

Nebraska Art Teachers Association: Programs

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NEBRASKA ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Activities of NATA include four major areas:

- ❖ **Administration:** networking with the National Art Education Association, Executive Committee, Presidents' Council, and NATA Board
- ❖ **Communications:** networks and resources for communications with current and potential members of NATA; and that promote NATA membership
- ❖ **Programs/Professional Growth:** State and National Art Education Conferences and
- ❖ **Promotion:** activities that promote the arts, art education, and the NATA organization and that recognize excellence in art making; and that advocate for the advancement/development of art in the public arena

ADMINISTRATION

1. **NAEA Membership:** As an affiliate/unified state member of NAEA, NATA receives financial support each month, the state's share of membership fees. NAEA provides professional guidance regarding policy and leadership skills, as well as communication networks
2. **Board Meetings:** The NATA Board consists of the elected officers (Executive Committee), along coordinators of key activities, representatives of the various levels of education, and representatives from the 19 ESUs of the state of Nebraska. Ex Officio members represent major partners in art and education. The board meets three times a year: Fall, Spring, and Summer.
3. **NAEA Conference Delegate:** NATA sponsors the participation of the President and President-Elect at the NAEA Delegates' Assembly, held annually at the National Conference.
4. **Western Region Conference:** Each summer the President and/or President-Elect participate in a meeting with other state organization leaders. In alternate years (odd numbered), additional educational and arts leaders gather with them for a Leadership Conference.
5. **ESU Area Reps:** An important part of NATA's healthy functioning is networking with ESU Staff Developers and art educators in each area.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. **Newsletter:** NATA publishes 3 issues of the *NATA Perspective* member newsletter each year. The August issue (which includes the Fall Conference schedule) is sent to all art educators in Nebraska.
7. **NATA Website:** NATA maintains a website at www.nebraskaarteducators.org.
8. **NATA Listserv:** NATA has an active email network for all art educators in Nebraska and other interested persons to share information related to visual art throughout the state
9. **Membership:** Brochure development and renewal reminders to NATA members whose membership in NAEA/NATA has lapsed.

PROGRAMS/PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

10. **Fall Conference:** The NATA Fall Conference is the primary delivery system for professional growth for art educators in Nebraska. The conference offers opportunities to...
 - ... network with professional colleagues from across Nebraska
 - ... showcase as well as learn outstanding curriculum ideas
 - ... examine new resources for classroom use
11. **Spring Student Forum:** This one-day enrichment experience is a collaboration between the Higher Education and Student Chapter divisions. The goals of the NATA Student Spring Forum are to:
 - provide hands-on demonstrations of exemplary K – 12 art lessons
 - provide innovative and practical programming relevant to a career in art education
 - connect college art education students to Nebraska Art Education mentors
 - provide professional intercollegiate collaboration between university/college students and art education professors across Nebraska

PROMOTION/ADVOCACY

12. **YAM:** Youth Art Month is held in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education and honors quality art work by Elementary students from throughout the state.
13. **Scholastic Art Awards:** NATA helps support this activity as a corollary to the Youth Art Month recognition of high-quality student art production. Scholastic Art Awards features work by Middle School and High School art students.
14. **Student Honors Art Exhibit:** Every one or two years, NATA sponsors a non-juried exhibition of artwork by college art education students. This activity stimulates interest in NATA and is generally held in conjunction with either the Fall NATA Conference or the Spring Student Forum.
15. **Art Educators Exhibit:** This juried exhibition recognizes excellence in art production by art educators, and is usually held in conjunction with the Fall Conference.
16. **Art Educator Awards:** Annual awards honoring outstanding art educators and supporters of visual art education in Nebraska. These are presented at the NATA Fall Conference.
17. **Nebraskans for the Arts:** NATA maintains an annual membership in this organization that promotes and advocates for the arts in Nebraska.



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