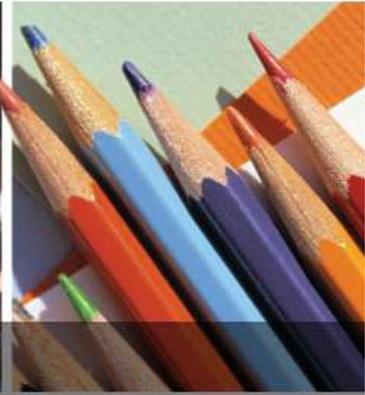


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Welcome to the November 2014 edition of Arts Education E-news! This newsletter is created by the Arizona Department of Education for updates on arts education happenings in Arizona and across the country.

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YOUR CHANCE TO RESPOND TO DRAFT ARIZONA ARTS STANDARDS IS HERE!

On Monday, October 20th, the Department released draft 2015 Arizona Arts Standards for review by the field. Respond to the standards by:

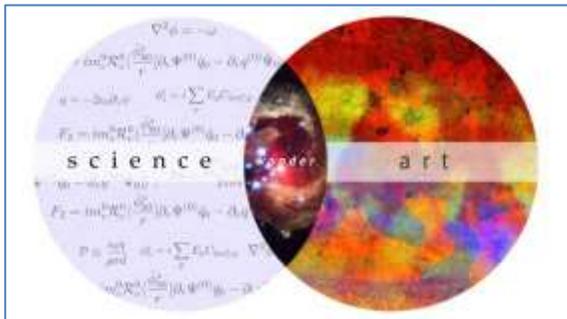
1. Completing an online survey.

DRAFT Standards	Online Survey
Dance Standards	Dance Survey
Media Arts Standards	Media Arts Survey
Music Standards (K-8)	Music Survey
Music: Performing Ensemble Standards (High School)	Music Survey
Theatre Standards	Theatre Survey
Visual Arts Standards	Visual Arts Survey

2. Come join colleagues in your area to discuss the draft standards and provide input in person!

Date	Time	Location	Registration
Wednesday, November 19	8:00 – 9:15 am	Title I MEGA Conference Loews Ventana Canyon 7000 North Resort Drive Tucson AZ 85750	Registration Link Free to attend this session ONLY To attend the MEGA Conference, register and pay here.
Friday, November 21	TBA	Arizona State Thespian Conference Phoenix Convention Center 100 N 3rd St Phoenix AZ 85003	Registration and Conference Fee Required
Thursday, December 4	3:00 – 4:30 pm	Yuma Art Center 254 South Main Street Yuma AZ 85364	Registration Link Free to attend

2014-2015 STUDENT ARTWORK COMPETITION: THE ART OF SCIENCE – THANK YOU!



The Arizona Department of Education received **113 entries – thank you for sharing your students’ work with the Department!**

Entries will be judged in early December, with notifications sent out to the award winning participants by December 15. Artwork will be framed and displayed at the Department beginning January 15. Information on final display locations will be emailed to all submitting teachers.

UPDATES FROM ARIZONA’S PROFESSIONAL ARTS EDUCATION SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Arizona Art Education Association – <http://www.azarted.org/>

Thanks to the 160+ visual arts educators who joined us for this year’s conference in Tempe! Save the date – 2015 will be held in the pines of Prescott, November 5-7, 2015.



National Art Education Association (NAEA) Pinterest Challenge

NAEA invites art educators to share their outstanding art education lesson designs through the NAEA's Lesson Design Challenge [Pinterest Board](#). [More](#)

New Opportunity – help field test new National Board Certification protocols for visual arts educators!

Click [here](#) for more information and the link to sign up! Participants will come away with:

- The choice of receiving a \$25 Gift Card to either Amazon.com or Powell's Books upon successful completion of each online testing appointment.
- Eligibility to receive up to two Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or one graduate credit.
- A letter of commendation from the National Board.

Arizona Dance Education Organization – www.azdeo.org

Student Essay Contest - calling ALL Arts Education Students!

AzDEO and the AZ Thespians are now sponsoring the Student Essay Contest that the AZ Alliance for Arts Education used to sponsor. The contest is a great way to promote arts education. Winners are invited to the AZ. Arts Day (Arts Congress) at the capital to discuss their arts experience with their legislators. In addition, three monetary awards are given to the winners' school for their arts program.

This year's theme is **"How will your Arts Education influence your future and help you make an impact on others/society?"**

Deadline to apply is Dec. 12, 2014.

For details and the application form, contact Lynn Monson [-lmonson@cox.net](mailto:lmonson@cox.net).

Arizona Music Educators Association – www.azmea.org



HONORING THE PAST • CELEBRATING THE PRESENT • LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

AMEA February 5-7, 2015 Conference Registration is now available. [Click here](#) to learn more and register. Read the [Fall 2014 Arizona Music News](#) – available online.

Have ideas on leadership for AMEA and its constituent organizations? Interested in serving as leader yourself? Nominations are now open - [AMEA/ABODA/ACE Officer Nominations due December 1st](#).

Arizona State Thespians - <http://arizonathespians.com/>

AZ Thespians **November 21-22 State Festival** schedule and information is available online. Click [here](#) for more information on all things Festival!

OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Update now available on the Arts Education Census, co-sponsored by the AZ Commission on the Arts and the Arizona Department of Education. Released at the Joint Arts Education Conference on October 20th, this report looks at how many students have access to Highly Qualified Arts Educators in the state. Click [here](#) to access the report and learn more.

OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA'S ARTS AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS



Act One provides field trips to performing and visual arts experiences to Title 1 students in Maricopa and Pima counties. Tickets to the show or exhibit, bus transportation and educational materials are all included, all for \$1 per person. Please visit <http://www.act1az.org/field-trips> for more information and to download the field trip calendar.

Wanted: High School Art Students!

Phoenix, Arizona August, 2014 – smART, a permanent collection of the best high school art is being launched by smallMatters, a community nonprofit, to identify and celebrate the creative excellence within local young artists. Our goal is to collaborate with educators, parents and local art lovers to prepare, exhibit and sustain the collection.

smART currently has ten pieces in its collection and expects to add many more pieces. But, we need your help to transform this youth program into a sustainable community asset. We expect to exhibit these treasures throughout the community – in schools, galleries, businesses, churches, hospitals, and private homes.

Learn more about smART by contacting Roy Allen at 602-327-6312 or via email at artisanfoodguild@gmail.com.

Ballet Arizona is pleased to offer Swan Lake, The Nutcracker, and the US premiere of Napoli for our student matinees this season. *Please don't forget that we have special allowances for Title One schools.* Find the reservation form and more information on all of our offerings click [here](#).

We also have our in-classroom presentation called **Class Warm Up** partnered with **Grand Canyon University** teaching candidates. We bring a presentation on the ballet and an arts integration lesson to your classroom for FREE. It is an added benefit to attending the student matinee.

The poster for the Picture Freedom Art Contest features a collage of three faces in shades of yellow and orange, rendered in a painterly style. The faces are partially obscured by a thick, horizontal brushstroke of the same color. The text "PICTURE FREEDOM" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the brushstroke. Below the brushstroke, the dates "September 11, 2014 - November 30, 2014" are printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a short paragraph describes the contest's purpose: "The Freedom Center is proud to announce the 2014 Picture Freedom Art Contest. Picture Freedom will ask students from across the nation to create original works of art, drawings, paintings or photography that convey their own vision of freedom and equality today using the legacy of the Underground Railroad and the Civil Rights Movement."/>

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The Freedom Center's mission is to reveal stories about freedom's heroes from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps towards freedom today. As the nation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, we ask your students to create an artwork about what freedom means to them. We hope that by encouraging students to participate in this competition, they will become passionate advocates for freedom and equality today.

By drawing connections from the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights Movement, the Picture Freedom Art Competition offers a unique opportunity that challenges students to reflect upon the rich and historical heritage of the fight for freedom and human rights. We encourage students to create original works of art; drawings, paintings, or photographs that convey their own vision of freedom and equality today. While it is not required, works of art can be inspired by freedom fighters, events, or places that resonate with the student's vision. Students that submit an entry are eligible to win these prizes. The top twelve (12) artists will have their work displayed in the upcoming Picture Freedom exhibition at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The top three (3) artists will receive airfare and accommodations to attend the exhibition's grand opening in February 2015. Additionally, the top three (3) artists will receive an award of \$1,000.00 for 2nd place, \$2,000.00 for 1st place and \$3,500.00 for the grand prize. Visit www.freedomcenter.org/picturefreedom for more details.

Nature Photography Contest: Students Invited

Teachers, if you have students with photography talents, encourage their participation in "Adventures in Nature: A Student Photography Contest." The contest is open to Arizona students up to age 18. Deadline to enter photos is April 10. For information, contact Tana Kappel at tkappel@tnc.org or check nature.org/arizona or www.arizonahighways.com for details coming soon. Last year's winning photos are at <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/arizona/arizona-2014-high-school-nature-photo-contest.xml>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interested in receiving this e-newsletter? Email ArtsEd@azed.gov .

Thank you for all that you do to support arts education in Arizona! Have information to share with arts educators in our state? Send them to ArtsEd@azed.gov. E-newsletters will be sent out monthly.

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