Youth Art Month 2015
New York State

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Co-Chairs
New York State continues to grow our YAM numbers, despite facing daunting circumstances. Our state has the toughest APPR and Common Core testing standards in the nation, forcing many educators to spend increasing amounts of time on the paperwork and requirements set forth by our State Education Department, thus limiting participation and time to submit YAM events.

As a means of facilitating increased participation, we created a Google Documents reporting form that helps to streamline the process and has met with favorable comments.

This past November, we piloted a raffle at state conference, with each teacher receiving a chance on a generous art supplies basket for their YAM report submitted. Dynasty Brushes have contributed many prizes for the raffle and Sargent Art has signed on to provide a trip to NYC for the day as a prize for our State Flag Winner.

Offering workshops at our conference and around the state helps to familiarize teachers with YAM and ways to set up a first time program. We also presented at the NAEA this past March in New Orleans and began to submit articles to the NYSATA News on Youth Art Month.

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YAM Co – Chairpersons
New York State
## Participation by categories including events, students, funding and volunteer support

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* Legislative Art Show – scheduled and promoted for March – moved due to unforeseen circumstances
Youth Art Month Awareness
And Community Support 2015

Added Sargent Art as a special event sponsor for 2016. They will provide a trip to NYC for our YAM Flag Winner.

Added 5 people to our State YAM Committee who meet 4 times a year at our New York State Art Teacher’s Association Board of Trustees meeting. Created Google Drive folder for group.

Incorporated the use of Google Forms for State Reporting.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tlVGagXb17X4LJc_Z7lw86n4K5kAGAcvJlxZEr_eZ1w/edit

New community support for YAM exhibition – Bassett Healthcare – Little Falls, NY
North Rockland CSD – Gallery built and furnished for Art exhibits at Central Administration Building.

Addition of YAM members to NYSATA state Advocacy Committee (March 2015)
Emails to NYSATA members on a regular basis for YAM reporting.

Formation of new partnership for 2016 with the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts (Little Falls) for a Teacher/Student YAM Show.

Social Media Sites for NYS YAM:
https://www.facebook.com/YouthArtMonthNewYorkState
http://www.nysata.org/youth-art-month
The support of our local and county government in recognition of YAM remains a priority in Herkimer County, NY.

Youth Art Month Proclamation

Whereas, Art education contributes powerful educational benefits to elementary, middle and secondary students including the following:

- Art education develops students’ creative problem solving and critical thinking abilities;
- Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;
- Art education gives students deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs;
- Art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects, and
- Art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics, and

Whereas, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students’ education,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that support should be given to art teachers as they attempt to strengthen art education in their schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed that March be observed as

YOUTH ART MONTH

Further, All citizens are urged to take an interest in and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.

Dated this Third day of March in the year 2015

Mayor
Both Assemblymen Brindisi, and Butler along with Senator Seward provided certificates for students participating in the Legislative Art Show and the Herkimer County Youth Art Month Show.
Central New York, Western New York and the Southeastern/Long Island areas continue to sustain annual YAM events due to strong leadership.
REGION 1

Sweet Home CSD

At Glendale Elementary, the music teacher and art teacher combined Youth Art Month with Music in Our Schools Month to create "Arts Month".

We created an Arts Month Calendar with activities for families to do both at home and in the community. We had an arts based activity for our students to complete in school every Friday in March.

We had announcements on the morning news every day in March and we also decorated the hallway ceilings with music notes and paint brushes.

The "main event" was the 1st Annual Fine Arts Night (3/19/15 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - #glendalefineartsnight), which included a professional quartet performance, musical performances by students in grades 2 - 5, an art exhibit (1 work of art with artist statements by every student in the building), a make-and-take art workshop (led by art education students at Daemon College), and "stick-your-head-in-a-painting/composer photo opportunities. Our students became part of The Scream, by Edvard Munch, and they tried out Mozart's hairstyle! We had over 600 people attend the event!

Erie Cattaraugus BOCES #2

Artwork was exhibited in multiple locations throughout E2CCB.

Students participated in weekly trivia contests on art history, competing for generously donated prizes.

Lunch time 'art recess' open to students not currently taking art classes - set up in centers with brief instruction students could come in and explore mediums and create.

Teachers and students participated in a community art 'selfie' uploaded in the halls near the severely handicapped classrooms with an open show on Wednesday March 25, and Thursday March 26 from 6:00-7:00.
Buffalo City Public Schools
IB Student Exhibition with 16 student works and the AKAG Future Curator’s show.

Ferry Street Corridor Project – after school program funded by a NAE grant, bookmaking, visual and theater arts, photography.

Staircase project with stained glass mosaic.

Congressional Art Show – three entries from McKinley

**Williamsville Central School**


**REGION 2**

**East Irondequoit Central School:**
Celebrating its fourth year, the Ivan Green and Durand Eastman Middle Schools are promoting community connections. Teachers and staff at both schools have joined together once again to plan a great evening full of food, art, music, and fun. We honor Youth Art Month by joining community members such as art and music students, teachers and staff, local business, area artists and performers, and the Irondequoit Community Cupboard.

Durand Eastman will be hosting the Art Builds Community Dinner this year. This includes a pizza dinner with salad and cookies, a student art show, an art auction, musical performances, and artist demonstrations.

**Hilton Central School**

The Music Department annually puts on an event called "Broadway Show Night," a wonderful collection of performances from a number of musicals. This year their theme was Disney Musicals, so in conjunction, we had our 8th grade students create paintings and drawings celebrating animation. We called our event the "Arts Gallery Walk".

**Greece Central School - English Village Elementary School**

A special display of art in our hallways
Family Art Night,
Dress up days like warm and cool color, pattern, etc. plus art trivia each day.
REGION 3

Phoenix CSD – E.J. Dillon Middle School – School Wide Events

Once a week students were able to participate in an afterschool art club with ranging activities. We created mini masterpieces for teachers, art bookmarks for the library, and a large display to be shown at the art show in May. Students also did a doodle wall in which each student was able to participate in creating a doodle to create a school wide artwork. Famous artist reproductions and quotes were hung in the art wing alongside student artworks.

Beaver Lake Show: Annual art show with nature theme for middle school students. 70 students and 10 teachers participated in this show for Region 3 NYSATA schools.

Canastota Central School:

Canastota Jr/Sr High School - We had an art exhibit for the our district's annual Health and Wellness Fair. This event brings in over 1000 people, which gives the art displays a huge audience.
Canastota Public Library Canastota NY - We had an art exhibit of the Scholastic Art Awards entries, submissions and winners at the Canastota Public Library's gallery.

Clinton CSD

6th grade students had postage stamp designs displayed at the Clinton Post Office.

West Canada Valley CSD

Hallway YAM show

Herkimer Central School:

SUNY Polytechnic College Art Photo Exhibition for High School – 10 students.
18 Students in the Herkimer County Youth Art Month Show.
Congressional Art Show is held at Herkimer County Community College. The opening reception was March 28th 1pm. We had 8 students artists for Herkimer High School.
Frankfort Schuyler Elementary and Middle School:

400 Elementary students receive a special YAM calendar of events for the month including color day competition, famous artist birthdays, show openings and creative challenges. Senator James Seward Visit, Hall Gallery challenge, daily YAM quotes read on announcements.

Art work at Bassett Healthcare – Little Falls hospital, 12 middle school students participating.

Herkimer County YAM Show at Bassett Healthcare in Herkimer – 18 students from grades K – 7.

YAM State Panel at the NAEA – 10 works by FS Students representing our state in New Orleans.

4 middle school students in Beaver Lake Show held in Syracuse.

Congressional Art Show Herkimer County – 6 schools 35 pieces in this show held at Herkimer County Community College.

Herkimer County YAM Show - 150 students, 8 schools, 19 teachers featured in a month long exhibition held at Bassett Healthcare in Herkimer, NY. We continue to receive strong support from this regional healthcare provider in our seventh year at this location. Students receive awards and t-shirts at gala opening reception.

Liverpool CSD

Long Branch Elementary School held a YAM drawing challenge.

REGION 4

NORWICH City School District

Board of Education K-12 Display- Student work from all buildings displayed in district office.

Principals Gallery Display- In building exhibition.

Middle School gallery displays (in main lobby and outside classroom).

BOE presentation AND student demos in morning.

Building Level YAM Displays in the front Hallway of Perry Browne.

3-5 Kids Art Show at Earlville Opera House- Earlville, NY for K-6 students during March.

Homer CSD

YAM drawing Challenge for middle school students.
Ichabod Crane CSD

March 1-22, 2015 Empire State Plaza Art Collection Student Art Exhibit K-8, Albany, NY. Thirty students, two teachers participate in this show for students in grades K – 8 celebrating Youth Art Month.

March 11-31, 2015 Art in Three Dimensions, Mohonasen Art Gallery, High School Gallery, Rotterdam, NY

March 26, 2015 ICHS Student Artwork Selected for Questar III High School Art Exhibit

Artworks by three Ichabod Crane High School students have been selected for the 26th Annual Questar III Juried High School Art Exhibit. Congratulations to the following students:

Samuel Paradise (Grade 12) - "The Front Bottoms," Photoshop
Margaret Richards (Grade 11) - "Unwrapped," pencil
Melanie VanAlphen (Grade 11) - "Glistening Honey," glazed earthenware

The exhibit will be on display at The Arts Center of the Capital Region in Troy from March 27 through April 18, 2015 with an opening reception scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 from 5 - 7 pm.

Albany

The Legislative /Youth Art Month Exhibition sponsored by the New York State Art Teacher’s Association and New York State United Teacher’s celebrated its 25th year with 118 teachers entering artworks by 250 students. The was scheduled and promoted to hang the first week in March, but due an emergency circumstance, had to be moved to June*. The event is held in the state capitol at the Legislative Office Building and is heavily attended by state assembly and senate members.

Empire State Plaza Art Collection Show

This show, in its sixth year, is a unique opportunity for students to showcase how their art was inspired by artwork from the Empire State Plaza Collection. The Collection consists of 92 works of Abstract Expressionist art displayed both in and around the Plaza. It was established under the direction of former Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller during construction of the Empire State Plaza (1966-1978).

This year’s exhibition is representative of over 1000 works from eleven surrounding Capital Region school districts. It is being held in conjunction with National Youth Art Month and is sponsored by the NYS Office of General Services and the Capital Area Art Supervisors (CAAS) group and New York State Art Teacher’s Association (NYSATA). Students and parents are invited to a reception on Thursday, March 5 at 3:30 pm on the South Concourse.
Monticello & Middletown CSD

Over the course of the month we had students share their thoughts in writing about each other’s artwork. Students used digital images of their work attached to index cards and commented on process, ideas, struggles and achievements while creating the works. Students looked forward to hearing from their pen pals from another district and enjoyed the "old fashioned" form of communication. During the course of this adventure students also collaborated on creating artworks by starting a piece and letting their pen pal finish it. We look forward to expanding and improving on this concept next year with the idea of building bridges between our two urban communities.

Port Washington CSD

Twenty of our K-12 students participated in the Nassau Art Supervisors Association All-County Art Show at Adelphi University on March 15th. Two of our elementary schools exhibited art at the Port Washington Public Library throughout the month of March. The exhibit featured Kindergarten works based on the art of Joan Miro, as well as First Grade three-dimensional sculptures with wire framing. We also have exhibits in both of our Administrative Offices, as well as in the local post office.

Liberty CSD

Our Elementary/ Middle School County wide show opened the first Friday in March. Our Sullivan County High School Art Show opened March 28th as well. We received the honor of exhibiting in the juried Exposure National High School Photography Show with 7 out of the 70 pieces filled by Liberty photographers.
National Art Honor Society of Liberty High School students finished and delivered their Literary chairs painted for the children's section of the Liberty Public Library!

http://www.recordonline.com/article/20150331/NEWS/150339956/101140/NEWS
https://www.facebook.com/103539909711531/photos/a.103589039706618.5052.103539909711531/830977760301072/?type=1&theater

North Rockland CSD

March 2 -March 31: Art Exhibition Grades 1-12 in gallery space at the Kings Daughter's Library in Garnerville, NY. Very well received with great feedback on exhibition. Art Reception was well attended and many happy families and art students.
Sculpture Night for Third Grade at the West Haverstraw Elementary School, in West Haverstraw, NY. Over 13 different sculpture-making activities for the third graders and their families. Over 20 Art Honor Society students helped man the activities. Incredible turn-out!

Pine Bush

Our district had 3 special events this year. We created an art display at local bank to promote youth art month and our upcoming district k-12 art show/empty bowls event and displayed art in our building.
NYC DOE #29

I held a Family Fun Art Night - 4 different art stations were set up and students and their caregivers were able to visit each station to make an artwork. One of these included designing a puzzle piece for our group mural "We Are All a Piece of the Community" which was assembled afterwards and will be hung in our lobby. The other activities were paper marbling, styrofoam printing, and cardboard tube puppets.

All the activities I chose were ones that could be done at home using simple household items.

We dressed in warm colors 1 day, and dressed in cool colors 1 day. We announced meaningful quotes by famous artists on the morning announcements all month.

I held a bookmark making contest for 3rd grade; I chose 3 winners. The winning designs were reproduced and given out to K, 1st and 2nd graders. The winners got a certificate.

PS #26 NYC

Students celebrated youth art month by participating in community based art projects. Students in the 7th grade advanced art program chose to illustrate a poster for either the Department of Ed Wellness Program, the Automobile Club of America or our Local Senators Earth Day Event. Posters were sent to all 3 organizations and on April 2nd Senator Tony Avella came to our school to meet our students and speak to them. It was a great way to recognize our Youth Art Month Activity and to Kick off Earth Month.

REGION 9 & 10 - Long Island

Uniondale Central School

March 19, 2015, at Uniondale High School, the Art Festival was a district wide event, with elementary, middle and high school students exhibiting, with every art teacher in the district participating. The event took place in the gym and was well attended.

Region 10 NYSATA celebrated YAM with workshops 9-1pm at The Hauppauge HS for students grades 4-8th. approximately 30 students attended. It was our first time at this location. (there were also workshops held at the East End Art, Riverhead by another Art Teacher in our Region 10 group)

Also...at the Region 10 NYSATA Symposium, I presented YAM "Yammy" awards creations for the Art Teachers who participated.

Teachers made paper mache 8" Yammy Sculptures to bring back to their classrooms. We discussed ideas for 2016 YAM, got signups for volunteers and gave Art Teachers packets on Art Lesson ideas for YAM 2016.

Hicksville Central Schools

The Heart Mall Show – 160 students and 8 teachers hung this annual show.

Northport Central Schools – High School Show at Northport Village Hall

Babylon HS

Used technology for a YAM Art Instagram challenge during March
Article in Winter 2015 Edition of NYSATA News written by Co Chair Donnalyn Shuster

Social Media Resources for YAM ideas in NYS

https://www.pinterest.com/cr8tive/nysata-youth-art-month-ideas/

http://www.cnyhomepage.com/story/d/story/sen-seward-commemorates-youth-art-month/41048/m8W8MBcTtw0OdKNeyJezOz1Q
WUTR 3/6 news coverage

http://www.herkimertelegram.com/article/20150306/NEWS/150309490
Herkimer Telegram Coverage 3/6
http://www.herkimercsd.org/Page/442

http://www.littlefallstimes.com/article/20150306/NEWS/150309489
Senator Seward :

NYCATA/UFT WEB SITE:  http://nycata.webs.com/youth-art-month
https://www.facebook.com/groups/nycata/search/?query=youth%20art%20month

Ichabod Crane CSD
http://www.ichabodcrane.org/departments/art/index.php


www.nysata.org/programs/youthartmonth NYSATA YAM webpage
New for 2015 – Writing regular articles and placing ads in the NYSATA News

https://nysata.memberclicks.net/nysata-news
YAM Social Media Sites

FACEBOOK

https://www.facebook.com/YouthArtMonthNewYorkState

PINTEREST

Special Events and Materials Developed In Celebration of Youth Art Month

Event photos reflect noteworthy exhibitions as outlined in the Regional description. Examples of our Flag Design program and new Bookmarks project are included.

Region 10 NYSATA and Hauppauge High School (Long Island) have offered extensive YAM workshops for students in grades 4 – 12 and teachers for several years. This is their information and registration brochure.
New partnership with Bassett - Little Falls Hospital Region 3

Hilton Central School – Region 2

PS#26 NYC students with Senator Avella for YAM

NYS DOE #29 YAM Bookmarks - From lesson plan created for 2015 by co chair Donnalyn Shuster
Our New York State Flag Winner - 2015

Georgia Berry, an eighth grader at Maple Avenue Middle School, designed a flag that was selected as the official New York State flag design in the Youth Art Flag Design Competition. Georgia's design, in addition to winners from other states, will be made into a large flag and displayed at the National Art Education Association Convention in New Orleans.

"I am very proud of Georgia and all of our art students, who participated in the Youth Art Month Flag Design Competition. Georgia is a phenomenal artist and we cannot wait to see what she will create next! All the participants design's illustrate just how much our students excel at creative problem solving and design challenges. This speaks to the value and quality of our district's investment in a strong K-12 Visual Arts Program. Congratulations again to Georgia," said Bradlea Raga-Barone.

The Youth Art Flag Design Competition is hosted by the National Art Education Association. Each state chapter hosts a competition for a student flag design to represent their state at the National Conference annually.

http://www.saratogaschools.org/news.cfm?story=101042&school=0
Senator James Seward visits Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School in support of YAM, our student artists, and to learn more about Common Core and the Visual Arts.

He presented awards to our students in the Legislative Art Show and the Herkimer County YAM Show, plus delivered a Senate Proclamation in support of YAM.
Herkimer County continues to grow their annual YAM show due to the dedication of the Professional Learning Community – Art Circles who support this advocacy event.

Celebrate Youth Art Month 2015 At Frankfort Elementary School!

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<td>1 COLOR WEEK</td>
<td>2 Opening of the Herkimer County YAM Show at Bassett Healthcare in Herkimer 5:30 p.m. **</td>
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<td>4 Wear Cool colors today – Blues, Greens, Purples.</td>
<td>5 Neutral Colors Day Black, White, Gray Brown</td>
<td>6 Piet Mondrian’s birthday – Celebrate and wear Primary Colors Red/Yellow/Blue!</td>
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<td>8 YAM Bookmark Designers All Week Grade 3</td>
<td>9 Vote all week for your favorite work of art in the Gallery Grades 3-5</td>
<td>10 Draw something very small today on a post it square. Add it to our Square Gallery Space in Lobby</td>
<td>11 Bored at recess? Have a drawing challenge! Choose a partner and draw each other!</td>
<td>12 Make a drawing showing your BEST day in school. Hang it in your classroom.</td>
<td>13 Art Builds Bridges is our National YAM Theme. Draw a picture of how Art connects you to other subjects or worlds!</td>
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<td>15 Celebrate Rosa Bonheur’s birthday – draw horses.</td>
<td>16 Blue Dog Week – visit our gallery in the primary wing.</td>
<td>17 Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Wear GREEN….what is at the end of your rainbow?</td>
<td>18 Did you know over 1.25 million Americans work in the visual arts? Draw a picture of the kind of artist you would like to be.</td>
<td>19 Kindergarten collaboration Paintings</td>
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<td>23 Distribution of YAM bookmarks this week.</td>
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<td>25 National Agriculture Day! Draw a picture of a healthy meal, and thank a Farmer!</td>
<td>26 Like to draw buildings? Try Google sketch up – a free downloadable program.</td>
<td>27 Hope you have enjoyed our artwork in the building for YAM!</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>30 Looking for something to do over break? Check out Kids Zone at <a href="http://www.nga.gov">www.nga.gov</a></td>
<td>31 Make a card to celebrate Vincent Van Gogh’s birthday – or plant some sunflower seeds inside.</td>
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<td>Events open to all students AND staff!!</td>
<td>**Bassett Show is open to the public through April 7th</td>
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Donnalyn Shuster and Kris Bakke from NASCO at the NYSATA Conference YAM booth with our raffle basket, information folders and photo exhibition of events around the state.

New York State Youth Art Month In Action!

Co - Chairs Julia Lang – Shapiro & Donnalyn Shuster accepting the Award of Merit for NYS at the NAEA March 2015.
Visit our FB Page and Website for copies of Common Core lesson plans designed especially for the YAM:

Flag Design Challenge

New incentive project  YAM Bookmark Design

https://nysata.memberclicks.net/assets/YAM2015/yam%20art%20builds%20bridges%20bookmark%20lesson%20plan.pdf