

First, I want to invite you to become a member of NAEA and MAEA, <https://www.arteducators.org/promo/join>. Our state membership is growing and we would love to have you join the ranks. MAEA brings you content specific professional development; events like MAI; advocacy through events such as the state Youth Art Month exhibition; and so much more. In addition, when you join MAEA you also join NAEA which has a whole host of benefits in and of itself, <https://www.arteducators.org/promo/membershipbenefits>. Probably one of the biggest benefits that I see is the availability to earn graduate level credits through Chico, a university in northern California, by just logging into 15 hours of webinars offered via NAEA. In our rural state like ours that makes moving on that pay scale and developing our professional aptitude more accessible.

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 you because our fellow teacher's 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

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

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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