

Are you ready to join the MAEA ranks??? Over the past month we have been nominating members to be the MAEA Teacher of the Year, choosing our February retreat artist, and more. We would love to include you! Our membership has grown by approximately 25% over the past year and I would love to report in 2019 that we have added another 25%. Wouldn't that be awesome?!?!? To become a member just visit <https://www.arteducators.org/promo/join> . We are an affiliate of NAEA so when you join them, you join us. If you joined MAEA this summer thank you! I have not updated my list serve yet this school year, however the MAEA executive council receives monthly updates on members and we would love to see your name on the list for September. This year at our state conference we will be doing things a bit different. Members will receive a great goody bag with supplies from vendors we all know and love as well a paddle to vote at our annual business meeting as well as a free lunch. Please join now so you make the monthly membership report. If you choose not to join your professional organization, I would love to hear why. Please feel free to call or email.

Other updates, the winner of the MAEA Montana Art Teacher of the Year will be announced and "crowned" in MAEA tradition on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Yellowstone Art Museum (YAM) during our MAEA opening reception. The reception will begin at 6PM with presentations at 7PM. Please plan on attending, if possible. It is open to all, but sponsored by MAEA and YAM.

On Thursday and Friday we have a great line up of sessions planned, please visit our website and follow the link to plan your conference agenda, <http://www.maeamt.org/mfpe-teachers-conference.html> . I have to tell you it is going to be tough! So many great offerings thanks to your colleagues from around the state stepping forward.

Thank you for being an art educator and thank you for considering joining your professional organization.

Make it a great day,

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