



ART NEWS

YOUTH ART MONTH: SHOWS KICK OFF—

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March 27—Planning Day/Elementary Library Installation	
March 28—April 5 Spring Break	
April 10—Good Friday (schools closed)	
April 14—Middle School Show Reception 6:00-8:00 FCCJ Kent Campus Gall E-112	
April 15—Early Dismissal Day	
April 17—Principal of the Year nominations due	

As art teachers, you may have several plans in mind for your school and the emphasis on **Youth Art Month**. For the district, this time begins our many divisional art shows. Prior to these events, **Jack Matthews** will make a presentation to the members of the School Board at the March 3rd School Board Meeting regarding the district art shows.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the reception for the annual **Senior High Exhibition**, along with the annual **Spring Duval Art Teachers Association Show**. The reception will be Thursday, March 12 at the Wilson Gallery/FCCJ

South Campus. This event is scheduled from 5:00-8:00 with awards and recognitions to begin at 6:00. Guest speakers will be **Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals** and **Executive Director of Fine Arts Jackie Cornelius**. **Jennifer Snead**, president of DATA will announce the Best of Show winners for the Association's exhibit.

March 27, marks the day all elementary art teachers will install the annual **Elementary Library Shows**. Fifteen city libraries will host exhibitions of student artwork from around the county. Teachers will first gather at the District Art Lab at

8:30 am in order to finalize all preparations before descending upon the library sites. This exhibition will remain on display through Sunday, April 12.



REMINDER Middle School art work is due at the Art Lab March 4th from 2:00 until 6:00. For those new to the system, the Art Lab is located at 2924 Knights Lane East—Building 2. the Lab is located just behind Southside Middle School. The work submitted will be juried (juror still to be determined).

Matting Mania Set for Early Release Day—

The second annual "Matting Mania" will take place at the Art Lab on March 25 from 2:00 until 6:00. This is an early release day. *Teachers, be sure to get clearance from your principal to attend.*

For those attending, all tools and equipment will be provided. Teachers, however, will need to provide their own poster board. Need to measure

before cutting that mat? Maybe not as typical-size templates are available for you to use.

This is a great time for you to prepare your work, label it and leave it! For those who tend to procrastinate, this workshop is definitely for you!



SUCCESS FOUND IN WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES—



Mascelia Robinson

MINI-CONFERENCE:

The January Planning Day took on a different delivery method. It was designed in the format of a “mini-conference” filled with special interest sessions and hands-on opportunities. Thanks and appreciation go out to the following:

Judi Evans/Jennifer Snead— “Bookmaking for Artist Trading Cards”

Jack Matthews— “Chihuly Made Easy”

Kathryn Darby— “Watercolor in the Classroom”

Shavaun Wojciak— “In Your

Face Sculpture” and “Matisse Inspired Gestural Compositions in Paper”

Kristen Armstrong/Lauren Saxon— “Think It! Feel It! Sculpt It! Paper/Plaster”

Anne Jacques/Devon Jacques— “Doodling and Noodling: Ways to Make Students Comfortable”

Alyce Walcavich— “Revisiting Cyanotype” and “Improving Digital Photographs”

Patricia Beach— “Creating Handmade Books”

Donna Hirsekorn— “The

Master’s Kimono”

Special thanks also go to **Hope McMath** and her team of brilliant art educators at the **Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens** for providing workspace and set ups.

Lesson Plans from these workshops will be available on-line on the DCPS Website when visiting the Fine Arts Link/ Visual Arts. Based upon evaluation forms, teachers want more workshops like these. Plans are underway to make this an annual event during the January Planning Day.



Judi Evans and Bill Ritzi

BILL RITZI LANDSCAPE PAINTING:

The 2-day oil painting workshop with Miami-based artist and professor **Bill Ritzi** was a huge success. Bill brought new techniques and strategies for drawing and painting landscapes. Even though the workshop used oil painting processes, the techniques could easily transfer to other

media.

The workshop was capped at 20. Luckily, 14 was the operative number. Any more than that, participants would have been cramped. This workshop was a steal for participants as they only had to pay \$25 (\$50 for non DATA members). All supplies were furnished. Teachers spent a great deal of time the first day developing the

drawing, looking for focal points, and creating the “under painting”. Sunday was devoted to actual painting. The last hour was used as a critique session.

If you missed out this year, I encourage you to consider signing up for one of Bill’s workshops the next time he comes to Jacksonville.

Traci Mims-Jones
Joi Hosker

INTENSIVE DRAWING WITH JOI HOSKER:

Artist-in-Residence **Joi Hosker** has been working with several Middle School and High School art teachers in the last few months. Three intensive drawing workshops for teachers were scheduled in December and the beginning of January. Each inten-

sive focused on a different subject. The first intensive was fixed on *perspective drawing*. Teachers were shown a variety of ways to look at perspective that would interest students and push them to utilize critical thinking and problem-solving strategies. The second intensive focused on *value studies* while the last demonstrated to teach-

ers how to approach *drawing the figure* using a variety of materials.

Following the workshops, Joi and the teachers took time to schedule visits so Joi could work with students. The culmination of these intensives will be a special exhibition of student artwork during the month of May.

AUGUST SUBJECT AREA MEETING—No, you are not reading this wrong. Plans are already underway to make the August Subject Area Meeting relevant to your needs. A big thank you goes out to the many teachers who responded to an email request for suggested professional development. Topics such as Curriculum Development, Scope and Sequence, Classroom Management regarding Special Needs Children, Lesson Plan Exchange, Best Practices, and Assessment/Common Assessment/Rubric were submitted. Of course, hands-on workshops were right at the top as well. All will be considered. Be watching for further developments!



REMINDERS—

- **Middle School/Best of Elementary Opening Reception Food Donations**—Historically, we always need additional food for these receptions. Your DATA Division Representative will be contacting teachers. Your assistance in bringing munchies and/or a 2 liter Sprite, Hawaiian Punch will be appreciated.
- **Clay Request for Empty Bowls**— If you have not yet submitted your request for clay and glazes, please send it to **Tia Ford** at Lutheran Social Services as soon as possible. The request form was emailed to you as an attachment in January. These items will be available for pick up on Planning Day, March 27 across from the Art Lab beginning at 8:00 and ending at noon.

Leslie Beddard Scholarships—

Now is the time to begin thinking of applying for a Leslie Beddard Scholarship. Scholarships for up to \$500 may be submitted for financial assistance to workshops, seminars, classes, equipment and supplies.

The LB Scholarship is funded through the “Fabulous Florida Flamingo Fete” and the “Painterly Palette” raffle. To date, nearly \$15,000 in scholarships have been granted. You can access the scholarship form

by visiting the DCPS website. Link to the Leslie Beddard Scholarship via “Fine Arts”, “Visual Arts”, then “Duval Art Teachers Association”. Applications are due April 17.



Principal of the Year Nominations—

Principal of the Year forms can be acquired in the same manner as the Beddard Scholarship forms. The nomination packets are due at the same time .

This is the perfect opportunity

for you as an art teacher to recognize your school administrator as he/she strives to support arts education in your school. Past recipients have been **Terry Stahlman, Barbara Langley, Jackie Cornelius, M.C. Jeffrey, Tony Bellamy, Kim Bays,**

and **Dane Gilbert**. The selected principal will be announced in May with recognition at a School Board Meeting to take place sometime during the summer.



2005 Recipient M.C. Jeffrey

SPOTLIGHT on Art Educators—Jackie Cornelius

This month’s section is devoted to an outstanding supporter of the Arts.

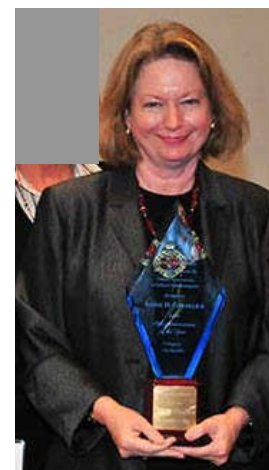
Last month, during the annual conference of the Florida Network of Arts Administrators, **Jackie Cornelius** was named the FNAA 2009 Arts Administrator of the Year in the arts-specific category.

This award recognized Mrs. Cornelius for her consistent artistic vision and leadership in the field of arts education. She joined Douglas Anderson in 1988 as its art director and vice-principal before becoming principal in 1996.

Jackie Cornelius tirelessly promotes the importance of arts education and has served with numerous organizations to benefit students and their communities. She has served as president of Theatre Jacksonville, Uptown Civitans, First Coast Business and Professional Women’s Club, and as a past director of the BPW Florida Education Foundation. She is a Leadership Jacksonville Alumni, ‘92 and has served as president of the International Network of Performing and Visual Arts Schools and has served on the Jacksonville Women’s Network board as

well as the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women board. She has also served on the Gateway Girl Scout Council, the Mayor’s Insight Committee, the Jacksonville Symphony Education Committee, and the Youth Leadership Jacksonville Board of Directors.

In 2004, she was recognized as the **Duval Art Teachers Association’s “Principal of the Year”**. During the 2007-2008 school year, she was chosen by then Superintendent Joseph Wise to be the Executive Director of Arts Education, since renamed Executive Director of Fine Arts.



We are very fortunate to have Jackie Cornelius as a strong advocate for the Arts

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“Artists, to my mind, are the real architects of change, and not the political legislators who implement change after the fact.”

- William S. Burroughs



DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
FCCJ KENT CAMPUS PRESENT:

2009
**Middle School
Art Exhibition**

April 9—April 23, 2009
Gallery E-112—FCCJ Kent Campus

Reception and Recognitions:
Tuesday, April 14, 2009
6:00—8:00

Cover: “Chair” 8th Grade Student
LaVilla School of the Arts (2008 Show)