



## **AWARD CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS and ELIGIBILITY**

*The awards listed below are given out by the NM Art Education Association for state level recognition. Additional awards are given by the National Art Education Association.*

*See the NAEA website ([www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org)) for details.*

### **I. Division Level, Member-based Awards:**

#### **Eligibility for the following awards:**

- Recipient must be a member in good standing of NMAEA for the past two years (minimum)
- Recipient must be currently employed in the field of art education for which the nominee is being nominated.

#### **Award Descriptions:**

##### **Elementary Art Educator of the Year**

To honor a NMAEA member whose exemplary classroom practices and contributions to the field of elementary art education are deserving of recognition.

##### **Middle School Art Educator of the Year**

To honor a NMAEA member whose exemplary classroom practices and contributions to the field of middle school art education are deserving of recognition.

##### **High School Art Educator of the Year**

To honor a NMAEA member whose exemplary classroom practices and contributions to the field of high school art education are deserving of recognition.

##### **Higher Education Art Educator of the Year**

To honor a NMAEA member whose exemplary practices and contributions to the field of post-secondary art education are deserving of recognition.

##### **Supervisor/Administrator of the Year**

To honor a NMAEA member whose exemplary practices and contributions to the supervision and/or administration of a K – 12 district level or site-based art education department or program are deserving of recognition.

##### **Museum Art Educator of the Year**

To honor a NMAEA member whose exemplary practices and contributions to the field of museum education are deserving of recognition.

##### **New Mexico Art Educator of the Year**

One recipient from the pool of the 6 division level award honorees is selected to recognize the NMAEA member whose exemplary practices and contributions to the field of art education are deserving of recognition across all division levels statewide. The honoree is recognized as a state level recipient at the National Art Education Association's annual conference.



## **II. Additional Member-based Awards:**

### **Eligibility for the following awards:**

- Recipient must be a member in good standing of NMAEA for the past two years (minimum)
- Recipient must be currently employed in the field of art education for which the nominee is being nominated.

### **Award Descriptions:**

#### **Retired Art Educator of the Year**

To honor a retired member of NMAEA who has continued to contribute significantly to the field of art education.

#### **Art Educator Advocacy Award**

To honor a NMAEA member whose advocacy efforts or initiation of special projects/programs on behalf of art education have been especially effective and are deserving of recognition.

#### **President's Award of Distinction**

The NMAEA President designates an Award of Distinction recognizing any NMAEA member based on meritorious service and/or superior achievement to improve the field of art education.

## **III. Community Based Awards:**

### **Eligibility for the following award:**

- Recipient need not be a member of NMAEA nor necessarily recognized as an art educator.
- Recipient should be recognized as a community member in good standing.

### **Award Description:**

#### **Community Advocacy for Art Education Award**

To honor an individual, organization, business or other entity whose support and/or advocacy for art education has been especially effective and is deserving of recognition.

## **IV. Lifetime Awards:**

### **Eligibility for the following award:**

- Recipient need not be a member of NMAEA nor necessarily recognized as an art educator.
- Recipient will be an individual, rather than an organization.
- No individual may receive this award more than once.

### **Award Description:**

#### **Max Coll and Catherine Joyce Coll's Award for Distinction in Art Education**

To recognize an individual whose sustained and significant achievement, service, and dedication in art education has benefited the field over the course of their career. The award



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is intended to honor the professional contributions of those who have advanced the cause of art education in various ways within the State of New Mexico.

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