



**TC = Ticketed Session**

## THURSDAY

**3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Check In / Registration**

Location: Lower Level Tower Desk

**3:30 pm**

3:30 pm - 5:10 pm

**Painting a Path to Literacy**

Location: Peninsula A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover how art can unlock literacy! Experience a hands-on, SoR-aligned project that strengthens vocabulary, background knowledge, and narrative comprehension through constellation myths and creative storytelling.

Audience: AA, EL, ST, CD, HO

Presenter(s): Tempest NeuCollins;

Kaila Piepkow

3:30 pm - 5:10 pm

**Art as a Love Letter**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn to tell stories through collage with mixed media artist and photographer, Olivia Ezinga. Create meaningful and personal narratives by combining text, photographs, and found materials.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, ST, HO

Presenter(s): Olivia Ezinga

3:30 pm - 5:10 pm

**TC Creative Ways to Use Paper in the Classroom**

Location: Peninsula B

Limit of Participants: 30

Ticketed: \$5

Discover the art of paper making. Participants will dive into the process of transforming paper into traditional techniques alongside modern variations understanding of paper as a medium and art form.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST, HO

Presenter(s): Dawn Jacobson

**4:00 pm**

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Sketch to Mural: CTE Students Connect Community Through Public Art**

Location: Tower A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover how our CTE Design students collaborate as a team, engaging with clients, refining designs, and working together to create large-scale exterior murals that blend creativity with client input.

Audience: HS

Presenter(s): Kellen Deau; Adam Goodyke

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Teaching for Creative Growth**

Location: Tower B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Teaching for creative growth is the the most impactful way to help your students achieve self efficacy around thinking and behaving as artists! Ideation fluency, flexibility, originality and elaboration!

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): September Buys

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Flippin' Art**

Location: Tower C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Transform your art classroom by adopting a flipped model, reducing behavior and absentee issues. Learn to implement self-paced lessons while offering individualized support. Suitable for all grade levels.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, HE, CI, TE

Presenter(s): Michelle Evink

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Origin and Echo: The Importance of Community Collaboration**

Location: Peninsula C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Explore the power of community art through engaging, collaborative projects that extend beyond the classroom. Discover how 20 years of experience shaped Origin, Echo, and Plein Air Painting initiatives.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS

Presenter(s): Jen Evans

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**AP Art & Design: Understanding the Requirements for Student Success**

Location: Mackinac A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This session breaks down AP Art and Design requirements, offering strategies to support student success in creating concept-driven work, writing effectively, and submitting strong Sustained Investigation and Selected Works portfolios.

Audience: HS, AS, ST

Presenter(s): Jiro Masuda

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Retired Art Educators Unite!**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Retired art educators gather to share art making experiences. This is a

time to support one another in our creative endeavors. Thinking about retiring? Please join us!

Audience: RE  
Presenter(s): Cam McComb

**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**TC Welcome Party**



Location: Dennon Museum Center  
Limit of Participants: 400  
Ticketed: \$0

We are kicking off our conference with an evening to connect with each other at the Dennon Museum Center on the beautiful community college campus of Northwestern Michigan College. This is an offsite location at 1410 College Dr, Traverse City, MI 49686. If you are pre-registered for the conference and have a ticket for this event, you may go directly to the Dennon Museum Center on Thursday evening and check-in at the conference registration desk on Friday morning.

The Dennon Museum Center is pleased to host this welcome event on Thursday, November 13th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. for the 2025 MAEA Conference. During the event, our NAEA President Cindy Todd will give a welcome address before a presentation by Grupo Folklorico Xochiquetzal, a dance group composed of volunteers from the local area who bring awareness of Latino culture and music to Northern Michigan. The evening will end with a reception including appetizers and drinks sponsored by Dennon Museum Center while attendees may explore the museum galleries and connect with colleagues.

**FRIDAY**

**7:00 am - 7:00 pm**

**Check In / Registration**

Location: Lower Level Tower Desk

**7:30 am - 8:50 am**



**TC Administrators Breakfast**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

Ticketed: Members \$31

Administrators \$0

Invite your administrator to a plated breakfast including Yogurt Parfait, French Toast with Maple Syrup, American Potatoes, Applewood Bacon. Also included are chilled orange juice, bakery basket, fresh brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee and hot tea.

Whether you had breakfast with us or on your own, join Jamie John for their keynote address.

**9:00 am - 9:50 am**

**Jamie John** *Keynote*

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

Jamie John is a two-spirit trans and queer Anishinaabe and Korean-American multi-disciplinary artist. Jamie is a visionary artist and art educator dedicated to empowering students through accessible, DIY art practices. With a deep understanding of the challenges facing arts education, they champion zines, papercraft, bookmaking, and printmaking as powerful tools for self-expression, critical thinking, and social change. Jamie John believes that reflecting the times we live in is at the core of art education, fostering resourcefulness and creative freedom outside traditional institutions. Be sure to check out the ticketed zine making event that Jamie will be hosting on Friday afternoon!

**10:00 am**

10:00 am - 10:50 am

**More Than a Degree: Reclaim Your Growth, Redefine Your Practice**

Location: Mackinac A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover how pursuing higher education can reignite your passion, expand your impact, and fit into your busy life. AOEU's programs are designed with busy, creative educators like you in mind.

Audience: AA, CI

Presenter(s): Jennifer Kay-Rivera

10:00 am - 10:50 am

**Triumph Over Creative Fatigue in the HS Studio (Students & Teachers)**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Through creative short lessons, students will feel invigorated and inspired to continue their longer projects. These lessons are about experimentation, with no fear of failure, just opportunities to revise.

Audience: HS, ST, CD, HO

Presenter(s): Meredith Giltner

10:00 am - 10:50 am

**Charles Demuth-Inspired Number Drawing**

Location: Michigan G

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Charles Demuth was a Precisionist that emphasized clear geometric shapes and sharp lines. Create your own Demuth-Inspired drawing using basic classroom supplies including jumbo number stencils and colored pencils.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, CI

Presenter(s): Jennifer Deaton

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### Friday

#### 10:00 am

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**TC Recycled Jewelry Making**  
Location: Mackinac C  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$4

Design & create your own jewelry or accessory piece from recycled cardboard! Discuss sustainable art making and brainstorm creative ways to adapt the project for various grade levels.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, HO  
Presenter(s): Allison Runyon

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Fast Track to the Wheel: Getting Students Throwing Day One**  
Location: Director's Room  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Unlock strategies to help students center and throw a basic form within one class period. Perfect for teachers aiming to build confidence fast with beginners on the wheel.

Audience: MS, HS, ST, CI  
Presenter(s): Kelly Kermod

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Student-Made Recycled Cardboard Sketchbooks**  
Location: Michigan E  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Student made and decorated recycled cardboard backed sketchbooks can be used for special projects, theme units or field trips/art museums. Adapted pages make them specific to the project.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, HE, HO  
Presenter(s): Craig Hinshaw

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Beyond Paper**  
Location: Michigan F  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Participants will walk away with examples of art-making tools and

program enrichments, beyond paper, that demonstrate a variety of materials and collaborative activities to engage students.

Audience: AA, EL, MS  
Presenter(s): Molly Marshall; Janine Campbell; Lisa Cassity

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Clay Tips, Tricks, and Lesson Ideas**  
Location: Peninsula A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Kids love clay and creating keepsakes. We will share our favorite tips, tricks, and lessons for clay. We will also give participants time to share and learn from each other.

Audience: EL, ST  
Presenter(s): Alison Schmidt; Alecia Anderson

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**TC Creating Creative Thinkers**  
Location: Michigan H  
Limit of Participants: 40  
Ticketed: \$1

Want your students to be more creative thinkers? This enlightening and hands-on presentation will challenge you to think differently about what creativity really is and how we teach it.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, HE, CI, TE, CD, RE, HO  
Presenter(s): Pennie Ellis

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Gelli Plate Image Transfer Fun**  
Location: Peninsula B  
Limit of Participants: 20

Discover the art of image transfer using Gelli plates in this hands-on workshop! Learn creative techniques to layer, print, and transform laser printed images into unique, textured mixed media pieces.

Audience: MS, HS, HE  
Presenter(s): Karl Brown

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10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Increasing Student Engagement with Technology in Elementary**  
Location: Peninsula C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Elementary visual art teachers will gain several ideas on using technology tools and programs in the classroom. These ideas have been proven to increase student engagement at the elementary level.

Audience: EL, ST  
Presenter(s): April Embury

10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Vendor Exhibits**  
Location: Governors' Hall

Don't forget to visit the vendors who will be located in the Governors' Hall at the Grand Traverse Resort. Learn about the latest techniques, test products, and talk with amazing representatives from art related companies and colleges. Not only will you receive great information, but vendor swag will be given away. Stop by the MAEA Vendor Booth to receive your Vendor Giveaway tickets and learn how you may win big! Winners will be announced at the keynote events.

Repeats: Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm

#### 11:00 am

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Tips & Techniques for Creating Amazing Water-Soluble Graphite Artwork**  
Location: Mackinac A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn fifteen different ways you can manipulate a water-soluble graphite pencil to create painted effects, unique textures, patterns, bold accent lines, grisaille effects, controlled value exchanges, and so much more.

Audience: MS, HS, ST, HE  
Presenter(s): Kathi Hanson

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#### 11:00 am

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Careers in the Visual Arts**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

"Starving Artist" is NOT one of them! Students have a limited view of where their love of art can take them. Come learn about career opportunities in the visual arts.

Audience: HS, AS

Presenter(s): Patti Spencer

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Creative Connections: Centering Identity, Choice, and Community Through Art**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

In this presentation, MSU preservice art teachers share adaptable art activities they designed for the Saturday Morning Art (smART) Program, a community art program serving K-12 and adult learners.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST, HE, CI, CD

Presenter(s): Andrea Allen

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Beyond Bowls: Revitalizing Secondary Clay Curriculum**

Location: Director's Room

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Reimagine secondary ceramics with five adaptable projects, grading rubrics, and strategies for balancing technique and creativity. Ideal for middle and high school teachers seeking engaging, standards-based clay instruction.

Audience: MS, HS, ST, CI

Presenter(s): Kelly Kermodé

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Stepping into STEAM**

Location: Michigan E

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

New to STEAM? Join us as we share examples of successful STEAM projects integrating Art, Design, and Technology!

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Jane Montero; Nancy Walkup

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **IB in a PYP Art Room**

Location: Michigan F

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This course will take a look at what the International Baccalaureate (IB) PYP programme framework looks like and how it is incorporated into the elementary art classroom.

Audience: EL, CI

Presenter(s): Ambeer VanDrunen

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Generative AI in Visual Art**

Location: Michigan G

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

In this session we will highlight some AI-powered websites art teachers can use to improve their workflow as well as ideas to introduce the ethical use of AI to students.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST, TE

Presenter(s): Ainsley Lengerich

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Teaching Critical Thinking with Art**

Location: Michigan H

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Get your students thinking and talking! Thinking is a skill we can improve. Practice a method to facilitate conversations and insightful responses in your classroom using artworks, videos, and more.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, ST, MU, HE, CI

Presenter(s): Michael Letts

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **S.E.L. Art**

Location: Peninsula B

### FC/FS = First Come/First Served

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Teach art as a coping mechanism while promoting a growth mindset. Develop talent through lessons that promote practice, pride and engagement at all skill levels.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Michele Zimmerman

11:00 am - 11:50 am

##### **Canvas & Curriculum: The Reciprocal Identity of Artist-Educators**

Location: Peninsula C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Tracing our evolving journeys as artists, teachers, and researchers, we examine how sustained creative practice holistically nurtures and informs our roles and impact on curriculum in the classroom.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Amy Ruopp; Ms. Allison Runyan; Dr. Karen McGarry

#### 12:00 pm

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

##### **Garage Sale**

Location: Council Room

Shop and fill a bag for \$5! Are you cleaning out or looking for more resources? This garage sale benefits both!



**Use a bag from the station desk as your ticket to garage sale.**

If you have resources that you have purged from your room, we would welcome the donation. Posters, still life objects, books, maps, sheet music, skulls, videos, are just a few of the items that people can use. Boxes or bags of these items can be dropped off at the Council Room Friday morning 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Repeats: Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

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#### 12:00 pm

12:00 pm - 12:50 pm



#### **TC Regional Lunch**

Location: Tower Ballroom  
Limit of Participants: 280  
Ticketed: \$31

Grab your boxed lunch and meet your liaison and other members from your region.

#### **TC Regional Lunch Option 1:**

*HICKORY SMOKED TURKEY & PROVOLONE*, arugula, tomato, multi-grain bread, Roasted Potato Salad with Whole Grain Mustard, Cookie

#### **TC Regional Lunch Option 2:**

*VEGAN PORTABELLA WRAP*, roasted red peppers, cucumber, garlic hummus, avocado, whole grain mustard, tomato tortilla wrap, Quinoa Salad with Cucumbers and Feta, Granola Bar

#### **TC Regional Lunch Option 3:**

*DELI ITALIAN HOAGIE*, honey ham, capicola, salami, sweet peppers, smoked provolone, lettuce, tomato, italian vinaigrette, hoagie roll, Pesto Pasta Salad, Double Fudge Brownie

#### 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **Awesome Architecture! Building Cardboard Houses K-12**

Location: Mackinac A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Do you want a highly engaging lesson about problem solving, architecture, culture, history and fun? Participants create their own house from cardboard and mixed media to take home.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, HO  
Presenter(s): Molly McNeece

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **TC Portal to Imaginary Worlds: A Lesson in One-Point Perspective**

Location: Mackinac B  
Limit of Participants: 30  
Ticketed: \$2

Inspired by the picture book "Journey" by Aaron Becker, this lesson introduces students to one-point perspective drawing through step-by-step guidance, then reinforces learning through independent illustration of a fantasy landscape.

Audience: EL, MS, HS  
Presenter(s): Kimberly Laux

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **TC Rule Breakers Who Changed the World**

Location: Mackinac C  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$7

Celebrate courage through art! Participants will receive a full lesson plan and materials, then create their own inspiring sample artwork honoring rule breakers who changed the world.

Audience: MS, HS, ST, MU, CD, HO  
Presenter(s): Salena Tabor

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **Dimensional Designs with Mayco!**

Location: Director's Room  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Create depth and texture with Mayco's newest product, Snow Gems, and ways to combine them with other fired products, along with methods for making gradients and tinting for endless colors!

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Elizabeth Downing

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **TC Intro to Embroidery**

Location: Michigan E  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$2

### *FC/FS = First Come/First Served*

Come learn the info and stitches you need to know to try embroidery for the first time in this hands-on class!

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Sarah Nott

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **Visual Literacy and the Elements and Principles of Art**

Location: Michigan F  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Participants will be provided ways to employ visual reading of artwork and strategies for guiding their students through writing about artwork with the elements and principles of art and design.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, HE, CI, CD

Presenter(s): Anita Bates

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **Pixel Perfect!**

Location: Michigan G  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Have you ever used Google Sheets, old posters or thrifted paintings to make art? In this hands-on, multi-lesson workshop, we'll use a device (BYOD) and other media for pixel art!

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, HO  
Presenter(s): Leeann McMichael

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

#### **TC Utilizing a Workshop Model to Advocate for the Choice-Based Classroom**

Location: Michigan H  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$3

Are you seeking to advocate for Choice-Based Curriculum? Discover an engaging Workshop Model that curates choice, provides open-ended creativity, and meets Standards in a way that is transparent to Admin.

Audience: CI  
Presenter(s): Brenda DeZeeuw; Gemma Fletcher

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#### 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **TC Zine Workshop with Jamie John**

Location: Peninsula A  
Limit of Participants: 45  
Ticketed: \$0

Zines are one of the most accessible and empowering art forms, perfect for creators of all ages, skill levels, and artistic backgrounds. These small, affordably made artist books are typically crafted from humble materials like paper, pens, and scissors, yet they offer limitless possibilities for expression. Whether you want to tell a personal story, explore a central theme, or simply organize your thoughts in a unique way, zines provide a versatile canvas.

This hands-on workshop will guide you through the process of creating your own zines, emphasizing both technical skill and resourceful conceptual thinking. We'll dive into various zine formats, teaching you easy and unique paper folding techniques that transform a single sheet of 8.5" x 11" copier paper into an intricate narrative. Join us to unlock the life-changing potential of zine-making with supplies sponsored by BLICK!

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Jamie John

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **TC Collage Cyanotypes**

Location: Peninsula B  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$6

We will use digital negatives, realia, and your own drawings on transparencies to explore collaging to create a one-of-a-kind cyanotypes on a variety of paper surfaces.

Audience: AA, HS, MU, HE, HO  
Presenter(s): Meagan Whittle

1:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **TC No Torch, No Problem: Intro to Jewelry Fabrication Without Soldering**

Location: Peninsula C  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$15

Hands-on workshop for educators exploring basic jewelry techniques—no soldering required! Learn to transform sheet metal and wire into jewelry using cold connections and safe, classroom-friendly methods.

Audience: HS, ST, HO  
Presenter(s): Jiro Masuda

#### 2:00 pm

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **Environmental Noticings**

Location: Tower B  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This retiree shares intentional noticing and documentation strategies inspired by Devils Lake. Learn how she translated this arts-based data into a vibrant art making practice.

Audience: AA, RE  
Presenter(s): Cam McComb

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **High School Best Lessons Medley**

Location: Tower C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Several veteran Traverse City high school-level teachers will each share their fan favorite lessons from across multiple disciplines. These lessons are great confidence builders where all students can be successful!

Audience: HS  
Presenter(s): Melissa Clone; Julie Keck

2:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **TC Elementary Tie-Dye with 500+ Students**

Location: Tower A  
Limit of Participants: 30  
Ticketed: \$3

Ever thought about doing a whole school tie-dye and not sure how to go about it? Come learn and dye a shirt of your own; wear dark or old clothes.

Audience: AA, EL, HO  
Presenter(s): Jennifer Boehm

#### 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **Ignite Creative FIRE in the Art Classroom**

Location: Tower B  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Let's spark creative solutions to ignite student passion! Discover fresh approaches to First day hooks, Individualized instruction, Routines, and Enhancing lessons with technology to FIRE up any classroom.

Audience: AA, MS, CI  
Presenter(s): Janine Campbell

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **Creating a Positive Environment in Your High School Art Room!**

Location: Tower C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This session will include ways I have promoted acceptance, culture, and positive relationships while being a first year high school art teacher after many years of teaching at the elementary level.

Audience: AA, HS, AS  
Presenter(s): Jennifer Hamilton

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **Professional Development for Art Educators – Powered by Heath Art**

Location: Mackinac A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Inspire your art educators with a customizable professional

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development session from Heath Art—packed with creative strategies, hands-on ideas, and aligned with your school's goals. On-site or off-site options available!

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, HE

Presenter(s): Diane Heath

### 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **Painting with Dirt: Natural Materials in the Classroom**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Come experience a hands-on demonstration of painting with dirt led by preservice teachers. We will discuss creating dirt-based paint and ideas of how to implement this in your classroom

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST

Presenter(s): Natalie Tighe; Sadie Shansky-Genovese

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **TC Teach Hand Sewing Using Patterns**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: 25

Ticketed: \$3

Participate in exploring ways to incorporate textiles into your classroom through a hands-on hand sewing project. Use pre-made or self-designed patterns while teaching students a lifelong skill.

Audience: MS, HS, HO

Presenter(s): McKenna Bishop

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **Celebrating Local Artists and Encouraging Youth to Share Their Creativity**

Location: Michigan E

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

How do we inspire youth to make a creative impact on their community? We start by celebrating local artists

who share their creativity with their community in meaningful ways.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, CI, CD, HO

Presenter(s): Joanna Anderson; Crystal Palmer

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **What Is XR and How Do I Teach with It?**

Location: Michigan F

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

What is all this mixed reality technology and how might one implement it in the classroom? Space for animation students helps explore answers to this question.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Metaphor Brown

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **Amazing Artsonia!**

Location: Michigan G

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn how to utilize Artsonia as a great resource for the classroom as an online portfolio, fundraising tool and more!

Audience: EL, MS, HS, ST, TE

Presenter(s): Emily Miller

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **TC Gelli Plate Printing**

Location: Peninsula A

Limit of Participants: 60

Ticketed: \$2

Gelli printing plates look and feel like gelatin, but are durable, and reusable. In our session, we will use our Gelli plates to explore a variety of printing techniques.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, HE, RE, HO

Presenter(s): Corinne Satterlee

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

#### **TC Let's Make Hungry Caterpillars!**

Location: Peninsula C

Limit of Participants: 25

Ticketed: \$2

### *FC/FS = First Come/First Served*

This workshop will present a 3-part lesson on Eric Carle's HUNGRY CATERPILLAR book! Come and make a caterpillar, leaf included, and a beautiful butterfly! Kindergarten students love this lesson!

Audience: EL, ST, CI, HO

Presenter(s): Christine Marsh-Leutgeb

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

#### **Image Creation Using Wet Felting**

Location: Peninsula B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn about wet felting across time and culture. Participants will create a wet felted sheet with a composition of their design. Implementation to K-12 art class will be explored.

Audience: AA, HO

Presenter(s): Katalin Zaszlavik

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

#### **TC Ten Elementary Clay Projects You Only Need Thirty Minutes For**

Location: Director's Room

Limit of Participants: 25

Ticketed: \$5

Do you want to try clay projects with your elementary or middle school art classes but it seems overwhelming? Here are 10 projects that you only need 30 minutes for!

Audience: EL, MS, ST, HO

Presenter(s): Sarah Opperman

### 4:00 pm

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

#### **Kindergarten Projects Galore!**

Location: Mackinac A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Come snap some pictures of successful kindergarten art projects. Both 2D and 3D projects will be presented.

Audience: EL, ST, CI

Presenter(s): Jill McKillips

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#### 4:00 pm

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##### **TC Needle Felted Landscapes**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: 25

Ticketed: \$7

Learn to do a needle felted landscape, blending wool colors, and refining details in the felting process.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Annie Howard

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Annual Student Banner Project: Beautify Your Community**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Create a lasting legacy by establishing a student banner program. Learn to build district and city support, manage the design process, and publicly display student artwork year after year.

Audience: AA, MS, CI, Community Engagement

Presenter(s): Erin Korson

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Unlock the Potential of Your Creativity with Google Site Portfolios**

Location: Michigan E

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover how to use Google Sites in your curriculum at Google-based schools. This session offers examples, rubrics, and templates, plus time for integration into your class.

Audience: MS, HS, TE

Presenter(s): Mary Owens

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **TC Teaching Math Through Art**

Location: Michigan F

Limit of Participants: 30

Ticketed: \$3

Join this hands-on workshop to explore ways that math can be taught through art. Participants will make examples and get lesson ideas to take back to their classes!

Audience: EL, MS, ST, CI, CD, HO

Presenter(s): Stacey Poll

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Art as a Bridge: Connecting High School Students and Seniors**

Location: Michigan G

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Explore the power of art in connecting generations! Learn about our high school's collaboration with a local retirement community and how you too can foster meaningful intergenerational bonds through creativity.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, CI, CD

Presenter(s): Claire Popovich; Carrie Hillis

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Welcome to the Magical Mystery of Ceramic Kilns**

Location: Michigan H

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Let's talk all things Electric-Kilns! Bring your questions, concerns, hopes, and dreams as we go over best practices to help maintain consistent results, a healthy kiln, and a safe environment.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST

Presenter(s): Brad Reece

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **These Are a Few of My Favorite Things!**

Location: Peninsula A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Tools, lessons, fundraising, and more! Come and learn some of Amy's favorite things that have helped her be successful in the art room with students in preschool through eighth grade.

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Audience: EL, MS, HO

Presenter(s): Amy Baldwin

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **SmARTer Elementary Sub Plans**

Location: Peninsula C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Join me for tips, tricks, and examples to work smARTer, not harder, when you need to be absent and leave sub plans.

Audience: EL, TE

Presenter(s): Cassie Phelps

#### 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

##### **TC Awards Reception**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

Ticketed: \$0

Please join us at the awards ceremony as we acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contributions of our honored art educators, retirees, and community partners in the Tower Ballroom. This event is free and includes socializing and light hors d'oeuvres sponsored by College for Creative Studies, which will take place before our awards ceremony. A cash bar will be available.

#### 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

##### **TC Pajama Party with Zine-Making**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

Ticketed: \$0

Slip into your comfiest pajamas and join us for a night of relaxed creativity! After a day of inspiring sessions, wind down with fellow art educators at our Pajamas and Zines social event. If you attended the zine making workshop with Jamie John, bring it to share! We'll have some supplies ready for you to make and exchange awesome zines, but consider bringing your favorites to use. It's the perfect way to create, connect and inspire!

## SATURDAY

**7:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Check In / Registration**

Location: Lower Level Tower Desk

**7:30 am - 8:50 am**



### **TC MAEA Annual Business Breakfast**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

Ticketed: \$0

Prior to the MAEA business meeting enjoy a complimentary buffet style breakfast at the Grand Traverse Resort. Breakfast includes fresh scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, vegetarian sausage, fresh fruits and berries, breakfast breads, croissants, muffins, mini danish, fresh brewed coffee, hot tea, and assorted chilled juices. Mingle with your region, join your friends, and make a few new ones!

After breakfast, join us as we review MAEA's vision, strategic plan, and the other amazing ways members have showcased what they have done throughout this past year. Without you, our organization cannot grow and continue to support our future teachers and art education.

Audience: AA

**Remember to wear your badge at all times!**

**9:00 am - 9:50 am**

### **Lynne Rae Perkins**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

**Keynote**

Join celebrated children's author-illustrator Lynne Rae Perkins as she recounts her "unlikely and bumpy journey" to creating art for young people. Through stories of personal discovery and those who nurtured her creativity, Perkins's keynote, "Real Souvenirs from Imagined Places," will shine a light on the profound impact of art educators in today's world.

**10:00 am**

10:00 am - 10:50 am

### **Michigan Legacy Art Park Collaborative Artwork**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Patricia Innis will introduce this year's collaborative community art project with Michigan Legacy Art Park: Quilts of Michigan History.

The audience is invited to create quilt squares and assemble into quilt patterns that will be displayed throughout the Art Park. We hope teachers will take this project back to the classroom to participate in the project.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Lindsay Greer

10:00 am - 10:50 am

### **Anywhere You Are, the GVSU Art Museum Is There**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Have you ever heard of the Grand Valley State University Art Museum (GVAM)? GVAM is a gem! We have over 28,000 objects and guess what? They are all available online for you to use in your classrooms as inspiration or to use in assignments.

We also have online tours, digital educator resources, art lesson plans, theme pages, and can even virtually (or actually!) come to your classroom. Learn about how to access all our free resources and make GVAM work for you!

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Jessica Sundstrom

10:00 am - 10:50 am

### **Games and Challenges in the Art Room**

Location: Michigan E

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Are you seeking ways to engage your students in the art room? Try these creative and inclusive art game challenges to boost your students' confidence, creativity, and skill.

Audience: AA, HO

Presenter(s): Danielle Vivio; Beth McGinnis

10:00 am - 10:50 am

### **Learning the Cultural Menu: Teaching Japanese Art Through Cuisine**

Location: Michigan F

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Explore a classroom-ready project that pairs Japanese foods with visual art to build cultural understanding, engaging students through cooking, creativity, and contextual learning.

Audience: MS, HS, HE, CD

Presenter(s): Tom Suchan

10:00 am - 10:50 am

### **Integrating Student Voice with Student Choice**

Location: Michigan G

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Join us for a conversation from different perspectives and journeys to student choice and how to start offering more choice to your young artists.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Mallory Molnar

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### Saturday

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#### 10:00 am

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**What to Know About Needle Felting**

Location: Michigan H  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Come learn the terms, tools and materials associated with this fun fiber art!

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Sarah Nott

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Clay Without Chaos: Elementary Ceramics That Work**

Location: Peninsula A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover three age-appropriate clay projects, classroom management strategies, and firing tips designed specifically for K-5 classrooms. Perfect for teachers wanting creative, standards-aligned lessons that actually work with young learners.

Audience: EL, ST, CI  
Presenter(s): Kelly Kermod

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**Lessons on the Connections Between Disability and Art**

Location: Peninsula B  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

As a disabled preservice art teacher, I will share thoughts on how to make art classes more welcoming for disabled students.

Audience: AA, MS, HS, ST, CI, CD, RE  
Presenter(s): Erin Vollertsen

10:00 am - 10:50 am  
**The Memory Project**

Location: Peninsula C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Come learn about the Memory Project and how your students can

participate. An oil painting portrait lesson will be provided.

Audience: HS, AS, ST, HE, CD  
Presenter(s): Michelle Fuller

10:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Step Up and Lead: Ignite Your Leadership Journey!**

Location: Mackinac A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Curious about leadership or want to discover next steps in your journey? Join us as we share our different paths to inspire and help you find your unique way forward.

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Jane Montero; Cam McComb; Debora Blackmon; Dennis Inhulsen; Grace VanderVliet; Jennifer Kay-Rivera; Melissa Hronkin; Megan Collins; Meredith Giltner; Michael Orlando; Kim Cairry; Karen McGarry

10:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Printing on 3D Bisque Surfaces**

Location: Director's Room  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Transform plain bisque into stunning art! Join our workshop to learn innovative techniques for printing on curved surfaces—wheel-thrown or hand-built—using on-glaze and underglaze methods. Hands-on, creative, inspiring!

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Lisa DiStephano

10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Vendor Exhibits**  
Location: Governors' Hall

Don't forget to visit the vendors who will be located in the Governors' Hall at the Grand Traverse Resort. Learn about the latest techniques, test products, and talk with amazing representatives from art related companies and colleges. Not only will you receive great information, but vendor swag will be given away. Stop by the MAEA Vendor Booth to receive your Vendor Giveaway tickets and learn how you may win big! Winners will be announced at the keynote events.

Repeated from: Friday, 10 am-5 pm

10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Garage Sale**  
Location: Council Room

Shop and fill a bag for \$5! Are you cleaning out or looking for more resources? This garage sale benefits both!



**Purchase a bag from the registration desk as your ticket into the garage sale.**

If you have resources that you have purged from your room, we would welcome the donation. Posters, still life objects, books, maps, sheet music, skulls, videos, are just a few of the items that people can use. Boxes or bags of these items can be dropped off at the Council Room Friday morning 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Repeated from: Friday, 12 - 4 pm

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**11:00 am**

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Enhancing the Classroom Experience**

Location: Mackinac B  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Explore how mindfulness, positivity, presence and body language techniques can transform your classroom. Develop hands-on activities, yogic strategies, communicative and reflective practices to create more effective, engaging classroom experiences.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST, HE, HO  
Presenter(s): Allison Runyan

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Creative Threads: Fiber Art Adventures for Elementary Artists**

Location: Mackinac C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS  
Explore fun, age-appropriate fiber art projects for elementary students! Try a couple hands-on projects and leave with a toolkit of creative ready-to-use fiber art lesson ideas.

Audience: EL, ST, HO  
Presenter(s): Paige Bruce; Laura Brown

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Art Is Taking Off**

Location: Michigan E  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Hear how art is taking off at DTW. Learn about the art initiative, tour possibilities, and how your student's artwork can land at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Audience: MS, HS, HE  
Presenter(s): Roger Drabant

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Contemporary Art Roundup**

Location: Michigan F  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Do you want to add more contemporary artists to your curriculum but aren't sure where to start? Art museum educators share global contemporary artists and art project ideas for K-12!

Audience: EL, MS, HS, ST, CI, CD  
Presenter(s): Meghan Collins; Grace VanderVliet

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Metaphor as Embodied Thinking in Visual Arts Education**

Location: Michigan G  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Come explore how visual metaphors enhance creativity and expression. This session offers strategies for using metaphor as visual expression and embodied thinking through the body, materials, and image.

Audience: AA, CI  
Presenter(s): Hsiao-Ping Che; Dr. Katalin Zaszlavik

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**AI-Enhanced Movie Magic: STEAM Learning with Art**

Location: Michigan H  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Create a STEAM movie using easy (mostly free) AI tools in all three filmmaking phases: pre-production (research, storyboarding, scriptwriting), production (text-to-image/audio/video), and post-production (editing). Bring a computer if possible!

Audience: AA, HO  
Presenter(s): GUEY-MEEI Yang

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Hosting a Family Arts Night**

Location: Peninsula A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Wanna show how essential your program is to your community? Start hosting an art night! Learn how to bring your community together in the

name of making and exploring passions.

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Jo Nosedo

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**TC Miniature 3D Rooms**

Location: Peninsula B  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$3

Teachers work collaboratively to design and construct miniature 3D rooms, combining elements of visual storytelling, connections to interior design careers, and personal expression in this hands-on, imaginative art project presentation.

Audience: MS, HS, HO  
Presenter(s): McKenna Bishop

11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Amplifying Unsung Heroes: Visual Storytelling, Community Engagement, and Professional Growth**

Location: Peninsula C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

How engagement in the ARTEFFECT Ambassadors program led to a public exhibition at Michigan State University that promoted visual storytelling, community engagement, and professional growth.

Audience: AA, MS, ST, MU, HE, CD  
Presenter(s): Susannah Van Horn; Jennifer Kay-Rivera

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12:00 pm - 12:50 pm



**TC Division Lunch**

Location: Tower Ballroom  
 Limit of Participants: 280  
 Ticketed: \$34

Connect with and/or meet other people who work in your same division and create your own professional learning community.

**TC Division Lunch Option #1:**

*ROASTED CAULIFLOWER PUTTANESCA | roasted cauliflower, sun dried tomatoes, capers, kalamata olives, garlic; Classic Caesar Salad - traditional romaine, parmesan croutons, caesar dressing with crostini; Tiramisu*

**TC Division Lunch Option #2:**

*FRENCH CUT CHICKEN BREAST PICCATA | with roasted garlic yukon mashed potatoes with oven roasted asparagus; Wedge Salad - wedge of iceberg lettuce, tomato, gorgonzola, bacon crumbles, gorgonzola dressing; Traverse City Cherry Almond Torte*

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

**Samantha TwoCrow** *Keynote*

Location: Tower Ballroom  
 Limit of Participants: 280

Samantha TwoCrow, a distinguished artist and educator, is the Indigenous Education Director at Suttons Bay Public Schools and a proud member of Peshawbestown's Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Her artistic journey is deeply rooted in her Indigenous heritage, having grown up surrounded by artists and learning traditional techniques from her family. Her mother, an Indian boarding school survivor, taught her beadwork and quillwork, while her maternal grandfather was a painter. Her grandfather, who lived on Beaver Island, shared knowledge of harvesting traditional materials like black ash, birch bark, deer hides, copper, and porcupine quills for basket making and beading.

Her exceptional beadwork has garnered significant recognition, including awards at the prestigious Santa Fe Indian Market, where she has been an invited solo artist multiple times. Her work is nationally known in rotational exhibits also part of a collection at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Closer to home, her work has been featured at The Children's Museum in Traverse City. Driven by her passion for art, she not only showcases her work globally but also recently dedicated herself to inspiring local children to learn about Indigenous art.

Beyond her artistic achievements, TwoCrow is dedicated to supporting Leelanau County students. She was recently honored with the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education award, recognizing her impactful work as an educator. TwoCrow believes her creativity is "deeply rooted as an Indigenous woman," emphasizing the intelligent and sustainable cultural traditions of her people.

2:00 pm

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

**Drawing Inspiration: Transforming Art Through Collage and Sketchbook Exploration**

Location: Mackinac B  
 Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Historical artworks serve as a launchpad for creative expression in this hands-on workshop. Attendees will deconstruct and reimagine an artwork using collage and drawing techniques, then reflect on their transformation.

Audience: EL  
 Presenter(s): Haley Parker

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

**Scratchboard Texture Animals**

Location: Mackinac C  
 Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Scratchboard art is a detailed technique where artists scratch black ink from a clay-coated board, revealing white beneath, capturing animal textures with striking contrast and precision.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, ST, HE, HO  
 Presenter(s): Joseph Martin

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

**TC Clay on a Budget**

Location: Director's Room  
 Limit of Participants: 25  
 Ticketed: \$3

You will be drawing with a pencil right into wet clay. This lesson can be adapted to many artist movements. Pair this lesson with an artist of your choosing.

Audience: EL, MS  
 Presenter(s): Karen Mendes

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#### 2:00 pm

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **The Basics of Polymer Clay**

Location: Michigan E

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn the basics of how to use polymer (oven-bake) clay as a SCULPTURAL medium in this informational workshop!

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Sarah Nott

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **Grading for Growth: Reimagining Assessment in a Student-Centered Art Room**

Location: Michigan F

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Explore process-centered assessment strategies that foster student autonomy in advanced art courses. Gain tools, protocols, and examples to support fearless, authentic growth through reflection, collaboration, and non-hierarchical structures.

Audience: HS, CI

Presenter(s): KT Robinson

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **Co-Creating Visual Metaphors with AI**

Location: Michigan G

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

What does a visual metaphor look like in AI? Discover how AI can serve as a co-creator, using text prompts to generate metaphorical imagery that enriches creativity within artistic practices.

Audience: AA, CI

Presenter(s): Hsiao-Ping Che

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **Pixels & Passion: Engaging Middle Schoolers Through Digital Design**

Location: Michigan H

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Roll up your sleeves and open your laptop to new ways of engaging students using digital design. We will share successful examples using Adobe, Canva, Google Draw, Pixlr, and Procreate.

Audience: MS, TE

Presenter(s): Jane Montero; Janine Campbell

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **AutoCAD for Art General Education**

Location: Peninsula A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Software used for art general education can include various packages. The Autodesk AutoCAD software can also be used successfully in art and general education courses.

Audience: AA, MS, HS, ST, HE, CI, TE

Presenter(s): Phillip Cardon

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

##### **Teaching Media Literacy and Beyond with Narrative Animation Visual Structure**

Location: Peninsula C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Animation is all around us, yet rarely discussed in high school or early college. The complexity of animation offers unique opportunity to explore ideas of visual structure, thus media literacy.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Metaphor Brown

2:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **Shared Purpose, Shared Work, Shared Joy: Cultivating Empathy & Creativity**

Location: Mackinac A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

How might we harness the power of shared purpose, shared work, and shared joy while exploring design thinking tools that foster empathy,

creativity, and community in our art-centered learning communities?

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, HE, CI, TE, CD, RE, HO

Presenter(s): Claire McKenna; Theodore Kozerski

#### 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **Cultivating Community with a School-Wide Food Systems Mural**

Location: Tower A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover how celebrating local food and farm to school systems can benefit school-wide wellness through experiential learning farmer visits that led to the design and creation of a cafeteria mural.

Audience: AA, CI

Presenter(s): Melissa Hronkin

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **All About Artsonia!**

Location: Tower B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Come learn about Artsonia's FREE online student gallery. Easily showcase your students' artwork, plan lessons, fundraise, and more! Participants will be entered to win a \$25 Artsonia gift card!

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Cassie Phelps

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **How Should I Respond to That?**

Location: Tower C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

A panel of museum educators share moments when art elicited unexpected comments and behaviors from students, and how they are learning to respond with clarity and calm.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Grace Vandervliet; Meghan Collins; Beth Rice-Graham

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##### **Open Source Creative Software Solutions**

Location: Mackinac B  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This session will cover a number of free, open source, and low cost software alternatives for use in the art classroom (and beyond!).

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): John Wagner; Zack Page-Wood

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

##### **Plastic, Paint, and Action with Cel Animation!**

Location: Mackinac C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn how to implement the traditional process of cel animation that revolutionized cinema by hand-painting characters on transparent celluloid sheets that are animated in sequence for video reels. (Demo Only)

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, ST, CI, TE  
Presenter(s): Ashley Jager

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **There's an Acrylic for That!**

Location: Peninsula A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Explore a range of acrylic paint grades and viscosities in this hands-on Blick Art Materials workshop. After the session, you'll feel confident choosing the right acrylic for any creative task!

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Julie Davis

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Help! What Can I Do with Early 5's/Kindergarten Classes?!?**

Location: Michigan E

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Lessons for Early 5's and Kindergarten classes that go beyond prescribed product-based art and focus on skills like cutting, gluing, painting, drawing that include books or artist inspiration.

Audience: AA, EL, ST, MU, CI, HO  
Presenter(s): Sarah Opperman; Mary Waldeck

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **If an Embroidery Could Talk**

Location: Michigan F  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Learn about historic and contemporary embroideries and their role of communicating socio-cultural issues. Learn variety of embroiderer techniques, material and tools that can be applied in K-12 art rooms.

Audience: AA, HO  
Presenter(s): Katalin Zaszlavik

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **3D Printing with Elementary Students**

Location: Michigan H  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This presentation will cover how 4th graders created 3D name tags with Tinkercad, as a part of a weaving project. Bring your laptop to experience Tinkercad and 3D printing.

Audience: AA, EL, TE, HO  
Presenter(s): Jennifer Boehm

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **TC Relief Paper Quilling**

Location: Peninsula B  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$6

An introduction of paper quilling techniques and application to a composition. Each member will make a pendant to take with them as well

as a sample board of different techniques.

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Annie Howard

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Muddy Buddies**

Location: Peninsula C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

This workshop will include a variety of k-12 classroom hacks from veteran teachers to make teaching clay in the classroom less intimidating.

Audience: EL, MS, HS, ST  
Presenter(s): Jacquelynn Whiteley; Kristen DeMint; Val Ehinsche

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **TC Screenprint Transfers on Clay**

Location: Director's Room  
Limit of Participants: 25  
Ticketed: \$12

Use silkscreens to print on leather hard clay. Try ceramic printing inks, and learn how to make your own. Practice several methods and troubleshoot common mistakes. Get ink-spired!

Audience: MS, HS, HO  
Presenter(s): Meagan Whittle

#### 4:00 pm

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

##### **Clay & Chemistry: Cross-Curricular Connections in the Ceramics Studio**

Location: Tower A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Discover how ceramics and chemistry intersect through glaze formulation, kiln firing, and clay transformation. Gain project ideas and collaboration strategies to connect studio art with high school science curriculum.

Audience: HS, CI  
Presenter(s): Kelly Kermode

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4:00 pm

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm  
**Contemporary Artists Who Will Engage Your Students**

Location: Tower B  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Artists inspired by contemporary ideas and concerns will prove engaging to your students. Many such artists will be presented and the presentation will be available to share with your students.

Audience: MS, HS, CI, CD  
Presenter(s): Nancy Walkup

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm  
**The Transformative Art of Ei Anatsui: Material, Memory, and Meaning**

Location: Tower C  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Anatsui's monumental sculptures will be explored by examining his process, material choices, and thematic concerns, and the histories of colonialism, global trade, and environmental sustainability will be covered.

Audience: AA  
Presenter(s): Susannah Van Horn

5:00 pm

5:00 pm - 5:50 pm  
**Upcycled Wearables: Creativity, Sustainability, and Collaboration**

Location: Peninsula A  
Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Reimagine found objects in this hands-on workshop. Create unique, wearable artworks inspired by contemporary jewelry artists. Bring upcycling into your classroom and encourage students to think creatively about everyday materials!

Audience: MS, HS  
Presenter(s): Jennifer Kay-Rivera

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**TC Social Hour**

Location: Tower Prefunction  
Limit of Participants: 280  
Ticketed: \$5

Come hang out and socialize outside of the Tower Ballroom with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

6:00 pm

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Silent Auction**

Location: Mackinac Room

Get in the winning spirit as you outbid other attendees for great items. Not only will you have a fun time and take home some amazing items, but you will also help a great cause. The MAEA Silent Auction will raise money to donate to the MAEA Scholarship Fund. Our members have donated original artwork and various items. View the items and place your bid inside the Mackinac Room Saturday night at the Gala. The highest bidder will be announced and the winners may pick up their item(s) at the Gala on Saturday night.

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Artisans' Market**

Location: Mackinac Room

Come out and support your fellow MAEA members as they showcase their work and talents. Take home a gift for yourself or someone special, you won't find a better place to go shopping for art, we promise! Stop by the Mackinac Room on Saturday night from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to meet the artisans.

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**TC TASK Party Gala**

Location: Tower Ballroom  
Limit of Participants: 280  
Ticketed: \$5



Get ready to unleash your inner maker and celebrate creativity in style at our Saturday evening gala! Inspired by Oliver Herring's iconic TASK parties, this immersive evening is designed for radical self-expression and collaborative art-making.

We encourage you to come as you are or arrive in your most innovative DIY or handmade attire. Whether it's a reconstructed masterpiece, a blank canvas or an outfit adorned with your unique artistic flair, come ready to play!

We'll provide a vibrant array of supplies sponsored by BLICK for you to craft handmade accessories on the spot. Collaborate with fellow art educators, experiment with new materials, and add finishing touches to your look. A local DJ and cash bar will make this an evening you won't want to miss!

## SUNDAY

### 8:00 am

8:00 am - 8:50 am

#### **Social Justice in the Art Room**

Location: Mackinac A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

EDI Chairs share projects that bring social justice art into classrooms across grade levels. Discover ways to engage students through meaningful and personal connections.

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): Roger Drabant; Erica Davis-Hernandez

8:00 am - 8:50 am

#### **Teaching Divergent Thinking with Tech Art**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

Many disciplines rely on both divergent and critical thinking to overcome unforeseen complications. Technology Arts is uniquely positioned to offer students the opportunity to develop both.

Audience: HS, MU, TE, HE

Presenter(s): Metaphor Brown; Andrew Thompson; Phil Cardon; Ryan English

### 9:00 am

9:00 am - 9:50 am

#### **The Art of Community**

Location: Mackinac C

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

How do you connect students to their community? Learn the hidden gems that can bring a community together with student-led art projects, cross-curricular collaborations, and much more!

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, CI

Presenter(s): Ashley Jager

9:00 am - 10:50 am

#### **Student and Educator Wellness Through Creative Play, Joy and Connection**

Location: Mackinac A

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

How might we harness the power of play to foster joyful, authentic relationships? Experience shared work, shared purpose, and shared joy, centering fun, building trust through vulnerability, and nurturing creativity!

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, HE, CI, TE, CD, RE, HO

Presenter(s): Clare McKenna; Theodore Kozerski

9:00 am - 10:50 am

#### **Creative Animation with Artistic Programmable Software**

Location: Mackinac B

Limit of Participants: FC/FS

A workshop where participants learn to create artistic animations using programmable open-source software.

Audience: AA, EL, MS, HS, AS, ST, MU, HE, CI, TE, CD, RE, HO

Presenter(s): Phillip Cardon

### 10:00 am - 10:50 am

#### **Council Meeting**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

MAEA council members will be meeting Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Tower Ballroom. All members are invited to attend our meeting even if you are not on the council yet. Volunteer leadership in a non-profit service organization takes members like you who offer up your time and passion to help the overall mission of the Michigan Art Education Association. We have openings on the council and welcome you to join us!

Presenter(s): Executive Board

### 11:00 am - 11:50 am

#### **2026 Conference Planning**

Location: Tower Ballroom

Limit of Participants: 280

Share your ideas for 2026 and join us as we explore options in planning our next conference in Port Huron!

Audience: AA

Presenter(s): 2025 Conference Co-Chairs

### **Registration Hours**

Thursday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

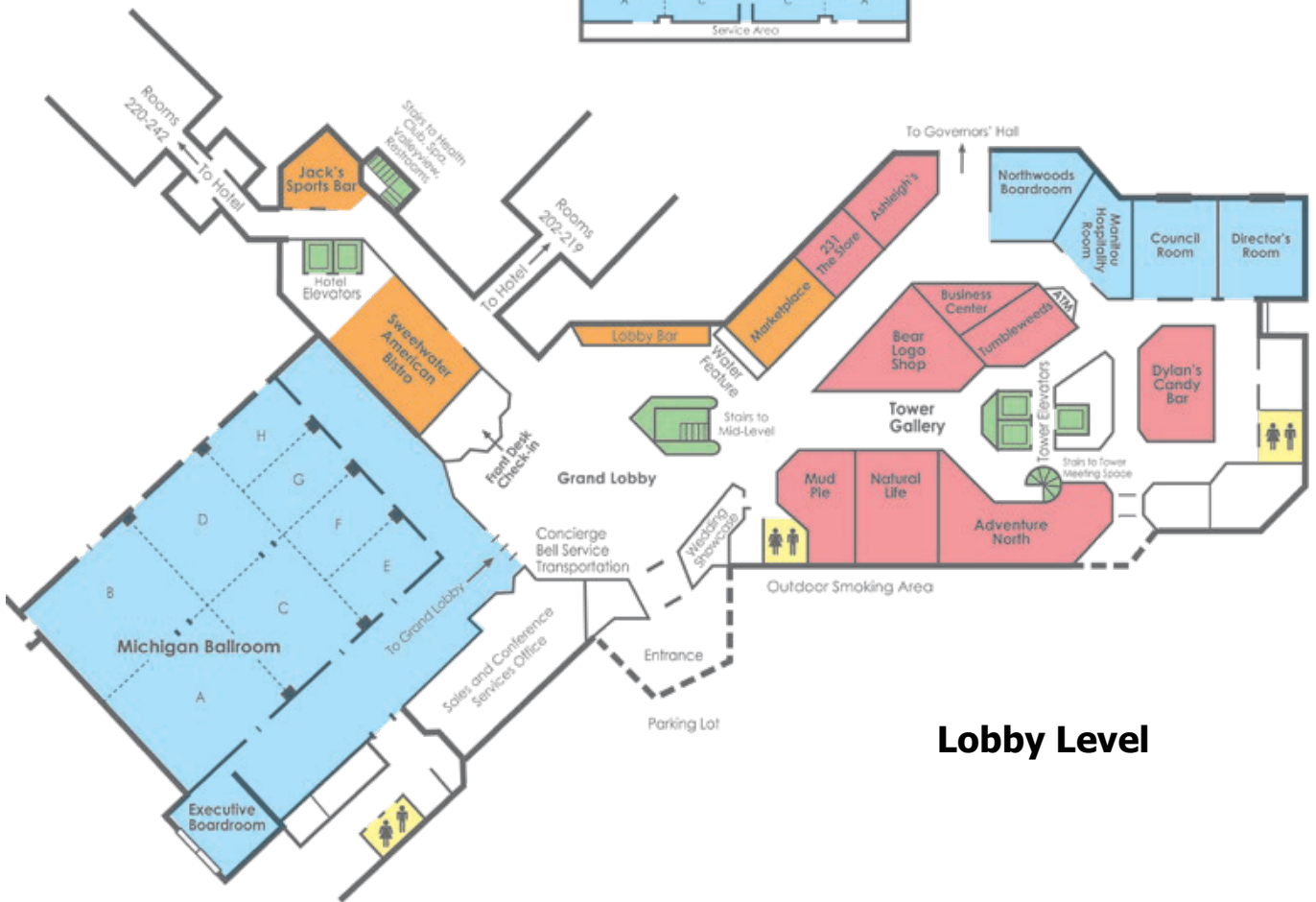
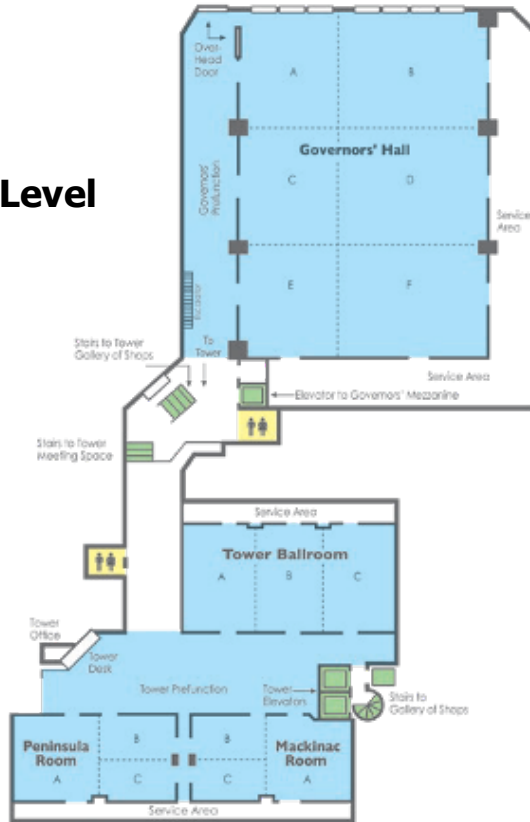
Friday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

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