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## BACK TO SCHOOL?

Museum galleries are going to look very different this fall compared to previous years. Instead of hundreds of K-12 students jostling through the museum on a weekday, museum galleries will be oddly quiet.

Many art museums will be providing K-12 art experiences in virtual settings instead of in-gallery tours. As always, I encourage you to center diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion (DEAI) in your work. So many questions come to mind. *How can we reach folks without internet connections at home? Are my digital offerings captioned? Are my web images tagged with alt text for screen readers? Can I offer ASL interpretation for live programs? As budgets are cut, how can we make sure that we continue to work on getting and keeping museum interns paid? How do I continue to productively call out inequities that I see when everyone is so worried about tight budgets?*

None of this is easy, but I know that we can all do hard things. In times of stress, it's easy to fall back on old (often inequitable) habits and practices. Regular check-ins with an accountability partner inside or outside your institution can be really helpful. Even a calendar reminder to reflect on the day or week with a DEAI lens can be impactful. And please, be kind to yourself. None of us has lived through a global pandemic before, and we're all doing the best we can.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MARCH 3, 2021, ANNUAL PRECONFERENCE!

I was disappointed to miss our annual in-person PreConference in March 2020, so I hope you can join us for the 2021 NAEA Museum Education Division PreConference in Chicago. If you can't join us in person, we are planning ways to offer a meaningful virtual PreConference experience. Please reach out and let us know what would be most valuable to you.

## NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR AN NAEA AWARD

NAEA recognizes members of the Museum Education Division who have made contributions to the organization. You can nominate a colleague for a regional award or a national award. **Nominations are due October 1.** Please consider nominating a deserving colleague. Refer to [www.arteducators.org/opportunities/naea-awards](http://www.arteducators.org/opportunities/naea-awards) for more information, and be sure to review the NAEA Awards Program Rubrics found there for detailed information about how the submissions are scored.

## A REMINDER OF MUSEUM DIVISION RESOURCES

**Peer2Peer**, also known as P2P, existed from 2011 to 2018 as a series of interactive webinars.

You can review recordings archived on our YouTube page. We've been pleased to restart the program over the summer as a series of casual virtual chats. Meetings are regular and topics change frequently. Please check our social media channels (listed below) for the next date and topic. You are welcome to drop in, share ideas, and problem solve with colleagues from across the country. Kylee Crook, South-eastern Representative, is leading the P2P program, so please connect with her if you'd like to get more involved by serving as a session moderator or suggesting topics to cover. Kylee's contact information is at the bottom of this page.

**Viewfinder** is the Museum Education Division's online publication about the intersection of museum education and social justice. *Viewfinder* aims to engage colleagues in ongoing dialogues about

socially engaged museum education work by combining the speed and timeliness of a blog with the rigor of a peer-reviewed journal.

Featuring experiments, inviting critiques, and inspiring cross-generational dialogue, *Viewfinder* is a resource dedicated to documenting the value of rigorous reflection. *Viewfinder's* editor in chief, Kabir Singh, Pacific Regional Director, would love to hear from you if you'd like to be involved. We're looking for authors, peer editors, and ideas or comments on topics or themes. Kabir's contact information is at the bottom of this page.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media team posts on Twitter (@NAEAMusEd) and Facebook (@NAEAMuseumEdDiv) weekly; often these posts comprise a combination of Museum Education Division announcements along with other resources we find helpful, inspiring, and thought-provoking. This team is led by Jessica Fuentes and Allie Rogers Andreen. Join the online conversation and make new connections.

As always, please feel free to get in touch with me with questions you have about the Division or ideas for meaningful ways NAEA can support you. ■



Together in the galleries of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, at the 2019 PreConference.



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