

First, I want to say I am SOOOO excited to report that we are now 65 members strong! That is a substantial increase! Approximately 18%, in fact. We usually hover around 55+/- . Thank you for belonging to your organization and spreading the word. 😊

Second, I wanted to remind you that we are desperately need you to log in and offer up a class for next year's Teacher's Conference in Billings, MT. You get a small stipend for your efforts and can charge a small fee to cover materials costs; we all love hands on workshops. The conference was great last year because our members stepped forward to share their awesome knowledge and experience with their cohorts. When you submit your application please indicate needs you may have. The conference committee will be meeting on May 18th to plan the schedule and room assignments. The deadline is April 30th.

MEA-MFT Sectional Portal NOW Open – Closes April 30th

Our state conference is in Billings next October and MEA-MFT portal to submit sectionals is open through April 30th. The conference last year was great due to all the great classes we offered to each other. Please log in and start uploading your proposals, http://www.mea-mft.org/educators_conference.aspx.

MAEA Conferences Dates

2018	October 18 – 19	Billings
2019	October 17 – 18	Belgrade
2020	October 15 – 16	Great Falls

Third, this is a member's only survey. It may seem long, but it truly only has three questions after you identify yourself. The big question is should we stay at Lubrecht in 2019 or move to Fort Benton. The survey may look long, but I tried to provide as much information for you to make an informed decision as possible. Members Rhonda DeBorde, Autumn Elliot, and I have been researching options if we moved our event. I am also seeking what would you like to have for professional development that weekend. Last fall we had a workshop put on by an artist out of Idaho, David Mensing, here in Great Falls and it was very well received. He is willing to come, but it may be a bit costlier. I am also open to whatever you may want to suggest. Please follow the link below to provide your input by April 30th. I would like to have our winter retreat ready to advertise at our October conference, but I need your input.

Winter Retreat 2019 Survey – Closes April 30th

<https://goo.gl/forms/RDuTo8WcBNpMol7R2>

Lastly, but certainly not least, if you have not visited our website or Facebook page recently you need to. Mike Kujawa and all the Butte crew did a great job of putting on an amazing MAI event.

<https://www.facebook.com/maeamt/>

<http://www.maeamt.org/>

Make it a great day,

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