

Emeritus Art Educator of the Year

Tammy Wilson Noirot

MAEA Retired Division Chair



Tammy graduated from Central Michigan University with a BMed and then completed an 18-hour continuing in Musical Theatre. She received an additional Elementary Ed endorsement from Western Michigan University for K-5, leading to an all-subject K-8 certification. She retired in 2010 from Nottawa Community School where she taught K-8 Art, Music, PE, and Tech Ed for 22 years.

Previously she taught K-5 Art and Music for 3 years at Waterloo Elementary School in Geneva New York, and K-12 Music for 5 years at Homer Community Schools in Homer Michigan.

In addition to her demanding class schedule at Nottawa, Tammy was an organizer and presenter for "Artworks" (annual art careers awareness day) for St. Joseph County. "Artworks" provided hands on activities for 5th grade students from county-wide schools and was held at Glen Oaks Community College from 2005-2012.

Tammy has been active in the MAEA as a steering committee member and Master Medley Presenter for multiple years, as well as serving as the Retired Division Chair since 2018. Her artwork has been exhibited at the Carnegie Center for the Arts, MEA Lansing, and is part of the permanent collections at the St. Joseph County ISD Pathfinder Center and the Coalition on Aging Rivers Enrichment Center.

Since retirement, Tammy designed the K-8 Story Art Project for Nottawa Community School in 2013-a series of art lessons based on grade appropriate trade books as part of reading month. The results and lesson plans were presented at MAEA Conference in 2013 and as part of the Conference Master Medley in 2019. She additionally has been the organizer for the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Poster Contest for Colon Schools K-12 and the Paint a Model pontoon Boat Project for Leonidas Elementary School. Tammy also was a member of the organizing committee and the "Bag Lady" responsible for the participant bags and contents (2017-2020) for the Mackinaw Straits Raptor Fest. The Raptor Fest promotes public awareness and knowledge of raptors and their importance to the environment.

"During my years as the only art educator in a small school system, the MAEA was invaluable to me. I will always treasure the educational support and comradeship received during that time as I treasure the ongoing friendships I have with members now." - Tammy Noirot

