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## GREETINGS FROM ARGY'S CUBBY

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

### "A SINGLE BRACELET DOES NOT JINGLE"

On Saturday, November 1st seventy arts educators came together to discuss how to improve teaching and learning in the arts throughout Maine. To prepare for the event educators read and wrote about "leadership". In regional groups educators focused on how to collaborate with colleagues and discussed steps to continue with the work. Photographs of the event are found on pg 3 of this newsletter. If you were unable to attend but are

interested in future opportunities please contact me at [argy.nestor@maine.gov](mailto:argy.nestor@maine.gov). Gatherings are scheduled in the nine superintendents meetings throughout Maine during Jan., Feb., and March. If you are interested in helping to plan your regional event please contact me. Join us for this professional development opportunity, to come together with other arts educators and to fill out the statewide census (if you haven't already done so). More info will be in future newsletters.

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Kal Elmore  
and Marta  
Robbins,  
creating  
what they  
wish to be a  
part of.



Sometimes you gotta create  
what you want to be a part of.

- Geri Weitzman

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**ELAINE CYR** received the Harvard Club of Boston's Prize Book Award for excellence in teaching and exceptional contributions to secondary education and to the future of children. Elaine was one of 4 educators to receive the award at a luncheon in Boston on October 1st. HIP HIP HOORAY!

**SERVICE LEARNING**  
Take a few minutes and learn more about service learning by watching two student movies. "Time for Belfast"  
[http://timeforbelfast.org/?page\\_id=681](http://timeforbelfast.org/?page_id=681)

**STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**\*\*PCA Great Performances**  
\***Diavolo Dance**, Jan. 23rd, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, 10:30, \$7., grades 2-8.  
\* **Daniel Bernard Roumain's A Civil Rights Reader** (a composer-violinist fusing funk, hip-hop and classical), Feb. 6th, 10:30, USM Portland's Hannaford Hall, \$7, grades 6 - 12. FMI [http://pcagreatperformances.org/pca\\_offstage/upcoming/daytime\\_student\\_performances/](http://pcagreatperformances.org/pca_offstage/upcoming/daytime_student_performances/)

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**\*\*Learning and Leadership**  
Grants from Nat. Ed. Assoc.  
[www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm)  
**\*\*Others:** [www.edweek.org/ew/section/grants/index.html](http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/grants/index.html)

**DANCE PROGRAM**  
<http://pressherald.maintoday.com/story.php?id=217669&ac=PHnws>

**PROFESSIONAL DEV OPPS**  
**\*\*Maine Media Workshops**, Rockport. "Cameras in the Classroom", two day workshop, Nov. 18, 19 for classroom teachers, free. Hands-on learning using digital media in the classroom. FMI <http://theworkshops.com/community/index.asp>

**\*\*Farnsworth Art Museum**, Rockland, Educators Evening, Nov. 18th, 5-7PM, Free, hor d'oeuvres reception. All K-12 educators invited to learn more about the education opportunities the Farnsworth offers. RSVP 596-0949 or [www.farnsworthmuseum.org/education/registration.html](http://www.farnsworthmuseum.org/education/registration.html)

**\*\*ME Arts Teachers Fellows**  
\$4000.00 grants available for arts educators who would like to pursue projects for their own artistic revitalization. Deadline for preliminary applications: Nov. 28th. FMI go to Maine Alliance website at [www.maineartseducation.org/](http://www.maineartseducation.org/)

**\*\*VSA Research Symposium**  
Learn more at [www.vsarts.org/x1370.xml](http://www.vsarts.org/x1370.xml)

**\*\*Master Classes for theatre** teachers with Mark Bedell. Summer opportunity to earn 40 contact hours. Mark is also available as a Director, Technical Director or Fight Director for middle and high school plays in southern Maine. FMI [mark@Fight-Director.org](mailto:mark@Fight-Director.org)

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**LOOPIN** will be returning to The Empire Dine and Dance, Forest Ave., and Congress St, Portland, Nov. 8, 9PM, \$10. FMI [www.portlandempire.com](http://www.portlandempire.com)

**ME EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME**  
**Unum and the Portland Pirates** are teaming up to highlight the great work of Maine's educators. They will honor teachers at the Portland Pirates' game on Jan. 23, 09. Nominations forms at [www.mainecee.org](http://www.mainecee.org) and due by Dec. 5th. Six teachers will receive \$500.00 plus Pirates' items.

**QUEEN SIZE QUILT RAFFLE**  
Lucy Packard's hand made quilt is being raffled to benefit Cobscook Community Learning Center. The funds will be used for student scholarships for music lessons, pottery classes & other opportunities. To purchase tickets [www.theccclc.org/quilt\\_raffle.htm](http://www.theccclc.org/quilt_raffle.htm)

**PICTURING AMERICA**  
This is a great resource that schools and public libraries can acquire at no cost. It contains 40 laminated large high-quality reproductions of significant American art and teacher resources that can be used in all subjects K-12. Deadline to apply: Nov. 14th. Application: [http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/about.php?subPage=about\\_apply](http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/about.php?subPage=about_apply)

**SONGWRITER CD**  
Martin Swinger CD available: "Songs Worth Listening To". Martin is also available for residency's. FMI [www.swingersongwriter.com](http://www.swingersongwriter.com)

**PHOTOGRAPHS from "A SINGLE BRACELET DOES NOT JINGLE" - Point Lookout, Northport - Nov.1,08**

Photographs taken by Shalimar Poulin



Jessamyn Schmidt, dance educator and Jackie Frisk, music educator chat at the conference.



Tom Edwards, Ph.D., University of Southern Maine, delivered the keynote to set the stage for our work on Leadership.



Kennebec Valley educators discuss the resources available in their region. (above) Charlie Johnson, Hancock Region and Holly Leighton, Penquis Region participating in the movement session. (at right)



Trudy Wilson's USM art ed. student, Crystal Douglas, introduces participants from her table.



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The newsletter is now going to 824 educators. If you know of others who are interested in receiving it, please ask them to email me [argy.nestor@maine.gov](mailto:argy.nestor@maine.gov) Missing: about 400 vpa educators.

