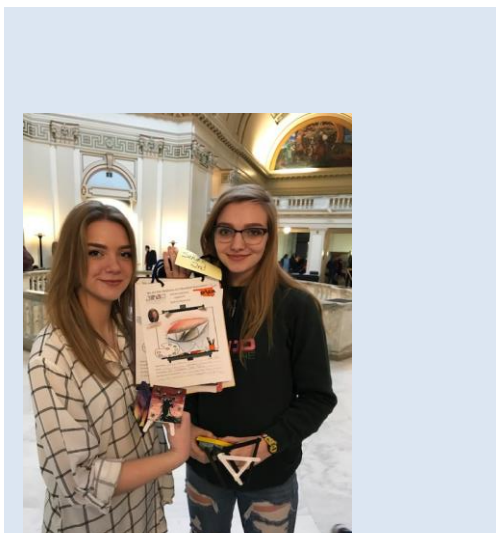


**OAEA Mission:** To provide Visual Arts Educators with a professional organization which facilitates a statewide networking community to develop, promote, and support arts education.

OAEA website [www.oaea-ok.org](http://www.oaea-ok.org) NAEA website [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org)

Join our Facebook page for instant information

## A few photos from Spring 2019



Two students at Arts Day at the Capitol March 8, with Doorhangers and mini paintings



OAEA Flag Design winners receiving awards at Young People's Art Exhibit Reception and awards ceremony March 9 at Oklahoma City Community College.



Young Talent in Oklahoma Exhibit at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond



Barbara Gabel and Susan Gabbard at Arts Day at the Capitol admiring the flags.

# OAEA President's Message

*To OAEA members and friends,*

*As we wind down the school year, clean and organize our classrooms to get ready for some much-needed rest and relaxation, please take a moment to read the Artifice. This issue is a good summary of all of the activity OAEA has organized and sponsored to support art programs all over the state. I just want to thank these committee and board members who helped in the celebrations and exhibits to showcase our students and our classrooms. I think we had a really great year because of the hard work and dedication of all the art teachers who participated and organized these events. Please put on your **calendar October 26-27, the dates of our fall conference** which will be in Edmond, Oklahoma at Oklahoma Christian University, the same place it was last year. I look forward to seeing you all there. Have a great summer.*

**Michelle Barnes**  
**OAEA President**



*Michelle Barnes,  
OAEA President*



*OAEA Board members at Board Retreat May 4-5, 2019 at Hinton Canyon Camp. The board worked on many topics affecting members of OAEA with NAEA Western Vice President Bob Reeker.*



## OAEA Award Nominations Needed

### **We would like to have nominations in the following categories:**

- Oklahoma Art Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Secondary Art Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Middle Level Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Elementary Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Supervision Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Higher Education Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Museum Educator of the Year
- Oklahoma Retired Art Educator of the Year

Do you know an art teacher who is doing an outstanding job? Have you been inspired by the efforts of some art teacher you know? If you can say “yes” to either of these questions, please nominate them for an award. Anyone who is a member of OAEA can be nominated. Awards in Oklahoma are given at the Fall Conference. Nominations are welcome any time of year, and it is good to start while the school year is active since everyone is more available during school times. The absolute deadline for nominations is **August 15, 2019**.

### **The objectives of the OAEA Awards Program are:**

- To recognize excellence in the many outstanding individuals in our state;
- To focus professional attention on quality art education and exemplary art educators;
- To increase public awareness of the importance of quality art education;
- To set standards for quality art education and how they can be achieved; and
- To provide tangible recognition of achievement, earn respect of colleagues, and enhance professional opportunities for OAEA members.

### **An OAEA Awards Packet consists of the following:**

1. NAEA Nomination Form (one page)
2. Nomination Letter (one page written by person nominating)
3. NAEA Vita Form (four pages, written by nominee)
4. Two letters of recommendation from others who know the nominee (must be only one page each)
5. Photo of the nominee

Send questions and/or nominations to Isolete DeAlmeida at 900 Marston Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. Or email to Isolete at **[isoletedealmeida@gmail.com](mailto:isoletedealmeida@gmail.com)**



# Portfolio Day

January 19, 2019 at Oklahoma City Museum of Art

Jann Jeffrey and Jacquelyn Knapp

A quote from Marsha Carman, Art Instructor at Southwest Oklahoma State University in Weatherford about Portfolio Day 2019: *"I always enjoy running into SWOSU grad and good friend, Bryon Chambers at Portfolio Day. I had a good time representing SWOSU and meeting so many art students. Thanks Oklahoma Art Education Association and Oklahoma City Museum of Art for hosting this statewide event. And a big shoutout to those dedicated art teachers who brought their students. Such a great opportunity to discuss their art and their future. And a special thanks to Jann Jeffrey and Jacquelyn Knapp for their hard work in making it happen."* (Marsha is also a previous OAEA President who taught at Weatherford HS.)

Juniors and seniors were able to quiz the reps about what each art department had to offer for further study. They were given information on art and design courses, cost of tuition, degree information, facilities in the art department and what the general campus offered for freshmen. Also, the high school artists were able to hear another voice discuss their artwork. Some were given some pointers and suggestions. Others were asked questions about their specific pieces and it became a time of self discovery. Supporting a day when high school students could talk with art reps goes back to the 1980's but now it has tripled in size and no longer wanders from one location to another. The best of all possibilities was found when the OCMOA moved to the spectacular building downtown and they offered their support in this event. The museum allows Portfolio Day to use facilities free of charge and allows all participants to end the day with a tour of the current exhibits. Through a grant, they also pay for the cost of busses and drivers for high schools sending students.

Planning for this day starts as the current one concludes. Researching the location of higher ed art departments is never-ending and locating all the reps is on-going. Contacting the state's art teachers so that they are aware of this opportunity for their own art students is immense. While starting with the list provided through the membership of OAEA, this event is not held just for members. Therefore, the search starts as soon as fall classes begin. Information is distributed at the annual fall conference of the OAEA. Information is on the website of the organization as well. Registration begins to come in during September so that a specific time can be placed on the teacher's calendar.

Bryon Chambers, of the OCMOA is an essential cog in the smooth running of a day that could turn chaotic very easily. He can see ahead to solutions like an extra table or a missing student. Jann Jeffrey has been the Portfolio Day Chair for OAEA and handles the registrations of students, invitations to reps and details having to do with keeping things moving. Jacquelyn Knapp will also be working on this important event. Look forward to this event next year which usually takes place in January (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday.)



Marsha Carman with Bryon Chambers  
at Portfolio Day 2019 on January 19.



# Young Talent in Oklahoma



## Co-Chairs

Gayla Mitchell, Tauri Sims,  
Shelley Self and Jennifer Deal.

*Young Talent in Oklahoma was once again hosted by Oklahoma Christian University. Judges viewed approximately 900 works of art. We had 799 general entries and 62 portfolios submitted. We hope more teachers will consider becoming OAEA members to provide this awesome opportunity for their students. This opportunity allows their artwork to be seen in a gallery setting and scholarships for college.*

*As an art teacher please read the Young Talent in Oklahoma website and plan ahead for next year. We are here to help with all inquiries. The website provides new teachers with step by step instructions. Congratulations again to the 2019 recipients. The complete list is on OAEA website.*





# Middle Division, Jr. Young Talent in Oklahoma

**Co-Chairs:** Betty Bowen Hancock, Cushing Middle School and Melissa Mayo, Duncan Middle School.

Junior Young Talent in Oklahoma, the statewide juried art exhibit sponsored by OAEA was held March 2 through April 6 at the Prairie Arts Center in Stillwater, OK. Prairie Arts Center is a collaborative project of the City of Stillwater and Oklahoma State University. A closing reception and award presentation was held April 6 with an excellent attendance of artists and their families.

The exhibit was jurored by Jena G. Kodesh, instructor of 2-dimensional art and art appreciation classes for Northern Oklahoma College on the Tonkawa and Stillwater campuses. Kodesh is a graduate of the Oklahoma Leadership Arts Program and a recipient of the Governor's Arts in Education Award and an honoree of the Journal Record 50 Making a Difference and was a 2018 candidate for Oklahoma Woman of the Year.

There were 269 pieces of middle-level artwork entered from across Oklahoma from twelve public and private schools. A total of 126 works of art were selected for the exhibit. The participating schools and teachers were: Casady School, Melody Huber; Duncan Middle School, Melissa Mayo; Clinton Public Schools, Lori Roach; Yukon Middle School, Leslie Aubrey; Oklahoma Bible Academy, Lacye Russell; Victory Christian, Jennifer Van Patten; Yukon Middle School, Jeanette Bechtol; All Saints Catholic School, Holly Dake Proctor; Metro Christian Academy, Heather Chenoweth, Middle School of Piedmont, Frances Williams; Cushing Middle School, Betty Hancock; Western Oklahoma Christian, Amy Fiegener. The organizers of the show were OAEA mid-level co-chairs Betty Bowen Hancock, Cushing Middle School and Melissa Mayo, Duncan Middle School.

## Awards:

### Best of Show

Gold Best of Show: Becca Benjamin, Oklahoma Bible Academy

Silver Best of Show: Ayrin Etheridge, Metro Christian Academy

### Painting

First Place: Emma Albro, Casady School

Second Place: JuliAnn James, Yukon Middle School

Third Place: Camille Tate, Cushing Middle School.

### Mixed Media

First Place: Reagan Redelsperger, Oklahoma Bible Academy

Second Place: Leah Titus, Oklahoma Bible Academy

Third Place: Katherine Morrison, Middle School of Piedmont

### 3D

First Place, Gauge Potter Cushing Middle School

Second Place, Emily Nusbaum, Middle School of Piedmont

Third Place, Bodee Colclasure Cushing Middle School

### Drawing

First Place, Gracie McCormick Middle School of Piedmont;

Second Place, Jake Colby, Oklahoma Bible Academy

Third Place, Claire Anderson, Casady School





# YOUTH ART MONTH 2019

**YAM Committee members Holly Proctor, Ruth Crittendon, and J. Amy Harden-Collins**

Youth Art Month had an extremely successful year as far as turn in and turn out! The young People's Art exhibit had 212 entries from 38 schools. The awards ceremony filled the entrance hall of Oklahoma City Community College Performing Arts Center and there were over two dozen teachers on hand to present awards. The State Superintendents Art Show Awards Ceremony filled the State School Board meeting room at the State Department of Education to maximum capacity and Elizabeth Maughan delivered a stirring speech about the many advantages and rewards of art in education to the crowd. The YAM committee gave out awards and everyone ate, drank, and enjoyed a wonderful closing awards ceremony.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the State Capitol was OAEA's Youth Arts Day. The event kicked off at 10:00 AM with a variety of speakers, performances, and acts from across the state. Elgin Jazz Band awed and amazed the crowd with their jazzy performances and snazzy tail coated costumes. The splendor of Putnam City's Silver Strings Orchestra brought several in attendance to tears. There were vocal and dramatic performances, including a comical operetta by Southmoore High School students. Oakridge Elementary in Moore saw a 6<sup>th</sup> grade dancer perform a lyrical dance that was simply stunning in its complexity and beauty. Oakridge students also created artworks for display in the rotunda. Native American Youth Dancers from several tribes performed an amazing set of dances with drums and songs, the impact of which stopped the Capitol in its tracks as the drumbeats and voices reverberated throughout the building.

Putnam City's drama department saw an amazing pair of students emcee the entire event. Tauri Sims of Norman High presented the flag design winner with the Youth Art Month flag and a Putnam City student presented a work of art to Dr. Koss. Speakers also included Senator Julia Kirt, Congresswomen and former fine arts teachers Toni Hasenbeck and Trish Ranson, Oklahoma State Department of Education's Dr. Cindy Koss, and Elizabeth Maughan. After the main event, students distributed artworks created by art departments from all over the state to the senate, congress, and their assistants for display on their doors and desks. Thank you to all involved in the smashing success of all these events.

- J.A. Harden-Collins, YAM Committee Member



State Superintendent of Education Joy Hofmeister stopped for a moment to admire the Superintendent's Art Showcase, displayed at the Hodge Building where her office is located. With her are Donna Barnard, Holly Proctor, and Ruth Crittenden. The annual show is held in March to celebrate Youth Art Month.





# YOUTH ART MONTH 2019



*Arts Day at the Capitol was held March 8, 2019. Speakers, musicians, dancers, and others performed from across the state. YAM committee presented the award for the YAM flag.*



*Young People's Art Exhibit Reception and Awards Ceremony at Oklahoma City Community College on March 9 was well attended and was a great facility for the show.*



## YOUTH ART MONTH 2019



2019 Oklahoma State Superintendent Awards for Arts Excellence ceremony was April 23 in Guthrie. Congratulations to all students and others who received awards. Art Educator Eric Lyons from Deer Creek HS received the award for Fine Arts Educator of the Year. He is a previous OAEA president.

**The YAM Co-Chairs will be compiling a digital scrapbook in June/July. Please send us any documentation** of activities, events, shows, proclamations, photographs, publicity, social media, etc. that you have for YAM. You can email your information to:

**Holly Proctor:** [hproctor@allsaintsba.com](mailto:hproctor@allsaintsba.com)

**Ruth Crittendon:** [rcrittendon@elginps.net](mailto:rcrittendon@elginps.net)



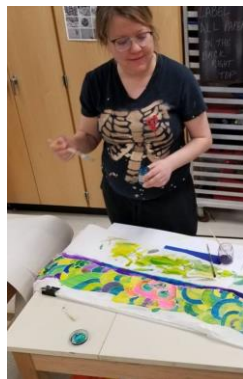
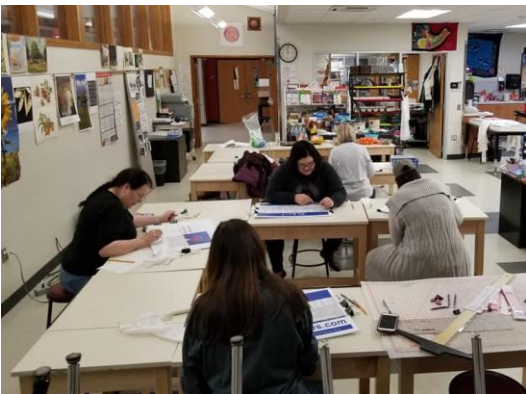
A special congratulations to Elgin HS Art Educator Ruth Crittendon, who received the Western Region Art Educator of the Year Award at the NAEA conference in Boston in March. Shown with Ruth is Sarah Carnes and Bob Reeker, Western VP. Center photo, Ruth with Gayla Mitchell. Also shown is the art display from Oklahoma.



# Spring Art Educator Workshops



Thanks to presenters Tauri Sims, Tracy Gibson, Michelle Barnes, and Sarah Carnes who presented workshops on Batik, Charcoal Drawing, and Silk Painting at Norman HS on March 30. Professional Development credit is available to teachers at OAEA sponsored workshops.



A Monoprint and Fund for Teachers Batik Workshop was held at Mustang HS on February 16 for art educators. The workshop was presented by Sarah Carnes and Michelle Barnes. Watch the Facebook page for notices of other workshops in the spring. Professional Development certificates are issued to participating teachers.



# OAEA BOARD 2018-2020



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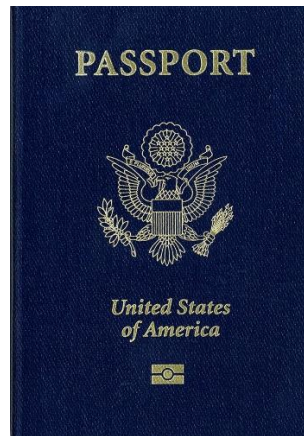
Your membership in OAEA includes membership in **National Art Education Association**. The NAEA website is [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org). Oklahoma is part of the **Western Region** which includes: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northwest Territory, Ohio, Oklahoma, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin. Check all the tabs on the website for many resources and helpful information.

The OAEA board is made up of volunteers from all levels of teaching in public and private schools, retired and college student members, and from all areas of the state. **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 and may be mailed to:**

**Oklahoma Art Education Association**  
**Amy Fiegenger, Treasurer**  
**2609 Sunset Dr.**  
**Clinton OK 73601**

## 2019 OAEA Fall Conference *Call for Presentations*



### ***Take a Journey Through Art***

#### **SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH OTHERS**

Location: Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Friday October 25th and Saturday October 26th.

Preferred deadline to apply as a presenter: September 20th. Final deadline to apply October 4th. Submissions will close September 20th if the conference schedule is full.

**\*\* Note presenters will be exempt from their conference registration fee.**

One registration exemption per presentation, non-transferable.

Please contact Brandy Sitts with questions. [bsitts@putnamcityschools.org](mailto:bsitts@putnamcityschools.org) (405) 361-2617 call or text.

The link for the presentation form will be added to the OAEA website soon. Check [www.oaea-ok.org](http://www.oaea-ok.org).



## Emeritus Division/Retired

Donna Barnard [dbarnardokc@gmail.com](mailto:dbarnardokc@gmail.com)

Valerie Beck [vbeck@windstream.net](mailto:vbeck@windstream.net)

Greetings! Emeritus News Items:

1. Museum Trip planned: If you would like to take part in a visit to Wichita Art Museum on Wednesday June 12, contact Valerie or Donna. We will leave from a meeting place (TBD) in Oklahoma City at 9 am, and carpool up to the museum in Wichita, Kansas to see the current exhibit Georgia O'Keefe – Art, Style, and Image and the permanent collection. We will eat lunch there then return to Oklahoma. It's about a 2.5-hour drive from OKC to Wichita.
2. At the Fall Conference we will oversee the Silent Auction fundraiser. Volunteers needed to set up and manage the space (larger than last year's). Donations are welcome from all. More info will be provided as we get closer to the event.
3. Special Project: We continue to have meetings regarding our proposed Youth Art Gallery at Will Rogers Airport. There are permits and requirements that we are working to meet. Hopefully the project will be in place by July.

Thanks, Donna and Valerie

## OAEA Regions



The Chickasaw Nation held their annual YAM celebration at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada on March 9th. The celebration began with the reading of Governor Anoatubby's proclamation that March is Youth Arts Month. Activities included an art show, games, a variety of art activities, performances and demonstrations by several Chickasaw dance classes, martial arts classes, and mores. One hundred and eighty-eight visitors enjoyed the festivities.

*Vicki Cowger – Chickasaw Country Rep*

The OAEA board includes **Region Representatives** who are invited to provide information about special events occurring in their regions. Members are asked to email these representatives with questions and news. The six regions, (as designated by the Oklahoma state department of tourism – see the website at [www.oktravel.com](http://www.oktravel.com)) and the board reps are:

**Green Country** – Northeast – Carmela Grantham

**Red Carpet Country** – Northwest and North Central

**Choctaw Country** – Southeast – open (rep needed)

**Chickasaw Country** – South Central – Vicki Cowger

**Frontier Country** – Central – Eric Lyons

**Great Plains Country** – Southwest – Marsha Carman

**Links to the reps' emails are on the OAEA board page (on page 11 of this issue.)**

**Every teacher in every region** is important to OAEA, so please share any special events, projects, and ideas that you have. Maybe you'd like to present a successful art project at the Fall Conference you did this year. Or ask questions as a new member. We're here to help! Keep in touch. Also check the NAEA website and OAEA site for lots of great resources, [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org). And [www.oaea-ok.org](http://www.oaea-ok.org)

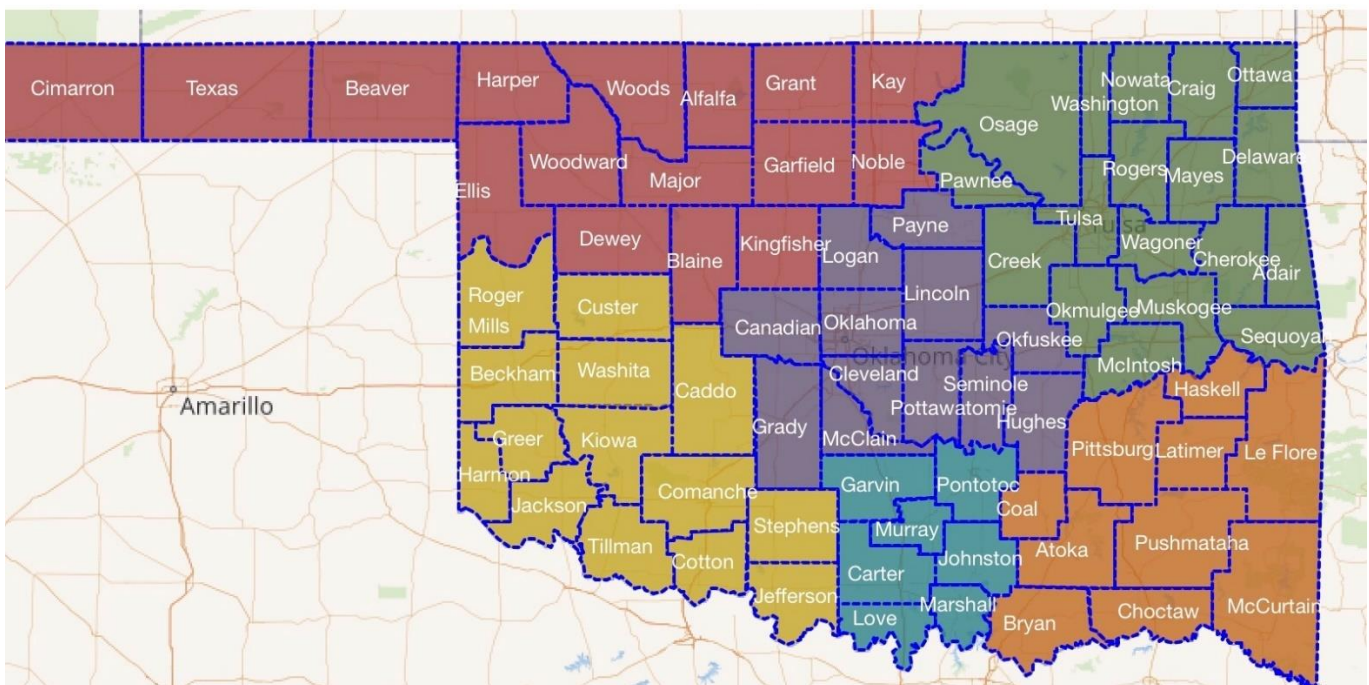
# OAEA Regions



Red Carpet Country  
ntier Country

Northeast: Green Country  
South Central: Chickasaw Country

Southwest: Great Plains Count  
Southeast: Choctaw Country



Here is the region map that includes counties, from the oktravel.com website. Find your county and region to see who the OAEA representative is. If you would like to be the rep for Choctaw Country, (Southeast) email Michelle Barnes! We need you! PS – lots of great information on this website – [www.oktravel.com](http://www.oktravel.com)

**Save the Date!**  
**OAEA 2018 Fall Conference**  
**October 25-26, 2019**  
**Oklahoma Christian University**  
**Garvey Center - Edmond**



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## *Happening Around the State*



From Coweta HS Art Teacher Shelley Self: Photo 1 – Shelley with Art Ed Intern Jessica Scheffel at the annual CHS Paint Fight. 2 – Student Shiny with tessellation art from spring art show



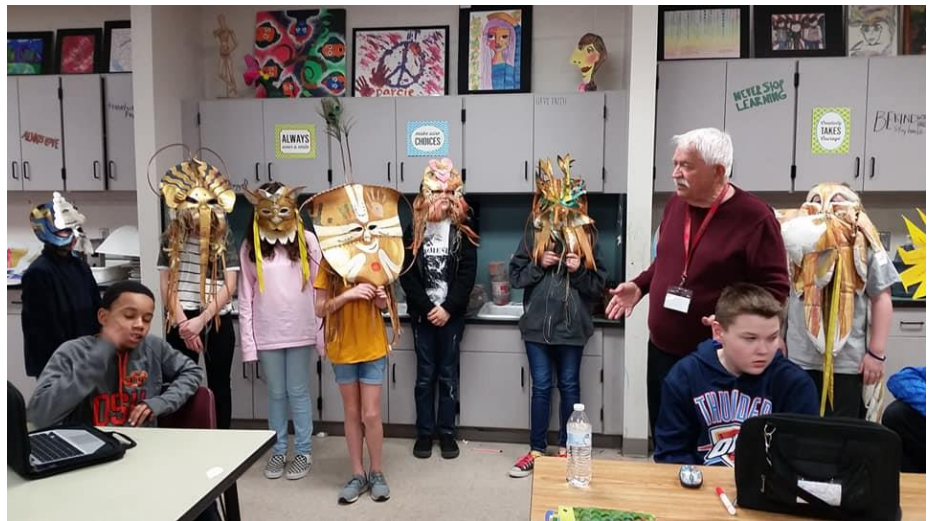
Artwork from a graduating Coweta HS senior. And a big COGRATULATIONS to all our seniors graduating from high schools and colleges around the state! Best wishes to you from OAEA.

## Happening Around the State



The Mustang District Art Show was held at Mustang HS on March 28 with a great turnout of families of the young artists from all the Mustang schools!

Duncan Middle School was the site of a mask workshop by guest artist Patrick Riley on March 27, with art teacher Melissa Mayo. The workshop was sponsored by the Chisolm Trail Arts Council. What great masks were made by these talented students!



A special thank you to Board Member Bob Curtis for providing a papermaking workshop at the OAEA Board retreat on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was enjoyed by all in attendance. Left photo – Holly Proctor. Right photo – Bob Curtis and Amy Fiegner.