

ESU 15 Deb Goodenberger –

I must confess I do not feel I have done a great job at achieving my goals of gaining more membership in my area. Even so, I have been having conversations with the art instructor at MCC, our community college, and he has shown some interest. I also have images from Deonne, St. Pats teacher, of some wonderful community projects they have done, (for ESU 15 page)

At the start of the New Year, I invited all area teachers to lunch and had only three show up. We have 8 in our ESU.

My first step as we get closer to school is to up-date my list of teachers and schools. We had one teacher move and an opening at another school. I will up-date that list as soon as possible.

A facebook or web page will be a wonderful tool and I am excited about that as a way of being connected. I started a facebook page for my art room at the end of the school year and plan on letting all my parents know about it when school starts. You can find me at Mrs. Goodenberger's Art Room in McCook NE.

Once the page is set up I can send e-mails and notes to introduce it to all ESU art teachers.

Finally, as we think about budget cuts and the possible loss of more programs, I feel we need to talk about a campaign to educate the public about what art education really is. People have no idea what happens in the art room. (I am an art educator, I teach my students to think!)