



## **Region 4 Newsletter**

### *Winter/Spring 2012*

Dear Colleagues,

Please get out your planners!

#### **Inspiring Thousands: Third Annual Juried Exhibition of Works by Regional Art Educators**

NYSATA, Region 4 needs your participation. Your participation supports you! *Let's make this year's as amazing as years past!* Please check out the Prospectus on the Region 4 webpage <http://www.nysata.org/region4> for information and important dates. **NOTE: THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS NOW FEB 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

#### **Youth Art Month 2012**

Please start thinking of ways to participate this year! We had excellent participation last year. As we all know, advocacy for our profession is as important as ever! Please send pictures with captions of YAM celebrations to be included in the press release! See following pages and the NYSATA website YAM page for more information.

#### **Call for Volunteers and Board Members**

Please send your nominations for next year by April 30, 2012. Ballots forthcoming this spring....

#### **Portfolio Project 2012**

This year, things have changed! Look for more information in your inbox this Spring!

#### **Serve your Professional Organization 2012-2013**

Please think of ways that you could serve your professional association on the local level. Many dedicated and creative individuals in the past have given countless hours, days, and years to the association. Once again, we need several dedicated and inspiring teachers to volunteer to move the region forward in the 2012-2013 school year. Please consider serving on the board, volunteering on the Art Educators Exhibit Committee, Regional Awards Dinner, attending the annual conference and or hosting, presenting, facilitating, or attending workshops and the portfolio project. Region 4 is HUGE. How can we reach those of you in districts outside the Triple Cities? Contact us with your suggestions. Small commitments are welcome as much as large ones. If everyone did a little, that would be a lot.

After Mid- March, please forward all your inquiries to co-chair, Shauna Stiles. Congratulations to Shauna on her new baby, Benjamin, born November '11! Soon, she will pass the baton to me as I prepare for my first baby's arrival this March!

Have a wonderful Second-Half!!

Sincerely,

Anna Strattan

Co- Chair

NYSATA Region 4



Dear Art Teachers:

On behalf of Region 4 New York State Art Teacher Association, we ask that you please share this exhibition announcement for ***Inspiring Thousands: Third Annual Juried Exhibition of Work by Regional Art Educators*** with your entire art department.

The first two exhibitions were a HUGE success! Many people expressed how wonderful it was to have the opportunity to showcase and view such amazing work. It was a classy scene of art, music, and excitement. We are proud to say that this year we have another incredible venue along with a First Friday reception!

Please encourage your district's art staff to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to show and sell your work at the Roberson Museum Art Gallery in downtown Binghamton. It is our goal to be represented by each district in our region. **BOTH members, non-members and retirees are welcome to submit 2-D and 3-D work.**

We look forward to your art work submissions and seeing you at the First Friday Opening Reception. Please copy or encourage your staff to visit [www.nysata.org](http://www.nysata.org) to access the guidelines and additional submission form.

Remember to join or renew your membership to receive a discounted submission fee, and check out our newsletter and wonderful resources.

Visit [www.nysata.org/association](http://www.nysata.org/association) - scroll to Region 4

Sincerely,

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# **40 days until March!**

## **Time to start thinking about**

# **Youth Art Month!**

How are you and your students, school district and community celebrating Youth Art Month this March?

*Youth Art Month (YAM) is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.*

**It is especially important in these tough times to be diligent in advocating our profession!!!!**

How are you, your students, and/or school community celebrating Youth Art Month this March?

Send a short blurb to Shauna Stiles at [ssbiles@me.stier.org](mailto:ssbiles@me.stier.org)

*Last year, several participating school districts were included in the press release and were even featured on the news! What a great way to represent your district!*

*2011 Participating Districts: Union-Endicott \* Maine-Endwell \* South Seneca \* Norwich City \* Oxford \* Vestal \* Chenango Valley \* Newark Valley \* Greene \* Dryden*

# NYSATA AWARDS AND HONORS

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2012-2013

NYSATA rewards the time, talent and expertise of members and members of the art community with a series of awards that are presented annually at the state conference. Do you know an outstanding Art Educator in your district? All nomination criteria and submission information can be found at [www.nysata.org](http://www.nysata.org).

### Regional Art Educator of the Year

Each of NYSATA's ten regions chooses one outstanding art educator to be awarded a plaque at the annual conference. Criteria include outstanding contributions to the field of art education and service to the local and state organization. Section awardees compete for the state level award for the following year.

**Region nomination due regional chair by May 1st**

Send to: Shauna Stiles  
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Endwell, NY 13760

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## Don't forget....

### Outstanding Service Award

Awarded at the time of retirement for outstanding service to NYSATA. Nominees must be an active or associate member for at least 15 years prior to retirement. Awardees are recognized at the annual convention.

Deadline for filing: June 1

### Special Citations for Member, Non-Member, Institution, or School District Member

Awarded to a member, non-member, institution or corporation that has made a significant contribution to art education. In order to receive the Special Citation for a School District Member, the nominee must have current District Membership status. Recipients are presented with a plaque at the annual convention.

Deadline for filing: June 1

### Raymond C. Henry Award

A grant of \$500 is awarded annually to a NYSATA member to aid in the development of a specialized art education project or study which will benefit the individual and members of the art education profession.

Deadline for filing: June 1