

## **Past President's Report**

### **Department of Education Point of Contact**

Mary Duffy will be the point of contact for the visual and performing arts at the Department of Education. Commissioner Rodger Breed told her that she is not the director but just a point of contact. Her other responsibility is Gifted Education. She is very anxious to work with the performing arts educators and NATA. She is interested in revitalizing the Frameworks Document.

She will be working with YAM and is interested in working on and getting the full show back into the Capitol - perhaps on easels outside of State Senators offices.

### **Draw Your Dreams Scholarship Contest**

Deborah Goodkin contacted me from First National Bank Omaha asking if NATA would help with this contest. 12 winners will receive a \$3500 contribution to a NEST (Nebraska Education Savings Trust) and 12 runners up will receive a \$750 contribution. Images will be collected until October 3 at my non-profit email or sent to First National Bank Omaha. This is a statewide contest. The digital images will be sent to NATA volunteers for judging the week of October 10. Judging will be based on a version of the same rubric that is used for the Congressional Art Competition. Judging needs to be completed by October 23.

I am looking for six to ten NATA members to help with judging this contest and the Congressional Art Competition.

### **YAM**

The 2012 YAM Celebration will be March 24 at 2PM in the Capitol Rotunda. We are in negotiations about where the artwork will be on display. We have reserved the Capitol for display March 11-24. The entry deadline will be February 20. This program will run through the Department of Education as it has been in the past.

I will be in contact with Nebraskans for the Arts to explore coordinating the Legislative Breakfast with YAM activities.

### **Congressional Art Competition**

Congressional Art Competitions winners from District 2 & 3 will be recognized at the Youth Art Month Celebration on March 24, 2012. Secondary students may include their CAC entries with their Scholastic entries. Other entries must be received by February 20, 2012. Digital images and entry forms should be sent to CAC c/o Deborah Kippley, 1004 N. Beadle St., Papillion, NE 68046 or [planartsnetwork@me.com](mailto:planartsnetwork@me.com). If the congressional

website forms have not been updated by the Scholastic deadline 2011 forms will be accepted. The website is usually updated after the January legislative session begins.

NATA members are needed to judge the images. Scorers will receive the images and rubric by February 29 and will be asked to return the results by March 9.

**Fall Conference 2012**  
**Public Art as Advocacy**

2012 will be a joint conference with Iowa in Council Bluffs October 5,6,7. It will be held at St. Albert High School. Banquets and awards will be separate with a common social hour. (Alcohol is permitted on campus for adults) The public art in Council Bluffs will be used as the starting point for discussion. We are open to suggestions for a Nebraska sponsored keynote speaker.

Deborah Reeve is planning to come to this conference. We are exploring the possibility and venues for a joint art educator's show.