



Region 4 Newsletter

May-Aug 2011

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Dear Members:

Another year marked by the continuing growth of Region 4 as your professional organization. Thank you for making our professional activities, workshops and in-service day worth it.

First and foremost, a big "Thank You" to Amanda Aloj, who will be leaving her position as Region 4 treasurer. The success of this year's events would never have been possible without her undying commitment to help support, planning and organizing and implementing activities making this another successful school year.

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated and volunteered at the 2011, Inspiring Thousands: Region 4 Art Educators Juried Exhibition. Thank you to the Orazio Salati Studio and Gallery, along with our adjudicators, Ms. Alexandria Davis and Ms. Gene Cerwonka. We are very excited to announce that the Spring 2012 exhibit will be held at downtown Binghamton's Roberson Museum and Science Center in their very hip and professional art space. The Opening Reception will be held on once again on March's First Friday! It's never too early to start thinking about how you will participate!

Highlights of 2010-2011 School Year

- September – Pinwheels for Peace~ Great Advocacy ~ several regional school districts participated
- October – Photoshop CS5 with Jennifer Teft. Jen hosted 2 sections of this class and got us revved up and digitally inspired!
- November – many attended the NYSATA annual conference in Rochester, New York in November of 2010. Laura Bill, back by popular demand, hosted another dynamic Felting Workshop. We had great turn out and even turned some members felting obsessed!
- December- State awarded our Region's Special Citation nominees, the owners of the Black Bear Winery, for graciously hosting our first art exhibit and promoting our efforts as art educators.
- February & March - Inspiring Thousands 2011 was an instant hit and a great First Friday Awards Receptions. March also marked a Superintendent's Day conference for area art teachers held at Maine-Endwell Middle school. Over 40 art teachers attended our mini workshops that day!
- April – Anna organized and hosted the Portfolio Project event for Region 4! What a great display showing students' understanding and learning in the visual arts! Please consider encouraging your students' participation next year in Elmira, New York. Thank you to Susan Paybody for accepting the role of Portfolio Project Coordinator.
- May – the board got together at the final meeting of the school year and started planning the initiatives for next year, once again including Pinwheels for Peace, Region 4 Awards, the 3rd Annual Art Educators Exhibit, and Fall and Spring interdisciplinary professional development/in-service opportunities.

Please continue to be diligent advocates for visual arts in our schools and community.

Have wonderful Summer Break!

Anna Strattan + Shauna Stiles

Co-Chairs

Region 4 – NYSATA

Call for Artists:



March 2012 at

ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER

The Museum is located on Front Street in Binghamton. The opening reception will be held on First Friday in March. Roberson Museum and Science Center is in a prime location for visitors to the museum and First Friday Art Walk traffic. This event will have substantial advertising providing even more exposure and professional networking for participating artists.

Mark your calendars- it's never too early to start preparing!

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Celebrate

International Day of Peace 2011

through Art Education



Start planning to participate in September 2011 to take part in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace, by creating and “planting” pinwheels with messages of peace at your school.

Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project started in 2005 by two Art teachers, Ann Ayers and Ellen McMillan, of Coconut Creek, Florida, as a way for students to express their feelings about what’s going on in the world and in their lives. Last year, an estimated 3.5 million pinwheels were flying on Peace day.

We received great press and advocacy last year, so please consider participating in the project

For more information, including Pinwheel Templates, galleries and lesson ideas, go to
<http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com>

*****If you and/or your district are planning on participating, please contact Anna Strattan, astratta@uek12.org by 9/10/2011 to be included in the Press Release**

2011 Portfolio Project

The 2011 Portfolio Project was held at Union-Endicott High School in April and May. The Portfolio Project & Assessments were a success for students, sponsoring teachers, and adjudicators. Ratings and certificates were awarded.

~~~~ Thanks to ~~~~

The Portfolio Project Assessment isn't possible without the dedication and expertise of our members. Their assessments provide positive verbal and written advice, and encouragement. Students and parents speak highly of this positive experience. Please consider participating.

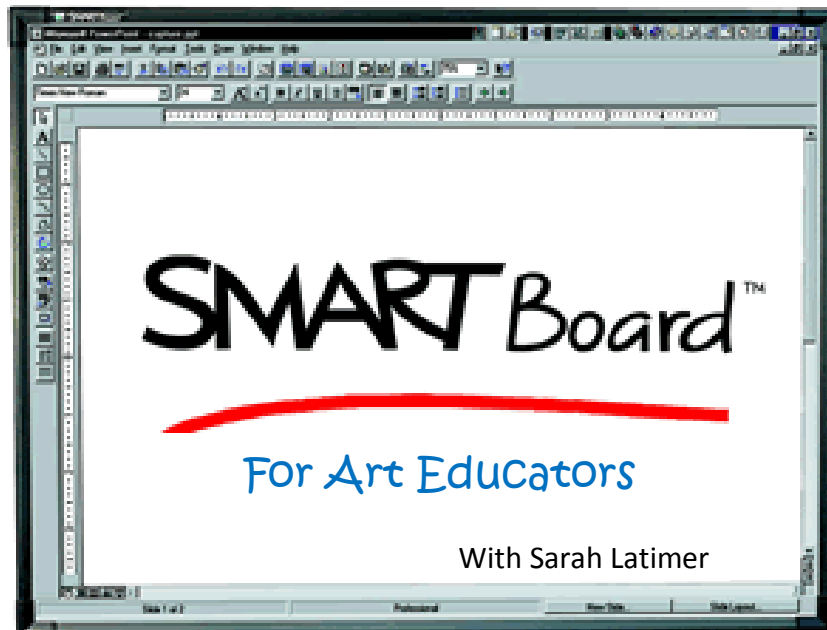
| <u>Sponsoring Art Teachers &amp; Districts</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>2011 Adjudicators</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Norwich City School District – <i>Kathy Pfeifer</i><br>Lansing School District – <i>Robin Rogers</i><br>Union Endicott CSD – <i>John Rodrigues</i><br><i>Consider participating in 2012 by sponsoring a student or adjudicating. It's a rewarding experience. Parents and administrators have high praise for the Portfolio Project! It is a powerful art advocacy tool!</i> | <i>Shauna Stiles</i> —Maine-Endwell District<br><i>Patricia Brown</i> – Lansing School District<br><i>Robin Rogers</i> – Lansing School District<br><i>Amanda Aloj, Cindy Henry, John Rodrigues and Anna Strattan</i> - Union Endicott CSD |

***Please note:*** The 2012 Portfolio Adjudication will be held in Elmira and coordinated by Susan Paybody. More information will be announced in the fall.

The Portfolio Project & Assessments is a great way to highlight art programs and student accomplishments. It is a powerful advocacy and public relations tool. Parents and principals are enthusiastic about it. Contact any of the sponsoring teachers or adjudicators for their opinion. Try it with one student and see the difference the Portfolio Project can make at your school. Grades 4-12 are eligible at several levels: Elementary, Intermediate, Studio/Commencement, Elective, and Major Sequence.

Visit [NYSATA.org](http://NYSATA.org) and check out the Portfolio Project Section.

## Workshop Announcement:



**You asked for it,  
You got it!**

More information coming

Fall 2012



# Region 4 2011-2012 Officer Ballot

Please complete the ballot by indicating a yes or no vote.

*This official ballot must be postmarked by **June 10***

**Send to: Anna Strattan 500 Davis Ave., Endicott, NY 13760**

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**Region 4 Voting Ballot- 2011**

| <b>Board Position</b>                   |                                 | <b>Yes/No</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Co Chair</b>                         | Anna Strattan                   |               |
| <b>Co Chair</b>                         | Shauna Stiles                   |               |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                        | Karen Krawczyk                  |               |
| <b>Secretary</b>                        | <b>Open</b>                     |               |
| <b>Newsletter Chair</b>                 | <b>Open</b>                     |               |
| <b>Board of Trustee</b>                 | <b>Open</b>                     |               |
| <b>Board of Trustee</b>                 | <b>Open</b>                     |               |
| <b>Portfolio Project Coordinator</b>    | Susan Paybody                   |               |
| <b>Art Educator Show Coordinator(s)</b> | Anna Strattan and Shauna Stiles |               |