



From the President

Nancy Walkup

As soon as I was first hired as an art teacher, I immediately joined NAEA and haven't missed a NAEA conference since 1991. My over thirty-year teaching experience covers all grade levels from kindergarten through university, in both Louisiana and Texas

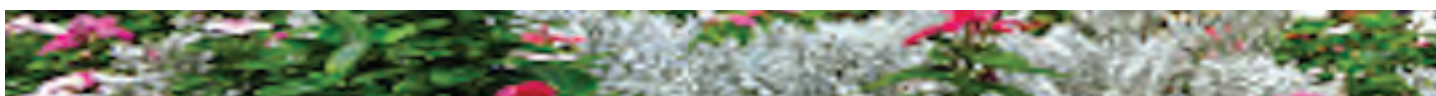
When I first started teaching, I used to refer to myself as a 24-hour art teacher because I was either teaching or thinking about teaching all the time. Somehow, I thought that would change over the years but, in reality, that hasn't happened, even though I am no longer in the classroom. More than ever, as an art educator and editor-in-chief of **SchoolArts Magazine** (for 18 years now), everything I do is connected through teaching art. And I expect that is true for every one of you, fully retired or not.

So here I am, writing for my like-minded compatriots, aiming to share your world of art education by providing timely art news, entertaining or thought-provoking artists, ideas, stories, and issues, and professional opportunities for you. Providing meaningful resources for art educators is very important to me. **We can be 24-hour art teachers together.**

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Honoring our National Emeritus Art Educator of the Year

At our 2023 awards presentation at NAEA in San Antonio, **Judy Kelley Jordan** was recognized as the **2023 National Emeritus Art Educator of the Year**. Among her many accomplishments, Judy has immersed herself in visual art education, impacting students, teachers, and organizations on a local, state and national level.





Judy Jorden in her Tennessee studio

After retiring, Judy went into supervision where she served for nine years with the University of Tennessee Art Education Program. Judy competes in juried art education competitions on a local, state, and national level. She serves as an officer and committee member of the Knoxville Watercolor Society. Her outstanding work has been accepted into the Tennessee Watercolor Society where it has received recognition. Judy tirelessly advocates for art education in the Tennessee Watercolor Society, the Knoxville Museum of Art, community art groups and her church. We appreciate Judy's continuing commitment to art education!

Jorden continues to serve her community in **Knoxville, Tennessee as an art educator, community leader, advocate for the arts and as an accomplished artist.** While teaching in the classroom, she served the Tennessee Art Education Association as: Secretary-Elect, Secretary, Membership Chair, and Secondary Representative.

After retiring from the school system, she continued to serve TAEA as Treasurer for four years. Judy accepted the responsibility of continuing a local exhibition that had been started by Knoxville art teachers. She has been in charge of every aspect of this huge undertaking, which recognizes art students and art teachers and is now connected with the TN Valley Fair.



Boo Ruch, Awards Chair, Judy Jorden, National Emeritus Art Educator, Betsy Logan, RAEA President.

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Linda Willis Fisher

Distinguished Service Award 2023



Congratulations to Linda Willis Fisher, the recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Service Award for RAEA.

Linda serves as the Liason/Chair of the RAEA Pre-service Initiative. She has served in this position for some time and keeps RAEA connected with the Pre-service Division. Linda maintains this connection with Student Chapters through the Pre-service Division Director on the NAEA Board. She is a wonderful support person for these students. She encourages their goal of fostering the next face of art education in our nation.

There is a scholarship in Linda's name, ***The Linda Willis Fisher Restricted Scholarship*** at Illinois State University. The scholarship was established upon her retirement in 2010 to celebrate her 22-year career as the coordinator of the art education program at the school. Linda mentored and inspired hundreds of students to become art educators and is still doing this today through her position on the RAEA Board. She demonstrates how important it is for us as Retired Art Educators to mentor these students and share our knowledge with them. Through Linda's tireless work in her position, this is accomplished. **Thank you so much Linda for all you do for RAEA and our future art educators.**

Passing the Gavel



I am very happy to pass my **President's Gavel** to your new **RAEA President Nancy Walkup**. I will now be the RAEA Past President. Nancy will do an awesome job!! Thanks again to my board of directors for all their help these past two years!

Betsy Logan

Trivia

March Trivia Answer

How appropriate that **Kathryn Hillyer** was the only one to answer my last trivia question. This was a fun little game she started when she was the President of RAEA and I carried it on. She answered the question which artist works between heartbeats so he doesn't destroy the piece he is creating?

Willard Wigan. Willard is an English artist who works between heartbeats so he doesn't destroy the piece he is creating. He uses rice or grains of sand and a surgical blade to create his "micro sculpture. Wigan's sculptures are typically placed in the eye of a needle or on the head of a pin. A single sculpture can be as small as 0.0005mm (0.0002 in).

Send your answers to me at:
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May Trivia Question

Which of Henri Matisse's paintings was hung upside down at the Museum of Modern Art in New York for 46 days without anyone noticing?



In The Spotlight

Kathryn Hillyer

President & Conference Coordinator, Illinois Art Ed. Associ.(IAEA)
Western Region Vice President and Elementary Director
President and Treasurer of RAEA
NAEF liaison to the NAEA Research Commission

I confess. I'm an art education junkie. The Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA), National Art Education Association (NAEA), the Retired Art Educators (RAEA), the National Art Education Foundation (NAEF), and IRAE, IAAE, NBPTS, and more initials have been part of my life for many years.

I've served on various boards with IAEA (conference coordinator 5 years, President, and more), NAEA (Western Region Vice President, Western Region Elementary Director) and more. . In 2017 I became Treasurer of RAEA, then stepped in as President when Rik Lasher resigned her role. My presidency was the pandemic period and I never had an in-person convention to work with all of you! In 2018 I was elected to the board of trustees of the National Art Education Foundation. Currently I am the NAEF liaison to the NAEA Research Commission

Education is my family business. My grandfather, Thane Loomer, taught for 41 years in various schools in Wisconsin. All five of his children became teachers, with my mother, Mary Loomer Oliver, the eldest. Two grandchildren became teachers (I'm one) and my daughter is a fourth generation teacher. Honestly, I couldn't imagine another career choice!

When I first went into teaching in 1976 my goal was to teach longer than my grandfather. After a couple of decades I decided I wanted to retire as early as I could, at 55. However, the closer I got to that age the more I realized that I wasn't ready.



Kathi Hillyer, Debi West, Betsy Logan, AnneRene' Joseph, Lorraine Poling - RAEA Presentation 2022

As a result I retired at age 59, in 2014, after **38 years** teaching elementary art in Deerfield, Illinois, including 6 years teaching art methods courses at North Park University in Chicago while teaching in Deerfield.

I always said I retired from my job, not my profession. After a year of not working in art education, I was offered the opportunity to work for Illinois State University supervising art education student teachers. I spent a wonderful seven years doing that and just left this past December, after my move to Milwaukee made the driving too intense!

When I retired I wanted to **travel and I did!** I took several cruises, including two transatlantic cruises. In fact, I ran into Woody Duncan (past RAEA President) at St. Michael's Cave in Gibraltar! (It turns out he and his wife were on the same ship.) I also finally got to Santa Fe and Taos. In Santa Fe I discovered the incredible **bead jewelry of Claire Kahn**. Her work inspired me to pick up bead crochet and beads began to follow me everywhere. Seriously, I would be sitting in the waiting room of the doctor's office crocheting, on the airplane crocheting, on a tour bus to Stonehenge crocheting, on top of Mount Dalsnibba in Norway (the bus broke down)—crocheting!



Kathryn and her partner Jerry in Uluru, Australia



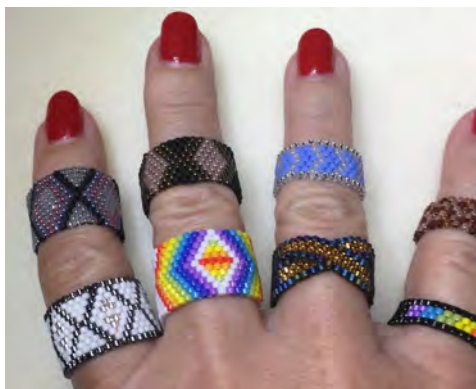
Crocheting, on top of Mount Dalsnibba in Norway



Beaded ring - Kathryn Hillyer



Helicopter ride, Northern Territory Australia 2023



Beaded Rings by Kathryn Hillyer

One of the constants in my life since retirement is change. There have been many challenges and adventures and I am constantly having to shift my balance. One of my most recent changes is moving from Illinois back to Wisconsin (where I was born and grew up), and settling in Milwaukee with my partner, Jerry. Who knows where our next adventure will take us?!

My advice: be open and flexible to where life's path will take you. Cheers!



NAEF Trustees, 2021



Welcome to Debi West

RAEA President-Elect

Debi West, Ed.S, NBCT, owner of WESTpectations Educational Consulting is an award winning retired art educator who spent 25 years teaching children through the vehicle of the visual arts in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Debi taught at both the elementary and the secondary levels. She spent her career using project-based learning, art with purpose theories and integrated instruction with the commitment of ensuring that every student became a successful and authentic learner. She is currently a part time Graduate Instructor with the Art of Education University and a full-time artist, art education advocate and mentor!

Debi currently resides in Hilton Head, SC with her husband Chuck and is the proud mom of Croy and Carson.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Betsy's Thank You to Kathi

I really enjoyed my last Business Meeting at the **2023 San Antonio Convention** but it had a few glitches. I think the computer gremlins were having a field day with my computer. While presenting my slides my pictures disappeared from the presentation and then we started to run out of time and the next presenter came in to get set up. We ended without me properly thanking our wonderful **Past- President Kathryn Hillyer**. I feel horrible about this and even though I mentioned her during the meeting I wasn't able to personally thank her for all her wonderful work and help while I was President. So **Kathryn, thank you, thank you, thank you.**

Kathi is such an awesome person and was always there for me whenever I needed anything. I know this isn't as good as an in person recognition in front of our wonderful members but I knew I had to do this. I had a wonderful Board to work with as well. Again I want to thank Past-President **Kathryn Hillyer**, now President **Nancy Walkup**, Secretary **Becky Blaine**, Treasurer **Pam Signorelli**, Parliamentarian **Lorraine Poling**, Membership Chair **Patsy Parker**, Silent Auction Chairs **Anne Becker and Becky Blaine**, E-Bulletin Editors **Flowerree Mc-Donough and Donna Anderson!** Kudos to all of you, it was a pleasure to work with you!

--Betsy Logan





Flowerree McDonough's presentation with Audrey Flack, live from her New York apartment.



Flowerree McDonough



Nancy Walkup's presentation



Linda Popp's Sculpture Workshop



Denise Tullier- Holly, James Wells, Donna Anderson and Betsy Logan



Debi West and Melody Weintraub presenting





Linda Willis, Becky Blaine, Susan Gabbard and Betsy Logan



Denise Tulliere-Holly, Debi West and Linda Kieling



Cheri Jorgenson and Carol Vinson



From left: Frank Juarez, Angela Eischeid Fischer, James Rees, Rama Hughes, Bret Laurie, Nancy Walkup and Melody Weintraub



Donna Anderson, Flowerree McDonough and Betsy Logan receiving the Newsletter Award.

Honorable
Mention
2nd year
in a row!





Tennessee Group Picture



Bob and Donna Anderson and Linda Kieling



Linda Popp and Diane Sculley

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RAEA MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes shall be to define and establish the role of the retired art educators as an interest group of NAEA; to conduct programs of professional activities for state and national events; to encourage continued personal involvement and development in art education; to inform State Associations and NAEA of concerns relevant to members of long-standing; and to encourage and support, as well as provide mentorship for student members of the NAEA.