In 1964 the Michigan Art Education Association began to recognize fellow professionals by choosing an Art Educator of the Year:

1964 Alma Goetsch  
Michigan State University
1965 *
1966 Katherine Ux  
Central Michigan University
1967 Vernon Bobbit  
Albion
1968 Mildred Helms  
Midland
1969 Helen Gordon  
Detroit
1970 Tom Larkins  
University of Michigan

In 1971 the Art Educator of the Year Award was divided to reflect all levels of art education. In a given year, up to a total of six recipients were honored.

1971 Art Koskinen  
Flint
1972 Richard Gorski  
Northern Michigan University
1973 Charles Fensch  
Eastern Michigan University
1974 Sara Jane Venable  
Lansing
1975 Louis Payment  
Spring Lake
1976 Ed Jacomo  
Alma College
1977 Katherine E. Keillor  
Muskegon
1978 Ruth Beatty  
Ann Arbor
1979 John Nash  
Flint
1980 Judy Avitts  
Flint
1981 Konrad Holzworth  
Sturgis
1982 Craig Bishop  
Battle Creek
1983 Julius Kusey  
Rochester

1984 marked the return of our current structure of awarding the honor to one recipient. MAEA Art Educator of the Year Award:

1984 Charlotte Ambrose  
Sparta
1985 Chris VanAntwerp  
Lowell
1986 John VanHaren  
Eastern Michigan University
1987 Ed Manning  
Lincoln Schools
1988 Roberta Ameen **  
National Mine School, Marquette County
1988 Deanne Peterson**  
Monroe
1989 Denise Sorenson  
Traverse City
1990 Linda Culver  
Grand Rapids Public Schools
1991 Marilou Carr Woodbury  
Lakeview Public Schools
1992 Roberta Price  
Dexter Schools

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2005 *
2006 Gail Trapp Bohner    Brighton Area Schools
2007 Cindy Ziegler Smith  Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
2008 Claudia Stieber      Roseville School District
2009 Diane Brown          Bay City School District
2010 Colleen DeSanto      Bay City Public Schools
2011 Carolyn Steenland    Tri County Schools, Newaygo
2013 Joni Siler           Bronson Community Schools
2014 Melissa Hronkin      Houghton Portage School District
2015-2016 *
2017 Michelle Reile        Portage Public Schools
2018 Donna Emerson        Portage Public Schools
2019 *
2020 Erica Davis-Hernandez Rochester Community Schools

Middle Level Art Educator of the Year:

1971 John Nash             Flint
1972 Steve Kober           Okemos
1973 Elaine Kolasa         Ann Arbor
1974 Marilyn Hoeks         Wyoming
1975 Luther Hale           Saginaw
1976 Robert Czereszyne    Wayne
1977 Pat Vartanian         Wayne
1978 Wendy Sample          Dearborn
1979 *
1980 Madelaine Conboy      Ann Arbor
1981 Beverly Inbody        Flint
1982 Tessa DiPierre Vorro  Lansing
1983 Phyllis Swonk         Ann Arbor
2002 *
2003 Mary Miller           Coopersville
2004 William Morrison     Sault Ste. Marie
2005 Julia Tomaro         Berkley
2006 *
2007 Janice Cramer         Battle Creek
2008-09 *
2010 September Buys       Greenville Public Schools
2011 *
2012 Kim Cairy             Saginaw Township Schools
2013 Jennifer Hurrle       Newaygo Public Schools
2014 Rich Guimond         Rudyard Area School District
2015 Janine Campbell      Byron Center Community Schools
2016 Michael Orlando      Birmingham Public School District
2017 Carrie Jeruzal        Pentwater Public Schools
2018 Tamara Draper         Zeeland Public Schools
2019 Joyce Knight-Coyne   St. Mary Catholic in Royal Oak
2020 Annie Howard         Adrian Public Schools

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Secondary Art Educator of the Year:

1971 Sister Jean G. Geyman
1972 Louis Payment
1973 Dave Hoff
1974 Charlotte Ambrose
1975 Patrick M. Foye
1976 Robert Curtis
1977 Jan Watson
1978 Craig Bishop
1979 Konrad Holzworth
1980 Chris Van Antwerp
1981 Ed Jacomo
1982 John Hartom
1983 Marian Stevens
2002 Jean Lash
2003 Christa Wise
2004 Lois Parsell
2005 D’Andra Clark
2006 *
2007 Janice Propst
2008 Heidi Irvine Mattarellamicke
2009 Claudia Stieber
2010 Diane Heath
2011 Amy Vanderpol
2012 Linda Hooker
2013 *
2014 Cyndi Koppelman
2015 *
2016 Kerry Shadbolt
2017 Sharon Stratton
2018 Tricia Erickson
2019 Adrienne DeMilner
2020 Melissa Wilson

Supervisor of the Year:

1971 Ruth Beatty
1972 Judy Avitts
1973 Sue Price
1974 Marian Andros
1975 James Jenning
1976 Jules Trattner
1977 *
1978 Arlene Waltonen

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1980 Maury frost  Flint  
1981 Doris Miller  Kalamazoo  
1982 Carol Alexander  Detroit  
2002 Sally Allan  Saginaw  
2003 *  
2004 Loraine Cowe  Battle Creek  
2005 Dennis Inhulsen  Holly  
2006 *  
2007-2020 * 

**Higher Education Educator of the Year:** 

1971 Ed Jacomo  Alma College  
1972 Joan Otis  Ypsilanti  
1973 Charles Fensch  Eastern Michigan University  
1974 David Logan  Michigan State University  
1975 Victor Croftchik  Central Michigan University  
1976 Judy Loeb  Eastern Michigan University  
1977 Elaine Godfrey  Dearborn  
1978 Cyril Miles  Highland Park Community College  
1979 Chester Alkema  Grand Rapids  
1980 Murray Douglass **  Wayne State University  
1980 Freda Harrington **  Wayne State University  
1981 Helen Bonzelaar  Calvin College  
1982 Tom Larkins  University of Michigan  
1983 Arthur Park  Wayne State University  
2002-05 *  
2006 Thomas A. Oakley  Jackson Community College  
2007-08 *  
2009 William Charland  Western Michigan University  
2010-11 *  
2012 Linda Tyson  Oakland University  
2013-2014 *  
2015 Cindy Todd  Kendall College of Art and Design  
2016-20 *  

**Emeritus Art Educator or the year:** 

*Note: 2017 - switched name from Retired Art Educator of the Year to Emeritus Art Educator of the Year* 

2010 Julius Kusey  Rochester  
2011 Madeline Milidonis-Fritz  Gaylord  
2012-14 *  
2015 Michael Phillips  Detroit  
2016 *  
2017 Robert Curtis  Dearborn  
2018 *  
2019 Julia Tomaro  Adrian  
2020 *  

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Student Memorial Scholarship recipients:

1996 Mary Van Able                   Northern Michigan University
1997 Su Doman                        Eastern Michigan University
1998 Julie Spencer                   Western Michigan University
1999 *                               
2000 Julie Horning **                Western Michigan University
2000 Renee Tocco **                 Central Michigan University
2001 Theresa Hutchison               Western Michigan University
2002 Richard Jacobi                 Wayne State University
2003 Onunwa Iwuagwu                  Grand Valley State University
2004 Shanda Theis                    Wayne State University
2005 Candice Wu                     Michigan State University
2006 Brian Cook                     Kendall / Ferris State University
2007 Alicia Rose Laeder,            Adrian College
2008 Meghan Collins                 Michigan State University
2009 Sarah Sciba                    Kendall College of Art and Design, Ferris State University
2010 Rena Busuttil                  Ferris State University, Kendall School of Art and Design
2010 Christopher Bruce             Ferris State University, Kendall School of Art and Design
2011 Sarah Nemire                   WMU Frostic School of Art
2012 Emily Finan                    Oakland University
2014 Amara Karapas                  Adrian College
2015-2016 *                          
2017 Maggie Livengood               Kendall College of Art and Design, Ferris State University
2018 *                              
2019 Sarah Byers                    Northern Michigan University
2019 Joseph Martin                  Kendall College of Art and Design, Ferris State University
2020 Molly Sell                     Western Michigan University
2020 Katelyn Brown-Reyes            Oakland University

NAEA National Award recipients:
WR denotes Western Region

1998 Diane Kordich                   NAEA WR Art Educator of the Year
2001 Harvey Goldstein               NAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2002 Cinda Shantz                   NAEA WR Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2003 Mary Miller                    NAEA WR Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2004 Suzanne Butler-Lich            NAEA WR Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2004 Loraine Cowe                   NAEA WR Admin Supervisor Art Educator of the Year
2005 Dennis Inhulsen                NAEA WR Art Educator of the Year
2005 Dennis Inhulsen                NAEA WR Administrator of the Year
2005 Julia Tomaro                   NAEA WR Middle level Art Educator of the Year
2006 Gail Bohner                    NAEA WR Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2008 Mary Miller                    Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2009 Sarah Sciba                    Higher Education Outstanding Student Achievement Award
2011 Madeline Milidonis Fritz       RAEA Retired Art Educator of the Year
2013 September Buys                 Greenville Public Schools NAEA Middle Level Educator of the Year

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2014 Melissa Hronkin  NAEA Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2014 Harvey Goldstein  RAEA Retired Art Educator of the Year
2015 Janine Campbell  NAEA WR Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2016 Michael Orlando  NAEA WR Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2017 Margaret Livengood  NAEA Preservice Art Educator of the Year
2017 Robert Curtis  RAEA Retired Art Educator of the Year
2017 Kimberly Cairy  NAEA Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2017 Carrie Jeruzal  NAEA WR Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2018 Donna Emerson  NAEA WR Elementary Art Educator of the Year
2018 Tamara Draper  NAEA WR Middle Level Art Educator of the Year
2019 Dr. Cindy Todd  NAEA Art Educator of the Year
2019 Dr. Cindy Todd  NAEA WR Art Educator of the Year
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