aren't many that have the qualities it takes to be a teacher!



## 2006-07 VISUAL ARTS DIRECTORY

A letter has been sent to the district office of every school district in Minnesota – requesting updated information about visual arts teachers. You can be a huge help to us by sending us contact information for the art teachers in your district. If you have a database of information, would you please snail or email an updated list? You can email to: [dave.beaman@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:dave.beaman@pcae.k12.mn.us)

Our snail-mail address is at the bottom of the front page of this briefing. While you're at it, please let me know if any of your art teachers have retired. Art Educators of Minnesota will honor retired art educators at their Fall Conference held on November 10-11.



## ARTS COURSES FOR EDUCATORS - MEDIA ARTS KICK-OFF IN OCTOBER

Pine River-Backus, Cloquet, Central Elementary in Bemidji, NorthWest Suburban Integration School District (NWSISD), and East Metro Integration District (EMID) were selected to participate in our 2006-2008 program. Teacher teams and media artists will work together to

learn the "art" of media artss, working to learn the software and develop curriculum to be integrated into their individual school curricula. We'll meet for training at the PCAE in October, February, and June. For the first time, I plan to have two practicing art teachers and one media artist who will work with our program to assist teacher teams at their schools between meetings at the Center.



Dates to Mark on Your Calendar for 06-07

- September 22 Entry Deadline for AEM Member Show
- October 7 Arts Courses for Educators~Media Arts Kick-Off at PCAE
- October 14-November 11 AEM Member Exhibit at PCAE Arts High School Gallery
- November 10-11 AEM Fall Conference
- November 29 AEM Youth Art Month Flag Contest entries due
- February 1 Deadline for entering student work in the AEM Capitol Art Exhibit (you must also be an AEM member) and the PCAE Middle School Art Exhibit
- February 3 ACE~Media Arts Training at PCAE
- February 25 AEM Capitol Art Exhibit Reception
- February 25- March 10 AEM Youth Art Month Capitol Art Show – North Corridor
- February 12- March 11 PCAE Middle School Art Exhibit – Arts High School
- March 11 PCAE Middle School Art Exhibit Open House
- March 14-18 NAEA Convention in NYC
- April 20 Grant application deadline for CAPP 13
- June 8 Registration deadline for summer work shops at the PCAE
- June 15-16 ACE~Media Arts Training at PCAE
- June 19-21 Arts Collaboratory workshops (three, 1-day events)
- June 18 – 21 Digital Photo workshop
- June 25-28 Digital Cinema workshop



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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED  
JOINING ART EDUCATORS OF MINNESOTA?



There are 1753 art teachers in Minnesota. Only about 500 belong to AEM! Almost every Music Educator in the state belongs to MMEA! Why the disparity? Is it because Art teachers are a "breed of their own?" Is it because art teachers are a bunch of "introverts?" As

the state visual art coordinator, I see and experience a wide range of "trends" in education. Music educators are great at promoting their programs with the public; art teachers, on the whole, would rather have their work in the classroom speak for itself. Art teachers don't stand in front of crowds and broadcast what we do; we stay in the background and listen to what our students have to say about their work. We quietly suffer as our programs/budgets are cut.

I hear lots of excuses for why people don't join AEM – "I'm too busy." "I don't have time." "It's just a bunch of 'good 'ol boys.'" "It costs too much." If you want to keep your program alive, you want to find out what's going on in Arts Education; you want to be a part of something, I'd recommend AEM. Here's some of what AEM is doing for you—even if you're not a member:

1) \$10 of every membership goes to the Arts Education Consortium of Minnesota.

This is a lobbying group made up of music, dance, theater, and visual arts educators that is advocating for the arts in the Minnesota Legislature.

2) AEM Youth Art Month Flag Contest/Capitol Art Show – promoting arts programs across Minnesota by recognizing students and teachers from participating schools.

3) AEM Member Art Show – encouraging your creativity as an artist

4) AEM Fall Conference – 400 art teachers get together to learn and share in November of each year

5) Minnesota State High School League Visual Arts Competition- AEM has played an integral role in developing this program. In 2006, AEM helped develop a statewide show at the College of Visual Arts Gallery in St. Paul.

6) A Scholarship program has been developed called the "Spotlight" Award – recognizing a high school art student with ambitions to become an art teacher.

7) Regional meetings hosted by AEM regional reps.

8) Promoting our art programs at the Education Minnesota booth and Crayola Exhibit at the State Fair

9) Art teacher awards programs and retired Art teacher recognition at the AEM Fall Conference.

I could go on, but you get my drift.... You get out what you put in. As the one art teacher in your school, you don't have the resources, connections, training, or time to do the marketing aspects of your job. So you work with the other art teachers in your school to drive change; if you're really going to make a difference, you get together with the arts teachers in your district. If you can expand the network to include regional and state art teachers, you are now getting the attention of parents, administrators, school boards, and legislators. Together, we can make a difference. As individuals, it's much more difficult.

Flag Contest Award-Winning entry by Robin Aune; Greenbush-Middle River School.



4th ANNUAL PCAE MIDDLE SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT  
AND OPEN HOUSE EVENT SCHEDULED

We're set for next February and March. The deadline for submission of student art is February 1st! You may enter 2 works from students in grades 5-9. We accept 3D for this event. You do not have to be a member of AEM to participate in our exhibit. However, if you are an AEM member, you may submit two additional works for the AEM Capitol Art Show with your other works for the Middle School Exhibit. The MSAE Open House will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2007, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the PCAE. An entry form is enclosed in this briefing



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