

Fall Conference at Cameron University

Thanks to Cameron University in Lawton for our successful OAEA Fall Conference held October 10-11, with the theme "Art Inspired." OAEA Western Region VP Edna McMillan, Art Department Chair, arranged the many details including workshops, member art exhibit and reception, speakers, luncheon, vendor spaces. We are grateful for her many hours of work along with other volunteers. Great workshops included several from Cameron art instructors: Digital Art by Dejan Mraovic, Expressive Portrait Painting by Katherine Liontas-Warren, and Color Strategies by Edna McMillan. Several museum educators and many teacher members shared their expertise with hands-on art experiences Friday and Saturday.

A presentation was made Friday from the Oklahoma Arts Council followed by the Gallery Reception for the Member Art Show, held at the Cameron University Theater Foyer. On Saturday Oklahoma Arts Council staff member presented opportunities for teachers and students.

The Keynote Speaker Saturday was Glen Henry who presented the New Oklahoma Visual Academic Standards with Panel members Susan Gabbard Arts Director of OKC Public Schools, and Tina Vercelli, Middle School teacher from Ada, and Brian Payne, Yukon HS Art Teacher.

Awards were presented at the luncheon Saturday to the following members: Gail S. Sloop, OKC, Elementary Art Educator of the Year; Tina R. Vercelli, Ardmore, Middle Level Art Educator of the Year; Quiquia V. Calhoun-McLilly, OKC, Secondary Art Educator of the Year; and Donna R. Barnard, Moore, Oklahoma Art Educator of the Year.

A special thanks to Triangle A & E Inc for the donation of art supplies to members that were distributed at the luncheon, and to the board members who provided table centerpieces that were raffled. Make sure you attend the conference next year!

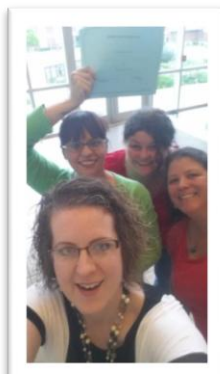
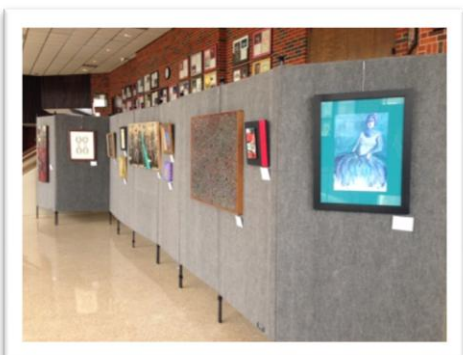
OAEA Mission: To provide Visual Arts Educators with a professional organization which facilitates a statewide networking community to develop, promote, and support arts education.



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President's Message



Greetings everyone! I am going to start by introducing myself because many of you may not know me! I have been a member of OAEA since 1984, a board member since 1998, and the President of the organization since October 2014. My first position on the board was that of Historian, for more than the two-year appointment. Then I became the Higher Education Chair, for more than two years; and later became the Western Division Chair, the President Elect, and now the President. I coordinated the Fall conferences at Cameron University, the University of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State University. I also negotiated with the Great Plains Museum in Lawton to provide for the preservation of our historical files at the museum. All are welcome to visit and research our long history. We have Flags, YAM books, Young Talent Catalogs, meeting minutes, and much more preserved for future generations at the museum. Enough about me!

I have high hopes for this organization, but I cannot do it alone! It takes many people diligently involved in the organization to keep it relevant. As I said at the conference, it takes a village. You might already be familiar with the children's book "It Takes a Village" by Jane Cowen-Fletcher. If not, allow me to strongly recommend it. I wish we had more cultures like the one described in the book where every villager is responsible for taking care of each child. I see OAEA as a child that needs to be taken care of by every member. Not just those on the board, but all involved! If we are to have an active organization year after year, generation after generation, we all need to be committed and provide support to one another. For every project, and we have plenty, we must be there to give a helping hand when needed. We also have the responsibility to advocate for the arts in our state. We must remain diligent in our efforts to communicate the importance of the arts in the face of the constant threat of funding cuts. I do not think we want that to happen in our state. We also have the responsibility to attend and encourage others to attend our annual conference in order to help our membership grow. You see; it is not enough to just become a member, one has to be an active participant within the organization.

So, I am challenging you to become engaged, and take in interest in Portfolio Day, YAM, Young Talent, Junior Young Talent, the Annual Conference, Mini-workshops, etc, etc. I challenge you!!!

*Artfully yours,
Isolete De Almeida, OAEA President
2014-2016*

2014 OAEA Award Recipients

Awards presented at OAEA Fall Conference on October 11, 2014 at Cameron University



Elementary Art Educator of the Year, Gail Sloop, OKCPS, with Past President Eric Lyons



Secondary Art Educator of the Year was Quiquia Calhoun-McLilly OKPS; award accepted by Susan Gabbard, OKC Fine Arts Director



Middle Level Art Educator of the Year, Tina Vercelli, Ardmore Public Schools



Oklahoma Art Educator of the Year, Donna Barnard, Moore Public Schools, with Shelley Self, 2013 recipient

2014 Fall Conference Pics



Member Show and Reception

Artwork was also displayed at the State Dept of Education, Hodge Building



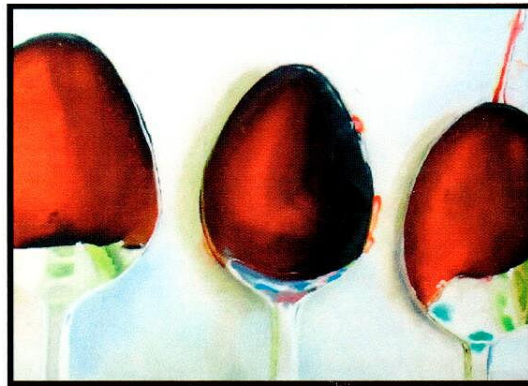
"Bali Experience" Batik Workshop presented by Sarah Carnes and Michelle Barnes

Paper Stencil Screenprinting
Donna Barnard, Shelley Self

Rikki Clymore
Basket Reed Sculpture

Secondary Division

call for entries



2015

Young Talent in Oklahoma High School Art Exhibit & Senior Scholarship Competition

Sponsored by Oklahoma Art Education Association

Hosted by University of Oklahoma
School of Art & Art History
Lightwell Gallery



YTIO 2015 CALENDAR:

February 20, 2015 Friday 7 pm: *Deadline for entry forms & CD's*

March 7 Saturday 9 am: *Delivery of Artwork & Installation at University of Oklahoma Lightwell Gallery*

March 9 Mon. to March 28 Sat.: *Exhibit open for viewing*

March 28 Saturday 1 pm -2:45 pm: *YTIO Reception at Gallery*

March 28 Saturday 3 pm: *Awards Ceremony*

Artwork removed from gallery by teachers at 4 pm March 28

Forms available on OAEA website www.oaea-ok.org



All details and forms needed for High School Teachers (9th to 12th grade) to enter student work in the 2015

Young Talent in Oklahoma Exhibit are available from OAEA website www.oaea-ok.org.

You can also email if you have questions: Melissa Mayo, Chair Duncan HS melissa.mayo@duncanps.org

Young Talent in Oklahoma Committee: Melissa Mayo, Ranell Zurmehly, Gayla Mitchell, Vanessa McIntire

2015 Portfolio Day

Jann Jeffrey, Chair

Choosing a college or university can be one of the most important decisions made by a student during their senior year of high school. The OAEA and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art are proud to host *Portfolio Day*, a gathering of colleges and universities across the United States who wish to showcase their visual arts programs, and will meet students to review their portfolios on a one-on-one basis. A comprehensive list of the attending institutions will be available in January. All students and schools must register with Jann Jeffrey (contact information is listed in the document below). For more information and [how to reserve your spot](http://www.oaea-ok.org/news-and-events/2015-portfolio-day/) for *Portfolio Day*, please download the document at this page on OAEA website

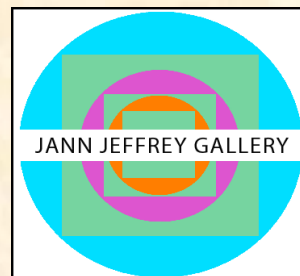
Date: January 16, 2015

Time: 10:00 am ~ 2:30 pm

**Location: Oklahoma City Museum of Art
415 Couch Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

**Who May Attend: Junior and Senior High School Students
(11th and 12th Grade)**

PS This is a great opportunity to see the artwork at OKC Museum of Art. Bus expense grants are available by contacting the Education Dept.



**ALL OAEA members are invited to the
JANN JEFFREY GALLERY
3018 Paseo Oklahoma City**

Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat noon-5 pm

*Bring this with you for discount of 10% on
any of her artwork.*

INNOVATIONS 2015 at USAO

Sponsored by USAO Art Department

Open to all High School Juniors and Seniors!

Innovations is a judged art exhibition sponsored by the USAO Art Department.

University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha

Registration: Wednesday, February 18, 11am - 7pm.

\$3 dollars per entry. Maximum 4 entries per student.

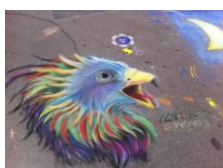
Exhibition Date: Feb 23 - March 6

Awards Presentation: Friday, March 6 @ 1pm

Pick up Work: Friday, March 6, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

ALL Work should be picked up by 5:00pm on March 6th.

Rules, forms and tags can be downloaded from: <http://usao.edu/events/innovations-2015-registration-deadline>



Montmartre 2015

Judged Chalk Art Festival USAO Thursday April 2, 2015 for all ages. USAO's annual Montmartre, a judged sidewalk chalk art festival, is held each year in conjunction with the [USAO Scholastic Meet](#) and [Droverstock Music Festival](#) on the first Thursday of April.

Together, the events make up the Spring Triad.

Middle Level Division

Jennifer Van Patten and Tabitha Black, Middle Division/Jr. Young Talent Committee

Jr. Young Talent in Oklahoma 2015

Zarrow Art Center

124 E Brady St Tulsa, Ok 74103

Exhibit March 6 – 15, 2015

Awards ceremony Sunday March 15th, 3pm

Deadline for submitting list of student work via email Feb 13th to jennifervpatten@gmail.com.

\$1 per entry; checks payable to OAEA. Send to OAEA-JYTIO, 514 S. Wheeling Av, Tulsa OK 74104.

Mail art to this address or deliver to Zarrow Center the week of March 2nd thru the 5th, between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00pm. *Teachers may also drop off art work at Zarrow Art Center March 2nd to 5th during gallery hours - noon to 8pm at **Security office** which is located at the north side of the center.*

There's free 2 hour parking on that side of building.

ALSO: February 13 Middle School YAM Flag Entries are due [Link to entry form:](#)

<http://yamok.wikispaces.com/file/view/Flag+Entry.pdf> (see page 8 for more YAM info)

Supervision/Administration

Eric Hardison

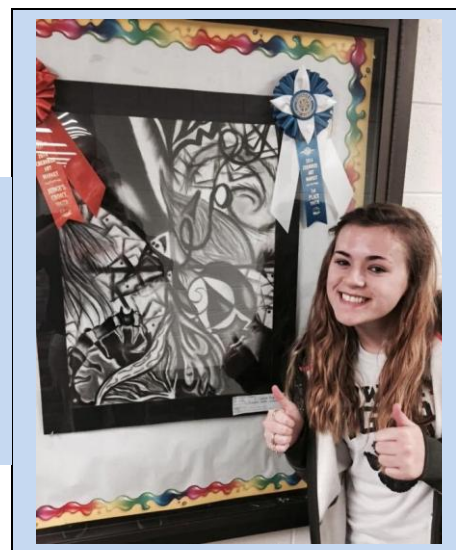
I am excited about our new board and look forward to seeing what the new year has in store for us. We have been blessed with great leadership, past and present. Since becoming an OAEA member, I have had the opportunity to work with great teachers from around the state. I have had the opportunity to serve as the Awards Chair a few years ago when the position was unexpectedly vacated. I jumped in, not knowing what to expect, but being great leaders, Glenda Ross and Marsha Carman helped me through the process. That's what leadership does, they step up when needed. I will forever be thankful for all their help. Eric Lyons has also done a tremendous job as our past president and I am confident that current president, Isolete De Almeida, will carry the torch that our past leadership has carried so well.

I am starting my fourth year with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. I have taught 14 years in the public school system as an art, physical education teacher and coach. I still get to go to schools and provide art, language and music lessons to those schools within the Chickasaw Nation that do not have these programs. We work with students as young as 4 years old to senior citizens. We teach elementary, junior high, high school, adult, employee and senior citizen classes. I have a great staff with our Fine Arts Department. It consists of two art instructors, Gwen Postoak and Kelly Reed (both OAEA members), choir conductor, Phillip Berryhill, administrative assistant, Cara Criswell and School to Work, Shanon Shaw. I also have a great mentor that just happens to be my boss, Laura Stewart, Executive Officer of the Division of Arts and Humanities. Laura has been in the OAEA Supervision/Administration position for many years and I know that I have someone to lean on if questions arise. She has probably encountered everything that I will have questions about from past experience.

As I venture into this new role, I have contacted several other Supervision/Administration chairs from around the country see what they are working on. I will keep you informed as information comes in. I visited with Karri Clark, the Texas Art Education Association chair, about some of the things they were doing. We visited about VASE, Visual Art Scholastic Event, whose mission statement reads: The mission of the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event is to recognize exemplary student achievement in the Visual Arts by providing art students and programs a standard of excellence in which to achieve. It is the only event of its kind in the nation. The state is broken down into 20 regions and you have 3 categories, elementary, junior high and high school. This event is a yearly event that happens in April. There is information on the TAEA website, just click on the VASE tab. I hope everyone has a great holiday season and just think teachers, you're halfway done!!!

Thanks, Eric Hardison, Supervision/Administration Chair

Megan Collins placed 1st and Juror's Choice in her age category 9-10th grade at the Cherokee Youth Art Competition and was awarded \$175.00. Megan is a sophomore in Art II at Coweta High School, taught by OAEA Eastern Vice President Shelley Self. The show does require students to submit their Indian tribe card for entry.



YOUTH ART MONTH 2015

Michelle Barnes and Sarah Carnes, Youth Art Month Co-Chairs
All information and forms available at <http://yamok.wikispaces.com>

Important YAM 2015 Dates



2015 theme - HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

January 10 12 to 1 pm Pre K-12 OAEA Member Show Deliver up to 6 student art pieces, labeled on front and back, to Oklahoma Contemporary Gallery at State Fairgrounds Oklahoma City

Feb. 7 12 noon OAEA Member Show Award Ceremony

February 13 Middle School YAM Flag Entries are due *Link to entry form:*
<http://yamok.wikispaces.com/file/view/Flag+Entry.pdf>

February 20 Pre-K through 6th Grade Art due for the Superintendent Showcase- Art needs to be mounted or matted on matt board or tag board. Limit 2 entries per school. We will be hanging the Show in the Superintendent's Gallery in the **Oliver Hodge Building 3:30-5pm February 27** *We would love to have your help. We will have dinner afterward at Lido's.*

Tuesday March 3 Door Knockers are due to Michelle or Sarah.(All levels)(These are given to state representatives and senators on Youth Arts Day)

Door Knocker PDF document available at <http://yamok.wikispaces.com>

March 6 to March 15 Junior Young Talent in Oklahoma Exhibit, **Zarrow Art Center, Tulsa**

March 9 to March 28 Young Talent in Oklahoma HS Art Exhibit at **Lightwell Gallery** University of Oklahoma School of Art & Art History. Awards 3pm March 28

March 10 Youth Arts Day at State Capitol Building

March 26-28 NAEA National Conference in New Orleans-YAM Ceremony and Flag Display

Friday April 3, 2:30pm Award Ceremony for Superintendent Showcase

What is Youth Art Month? *Started in 1961, festivities take place annually, traditionally each March, to celebrate visual arts for grades K – 12 nationwide. The Youth Art Month Program emphasizes the value of art education for all children, encourages support for quality school art programs, and promotes art material safety. Youth Art Month also provides a forum for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences that are not possible in other curriculum subjects.*

OAEA Awards Information

Bob Curtis, Awards Chair

At the Fall Conference in Lawton, the following people were recognized:

Oklahoma Art Educator of the Year – **Donna Barnard**

Secondary Art Educator of the Year – **Quiquia Calhoun-McLilly**

Middle Level Art Educator of the Year – **Tina Vercelli**

Elementary Art Educator of the Year – **Gail Sloop**

It is not too early to nomination someone for next year. All you need to do is fill in the nomination form and write a letter telling why you think this person should get the award. The person nominated needs to fill in the Vita form and get letters of recommendation. I will be happy to help in this process. **The absolute deadline for nominations is August 15, 2015.**

An awards packet consists of the following: Total of six pages

1. Nomination Form (one page)
2. Nomination Letter (one page)
3. Vita Form (two pages written by the nominee)
4. Two letters of recommendation from others who know the nominee
5. Photo of the nominee

To get current forms for nominations, click on the hyperlinks below for a printable pdf or contact me at okartbob@msn.com for the forms in Word format. Send nominations to Bob Curtis via e-mail or snail mail at 2305 N. Warren Avenue, OKC, OK 73107.

Nomination Form http://www.arteducators.org/grants/2014_Awards_Nom_Form.pdf

Vita Form http://www.arteducators.org/grants/2014_Awards_Std_Vita_Form.pdf

Many OAEA members attended the Oklahoma Fall Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain – what a great experience!



Marcia Greenwood and Frances Williams in Glass workshop



Ruth Crittenden, carving, and Shelley Self, inking, in printmaking workshop. Printing with a steamroller!



Brian Payne painting

OAEA BOARD RETREAT



The new 2014-16 OAEA Board members met in Medicine Park in November for a working retreat. We would like to thank the **Kirkpatrick Foundation** for funding the grant that made this board retreat possible. We had Ms. Gayle Farley from OCCF who discussed non-profit information with us. The board planned and solidified dates for the upcoming events, revised the mission statement, discussed donations, endowments, fundraising events, new additions to the website, OAEA information brochure, Fall Conference, lesson planning, examples of student portfolio assessments, professional development opportunities, mini-workshops throughout the year, and much more! Wow, we accomplished a lot during this retreat! *Thanks again for everyone's hard work and dedication! Thank you Kirkpatrick Foundation!*

Contributed by Sarah Carnes



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YTIO: Melissa Mayo, Ranell Zurmehly,

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Portfolio Day: Jann Jeffrey

Grants: Isolete De Almeida

Awards: Bob Curtis

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Red Carpet Country: Lynette Hill

Great Plains Country: Marsha Carman

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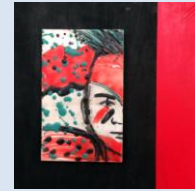
Historian: Kilian Lowry

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The OAEA board is made up of volunteers from all levels of teaching in public and private schools, retired and college student members. Please consider volunteering for a board position in the future. Volunteers are also needed in all events. Donations are welcome from individuals and companies to support OAEA programs.



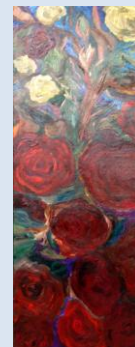
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OAEA Member
Artwork at Fall
Conference

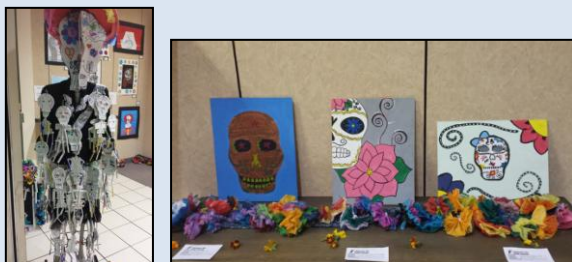
Cynthia Rodriguez



OAEA members are invited to email photos and stories about art events in their schools and communities, and student artwork images (with permission granted for online publication) to OAEA Newsletter editor for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Email jpg images and information to Donna Barnard at serigrafis@hotmail.com.

Happening Around the State and beyond...

Day of the Dead Exhibit from OKC Schools Oct. 2014



Oklahoma City University HS Print/Drawing Show Nov. 2014



*Many OAEA members participate in this annual
Art Exhibit at the Norick Art Center at OCU.*



*Madison Fike of Coweta HS with
her charcoal drawing at OCU Exhibit.*



THEME: The Art of Design: Form, Function, and the Future of Visual Arts Education March 26-28, 2015 New Orleans Convention Center and Hilton New Orleans Riverside - See more at:

<http://www.arteducators.org/news> The three-day convention includes over 1,000 participatory workshops, panels, and tours. Keynote addresses by world-acclaimed educators, artists, researchers, and scholars...with the opportunity to connect with your colleagues from all over the world. And some 110-200 exhibitor booths show supplies, books, software, prints, curriculum materials. If you want to attend, some schools and districts may help with expenses. If you are looking for a roommate to share expenses, contact the newsletter editor at serigrafis@hotmail.com as several members are going and may be able to help.



*Collin and Hector from Paseo Pottery in Oklahoma City
demonstrate throwing techniques in Brandy Sitts' 3-D Studio
Art Class at Westmoore HS*