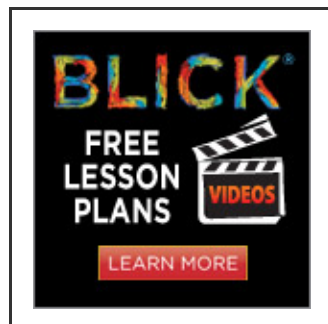




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From the President's Palette

Dear Artist Friends and Colleagues,

April is upon us and nearly past, which means the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. While we all love what we do, there is a pace and rhythm in teaching art that demands a constant flow of passion and inspiration, and this demand no doubt drains our batteries and leaves us longing for the summer break. A former teacher and friend of mine, when asked what his plans were for the summer, responded simply that it would be a summer of "me," meaning he would do things that would delight his soul, nourish his creativity, and build up a reserve of inspiration that would carry through the next school year. In other words, he was out to be a better person, to learn and grow, so that he could be a more complete teacher. It was a powerful goal that was both selfish and selfless all at once. In the end, based on what I know of my friend and teacher, the payoff of the "summer of me" rippled through his teaching for many years to come.



The saying goes, "There is no I in team." It's a sentiment that reminds us to be selfless and rely on those around us to reach common goals. Yet, at the same time, it is the unique skillset of each member that helps move the team forward. In our community of Visual Arts education, each supporting organization at each level works to drive the overall goal of growing the reach of Visual Arts education. Nowhere was this more apparent than during the recent NAEA Annual Conference held in San Diego, where members of the Visual Arts community came together to recharge their educational batteries. Between each and every attendee was weaved a common language developed by aligning the goals of feeder organizations with those of NAEA. The core tenets of NAEA provide the framework for our own strategic plan, while local

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"Art is not about
thinking something up.
It is the opposite --
getting something
down."

- Julia Cameron, author
of *The Artist's Way*



organizations at the county level provide the foundation for art educators to get involved in their own communities. Attending meetings, participating in conferences and workshops, and submitting presentation proposals are all ways to get more involved at each level, as well as to continue to grow as an art educator and member of the Visual Arts community.

As we face the daunting task of closing down our classrooms for the year, pausing the constant hum of creativity for a brief few months, I challenge you to not only reflect on the year that has passed, but to look ahead to the opportunity that the coming summer will bring to grow as an art educator. Are there skills you have been wanting to hone but just haven't had the time? Is there a concept you would like to understand better so that you can employ it in your teaching? How can you be more in touch with your colleagues and the happenings in art education in the coming year?

A reminder that proposals are being accepted until May 12th for our 62nd Annual FAEA Conference, to be held October 2-5, 2014 at the Daytona Beach Hilton and registration will begin in August.

As a first step to summer, we are pleased to provide the initial information about our upcoming Summer Workshops. Get involved: www.faea.org!

Yours in art education,

Karen Nobel
President, FAEA

FAEA Summer Workshops

We are pleased to offer our members another opportunity for personal, professional and artistic growth this summer by offering summer workshops in two locations.



Miami, Florida
June 10-17, 2014

Sarasota, Florida
June 25-27, 2014

Online registration opens soon. Visit www.faea.org for more detailed information, schedules, and fees.

FAEA Upcoming Deadlines

Conference Presentation Proposals - deadline May 12th

Please help us provide the best 2014 FAEA Conference we can by submitting a presentation proposal. It just takes a minute - **[submit your conference presentation proposal online.](#)**

Annual Awards - deadline June 16th

Nominate an outstanding art educator or advocate for one of FAEA's annual awards. **[Download an awards nomination form.](#)**

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