

February 2012

Dear Administrator:

Please consider joining your school's art students and their art teacher(s) at the 2012 Youth Art Month celebration on Sunday, March 11, 2012. The ceremony will begin about 2:00 PM at the Iowa State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Youth Art Month is recognized nationally and is sponsored statewide by Art Educators of Iowa. This yearly celebration is a time to examine the importance of the arts in education through the visual creations of students. It also directs attention to the value of communication and expressive skills learned through the arts.

Art education facilitates awareness and understanding of our communities, our diverse world and us. Perhaps most importantly, art is about life. It's enjoyable and YAM gives us an opportunity to celebrate with our children their visions.

Once again, we extend a warm invitation to you and your family to join us in Des Moines on Sunday, March 11 for our annual celebration. Please take the opportunity to view the artwork of your students and honor them during the awards reception.

In the event of snowy conditions, the reception may be rescheduled or cancelled. The snowdate is March 25th. Please check the Art Educators of Iowa website (www.artedia.org) for cancellations.

Sincerely,

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Art Educators of Iowa, Yam Committee

