



## 2024 Youth Art Month Award Announcement

- **Claire Flanagan Grand Award**

- **Wisconsin** - Jen Dahl, Kathryn Rulien-Bareis

- **Awards of Excellence**

- **Kansas** - Linda Nelson-Bova, Lynn Felts
- **New York** - Heather McCutcheon, Tracy Berges, Patti Krakoff
- **Virginia** - Kelly Wasson

- **Awards of Merit**

- **Utah** - Elizabeth Sampson, Kristy Carter
- **Georgia** - Tiffany Weser, Gail Peake, Maysha Pate, Amanda Durant
- **Rhode Island** - Kerri Marshall, Tara Villanova,
- **Texas** – Angela Coffey, Gretchen Bell-Young, Amber Forgey
- **North Carolina** - Jana Farris



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- **Special Recognition by category**

- **Participation**

- **West Virginia** for Phenomenal Growth with a 68% increase of teacher participation – Joe Semple, Jeff Grubbs, Holly Bess-Kincaid
- **Maryland** for the Comeback Award for improved efforts for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of returning to the YAM program – Christopher Whitehead

- **Promotion**

- **Arizona** for Excellence in collaborating with Arizona Scottsdale Museum of the West, for their state celebration - Laura Namerow.
- **South Dakota** for Stand out use of hosting their state event virtually to include as many as they can to participate – Marica Shannon.
- **Maine** for Fabulous collaboration with Portland Museum of Art to create and distribute fun swag to go along with 2024 YAM community celebration – Elise Pelletier, Suzanne Goulet



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### ➤ Proclamation

- **Missouri** for Distinguished honor of having the Lt. Governor, Mike Kehoe attend and speak at the state YAM celebration. Art advocacy at this level is valuable – Amy Rushing
- **Iowa** for the Phenomenal work on Governor Proclamation and Governor Show and a Photo Booth sponsored by Jordan Creek Mall – Erin Almelien

### ➤ Special Materials

- **Alabama** for the magnificent efforts with trophies for YAM winners – Julie Harrison
- **Pennsylvania** for the Impressive work with large, printed banners of top YAM winners hung at state capitol for week of their state YAM celebration. – Andrea Keefe, Rebecca Hughes
- **New Jersey** for the Excellence in collaboration to use Grounds for Sculpture for state YAM event and give students a free pass to experience the art firsthand – Danielle Davis, Kelly Wenz