



It isn't too late! If you have not already registered, you can still register for the state teachers' conference until October 15th for a reduced rate. After the 15th the fees will increase. To register please visit the [MFPE registration site](#). Attending your state conference is a great way for you to get PIR credit in your content area and network with other art educators from around the state. In addition to great workshops we are bringing in Olivia Gude from **School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)**. Her keynote and workshops are going to be an opportunity you won't want to pass up. To read more about Olivia please visit or [MAEA conference page](#).

In addition to the great sectionals and presentations Thursday and Friday, on Wednesday night we will have our annual kick off reception. The Yellowstone Art Museum has graciously offered to host our opening reception again this year and I am sure you will find the event worth coming in a bit early for. The Raven Café will be catering, and we will announce and "crown" our 2019 MAEA Art Teacher of the Year. The reception will begin at 6PM with presentations and introductions starting around 6:45. Please plan on attending, if possible.

To help us serve you during the conference we are asking you take a moment to take a [short survey](#). The form will let us know if you would like your registration available Wednesday night at the Yellowstone Art Museum and how many to anticipate for our catered events and any food/allergy restrictions we may need to be aware of as we finalize our menus.

In addition to all the other great events at the Yellowstone Art Museum and Skyline High School, Dr. Mara Pierce has also arranged a 24 Hour Print Out at MSU-B's campus. Participants will be able to earn up to six hours of credit by working in the print studio at MSU-B. Although only three two-hour blocks are posted on the MFPE site Dr. Pierce and MSU-B faculty and students will have the studio open for 24 hours, however you will only be able to earn up to six hours of credit during those posted blocks. Due to the limitations of Event Ready, our event software program, not all hours are posted on the drop-down menu when you visit [MFPE's planning page](#), but it will be a true 24 hour event. Dr. Pierce will have more information available at the conference about this unique opportunity.

We are also asking for your support. If you would be willing to serve a one-hour time slot at our MAEA welcome booth please sign up on the [linked google sheet](#). I truly appreciate all the student volunteers Dr. Mara Pierce has rallied, but we still need folks to hand out goody bags to members, answer questions, and sign up new members. Many hands make light work, so I thank you in advance for your consideration. If you can find it in your heart to volunteer, please fill in your information in the appropriate time slot on the sheet linked above. It is a shared doc with edit capacity so please do not delete or edit anyone else's information. Thank you.

One last important piece of information. Our hospitality room will be in room 245 at Skyline HS across from the library. We will have coffee and infused water available every morning as well as snacks and a

place to gather and relax. It will be unlocked, but you are welcome to store things in there also. We will have most of our presentations in the art rooms, rooms 260, 261, and 262, but our keynote will be in rooms 232 & 233. Our business meeting and luncheon will be in room 261 Friday at noon. Registered members will receive voting privileges, free lunch, and a chance at some pretty sweet door prizes at the business meeting. Non-members are encouraged to attend the business meeting but we ask that they make a \$5 donation for lunch and will not be eligible for door prizes or voting, however non-members opinions and input is greatly appreciated. If you would like to register at the event we will have information at our welcome table or you can register [online](#) before. If you register onsite we will do our best to prepare a packet for you. If you register online prior, please bring a copy of your confirmation and we will extend those privileges of membership to you as well. We thank everyone who supports our organization and we look forward to seeing everyone in Billings.

If you would like to see the color coded sheet that indicates grade level appropriateness as indicated by the presenter please follow the [link](#). The conference chairs really worked to ensure at least three choices per block at varied grade levels. To view a map of Skyline click [here](#).

Date and Times to Note:

Wednesday, October 17th, 6-8PM, Yellowstone Art Museum
MAEA Reception, introductions, and crowning of the 2019 MAEA Teacher of the Year

Thursday, October 18th, 8AM-5PM, Skyline High School, Teachers' Conference
11-12:50, room 232 & 233, MAEA Keynote Address by Olivia Gude
4:30-6PM, Northern Hotel, Professional Teaching Foundation Silent Auction
6-8PM, Northern Hotel, Professional Teaching Foundation Celebration Dinner
7AM-5PM, Skyline, Vendor Booths Open

Friday, October 19th, 8AM-5PM, Skyline High School, Teachers' Conference
12-12:50, room 261, MAEA Annual Business Meeting
7:30AM-3PM, Skyline, Vendor Booths Open

Please use the MFPE App or website plan the rest of your day.

See you in Billings!

Make it a great day,

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