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GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

with a view of the STATE HOUSE DOME at the Department of Education

THE OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY

I couldn't help as I watched the opening ceremony of the Olympics on 08-08-08 at 8:00 of what the event would be without the ARTS. The music, dance, theater and visual impression contained throughout was magnificent. Part of a recent entry from an art teacher on a list serve I subscribe to is included here: "I told them that they may not feel they are the best at every project in art, and that they will find their niche just like the athletes. They then walked

up to a long piece of paper and left their mark. Some painted a long line across the paper, others painted symbols, some just made a mark and walked away. It's beautiful. I am going to hang it in the cafeteria." And part of a poem she shared:

We are born into the world like a blank canvas, and every person that crosses our path takes up the brush, and makes their mark upon our surface. - Anonymous

May your new school year be filled with many young people making marks upon your surface.

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If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.
- Henry David Thoreau

CAMERAS AVAILABLE

**** Twelve schools will each** be loaned up to 15 digital cameras by WMTW-TV for use in grade 4 with their art teachers. For more information please go to www.wmtw.com/sponsors/17048135/detail.html or call 523-4549.

**** Nine digital cameras Canon Power Shot A630 8MP** are available for you to borrow from the MDOE. For more info go to www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/digicams.html or email me argy.nestor@maine.gov

**** One Canon XL2 Mini DV**

Digital Video Cassette available for you to borrow from MDOE. For more info please go to www.maine.gov/education/lres/vpa/digicams.html or email me argy.nestor@maine.gov

CONGRATULATIONS

Lake Region High School arts teacher Cindy Worcester and dance teacher Carmel Collins received funding for an integrated arts project. Also, a grant for a new dance program to meet the needs of students with physical and cognitive disabilities. YAHOO!

ART EXHIBIT

Knit Vision: Aerial Views of Imaginary Lands by Karen Jelenfy. Work includes hand knitting to create landscapes. Sept. 5 - Oct. 13th, Village Books, Washington, Opening 9-5, 5-8:00.

FOR SALE

Instruments and DJ equipment. For more info contact argy.nestor@maine.gov

FALL GENERAL MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

Le Club Calumet, Augusta, Oct. 10th, 8:30-3:00, featuring Joanne Hammil for K -12 Music Teachers. Registration info www.mainemnea.org

DAVE HIGGINS NEWSLETTER

Some of you met photographer Dave Higgins at the At The Creative Center conference, Oct. 07. You can go to his newsletter and learn about the classes he is offering for the fall at www.dhiggins.com/Daves_Digital_Training/Daves_Digital_Training.html

SURDNA ARTS TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Surdna Foundation invites public high School arts teachers to apply for \$5,500 grants to be used to further your artistic development. A complementary grant of \$1,500 is awarded to each Fellow's school to support related post-Fellowship activities. For more info and for the application please go to www.surdna.org/programs/programs_show.htm?doc_id=326426 Deadline: Nov. 14, 2008.

MAC NEWS

The Maine Arts Commission is sponsoring the 4th annual Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest. To learn more please go to www.poetryoutloud.org or contact Tina P. Mann at tina.p.mann@maine.gov, 287-6571.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

**** Target Field Trip Funds** 5,000 grants of up to \$800.00. For more info Target.com/ teachers.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Martin Swinger, teacher and musician, is available for residencies & teacher training workshops. His CD "Songs Worth Learning" consists of 70 songs, many written in Maine schools. To learn more about Martin's work please contact Martin at 52 Green St., Augusta, 04330 or learn more: www.swingersongriter.com

PENOBSCOT THEATRE CO.

Seeking an energetic teaching artist for in-school K-12 residency program. Cover letter, resume and references to Director of Ed., Joye C Levy, Penobscot Theatre, 131 Main St., Bangor, ME, 04401.

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Maine Arts Commission last artME session Sept. 24th. More info: mainearts.maine.gov/

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