The Council for Art Education Announces 2016/2017 Youth Art Month Award Winners

The Council for Art Education annual recognizes Youth Art Month programs across the country. At a recent meeting, The CFAE Board of Directors voted to honor the following programs and individuals for their contributions to Youth Art Month.

Claire Flanagan Memorial (Grand) Award: Wisconsin  
Debra West, Chairperson

Award of Excellence:
New Jersey: Kristy Lopez and Karen Mannino, Co-Chairpersons  
New York: Donnalyn Shuster, Julia Lang-Shapiro, and Heather McCutcheon, Co-Chairpersons  
Virginia: Jessica Beach, Chairperson  
Regional Representatives Lee Darter, Jauan Brooks, Kelly Bisogno and Angela Salerno

Award of Merit:
Georgia: Alexandrea Boyington, Chairperson  
Hawaii: April Jones, Flag and Scrapbook Coordinator  
Louisiana: Stephanie Bailly, Report Chairperson  
Texas: Jen Holsinger-Raybourn, Chairperson  
Utah: Elizabeth Sampson, Chairperson

Special Recognition:
Alabama: Julie Harrison, Chairperson  
Arkansas: Amber Lemser, Chairperson  
Illinois: Angie Golden, Youth Art Month Coordinator  
Kansas: Lynn Felts, Chairperson; Megan Wendleton, Scrapbook  
Michigan: Carolyn Steenland, Chairperson  
Missouri: Deb Straatman, Chairperson  
Ohio: Kelly Burichin, Robin Klass, Dawn Norris, Co-Chairpersons  
Oklahoma: Ruth Crittendon, Holly Proctor, Glenda Skinner-Noble, Co-Chairpersons  
Oregon: Erin Price, Chairperson  
Rhode Island: Susan Kolenda, Chairperson

To be eligible for this honor, individuals submit documentation of their Youth Art Month state programs and activities, noting Observances, Funding, Participation, Awareness and Community Support, Special Materials, and Proclamations.

Recognition will take place during the 2018 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 22-24 in Seattle, Washington.

Sponsored nationally by The Council for Art Education, Youth Art Month is an annual observance, typically in March, designed to emphasize the value of art education for all youth and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Youth Art Month provides a forum for acknowledging the imagination, innovation, and creative skills that a visual arts experience can nurture. During Youth Art Month, 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 find out more about Youth Art Month or to participate in Youth Art Month activities, contact your state chairperson, state art education association, or The Council for Art Education at www.councilforarteducation.org.

The Council for Art Education (CFAE) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) association 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 a major sponsor of CFAE.

For more information contact Becky Finch, youthartmonthcfae@gmail.com

###