



# EMERITUS | MARCH 2026

## RAEA - Retired Art Educators Alliance Interest Group

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### From the President

RAEA Family,  
**Chicago, here we come!**

My heart is already so full thinking about the joy of gathering so many of you at NAEA this year. For 29 years, conventions have been one of my very favorite traditions: a place where colleagues become lifelong friends, where ideas spark in hallways, and where we remember why we said "yes" to this incredible profession in the first place. I cannot wait to hug necks, share stories, and make even more memories together.

This year feels extra special as we celebrate the growth of our interest group! We are larger than ever and need to remember that we are the "keys" to unlocking the joys of our profession, together!

We will be celebrating our AMAZING award winners on Thursday and what a powerful representation of excellence, leadership, and heart from our RAEA family. Watching our own shine on the national stage never gets old. So don't miss out as we celebrate Betsy Logan, Linda Popp, Thom Knab and Towson University! And I can't wait to see our incredible board members! They inspire me daily!

I'm also beyond excited to be part of seven presentations alongside many of our brilliant RAEA colleagues and Distinguished Fellows.

**That's right, we are showing up and showing out. I hope you'll join us, support one another, and walk away with fresh ideas, renewed purpose, and maybe a few new "why didn't I think of that?!" moments.**

One of the things I look forward to most is meeting our upcoming RAEA members and preservice teachers. We have "keys" to share - keys to success, to balance, to advocacy, to creativity, to resilience, and to joy. Let's continue to mentor, encourage, and remind art teachers everywhere to stick with this amazing calling. We are blessed to teach children through the visual arts! We are blessed to give them voice, confidence, and a way to see the world more fully. What a gift!

**Now... let's talk RAEA fun!** Be sure to bring items for the RAEA Art Auction, our annual celebration of creativity and community. The auction is always a highlight and helps support the important work we do all year long.

**And...** please, come find us at Table C -- We'll be there with gifts, tips, tricks, hacks... and of course, hugs.

**Join us all day Thursday as it's truly a full RAEA celebration from start to finish.**

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### Thursday

- 11:00-1:00 — RAEA Table C
- 2:00-3:00 — RAEA Business Meeting
- 3:00-4:00 — Awards Celebration
- 7:00-10:00 — RAEA Art Auction (Artisan Market)

### Friday

- 11:00-12:00 — Table C
- 12:00-1:00 - Mentoring Matters: Retired Art Educators Empower the Future Through Roundtable Conversations

*This is where Melody Weintraub, Betsy Logan, Debi Barrett-Hayes, Ivey Coleman and I will be sharing quick bits of valuable teaching successes via a roundtable style presentation! Be sure to attend and invite a new art teacher!*

...and there are 50 more workshops and presentations being given by RAEA members and there are quite a few Distinguished Fellow Forums that you won't want to miss!

Conventions refuel us. They remind us we are not alone. They energize us and remind us to continue to fresh ideas and full hearts. I am so grateful to walk this journey with each of you.

**Chicago, here we come, because**

**#togetherweARTbetter**

With excitement and gratitude,  
Debi West, RAEA President

## Award Winners



**Betsy Logan**

**RAEA National Emeritus Art Educator Award**  
Mac Arthur Goodwin Award for  
Distinguished Service Within the Profession

**Linda Popp**

**RAEA Distinguished Service Award**



**Towson University**

**RAEA Outstanding Preservice Chapter Award**



**Katherine Hillyer**

**Distinguished Fellow**



**Thom Knab**

**Marion Quinn Dix Leadership Award**

# 2026 RAEA MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

## Thursday, March 5

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### **11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

#### **NAEA Interest Group HUB**

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Riverside Exhibit Hall*

Come see the RAEA at Table C from 11:00-12:00 and  
12:00 to 1:00

### **2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**

#### **Retired Art Educators Alliance**

##### **(RAEA) Interest Group Business Meeting**

*Debi West, Nancy Walkup, Melody Weintraub*

Retired Art Educators Alliance Interest Group |

Business Meeting/Award Ceremony

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Soldier Field*

### **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

#### **NAEA Distinguished Fellows Mentoring Session 1**

*David Burton, Barbara Laws, Pamela Lawton, Linda Popp,*

*Debra Pylypiw*

Research | Moderated Panel Discussion 47

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Haymarket*

### **3:00 PM - 3:50 PM**

#### **Retired Art Educators Alliance**

##### **(RAEA) Interest Group Annual Award Celebration**

*Debi West, Nancy Walkup, Melody Weintraub*

Retired Art Educators Alliance Interest Group |

Business Meeting/Award Ceremony

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Soldier Field*

### **4:30 PM - 5:50 PM**

#### **Distinguished Fellows Business Meeting**

*Douglas Boughton, Barbara Laws, Elizabeth Willett*

Distinguished Fellows |

Business Meeting/Award Ceremony 67

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Soldier Field*

### **4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

#### **(TICKET REQUIRED - PRESERVICE ONLY)**

##### ***Conquering Fear of the Blank Page (FOBP)***

*Cheryl Maney, James Rees*

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Hong Kong*

### **7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

#### **NAEA26 Artisans Gallery**

*Crystal Ballroom Prefunction/Concourse*

*[West Tower] Hyatt Regency Chicago | Crystal A*

## Friday, March 6

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### **8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

#### **Advocating Effectively: Collaborating Is Key!**

*Barbara Laws, Roger Tomhave*

Advocacy | Moderated Panel Discussion

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Randolph 3*

### **8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

#### **The Getty Villa: A Virtual Tour—And Discussion on How You, Too, Can Become a Docent**

*Laurie Gatlin*

Retired Art Educators Alliance Interest Group |

Instructional Demonstration

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Roosevelt 3B*

### **8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

#### **82 Envisioning the Future: How Art Educators Can Respond to Changing Times**

*Allan Richards, Steve Willis, Debra Pylypiw, Marjorie  
Manifold, Robin Vande Zande*

United States Society for Education Through Art  
Interest Group |

Business Meeting/Award Ceremony

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Soldier Field*

# RAEA MEMBER PRESENTATIONS ...

## **12:00 PM - 12:50 PM**

### **Distinguished Fellows Forum, Archives Initiative: Archives 101—Constructing an Art Education Archive**

*Robert Sabol, Dustin Garnet*

Distinguished Fellows | Fellows Forum

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Hong Kong*

## **12:00 PM - 12:50 PM**

### **Mentoring Matters: Retired Art Educators Empower the Future Through Roundtable Conversations**

*Debi West, Melody Weintraub, Betsy Logan, Debi Barrett-Hayes, Ivey Coleman*

Retired Art Educators Alliance Interest Group |

Moderated Panel Discussion

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Acapulco*

## **12:00 PM - 12:50 PM**

### **Supervising for Success: Practice-Based Strategies to Develop and Retain Quality Art Educators**

*Debrah Sickler-Voigt, Mabel Morales, Lissette Lutz,  
Lorinne Lee, Monica Leister*

Supervision & Administration |

Instructional Demonstration

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Grand Hall G*

## **1:00 PM - 01:50 PM**

### **Distinguished Fellows Forum, Oral Histories Initiative: Let's Hear All About Your Art Education Journey!**

*Robert Sabol, Dustin Garnet*

Distinguished Fellows | Fellows Forum

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Burnham*

## **1:00 PM - 01:50 PM**

### **Why Advocacy Matters for Preservice and Early Career Teachers**

*Nancy Walkup, Melody Weintraub*

Preservice | Moderated Panel Discussion

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Grand Hall H*

## **1:30 PM - 03:00 PM**

### **(TICKET REQUIRED - PRESERVICE ONLY) In Dialogue: Connecting Students to Contemporary Art, Ideas, and Practices**

*James Rees, Frank Juárez*

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Hong Kong*

## **2:00 PM - 02:50 PM**

### **Second Annual Interest Group Awards**

*Lark Keeler, Erica Davis-Hernandez*

All Regions | Award Ceremony

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Grand A|B*

## **2:00 PM - 03:20 PM**

### **Teaching Against the Stream: Strategic Advice for Teaching Art in Difficult Times From a Panel of Distinguished Fellows**

*Marjorie Manifold, Kerry Freedman, Lisa Kay, Debi West,  
Steve Willis, Diane Scully*

Distinguished Fellows | Fellows Forum

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Soldier Field*

## **3:00 PM - 04:20 PM**

### **Bridging Generations Speed Dating Style: Conversations Between Early Career Art Educators & Retired Art Educators, Part 2**

*Debi Barrett-Hayes, Debi West, Melody Weintraub, Betsy  
Logan, Sally Chambliss*

Leadership | Deep Dive Discussion

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Grand Hall K*

## **4:30 PM - 06:30 PM**

### **NAEA Distinguished Fellows Mentoring Session 2**

*David Burton, Douglas Boughton, Debi West, Marjorie  
Manifold, Steve Willis*

Research | Moderated Panel Discussion

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Haymarket*

# RAEA MEMBER PRESENTATIONS ...

**5:30 PM - 06:20 PM**

**Interest Group Leaders Meeting**

*Lark Keeler, Erica Davis-Hernandez*

All Regions | Business Meeting/Award Ceremony

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Plaza B*

**Saturday, March 7** \_\_\_\_\_

**8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

**National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) Grant Program Information Session**

*Lauren Correll, Frank Juarez, Pat Franklin*

Leadership | Instructional Demonstration

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Columbian*

**8:00 AM - 8:50 AM**

**NAEA Distinguished Fellows Mentoring Session 3**

*David Burton, James Rees, Angela LaPorte, Nancy*

*Walkup, Flavia Bastos*

Research | Moderated Panel Discussion

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Gold Coast*

**12:00 PM - 1:20 PM**

**Fellows Forum: Surviving and Thriving as an Art Educator—A Conversation With the Fellows**

*Debra Pylypiw, Laura Milas, Thom Knab, Debi West,*

*James Rees*

Distinguished Fellows | Fellows Forum

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Burnham*

**12:00 PM - 1:50 PM (TICKET REQUIRED)**

**Slow Stitching: Embroidered Patches Celebrating Personal Heroes, Acts of Service, or Individual Accomplishments**

*Laurie Gatlin, Kristin Vanderlip Taylor*

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion | Ticketed

Hands-On Workshop

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Michigan 1A*

**2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**

**Visual Journals as Ideation Labs: Empowering Conceptual Thinking in Secondary Art Classrooms**

*James Rees*

Secondary | Instructional Demonstration

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Grand E|Fd*

**2:00 PM - 2:50 PM**

**Monotypes: A Printmaking Method That Allows Pulling Single Unique Graphics With or Without a Press**

*Donna Anderson*

Retired Art Educators Alliance Interest Group |

Instructional Demonstration

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Grand Hall G*

**3:00 PM - 4:50 PM (TICKET REQUIRED)**

**Small Loom Weaving: Create an Amulet Bag!**

*Laurie Gatlin*

Middle Level | Ticketed Hands-On Workshop 198

*Hyatt Regency Chicago | Randolph 3*

## Trivia

### January Answer:

#### Question:

What is the formal title of the famous 1871 painting popularly known as "Whistler's Mother," which depicts the artist's mother sitting in profile against a grey wall?

#### Answer:

The formal title is Arrangement in Grey and Black No.1.

Our Trivia winner is:

**Melissa Gallagher**



### March Question

What year was the very first NAEA Convention?  
And what city hosted it?  
And what was the theme?

Send answers to Debi West,  
[dwestudio@gmail.com](mailto:dwestudio@gmail.com)



*When bringing artwork to NAEA yourself you may drop it off at the RAEA Table in the Interest Group Hub, on Thursday 11-1. You may also bring it to the Silent Auction table in the Artisan's Gallery area an hour before the Gallery opens, however we prefer to have it in advance.*

*Be sure to have registration form attached to your artwork before you deliver it to the location*



Kim Soule

## In The Spotlight

**2025 Co-coordinator of the  
NAEA National Conference in Louisville  
2017-2020 Secondary Division Director  
2005-2016 President and Variety of Positions  
Board of Directors KAEA**

My name is Kim Soule. I had a wonderful career as an art teacher and retired in 2018 after teaching for 27 plus years. Places I have taught include Denton, Texas; Searcy, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Fayetteville, Arkansas and finally Bowling Green, Kentucky. Bowling Green, a lovely place to live, has been my home since 1993.

Teaching at all 3 levels over the course of my career has equipped me with so many skills to continue teaching through private lessons in my home studio and through my work with *Arts for All Kentucky* as a Roster Artist. Working for *Arts for All Kentucky* was a natural fit for me because of my love for students, special education and art education. When I visit a classroom, I bring not only my expertise of teaching art and inclusion of all students, but I become an advocate for the art teacher and special needs teachers for the importance of art in the life of a child. As a classroom art teacher, I planned a special project each year with *Arts for All Kentucky* and had an artist visit to lead the students in learning a new process or creating an installation.

One of the very cool things I get to do is plan and implement a project with my grandchildren's art teacher each year. Also, I have worked alongside my daughter, Dala who is a Speech and Language Pathologist for Jefferson County Schools in Louisville, Kentucky. This past November we created a wings mural with her students at *The Phoenix School of Discovery*.

My leadership roles have included serving on the Kentucky Art Education Association board of directors for 2005-2016 in a variety of positions including President. I also served the National Art Education Association as Secondary Division Director elect and then Director from 2017-2020. In 2025 it was my pleasure to be a co-coordinator of the NAEA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky! My co-coordinator, Sarah Horn, and I had so much fun welcoming everyone to our home state! The *Kentuckians for the Arts* is an organization that I have served on the board and education committee as an effort to promote art education in our state. My love of art has me creating always! Painting is my passion! Printmaking, collage with mixed media, and clay are also alive and well in my studio processes. Exhibiting has always been important to me. Recently I had a show of new work at the public library which included, paintings, mixed media and weaving on ceramic looms. In 2024 I was honored with the Purchase Award in *Bowling Green's Women in the Arts Art Show*.





Being a Nana-Gaga to 8 beautiful grandchildren is the cherry on top! I love it when they are creating in my studio. They always amaze me with their creations. January 2025, we had a show at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center Children's gallery featuring artwork by all of them and my work too! Life is definitely Grand in all ways!!

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Visit as Roster Artist for Arts for All Kentucky.

# *In Memoriam D. Jack Davis*

D. Jack Davis, May 17, 1938–July 24, 2025, professor emeritus and founding dean of the School of the Arts at the University of North Texas, held numerous roles during his 40-year tenure. He began his distinguished academic career at the University of North Texas where he served as Director of Graduate Studies in Art (1971-1976), Chair of the Department of Art (1976-1983), Vice Provost of the University (1983-1993), Founding Dean of the School of Visual Arts, now the College of Visual Arts & Design (CVAD), (1993-2004), Co-Director and Director of the North Texas Institute for Educators on the Visual Arts (NTIEVA) (1990-2011). During this time, he authored more than 50 publications and presented more than 100 papers at professional meetings.



**D. Jack Davis**

Davis was also very active in professional associations. He was a lifetime member of the National Art Education Association (NAEA), where he served on the board and chaired the Higher Education Division (1973-1975), was named a Distinguished Fellow in 1989, received the distinguished Service Within the Profession (2010), the Lowenfeld Award (1990), and National Art Educator of the Year (2005), and finally the Eisner Lifetime Achievement Award (2024). As a lifetime member of the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA), he served as president (1987-1989), was named Texas Art Educator of the Year (1990), and was inducted as a TAEA Distinguished Fellow charter member (1993).

Davis's research and creative activities, funded by organizations such as the U.S. Office of Education, the JDR III Fund for Arts Education, the J. Paul Getty Trust, the Annenberg Foundation, and others, focused on curriculum development in the arts. His interests included K-12 comprehensive and integrated arts education, as well as Texas art history, particularly early Texas artists, 19th-century Texas silversmiths, and Texas women artists.

As a lifelong learner, collector, researcher and author, in his retirement years he continued his collecting passions related to antique silver, both English and American, Native American baskets, particularly those of the Southwestern tribes, and collected works by Texas artists with a special interest in the work of women artists, particularly those who lived and worked in Denton, Texas, culminating in contributing several chapters for the book *Making the Unknown Known: Women in Early Texas Art, 1860s-1960s*.

Jack lived his life spreading cheer through his lifelong love of entertaining and storytelling, particularly in his retirement years in Fort Worth's Westbriar neighborhood and at the Trinity Terrace retirement community.

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*RAEA MISSION STATEMENT*

The purposes shall be to define and establish the role of the retired art educators as an interest group of NAEA; to conduct programs of professional activities for state and national events; to encourage continued personal involvement and development in art education; to inform State Associations and NAEA of concerns relevant to members of long-standing; and to encourage and support, as well as provide mentorship for student members of the NAEA.

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