

**2010 Delegates Assembly State President Report**

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Division: Elementary Middle Level Secondary Higher Education Museum Education Supervision/Administration

**Significant Past State Activities – March 2009 - March 2010:**

March 2009 - State Youth Art Month Exhibit, State House Trenton - all 21 counties participate, 120 pieces on display - May 2009 - AENJ Spring Symposium - Theme: The Craft of Art/ Art of Craft- June 2009 - Executive Board attends TEAM EAST, summer retreat in New York - - October 2009 - Fall Conference - "Planet Art" Keynotes: Andrew Freear & Peter London, Over 1, 300 members attend. With Dance Around the World Performer Special guests, , Barry Shauck, Margaret Johnson, Alida Fish, Dale Schmid. AENJ Celebration - awards presented. Honors breakfast, award winners & their administrators are invited for breakfast and to stay for the Keynote speaker. Over 170 workshops, presentations & sessions. - Dec. 2009 - NJ PTA Convention, presentation for art education advocacy - Nov. 2009 - NJEA Convention, Atlantic City - 2 days, 2 large rooms. Running a total of 12 Art Education related workshops. - AENK @ NJEA art Exhibit at our state teacher conference. - Exhibits - Distinguished Fellows Student Exhibit at NJ State Department of Education & exhibits at NJ Performing Arts Center. - AENJ 2009 Calendar, showcasing student work - AENJ Board Meetings - 1 meeting per/month (April 2009 - March. 2010) Special Board

**Significant Planned State Activities - March 2010 - March 2011:**

March 2010 - Youth Art Month Related Activities YAM Proclamations were signed by the Governor, 11 Senators/ Assemblymen and 43 Mayors, 100 Administrators and teachers, PTA and Bd of Ed \* State Youth Art Month Exhibit, State House Trenton, over 120 pieces on exhibit. There will be 2 receptions, one for HS and one for Elementary and Middle school students. At the HS reception Andrew Werth, will speak to the students about his work. \* Each of the 21 counties in NJ will hold a County Youth Art Month Exhibit \* Student designer of the NJ YAM Flag will attend the March 2010 ceremony in Washington, DC with her family and teacher. - YAM Grants of \$500 were awarded to the following counties:  
 Mercer: Greeting Card Workshop  
 Somerset: Guest Artist  
 Union: Advocacy Button Workshop  
 April 2010 - AENJ at NAEA \* AENJ board members & members participating in numerous presentations at NAEA, Baltimore. \* AENJ Brochure of NJ Presenters at NAEA. \* AENJ Celebration in Baltimore to honor

**Upcoming Conference/Professional Development Activities:**

AENJ South promotes 4 or more workshops each year with guest artists/speakers for AENJ Members and friends of AENJ. - May 2010 - AENJ Spring Symposium - January 2010 - AENJ Brunch for Middle & High School & Elementary teachers, includes breakfast and a workshop - May 2009 - June 2010 -AENJ Workshop at the Metropolitan Museum of Art - October 2010 - AENJ Fall Conference, "Art Sparks Genius" Keynote speaker David Macaulay Workshops, presentations and vendors are all in the planning stages. - Oct. 2010 - NJ PTA Conference- Presentations. Distribute information about AENJ and advocacy materials to PTA Members. - Nov. 2010 - NJ Education Association Convention, Atlantic City. 2 days, 2 large rooms. Running a total of 12 Art Education related workshops.  
 AENJ Executive Board (11 members) has 8 board meetings (Sept. - June), 1 Summer Policy Meeting, 1 Spring Budget Meeting and 1 additional Summer Meeting to complete unfinished business. - - - Executive Board members to attend Team East '10 in Rhode Island - AENJ Advisory Council to foster leadership at the local level. - - AENJ Workshop at the Metropolitan Museum of Art -AENJ Summer workshop at the

## Association Work on NAEA Strategic Plan Initiatives

**Learning**—develop effective leadership, teaching and advocacy for art education:

AENJ supports effective leadership in the arts through grants and scholarship of its executive board, members and students members. All current members of the executive board and immediate past members are eligible for a leadership grant to attend NAEA 2010. Additionally the co-chair persons of the AENJ Advisory council are eligible for this same grant. In 2010 we awarded three student grants of \$500 each to attend NAEA 2010 as well as three members grants of \$500 each to attend NAEA 2010. In June 2009 AENJ sent four members of the executive board to Team East as well as two students members and their advisor.

**Community**—build a professional community:

In this past year AENJ has worked to establish community relations with the NJ PTA. Through communications AENJ has formed the bases for a strong relationship. AENJ President and Secretary gave presentations at NJPTA Annual conference on How to Be an Art Advocate in Your School and served as judges for the PTA Reflection Art Contest.

AENJ is working on forming stronger alliances with NJ Performing Arts Center by planning an art show in September to memorialize the events of 9/11. AENJ is working to create stronger alliances with the NJAEP and the NJDOE

**Research/Knowledge**—assess programs/services and provide access to information on policy:

This year AENJ published ArtBeat the professional Journal. This 42 page magazine was filled with informative articles all dealing with professional improvement. AENJ is a supporter of the DOE initiative to train teachers in using the newly adopted standards. Through webbeat the DOE and the AENJ update the AENJ membership

**Advocacy**—communicate the value of visual arts:

Art-beat - AENJ Newsletter, YAM-beat - a special edition of our newsletter for YAM (printed in full color), Web-beat - AENJ e-Newsletter (sent through Constant Contact) - Youth Art Month (YAM)- YAM Design Contest Flag, Poster, Billboard, Button, County Exhibits & State Exhibit and Reception - YAM Flag Trip to Washington, DC - New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) Student Exhibits, 3 times each year - AENJ Awards - 6 AENJ Awards, 4 Division Awards, National Art Honor Society Award & National Jr. Art Honor Society Award - AENJ Calendar & Advocacy Flyers printed in Art-beat and available on the web: <http://www.aenj.org/education.html> - AENJ Artsonia Gallery: <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=3096>, artwork from all AENJ Exhibits (NJPAC & YAM) published here - Participation in a number of State Conventions (NJEA & NJPTA) - Conference - Honors Breakfast, where administrators who support the arts are invited

### Other new information from your State:

The AENJ board is looking forward to making new and stronger alliances with the various group including the NJ PTA, NJPAC, and regional museums. Through these alliances we can bring more attention to the need for Art Education for our students.

Although we all face difficulties in these troubled economic times, I believe, through strong and cohesive leadership AENJ will strengthen its role as a beacon for excellence in Art Education.

Linda S Devlin

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Signature of State President\*

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