



Virginia **Art** Education Association

Our mission is to promote, support and advance visual arts education through leadership, professional development, research and service.

In-Person Conference Rescheduled Virtual 2020 Fall Conference is in the planning stages

Dear VAEA Members:

Over the last few months our Executive Board has been considering our organizational approach to our State Fall Professional Development Conference and the most responsible way to provide support to our members. With the safety of our members and their school communities in mind we have negotiated to reschedule our "Shape of Memory" conference in Virginia Beach to the Fall of 2021 at the Marriott.

With that shared, we are excited to announce plans are already underway for our first ever VAEA Virtual Conference, "Creativity isn't Cancelled!" to be held over two consecutive weekends: **November 13-15 & 20-22, 2020.**

Together we will be hosting a virtual community of learners and leaders to continue to provide our membership with professional development opportunities. Details of the Conference are in progress and we will use a variety of ways to virtually share conference presentations. We need your help!

- **Presenters and Exhibitors** will be contacted soon about the changes and moving forward with the virtual conference.
- **Volunteers** are needed to share in monitoring online platforms and serving as virtual hosts of webinars.
- **Keynote Speaker** recommendations are sought- If you know of a wonderful and dynamic speaker to address the membership, please send name/contact information to Cheryl Miehl. We envision this to be a prerecorded message that would be appropriate for inspiring creativity during these challenging times.
- **Regional & Division Leadership Meetings** We plan to host virtual meetings during the conference weekends.
- **Award Winners** We will still present and honor our award winners from the regions and state level winners in a meaningful and memorable way.
- **Regional Officer Election** results will be shared.

Any ideas or insights from everyone are welcomed and would be most appreciated, you can share them via email to Cheryl cherylmiehl@gmail.com

Stay safe & stay creative!