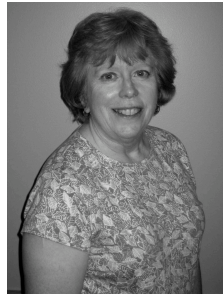


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ESU 7 Representative



I teach at Boone Central-Albion. In August I will begin my 22nd year of teaching Art. During these years I have taught Preschool to 12th grade Art. I will have a new challenge during the 2011-2012 school year when I begin teaching High School Art in the mornings and Elementary Art in the afternoons. I am excited about being back in the High School Art Room. I also thoroughly enjoy teaching grades K-5.

My role is to inform the ESU 7 art educators about the happenings in our area. I also will help plan the second Meet and Greet in Northeast Nebraska. I hope to help educators make connections with other teachers to share ideas and give feedback to each other. Many of us are on our own little island in our school systems. It helps so much to know there are other teachers in our area that we can connect with and establish a lifeline when needed.

I attended the National Art Educators Convention in Seattle. It was an amazing experience where I represented Nebraska as the 2010 Art Educator. What a wonderful honor! I also was privileged to speak at the Nebraska State Capitol for YAM in March. The successful April 16 Meet and Greet was a highlight of the spring.

I encourage each of you to attend the State Convention and think about New York City in March 2012. National Convention puts art education into a whole new perspective.