

## Suzanne Mitolo Distinguished Fellows Vita

Name: Suzanne Mitolo

Year Inducted: 2010

Nominee: Monte Garrabrant

Last Update: December 10, 2018

List degrees held, Institution(s), and other education:

National Board Certification – Art/Early and Middle Childhood – 2004-2014

Masters of Science in Education with a concentration in Art Education

University of Dayton - May 2001 *“Research Project - A Study of Active Engagement: Teaching Art to Students with Disabilities”*

B.S. in Art Education, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio - 1978

Teaching Recertification through Wright State University - 1994

The Sangamon Institute in Arts Administration, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL - 1982

Arts Leadership Institute, New York Alliance of Community Arts Councils, Westchester, NY – 1988

**Masters +30** – On-going continuing education through workshops and conferences primarily through NAEA/OAEA; past workshops in grantsmanship, fundraising, marketing, board development, leadership, art media and techniques (such as CraftSummer Miami 1999, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2012). Sustained study in the teaching principles inspired by schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy (including a study trip to Italy in 2004; NAREA conference in Boulder 2009; Wonder of Learning Exhibit Committee and Workshop sessions 2011; NAREA Summer Conference 2015; on-going participation in the Dayton Area Reggio Study Group and Ohio Voices for Learning.

List places taught and levels:

Centerville City Schools, Primary Village South K/1 (2007-present)

Centerville City School, Kindergarten Village (2001-07)

Dayton Public Schools – Various elementary schools and “Who Am I Museum” (1995-2001)

Adjunct positions – Higher Ed. Antioch Midwest (2017-present), University of Dayton (2011)

University of Dayton Graduate Assistant (1999-2000)

List state/province and local art education association activities, offices held, committees, honors, service, etc:

- Ohio Art Education Association: YAM Flag/Graphic Design Co-chair (2003), Western Regional Director (2004-2005), First VP (2006-07), President Elect (2008), President (2009-10), Past President/State Conference Coordinator (2011-2012), Parliamentarian (2013), State Membership and CIRCA Awards Chair (2014-2018), Summer Symposium Co-Chair (Dayton-2018), Distinguished Fellows Chair/Ohio Art Education Foundation Co-President.
- Ohio Art Education Association, Western Region - Newsletter Co-editor (2001-2003), Executive Committee/Newsletter Editor (2020-present)
- OAEA Conference Local Committee – 1997, 2002, 2007

## AWARDS

- OUTstanding Educator Award, Five Rivers MetroParks - 2021
- Centerville City School, Excellence in Education/Primary Village South - 2019
- Ohio Art Educator of the Year – 2011
- Ohio Art Education Association Fellow; NAEA Western Region Elementary Art Educator of the Year; Pam Houk Excellence in Education Award (DAI) - 2010
- OAEA Circa Award – 2009 (15); 2014 (20)
- Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Cornetet Grant Award - 2008
- Centerville Kindergarten Village Teacher of the Year; OAEA Teacher Incentive Grant - 2007
- Ohio Art Education Elementary Division Award – 2005
- National Board Certification Early/Middle Childhood Art - 2004
- Power of Art Award Recipient, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation - 2003
- Ohio Art Education Association, Outstanding Teacher for the Western Region – 2001
- Multiple grant recipient – Ohio Arts Council, Ohio Art Education Foundation, Delta Kappa Gamma

List leadership roles, offices, and/or honors in other professional associations:

NAEA Delegate and convention presenter (2008-11)

NAEA Western Region Summer Institute and Forum Coordinator (2011)

List related experience with program development, publications, artistic production, and/or exhibitions:

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Ohio Art Education Association, “Early Childhood Art Exploration” (co-presenter)
- 2018 Ohio Art Education Association, “Creative Tinkering: STEAM in the Art Room” (co-presenter)
- 2017 Gahanna Christian Academy, “Exploring the Reggio Philosophy through Documentation”
- 2016 Ohio Art Education Association, “TAB/Choice in the Elementary Classroom”; Elementary Division Presenter  
OAEA Summer Symposium, “Gelatin Printmaking and Ink Experimentation” (co-presenter)
- 2014 Ohio Art Education Association, “Learning through Art Games”
- 2013 Ohio Art Education Association, “OAEA Teacher Incentive Grant Showcase”, “Pinch Pot Party”  
Delta Kappa Gamma Pi Chapter, Ellen Jane Porter grant presentation
- 2012 National Art Education Association Convention (NYC), “Beautiful Stuff, Part Two”  
Keynote Speaker, OAEA Professional Development Conference
- 2011 Ohio Art Education Conference, “Beautiful Stuff – Creating with Found Materials”
- 2010 National Art Education Association Convention (Baltimore), “Award Showcase”; Ohio Art Education Association:  
“Asian Influence: The Art of Tea” (co-presentation); “Artist Trading Cards”
- 2009 Ohio Art Education Association Conference “The Reggio Inspired Classroom – Two Case Studies
- 2008 National Art Education Association (New Orleans), “The Forest Project”; Ohio Voices for Learning, Inspired  
Teacher Institute, “Learning through Clay”
- 2007 Ohio Art Education Association Conference, “Cultural Studies: Mexico and the Americas”;
- 2006 National Art Education Association Convention (Chicago), “The Reggio Approach: Visions of Beauty”; Ohio Art  
Education Association, “National Board Session”
- 2005 Ohio Art Education Association Conference, “National Board Session”; Centerville Summer Institute, “Art  
Instruction for Special Needs”; Statewide Reggio Conference (Dayton), “Documentation Discourse”; Delta Kappa Gamma  
– Pi Chapter, “Reflections on the Reggio Approach”
- 2004 Ohio Art Education Association Conference, “The Reggio Approach”
- 2003 Ohio Art Education Association Conference, “Youth Art Month Workshop”
- 2002 Ohio Art Education Association Conference, “African & Asian Art”
- 2002 “With a View toward the Public: Dayton’s Alternative Spaces Residency Program” presentation and exhibit

2001 Ohio Art Education Association Conference, "Art for Students with Special Needs" (research presentation)

### Selected Exhibitions

**Note:** Entered student art work in every YAM/YPAE and Regional exhibit since 1998; State YAM Flag winner 2004; JTACO winners 2014 and 2018.

- "Art Ed – An Art Educators' Exhibition" – Rosewood Arts Center (2017)
- "Sharing Space: A Teacher & Student Show" – University of Dayton Index Gallery (2017)
- Teacher as Artist Digital Exhibit – OAEA Conference (2013–2016)
- "Art Ed – The Art Educators' Exhibition" – Rosewood Arts Center (2011)
- "Member Show" – Dayton Visual Arts Center (2011)
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- Miami Valley Cooperative Gallery Invitational (2007)
- "Member Show" – Dayton Visual Arts Center (2007)
- Western Region "Teacher as Artist" – Epiphany Gallery (2007)
- "Sitting Pretty" – Dayton Art Institute (2007)
- Western Region "Teacher as Artist" – Epiphany Gallery (2005)
- Art About Town (2004)

List other teaching and/or related experiences:

**Arts Management Consultant** - Private Practice 1990 - 2003.

- Developed an arts management consultancy practice establishing a major contract with the City of Dayton Public Arts Commission and supplemental contracts with the Miami Valley Cultural Alliance (Culture Works), First Night Dayton and the Dayton Visual Arts Center.
- Accomplishments: development of a public art policy for the City of Dayton; *Public Art 101*, a community education program including a workshop series; staff coordination for the commission of *Flyover*, the Public Arts Commission's first major public art project (work included coordination of the dedication and editing the documentary catalogue); and, directed the Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS!) inventory which resulted in an inventory of 168 objects in the Dayton region (comprehensive catalogue to be published in 2001). Additional outreach programs include *Public Art 201* and a Sculpture Hunt. Coordinated the restoration of the John Patterson sculpture (2003).

**Executive Director** - Miami Valley Arts Council, Dayton, Ohio 1986 - 1990.

- Implemented a community education program with funding from a National Endowment for the Arts Locals Program grant. This grant brought over \$450,000 to the community for arts development through activities, such as an Arts Calendar, an Artist Directory and the expansion of the Discretionary Support re-grant program.
- Accomplishments: establishing and management of THE ART GALLERY at Lazarus; the first downtown gallery dedicated to area artists; coordinated two Arts Showcase festivals designed to introduce the community to the talents of Dayton's arts organizations and artists; and, provided continued public art management services for the City of Dayton.