



Region 4  
New York State Art Teachers Association  
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Dear NYSATA members,

Welcome back to the promise of a very busy and fun filled school year! Our thoughts and prayers go out to our friends, family, coworkers, and students who have been affected by the flood of 2011. It's amazing how each of our communities bond together and help each other when disaster strikes. At the end of the school year last year, we as art educators saw a different type of disaster strike our own community in the form of budget and position layoffs in our art programs. This year we will have to brace ourselves yet again for the possibility of cut backs as we work hard to prove the value of arts in our schools. Working with smaller budgets, larger class sizes, teaching more sections to make up for lost positions, incorporating the Common Core Standards, and meeting the new expectations of our administration as they face new observational requirements from State Ed, are challenges we will all face this year.

We are a strong network of art educators across Region 4 and can help support each other through idea exchanges, workshops, conferences, and keeping our communication lines open. Workshops being developed this year will be cross curricular in nature and center on our ability to teach different subjects through the lense of art. We will begin in October with a book making workshop taught by Marty Schneider. Art, ELA, and elementary educators will all benefit from this workshop and are encouraged to sign up. Please see the attached flier.

Announcing ***Inspiring Thousands: Third Annual Juried Exhibition of Work by Regional Art Educators***. Please be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to show and sell your work at the ROBERSON MUSEUM in downtown Binghamton, March 2012.

This first newsletter of the year will be the only issue mailed to our art community. In an effort to go green, the remainder of our newsletters will be emailed to members only. Please make sure the email we have for you is correct by sending either Anna or Shauna an email. Last year many of our active members never received our e-news because their email was not up to date.

We look forward to seeing our region members again, reconnecting with old friends, and rebuilding our programs and communities this year.

Yours in Art,

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# Call for Artists:



*inspiring thousands*

THIRD ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY REGIONAL ART EDUCATORS

## March 2012 at ROBERSON MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER

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

Dear Colleague:

You are cordially invited to participate in *Inspiring Thousands: Third Annual Juried Exhibition of Works by Regional Art Educators*, sponsored by Region 4 of the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) in collaboration with Roberson Museum and Science Center Art Gallery, 30 Front Street, Binghamton, NY. Each year, the exhibition has grown into a great success, with impressive attendance at the opening events. The Roberson Museum and Science Center is in a prime location for visitors to the museum and First Friday Art Walk traffic. The Roberson promised substantial PR for show providing even more exposure for participating artists.

Art work will be accepted from All artwork will be submitted in the form of digital images. The gallery is a professional venue; all work submitted should be available for sale. The entry fee for Region for NYSATA members is \$30 for up to three works. Selection of work and assignment of awards will be made by two jurors. Juror selection is still in process, and jurors will be announced soon. Approximately \$500 in awards will be given.

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# Announcement:

**Due to increased budget cuts, professional development classes or compensation may not be offered or have been cut from your district.**

*NYSATA would gladly sponsor the following workshop at minimal charge to members and non-members. If you are interested in attending, please email Anna at [astratta@uek12.org](mailto:astratta@uek12.org).*

In the email please indicate the following:

1. School district - to determine workshop location (we may be able to hold multiple workshops at multiple locations depending on level of interest.)
2. # of art teachers from your district are interested in enrollment
3. Preferred weekday and start time.



# Student Photography Contest Opportunity:

## Celebrating New York's Forests

*In honor of International Year of Forests*

Take a moment to think about what your life would be without trees and forests: your campsite, a reservoir, your street, your yard, where you work, your local park, your favorite hiking trail.

This contest celebrates all types of forests – urban and rural, large and small, public and privately owned, across the state.

Photos will be judged in five categories:

1. **Nature** (wildlife, plants, natural landscapes, etc.)
2. **Enjoying the Forest** (hunting, fishing, trails, camping, hiking, etc.)
3. **Trees Where We Live** (parks, streets, yards, etc.)
4. **Forest products** (maple syrup, lumber, baseball bats, furniture, etc.)
5. **State-owned Forests** (State Forests, Forest Preserve lands, forested Wildlife Management Areas, Campgrounds)

*Photos must be taken in New York State and be submitted by*

***November 1, 2011.***

For contest rules, submission forms and instructions go to [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) and type “photo contest” into the search box.

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## ***Call for Volunteer(s):***

# 2011-2012 Portfolio Project

## Region 4 Coordinator Position is Open!

It's EASY and a FANTASTIC addition to your resume!

Form letters, certificates etc. are already made!

Previous chair is available to answer questions etc.

Please contact Shauna if you are interested in taking on this position! [ssfiles@re.stier.org](mailto:ssfiles@re.stier.org)