



## **Michigan Art Education Association Distinguished Service Award Recipients**

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1989:**

- **Cindy Madry** in appreciation for her service to arts education in Michigan
- **Dr. Joan Burke** for her service to Arts Education
- **The Kellogg Foundation** for their contributions to art Education in Calhoun County

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1990:**

- **Ken Hoover** for his dedication to the arts education of Michigan
- **The Michigan Department of Education Task Force** for their work on the Essential Arts Goals and objectives for Michigan
- **Jane Gilbert** for her contributions and commitment to Arts education in Michigan

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1991:**

- **Pam Meland** for her dedication to MAEA as the newsletter editor and co-chair of 1989 Conference
- **Deane Peterson** for her dedication to MAEA as the newsletter editor and co-chair of 1989 Conference
- **Lou Vanderhave** for his dedication to Arts education in the Grand Rapids Schools and community

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1992:**

- **Robert Fionda** for his service to MAEA as President and treasurer, each for four years
- **Sharyn Austin** for her service to MAEA as Second Vice President and her work on the Constitution and By-Laws ratification
- **The Detroit Institute of Arts** for their commitment and dedication to the arts community
- **Ruth Sundberg** for her commitment to Museum Education at the Battle Creek Art Center
- **Jennifer Davidson** Fine Arts Consultant for Oakland Intermediate Schools

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1993:**

- **Dr. Frank Philip** for his commitment to the arts of Michigan
- **John Hartom** and **Lisa Blackburn** for commitment to Empty Bowls, Kids and Clay, and Imagine: Render a Gift of Peace.
- **Christine Biagas** for her dedication to the culture and Arts of Detroit

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1994:**

- **Lansing Art Gallery** for their commitment to Arts Education
- **Joann M. Ricci** Executive Director of the MI Alliance for the Arts
- **Ray Quada** CEO of Wendy's Western Michigan

### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1995:**

- **Marcia Compton** for her dedication to staff development of the Lenawee County Art educators

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1996:**

- **National Conference of Artists Gallery Commitment & Dedication:** accepted by Shirely Woodson Reid, in support of exhibitions of student work from the Detroit Public Schools
- **Nedra Fisher**, for her support of Art Reach of Mid Michigan's outreach programs
- **Parke Davis** accepted by **Robert Fionda**, for their loyal support of MAEA

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1997:**

- **Newaygo County Services** for their contribution and commitment to the arts
- **Walled Lake Schools** for their contribution and commitment to the arts

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1998:**

- **Dearborn Public Schools, Jeremy Hughes**
- **The Saginaw News**
- **Cindy Smith, Jamie Smith, Sally Allen, Teddy Wells** for their dedicated service to MAEA
- **Senator Michael J. Bouchard** for his dedicated service to the Arts of Michigan
- **Detroit Country Day School, Mr. Glen Shilling** head master

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 1999:**

- **Sheila Lee, Margaret Hall, Pam Groves and Jack Summers** for their dedication to setting up the Scholastic Art Show
- **Dominic Pangborn** of Pangborn Design
- **Dr. Arthur Park and Mary Park** for their contribution to Arts education

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2000:**

- **Elaine Kolasa** for her contribution to Arts education
- **The Dow Corning Corporation**
- **Dan Lisuk** for his service to MAEA and arts education
- **Ms Stevie Mack** of Crizmac for her dedication to Arts Education
- **The Saginaw Art Museum**
- **Ron and Barbara Ruth** owners of **Rovin Ceramics**

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2001:**

- **Detroit Institute of Arts Education Department:** LaNeysa Harris-Featherstone, Jennifer Williams, Lisa Blackburn, Nancy Jones
- **Helen Joldersma Bonzelaar, outstanding service to the Arts**
- **Lowell Area Arts Council** for their support of the Arts
- **Carol Tice** for her dedication to MAEA and a major founder of Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2002:**

- **Ana Luisa Cardona - MDE**
- **Art Serve Michigan - Barbara Kratchman, Donna Edwards**
- **Julius Kusey** for service to MAEA
- **Okemos Art Patrons**

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2003:**

- **Nancy Berkompas**, Nominated by Rich Guimond
- **Michael Heinz**, Nominated by Sara Menge
- **Michigan State University Department of Art and Art History**, Nominated by Pam TerBush

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2004:**

- **College for Creative Studies nominated by:** Julia Tomaro, Kathy Heystek, Jerrie Laytner
- **Frederik Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park nominated by:** Cat Timermanis & Suzanne Butler Lich
- **Original Works nominated by:** Kim Cairry and Kathy Heystek
- **Michael Ross nominated by:** Cindy Smith, Linda Louisell and Nedra Fisher
- **Linda Thompson nominated by:** Suzanne Butler-Lich and Lin Culver
- **Sandra Trosien nominated by:** Roberta Rizzardi Price, Megg Lewandowski, Patti Rogers, Linda Warrington, Kenneth C. Fischer, Suzanne Barney, Rita Bock, Barbara Boyce, Kari Falk, Stella Kirby

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2005:**

- **Sara Menge nominated by:** Michael Heinz and Robin Aslakson
- **Pinckney Community Schools nominated by:** Alex Wagner
- **School Board and Superintendent nominated by:** Mary Ann Brockett and Erica A. Karfonta
- **Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan nominated by:** Cindy Smith, Michael B. Ross and Nedra Fisher
- **Friends of the Visual Arts nominated by:** Cinda Schantz
- **St. Stephen Parish School nominated by:** Susan Nash, Don/Carolyn Sugg, & Rev. Patrick C. O'Connor

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2006:**

- **Davis Publications nominated by:** Pete Jacobsen, Madeline Milidonis-Fritz, and Mary Miller
- **James Gillingham nominated by:** Cindy Smith, Jan Alfano, and Joan Pence
- **Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University nominated by:** Mary Miller & Lynn Schatzle
- **Runyan Pottery and Supply, Inc nominated by:** Stefanie Lapenta, Lynn Schatzle, & Pamela TerBush

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2007:**

- **William Harmon nominated by:** Dennis Inhulsen, Harvey Goldstein, and Mary Miller
- **Robert Wright III nominated by:** Madeline Milidonis-Fritz, Kimberly Herrala, and Marjorie Long
- **Jo-Ann Van Reeuwijk:** Sherrie Davis and Suzanne Butler Lich

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2008:**

- **Connie Clark nominated by:** Candy Falkowski
- **Dr. Diane D. Kordich nominated by:** Harvey Goldstein
- **Cynthia May nominated by:** Michael Heinz and Rich Guimond
- **Cat Timmermanis nominated by:** Suzanne Butler-Lich
- **Cindy Ziegler-Smith nominated by:** Rich Guimond and Michael Heinz

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2009:**

- **Ruth Knapp, K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator Saginaw Public Schools nominated by:** Kim Cairry and Madeline Milidonis-Fritz
- **Dan Soelberg, MAEA Webmaster nominated by:** Madeline Milidonis-Fritz and Kim Cairry
- **Margaret Black, MAEA Bookkeeper nominated by:** Madeline Milidonis-Fritz and Kim Cairry
- **Education for the Arts of Kalamazoo nominated by:** Nancy Turner Douglas and Donna Emerson

#### **Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2010:**

- **Kim Dabbs, MYA Exec. Director nominated by:** Kim Cairry
- **M. Karen Thomure, retired MAEA member nominated by:** Amy Marsh and Michael Heinz
- **Nancy Turner Douglas, reg 5 Liaison nominated by:** Stefanie Borysiak and Lindsey Van Meter

- **Fred Douglas, MAEA Merchandise nominated by:** Stefanie Borysiak and Lindsey Van Meter

**Distinguished Service Awardee for 2011:**

- **Ms. Barbara Renshouse, RRR from Art Education at WMU nominated by:** Fred and Nancy Douglas

**Distinguished Service Awardee for 2012:**

- **Amy Armand, Director of Recruitment Services for College of Creative Studies nominated by:** Julia Tomaro

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2013:**

- **Maureen Roslanic, retired Art Educator now working for Service Reproduction Co. nominated by:** Jennifer Hurre, Kerry Shadbolt
- **Grand Rapids Art Museum nominated by:** Suzanne Butler-Lich

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2015:**

- **Teckla Rhoades, Executive Director of Global Industrial Design, General Motors nominated by:** Diane Heath
- **Donald Desmett, Director of Exhibitions for the James W. and Lois I. Richmond Center for Visual Arts at Western Michigan University nominated by:** Michael Heinz and Amy Marsh

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2016:**

- **Jim Meyers, Co-Founder and CEO of Artsonia.com, nominated by:** Janine Campbell
- **Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp nominated by:** Ron Frenzen

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2017:**

- **Hedy Blatt with Oakland County Schools Arts First nominated by:** Lani Warner-Yuen
- **Nicole DeKraker, Director of Student Engagement, Kendall College of Art and Design, Ferris State University (KCAD) nominated by:** Janine Campbell

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2018:**

- **Eugene Clark nominated by:** Diane Heath
- **Sandy Britton, Kendall College of Art & Design, Ferris State University nominated by:** Diane Heath
- **Pi Benio nominated by:** Julia Tomaro
- **Steve Harryman nominated by:** Tricia Erickson, Sharon Stratton, and Tanya Lockwood

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2019:**

- **Ana Luisa Cardona & Heather Vaughan Southard, For the Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment Project of the Michigan Assessment Consortium – MAEIA nominated by:** Carrie Jeruzal
- **Mary Lou Greene, Marygrove College Associate Professor Emerita nominated by:** Frank D. Rashid, Ph.D.
- **Barb Whitney, Executive Director for Lansing Art Gallery nominated by:** Kerry Shadbolt & Heidi Irvine Neve

**Distinguished Service Award Winner for 2020:**

- **Art Reach of Mid Michigan nominated by:** Therese Lunsford

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2021 \***

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2022:**

- **Susan Brewster, serves on Advisory Board at the MSU Broad Art Museum** nominated by Meghan Zanska
- **Crooked Tree Arts Center** nominated by: Mary Grosvenor, Michelle Boyer, Heidi Geiger, Heidi Marshall, and Rob Harold

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2023:**

- **Dennis Grantz, Teaching Artist** nominated by Le Tran
- **Donna F. St. John, Professor at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University and Arts Advocate** nominated by Erin Overmeyer
- **Dr. Vikki Wandmacher, Principal at White Pine Middle School, Saginaw Michigan** nominated by Kim Cairy and Christina Mulford

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2024:**

- **Margaret Black**, nominated by Annie Howard
- **Shelli Long**, nominated by D'Andra Clark

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2025:**

- **Amy Armand, College of Creative Studies, Retired**, nominated by Monica Weiss and Carla Gonzalez
- **Audra Pieknik and The Art Experience**
- **WMU Gallery Grand Rapids**, nominated by Roger Drabant, MAEA Vice President

**Distinguished Service Award Winners for 2026:**

- **Travis Erxleben, Hickman Gallery, Adrian College**, nominated by Roger Drabant
- **Eric Meidel, President, Artsonia**, nominated by Janine Campbell
- **Nancy Margolis, Founder and Executive Director, Embracing Our Differences, Michigan**, nominated by Katherine Fisk
- **Ruth Ann Knapp**, nominated by Jolyn Ohlendorf
- **Tyler Taylor and the Education Programs Department, Detroit Institute of Arts**, nominated by Erica Davis-Hernandez
- **Ron Frenzen**, nominated by Sarah Carter
- **Diane Heath, Executive Director, Heath Art and Eugene Clark**, nominated by Nina Caruso
- **Dr. Christina Chin, Director of Saturday Morning Art (SMart) at the Frostic School of Art, WMU**, nominated by Sierra Rouleau