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## **The Council for Art Education Announces 2014 Youth Art Month Award Winners**

The Council for Art Education is excited to announce the recipients of the 2014 Youth Art Month Awards.

Based on submissions from participating states, The Council for Art Education Board of Directors voted to recognize the following Youth Art Month Chairpersons for outstanding participation in their states' 2013/2014 Youth Art Month Program.

<u>Claire Flanagan Memorial (Grand) Award:</u>	New Jersey:	Patricia Branche and Teri Trumbour
<u>Award of Excellence:</u>	New Mexico:	Joe Baca, Vicki Breen, and Sherri Smith
	Texas:	Chris Cooper
	Wisconsin:	Sarah Klein and Tasha Newton
<u>Award of Merit:</u>	Georgia:	Katie Harrison and Whitney Riker
	Illinois:	Judy Krueger
	Louisiana:	Jennifer Johnson Keith, Carolee Brophy Miller, Kelly Williams-Morantine
	New York:	Julia Lang-Shapiro, Donnalyn Schuster
	Virginia:	Jessica Beach

Each state submitted documentation of its Youth Art Month Program across a variety of key categories, which was evaluated based on predetermined criteria.

Awards will be presented at the 2015 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, which takes place March 26 - 28, 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Award Ceremony for the 2014/2015 Youth Art Month Flag Design Contest will also take place at NAEA in New Orleans in the Youth Art Month Museum. Over the next 6 months, students across the United States will participate in the national contest based on the theme "Art Builds Bridges". Participating states will then select one design that best represents their states and the creative spirit of Youth Art Month.

Youth Art Month is an annual observance every March to emphasize the value of art education for all youth and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Through the annual celebration of Youth Art Month, The Council for Art Education provides a forum for acknowledging the imagination, innovation, and creative skills that a visual arts experience can nurture. Across the country, students, teachers and communities direct attention to the value of a visual arts education that develops divergent and critical thinking, multicultural awareness, and technical, communication, and expressive skills.

To participate in Youth Art Month activities, contact your state chairperson, state art education association, or The Council for Art Education.

The Council for Art Education (CFAE) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1984 through [The Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. \(ACMI\)](#). ACMI seeks to promote safety in art and creative products through its certification program, and is also a sponsor of the national Youth Art Month Program.

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