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## PENNSYLVANIA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 2011 AWARD WINNERS

The PAEA 2011 Awards Ceremony will be held outside Ballrooms B&C at the Gettysburg Wyndham from 5-6:30 PM on Friday, October 21st. Attendance is free. Live music, hors d'ouvers, and a cash bar will follow the ceremony. Please plan to attend one of these events to show your support for excellence in art education!

### Outstanding Art Educator of the Year Margaret G. 'Meg' Barney, Ed.D

The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Margaret G. 'Meg' Barney has been named 2011 Pennsylvania Outstanding Art Educator of the Year. Barney is an elementary art teacher at the Rose Tree Elementary School in Media, PA. She is an active member of the Pennsylvania Art Education Association and recently served as the PAEA State Conference Chair when it was held in Malvern, PA. Barney has served as both an arts administrator and classroom teacher in the Rose Tree Media School District and has been an inspiration to many teachers and helped facilitate community/collaborative efforts among staff. James Ritchey, the PAEA treasurer who worked with Barney when she was Lead Facilitator at the Pennsylvania Governor's Institute for the Arts shares, "Meg exemplifies the kind of leadership that instills a strong foundation on academic insights and inspires enthusiasm and dedication to the goals and tasks." "Wherever she is," Virginia Fitzpatrick, a retired arts educator adds, "Meg uses all the knowledge and experience she gained in her own education programs and teaching positions at all levels, to improve each and every job she takes on."



- Ed. D in Educational Leadership, Immaculata University
- Masters of Education in Art Education from Millersville University
- Masters of Education in Health Education (Gerontology) from West Chester University
- Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Kutztown University
- Board Member - Pennsylvania Art Education Association Board of Directors
- Coordinator – District Art Department – Rose Tree Media School District
- Woman of Achievement Award – Delaware County Woman's Commission - 2008
- Chair of PAEA state conference "The Nature of Art Education" – 2009
- Presenter – PAEA annual fall conferences – selected years between 1994 – 2010
- Award winner – PAEA Supervision/Administration Division Award, 2004
- Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year – Semi-Finalist – 2000



## Outstanding Non-Public Secondary Art Educator Justin Mazzei

The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Justin Mazzei has been named the PAEA 2011 Outstanding Non-Public Secondary Art Educator. Justin Mazzei teaches high school students in the Design Arts Studio at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild of Pittsburgh. He is involved in professional development and is expanding a variety of assessment techniques and reflective methods within the Manchester Craftsmen's guild programs. Mary Ann Steiner of the University of Pittsburgh shares "In many ways his openness to learning about his own practice was the model" and inspiration for reflective practices spreading to other studios. Ben Pyles, a former student says that Justin is never short of new and awesome ideas for the classroom. "He makes sure that every single one of his students is not just learning new techniques and art making processes, but that they're having the time of their life doing it." Mazzei is an instructor in the studio classroom and facilitates a variety of visiting artist workshop and programs through the Guild.

- Bachelor of Arts from Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Associates in Art from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh
- Presenter 2010 NAEA Conference "Arts as Civic Engagement during Out-of-School Time"
- Member of the 2010 PAEA Conference Planning Committee
- Coordinator Visiting Artist Workshops
- Mentor for high school students in program "Art for Social Change"





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## Outstanding Supervisor/Administrator in Art Education

Jody H. Guy, NBCT



The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Jody Guy been given the PAEA 2011 Outstanding Supervision/Administration in Art Education Award for Pennsylvania. Jody Guy has held numerous supervisory positions in higher education and public school programs and is currently working in the Pittsburgh Public School District as the Visual Arts Coach. Guy has donated much time and energy to networking within communities and via professional organizations. She is an advocate of learning via the arts in all levels of education and has played a vital role in Pennsylvania Art Education Association conferences and recent activities. Lynda Abraham-Braff, a teacher at Wesley Spectrum Highland School and past PAEA award winner shares that “Ms. Guy has a knack for networking and seeking out appropriate resources to provide the best outcome with all ventures she pursues.”

- Master of Education from University of Pittsburgh School of Administration and Policy Studies
- Curriculum Specialist Certification from the University of Pittsburgh
- Bachelor of Arts from Carlow University
- Presenter- 2010 NAEA conference - “Stories of Social Injustice”
- Participant in the Pennsylvania State Standards Alignment System Committee
- Chair of the PAEA Conference Exhibition Committee in 2010
- Nationally Board Certified
- Participant as Curriculum Art Professional (CAP) in PA Governor’s Institute for Art Education
- Former liaison and placement coordinator for pre-service art educations at Penn State University
- Collaborator in community partnerships with the Andy Warhol Museum, and Carnegie Museum of Art among others.



## Outstanding Middle Level Art Educator Cynthia Blackwell

The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Cynthia Blackwell has been named the PAEA 2011 Outstanding Middle Level Art Educator. Blackwell's networking abilities and commitment to enhancing the art education for Pittsburgh area school children are evident in her many associations with area arts organizations such as the Carnegie Museum and the Manchester Craftsman's Guild. Cornelia Davis, past Arts and Humanities Curriculum Supervisor for the Pittsburgh schools, states that "prestigious cultural arts organizations elicit Blackwell's partnership in their education outreach projects" and universities look to have her be a mentor for their visual arts student teachers. Blackwell has designed and facilitated an 'Arts Ambassadors Class' which is empowered by the installation of an original artwork collection in the building. According to Adrienne Heinrich and Patricia Sheahan of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, "Cynthia Blackwell is a teacher who inspires selfless giving of one's talent, time and treasure to promote student achievement and accomplishment."

- Bachelor of Fine Arts from Slippery Rock University
- Certification in Art Education from Florida International University
- Partner and grant recipient with Associated Artists of Pittsburgh for the Friends of Art (FOA) Permanent Collection Project
- Chair and Steering Committee Member coordinating annual PPS Elementary & Middle Schools All City Arts Showcase
- Fulbright-Hays Group Travel Study of Culture and History through the Arts – Brazil (through University of Pittsburgh and the Warhol Museum) (2009)
- Education Partner/Collaborator with the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild
- Recipient of the Gold Star Art Educator of the Year Award for Leadership in Education sponsored by the Pittsburgh Council on Public Education (2003)
- Recipient of the Toy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence (2003)
- Co-presenter NAEA conference 2003 – "Integrating Language Arts and Puppetry"
- Coordinator Visiting Artist Workshops
- Mentor for high school students in program "Art for Social Change"





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### Outstanding Elementary Art Educator

Sandra Bruce



The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Sandra Bruce has been named the PAEA 2011 Outstanding Elementary Art Educator. Bruce is an upper elementary art teacher at Liberty-Valley in the Danville Area School District. She has used her expertise in special needs education to facilitate adaptive art classes for multi-handicapped students. Bruce has also implemented the 'Legacy Project' where fifth graders create a permanent piece of art work to leave behind to enhance the school as they graduate to another building. According to Christopher Johns, the Liberty Valley Intermediate School principal, "Sandy has had an enormous impact on the students and the physical appearance of the building. The proof of her ability is in the look on the faces of students who have stretched themselves further than they could have ever imagined while under her guidance in the classroom." Bruce is involved in the process of training new arts educators working as both a mentor and an adjunct faculty member at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. Johns notes that "her influence on the next generation of artists and educators can be traced all the way from Kindergarten through college and beyond!"

- Masters in Art Education from Kean College of New Jersey
- B.S. in Art Education from the College of New Jersey
- Semi Finalist Nominee for 2012 Pennsylvania State Teacher of the Year
- Published in School Arts Magazine
- Designer of staff development program for elementary art teachers
- Creator of "legacy project" for graduating fifth graders
- Adjunct Professor at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA
- Member serving on the Advisory Council representing specialists in the building



## Outstanding Friend of Art Education

### Jane E. Stahl

The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Jane E. Stahl has been named the PAEA 2011 Outstanding Friend to Art Education. "I call her 'Tornado Jane' because if you get anywhere near her she swoops you up into a whirlwind and before you know it you have volunteered for one of her thousand projects involving the arts," says Sandra Wood, a retired arts educator. "Jane Stahl is tireless" adds Linda Rohrbach-Austerberry. Stahl has retired from a career of teaching English in the Boyertown area, but continues to be active in the community, working with the Studio B Gallery and Teaching Studio, the Arts Alliance which meets monthly and the Art Mobile. Stahl's impact on the community is visible in the more than 59 bears on display throughout the Boyertown area designed and painted by local artists – a process she and her husband Paul began as "Bear Fever". In 2006, she was given the Boyertown Citizen of the Year Award, and has continued her efforts to build community. Her latest project has been 'Supt's On', a forum where Boyertown's School District Superintendent can meet and dialog with local citizens over a soup lunch in the Studio B Gallery. Stahl continues to be creative in her own pursuits and to build opportunities for others to be creative as well.

- Bachelor of Arts from Muhlenberg College
- Master of Arts in English Education from the University of Colorado
- Director of Community Relations and Education – Studio B Art Gallery and Teaching Studio
- Co-coordinator/founder of Bear Fever – a community art project
- Educator of the Year – Tri-County Area Chamber of Commerce – 2006
- Director of "Insight" – a student monthly TV Talk show – on Cable – 2003-2005





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## Outstanding Higher Education Art Educator

Suzan Mohney



The Pennsylvania Art Education Association announces that Suzan Mohney been named the PAEA 2011 Outstanding Higher Education Art Educator. Mohney currently serves at the California University of Pennsylvania as a professor and Director of Student Teachers and is a candidate for an Ed.D in Teacher Leadership from Walden University. "Her many contributions on [numerous committees] helped the Department of Art and Design receive national accreditation from NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design) in 2009." Greg Harrison, Chair of the Department of Art and Design at California University continues, "She is a passionate, energetic advocate for the arts. Her record of teaching, service and scholarship is nothing short of outstanding". Mohney service extends beyond the classroom walls into the community and across organizations. According to Linda Croushore, Executive Director of the Consortium for Public Education in McKeesport, PA, "[Suzan] has used every available medium to teach art that she can summon, and she has sought countless partners and supporters to make resources available to students."

- Masters in Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- NAEA Eastern Regional Outstanding Elementary Art Educator of the Year (1998)
- PAEA 1997 Pennsylvania Outstanding Elementary Art Educator
- 2005 Adjunct Professor of the Year – Carlow University
- Supervisor of California University elementary and secondary art education students
- Mentor/Teacher for students at California University
- Coordinator of Scholastic Art regional exhibits and award ceremonies