

Arts Update

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■ *Creative Partnership: The ODE Division of Arts Joins*

The Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) East Central Region to host *Teachers as Artists Exhibition: Innovation in Practice*

Mixed Media Collage by Randy Robart



It was Randy Robart who approached me in the fall of 2008 with the idea of the first *Teachers as Artists* exhibit hosted at the ODE office in downtown Columbus. I am indebted to him for pursuing the project and doing the outreach and promotional work with teachers in the OAEA east central regions of Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne. I also am grateful to the 26 participating visual art educators who responded with amazing creative energy to contribute a variety of expressive works to the show – including ceramics, photography, stained glass, sculpture, fabric hangings and oil and watercolor paintings. The 68 works will be on display in the ODE through mid-April.

The exhibit is receiving positive reviews from ODE staff members who are expressing their enjoyment of and respect for the artistic accomplishments of the teachers whose works are showcased.

Molly Uline-Olmstead, former ODE arts intern, served as curator of the exhibition and was assisted by Teresa Cole of the office of curriculum and instruction. My thanks to them for their incredible effort to help organize and inventory the works.



Lobby view of exhibit with works by Catherine Lynch and Janice Mori Gallagher.



Sculpture by Heidi Swift

■ **Look Who Turned 40**

Yes, it's the 40th annual Governor's Youth Art Exhibition growing stronger and better with age. Still drawing over 12,000 high school entries from across the state, the student artworks continue to demonstrate the power of young imaginations when given encouragement and opportunities to develop. This year, entries to the art criticism component doubled and juror, Dr. Terry Barrett, commented that student writings were better than ever.



2009 awards ceremony in Riffe Capitol Theater

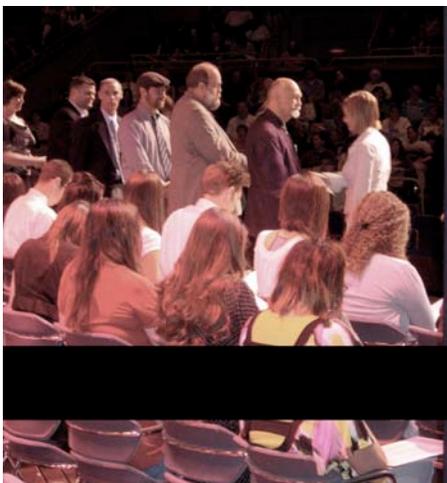
The ODE provides various forms of support to help sustain this program, but its legacy and long-term success are a credit to the extraordinary efforts of current director, Thad Ricker, a dedicated Board of Advisors, hard-working regional coordinators, strong high school programs and teachers and the unwavering commitment of the exhibition's founders, Wes Blizzard and Jerry Tollifson.

Mark your calendars for these important 2010 exhibit dates:

Awards Ceremony: **Sunday, April 18** – 12:00 noon
Vern Riffe Center, Capitol Theatre
77 S. High Street, Columbus

Exhibit Opening: **Sunday, April 18** – 2:00 pm
James A. Rhodes State Office Tower
30 E. Broad Street, Columbus

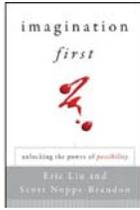
Exhibit Dates: **April 18 – May 13**
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Jerry congratulates a student award recipient.

■ **To the Point with other Good News...**

- **Survey Blast!** The *2010 Ohio Arts Education Survey* hit schools the week of March 15 and every principal received guidance and a unique web address for completing it online. Art teachers should take initiative to assist their principals in gathering the data. Completed surveys must be submitted online by April 30. Help ensure a high response rate with your school's participation!



- **Exercise Your Imagination**

If you live in the Oberlin area or close by, consider participating in one of the regional Imagination Conversations (IC) taking place across the state. OhioDance in partnership with Oberlin College and the ODE will host the next IC on Saturday, May 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Halleck Auditorium on the campus of Oberlin. The discussion will take place as part of this year's

OhioDance Festival, *Move Your Imagination*. For more information, visit www.ohiodance.org The IC discussions are an outgrowth of efforts by the ODE Committee for the Arts and Innovative Thinking (CAIT) that emphasized the importance of training the imagination and connected Ohio to the broader national Lincoln Center Institute IC Initiative in March 2009. (Check out *Imagination First*, a recent book publication by Eric Liu and Scott Noppe-Brandon)

- **And YPAE Turns 30!** On March 6, 124 elementary students received recognition for their creative expressions showcased at Rhodes State Office Tower. Congratulations to the Young People's Art Exhibition Chairperson, Leslie Koelsch, and regional coordinators for another dynamic show. The ODE assisted with the production of programs and looks forward to displaying the student artworks throughout the agency during July and August.
- **Learning Communities for Innovative Practice (LCIP)** in the visual arts is gaining momentum. Visual art educators from several new districts joined the growing network offering sessions in 2009-2010. LCIP is a professional development option that aims to bring arts educators together to share practices and explore theories of learning, innovation and collaboration in a supportive context. To learn more, contact nancy.pistone@ode.state.oh.us.