



SCAEA Youth Art Month Statement

Beginning in 1961, Youth Art Month is a time, usually in March, dedicated to highlighting, showcasing, and promoting youth art and art education. On the national level, students design a flag that represents their state based on a given theme. The chosen designs are then honored at a flag ceremony in Washington, D.C. In addition, each state presents Youth Art Month events.

The South Carolina Art Education Association celebrates this month through a variety of ways, including public exhibits and receptions honoring student artists. Each of South Carolina's four regions has developed its own Youth Art Month traditions.

Art Education....

- Promotes and advocates for the arts.
- Provides students with an outlet to be creative.
- Celebrates individualism but honors and respects other's views.
- Gives students the opportunity to use a variety of materials to problem-solve.
- Helps students to build connections to other curriculum areas and the world around them.
- Allows students to examine, interpret, discuss and analyze artworks in relation to history and world culture.

It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child.

-Pablo Picasso



Youth Art Month News

The 2012 National YAM theme is *"Art Shapes the World!"*

NEW YORK, HERE WE COME!

Sargent Art is partnering with the SCAEA to sponsor prizes for our Youth Month Activities. Six winners will be selected from each of the four regions during their YAM showing (February-April 2012):

- 2 elementary artworks
- 2 middle school artworks
- 2 high school artworks

The 24 winners will then have their artwork exhibited in May (date, time and place will be announced later). During the showing, **one overall elementary school winner, one overall middle school winner, and one overall high school winner** will receive a certificate and art supplies from Sargent. **One overall winner for the entire show will receive a trip to New York, along with one parent and the winner's art teacher.** The contest is open to K-12 students only and the student's teacher must be a current member of the SCAEA. Please spread the word about this contest, and be sure to participate in your region's YAM showing next spring.



SCAEA FLAG DESIGN

Again we are looking for artist to submit flag designs to represent our state at the "School Flags Across the U.S.... Flying High" exhibit in Washington, D.C. next March.

- The flag idea should incorporate the YAM logo below. The logo can be hand-drawn.
- Students can use the national theme or ideas that are unique to our state.
- The final flag will be 3' x 5', so designs should be in a horizontal layout.
- Designs can be in color.
- Ideas can be mailed to: **Angel Harris, 5201 Old Glory Lane, Summerville, SC 29485** or sent electronically to: **harrisas10@yahoo.com**
- The deadline for submitting ideas is **Friday December 9th**.



If you have any YAM questions, please email harrisas10@yahoo.com