

Highlights & New this year

President's Dinner Party: Back by popular demand! NYSATA will once again host the *President's Dinner Party* on Saturday evening. Instead of a formal cocktail party and banquet we will offer you a more casual experience that includes art (enjoy the Member and Student Exhibits), music, a cash bar, hor d'oeuvres and grazing stations. We will honor our State Educator of the Year and Special Citation Awardees. Following the awards presentation there will be another TASK party and dessert. See page 24 for more information on the TASK Party.

Off-Site Extended Studio Workshops at The College of Saint Rose: On Saturday NYSATA will offer several extended hands-on workshops in the studio space at the College of Saint Rose. Complementary shuttle bus transportation will be provided.

Preconference: Advocacy and Innovation in Action. 2013 Keynote speaker and Professor of Art Education, University of Illinois Olivia Gude will present an in-depth workshop on Principles of Meaningful Art Making. Dr. Debbie Greh of St. John's University and Scott Walroth, and Steve Honicki, art educators from Nyskiuna High School will present in-depth workshops on the integration of technology in the art curriculum. The day will culminate with an Advocacy Dialogue panel discussion. More information about this can be found on page 10.

Workshops: Conference workshop offerings are plentiful and include hands-on workshops, product demonstrations, lecture workshops, and round-table discussions on a variety of current interest topics. Approximately 90 workshops will be available at no additional cost to participants. Extended Studio workshops and the popular Friday After Dark Workshop will also be available. Participants may register for paid workshops along with regular conference registration online, or on site if spaces are still available.

Exhibitors Showcase: This is your chance to talk to representatives face-to-face. Find out about new ideas, new products, and new ways to use tried and true materials. They have everything from the latest technology, curriculum resources, and visual aids, to traditional drawing, painting and sculpting media. Over 30 exhibitors are expected.

Conference Student Exhibit: To participate there is no fee, but you must pre-register at www.nysata.org to reserve a display board. You must be a member of NYSATA to participate in this exhibit. Registration is by individual member, not school district. Please do not bring work of non-member colleagues to be exhibited.

Artisans Market: On Saturday afternoon from 3-5 PM you will have an opportunity to purchase work by fellow member artists. If you wish to rent a table, please sign-up through the NYSATA website by November 1st.

Annual Members Exhibit: Conference attendees can show their work at the member exhibit held during the conference. The fee is \$25 to enter with a limit of 2 entries per member. Bring your work to the conference by Friday at 1:00 PM. No pre-registration is required.

Silent Auction to Benefit the NYSATA Scholarship Fund: Once again we will hold a silent auction to benefit the NYSATA Scholarship Fund. See page 36 for details on how to participate.

Conference Registration: ALL conference registration will take place through the NYSATA website. Processing all registrations online enables NYSATA to streamline records and insure that your registration and contact information are accurate and complete. You will be able to renew your membership and register for the conference at the same time online using our secure server. You will be able to select from a number of payment options that include mailing a check or purchase order or paying online with a credit card. If you opt to mail your payment, please be sure to mail a copy of your on-line registration transaction receipt with the corresponding purchase order or check. Pre-registration for the Student Exhibit, Artisans Market, and the Preconference will take place through the NYSATA website only. **There will be no mail-in registration forms available.**

Lunches: For those attendees who purchase the full meal package or individual lunch tickets, there will be 4 lunch time seating options. Ticket holders will need to exchange their lunch ticket for a timed ticket of 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM, or 2:00PM. This will give attendees more flexibility. Also please remember that the price includes a 22% gratuity.

FREE Gallery Tour and Talk on Sunday: Join The College of Saint Rose Professor of Art Education, Jennifer Childress at SAGE College's Opalka Gallery, for an in-depth tour and gallery talk of Michael Oatman and Kenneth Ragsdale's exhibit, "An Armory Show". View a packed installation of artworks and hear about the inception and installation of this spectacular exhibit. 1 PM Sunday. Free Tickets and driving directions will be available at the registration area.