



Sheri Klein and Jennifer Motter, Co-presidents

WC Mission: The NAEA Women's Caucus exists to eradicate gender discrimination in all areas of art education, to support women art educators in their professional endeavors and to educate the general public about the contributions of women in the arts.

This column is devoted to recognizing the activities and accomplishments of the WC Caucus at the 2015 NAEA Conference, from the past year, and to extend appreciation to the WC members and Board for all the work that they do on behalf of the Caucus.

The WC Board

Co-Presidents: Sheri Klein and Jennifer Motter (2014-2016)

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Research Coordinators: Lisa Kay & Marissa McClure

Professional Development Coordinator: Cynthia Bickley-Green

Delegate Assembly Representative: Ruth Starratt

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Conference Highlights

WC Sponsored Sessions

We have many intriguing WC sponsored NAEA sessions. Thank you to all our WC presenting members for their time and sharing their research.

WC Awards

Join us in congratulating the recipients of the 2015 Women's Caucus Awards:

- **Laurie Myers**, 2015 *Carrie Nordlund Pre-K-12 Feminist Pedagogy Award*

- **Dr. Olga Ivashkevich**, *2015 Mary J. Rouse Award*
- **Dr. Elizabeth Garber**, *2015 June King McFee Award*
- **Dr. Melanie Buffington**, *2015 Kathy Connors Teaching Award*
- **Dr. Vesta Daniel**, *2015 Maryl Fletcher de Jong Service Award*

These individuals will be presented with their awards at the **WC Awards Ceremony**, on **Friday, March 27, 2015, 5:00-6:50 pm**, @ the Hilton, Kabacoff Room.

Lobby Activism

Beyond the WC sessions, meetings, and events that reside within the formal protocol of the NAEA, the Lobby Activism serves as an informal forum for personal as political discussion and/action. Held the first evening of the NAEA Convention in the hotel lobby, people have gathered since 2008. Prior to the lobby session, a thematic prompt is discussed and developed by members of the NAEA WC executive board and others who contribute ideas.

One of the outcomes of a past *Lobby Session* on violence is a publication. **Congratulations to Alice Arnold and Lisa Kay** for their 2014 publication--- Order from chaos: An arts-based approach to counteract trauma and violence, published in *Art Education*, 67(4), 31-36.

2015 Lobby Activism

Women's Caucus members have planned the 2015 Lobby Activism with the theme "*(re)design Gender Codes*." and the question ***How do you (re)deSIGN gender codes in your teaching, art, and life?***

Bring friends or someone you just met at the NAEA conference to the Lobby session.

2015 LOBBY ACTIVISM LOCATION:

Thursday, March 26 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the LOBBY at the HEADQUARTER HOTEL: HILTON Riverside New Orleans.

OTHER IMPORTANT NAEA WOMEN'S CAUCUS NAEA EVENTS

Business Meeting—All current members and new members are welcome!

FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2015

1:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Location: Convention Center/Meeting Room R01/Second Level
Annual Women's Caucus Board Meeting

Join us to hear updates on the past year and to contribute to a discussion about how you can participate in the creation of a collective bibliography on feminist art and pedagogy, future collaborations, and mindful leadership and mentoring and more!

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2015

8:00-9:20 AM

Women's Caucus Breakfast with Regional Artist Speaker

Location: Convention Center/Meeting Room 214/Second Level

Speaker: Artist, *Jan Gilbert*

Nationally recognized interdisciplinary and New Orleans-based artist, *Jan Gilbert* will discuss her work. For more information on the artist:

<http://www.jangilbertart.com/wp/>

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

WC Juried Members Art Exhibition, *Designed: Subject, Object, & Environment*

Location: Convention Center/Meeting Room 212/Second Level

WC member/artists will speak about their work.

4:30 PM - 5:50 PM

WC Business Meeting

Location: Convention Center/Meeting Room R01/Second

"Designing Transformative Experience: Women Art Educators Making Change"

WC board members (Marissa McClure, Lisa Kay, Courtnie Woflgang, Michelle Bae-Dimitriadis) will lead focus-group sessions about: s/m/othering, (re)defining "selfies," art therapist/art educator collaborations, and refugee teens.

Highlights of WC Activities in Community and Outreach

NAEA Research Commission Interactive Café

Beginning in the fall 2014, NAEA Research Commission sponsored events that included week-long chats and blogs on a variety of research topics. WC members hosted these chat events— **Olga Ivashkevich, Lisa Kay, Karen Keifer-Boyd, Marissa McClure, Courtnie Wolfgang, Amber Ward, Enid Zimmerman**. To join current, future sessions and/or view past café sessions go to:

<http://naearesearchcommission.hoop.la/>

NAEA Webinar

Two WC members hosted and participated in the recent (Feb 2015) NAEA Webinar "Using the Power of Art and the Practices of Research to Impact Art Education in Your School and Community." These WC members included **Kathy Marzilli-Miraglia** and **Sara Wilson McKay**.

Upcoming Events for WC Members

Call for chapters for the Women's Caucus Lobby Activism book

based on the Lobby themes since 2008.

DEADLINE: September 1, 2015 for 500-word abstracts of proposed chapters.

Submit proposals at <http://naeawc.net/lobbysessions.html>

Lobby Questions/Prompts:

2015: "How do you (re)deSIGN gender codes in your teaching, art, and life?"

2014: Speak Truth to Power

2013: "What are my personal responsibilities and our collective responsibilities to end violence?"

2012: "What do you believe is critical to lobby for in 2012?"

2011: "A Time When ..."

2010: "What is the Image of a Feminist in the Field of Art Education Today?"

2009: "Enacting Change: What We Can Learn From Each Other?"

2008: Collaborative JAE publication: "Vote 2008: What Should an Art Educator Do?"

Join or Renew Membership

New members and current members can now join at the Conference with **Pattie Chambers, WC Membership**.

You can also renew online by logging in with your NAEA login/password. Go to <http://naeawc.net/membership.html> or, call NAEA toll-free at 800-299-8321.

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