



NEWS RELEASE

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NEBRASKA ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ART EDUCATORS

The Nebraska Art Teachers Association (NATA) recently announced Nebraska's 2015-2016 Art Education award recipients.

NATA Co-Presidents Lynette Fast and Allison Fees Varah named the recipients.

Each year NATA recognizes outstanding contributions to student learning in Nebraska classrooms, leadership in curriculum and staff development in local school districts and communities, and contributions to professional endeavors on state and national levels.

Individual award descriptions may be viewed on the NATA website: <http://www.nebraskaarteducators.org/nata-awards.html>

NATA is a professional organization whose mission is to develop and promote quality art education in Nebraska through a statewide professional support system, with opportunities for growth and development through leadership and service.

The awards will be presented at the Nebraska Art Teachers Association fall conference held Sept. 17-19 in Omaha.

The following individuals were named 2015-2016 Art Education award recipients:

Nebraska Outstanding Art Educator of the Year: Josephine Langbehn, Monroe M.S., Omaha, NE

Higher Education Art Educator of the Year: Jeremy Johnson, UN-O, Omaha, NE

Secondary Art Educator of the Year: Tim Bogatz, Bellevue East H.S., Bellevue, NE

Middle School Art Educator of the Year: Shelley Speidell, Goodrich M.S., Lincoln, NE

Elementary Art Educator of the Year: Susan Kirsch, Edward Gomez Heritage Elementary, Omaha, NE

Supervision & Administration Award: Debra Wehrmann DeFrain, Nebraska Department of Education, Lincoln, NE

Novice Art Educator of the Year: Mollie Magnuson, North Star H.S., Lincoln, NE

Novice Art Educator of the Year: Marisa McClintock, Alice Buffett Magnet M.S., Omaha, NE

Roscoe Shields Service Award: Gina Tolstedt, Retired, Omaha, NE

Prism Award (service by non-art educators):

Cathy Witt, Omaha Summer Arts Festival, Omaha, NE

Marian Fey, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Omaha, NE

Brigitte McQueen Shew, The Union for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE