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The Council for Art Education Announces 2017/2018 Youth Art Month Award Winners

The Council for Art Education annually 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 Tiffany Beltz, 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
Texas: Gretchen Bell, VP for Youth Art Month
Virginia: Jauan Brooks and Kelly Shradley-Horst, Co-Chairpersons
Award of Merit: Alabama: Julie Harrison, Chairperson
Louisiana: Stephanie Bailly, Report Chairperson
Utah: Elizabeth Sampson, Chairperson
Wyoming: Kerry Gentry, Chairperson
Special Recognition: Arizona: Desiree Dancer, Chairperson
Arkansas: Amber Lemser, Chairperson
Georgia: Alexandria Boyington and Krista Lewis, Co-Chairpersons
Hawaii: April Jones, HAEA Vice-President
Illinois: Tricia Frost, Chairperson
Kansas: Megan Wendleton, Scrapbook
Maryland: Katherine Hess, Chairperson
Missouri: Deb Straatman, Chairperson
Oklahoma: Ruth Crittendon, Holly Proctor, Glenda Skinner-Noble, Co-Chairpersons
Oregon: Erin Price, Emily Figueroa-Wolfe, Linda Kieling, Co-Chairpersons
Rhode Island: Susan Kolenda, Chairperson
USVI: Niarus Walker, Chairperson

To be eligible for this honor, each state submitted documentation of its Youth Art Month programs and activities, noting Observances, Funding, Participation, Community Support, Special Materials, and Proclamations. Recipients will be recognized during the 2019 National Art Education Association (NAEA) Convention, March 14 - 16 in Boston, Massachusetts.

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. To find out more about Youth Art Month or to participate in Youth Art Month activities, contact a state chairperson, state art education association, or The Council for Art Education at www.councilforarteducation.org.

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