

MAEA 2025

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April 11-12, 2025
Meridian, MS

Registration Information



The 2025 MAEA Spring Conference will feature a tour of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience – The MAX galleries and exhibitions and one full day of hands-on professional development led by local artists in a variety of media at the Meridian Museum of Art. MAEA Spring Conference fees include admission to the guided tour of the MAX on Friday, Saturday sessions, art supplies needed for the sessions, and lunch on Saturday. The MAX tour will be Friday, April 11th, and the studio workshops will be hosted on Saturday, April 12th. All sessions are specifically geared to help Visual Arts teachers strengthen their teaching practices and show connections to the Mississippi Visual Arts Standards as well as give teachers opportunities to reflect, problem solve, and share new ideas and experiences. 1.3 CEU or 13 contact hours are available during this professional development conference.

Registration Costs:

- Active Member(MAEA) - \$85
- Non Member - \$100
- Additional CEU Fee - \$10-15

Payment Options:

Conference fees can be paid with a credit card or check. If you will be paying through a purchase order, please include the PO # and contact information for your bookkeeper at registration so MAEA can send an invoice to your school or district. Please submit the updated 2025 W9 form for MAEA to your district as well to ensure your check is sent to the correct address.

You can receive a full refund until April 1, 2025 for a cancellation. After April 1, all cancellations will be required to pay the registration fee. Register early to save your spot! Registration links for the studio workshops will be emailed and posted on the MAEA Facebook page and website when available in March. All conference fees must be paid before choosing your sessions.

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 11th, 2025

Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience - The MAX
2155 Front Street, Meridian, MS 39301

12-3:00 pm	Independent Exploration of Meridian Art Galleries & Museums (Admission to these galleries is not included in the conference fee , but CEUs can be earned during this time.)	Casteel Art Gallery(Meridian Community College) 910 Hwy 19 N, Meridian, MS 39307 Meridian Arts & Entertainment District 712 24th Ave, Meridian, MS 39301
3:00-3:30 pm	Registration	The MAX
3:30-4:30 pm	Guided Tours of the MAX	2155 Front St., Meridian, MS 39301
5:00-7:00 pm	MAEA Working Dinner & Artist Talk (Cost of dinner is not included in the conference fee , but CEUs can be earned during this time.) Visit www.weidmanns1870.com for dinner menu.	 Weidmann's Restaurant 210 22nd Avenue Meridian, MS 39301

Saturday, April 12th, 2024

Meridian Museum of Art

629 25th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301

8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration	Meridian Museum of Art
9:00am-12:00pm	Studio Workshops Session 1	Meridian Museum of Art
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch & Learn feat. Lowell Milken Unsung Heroes ArtEffect Competition Independent Gallery Exploration (Lunch included in cost)	Meridian Museum of Art
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Studio Workshops Session 2	Meridian Museum of Art



The Meridian Museum of Art (MMA) is housed in the historic Old Carnegie Library building, which was constructed in 1912-13, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as a Mississippi Landmark. The Museum seeks to promote and support the art, artists, and art programs of our area and region through art education, exhibitions, collections, collaborations with other organizations, special events, and community involvement. MMA programs are designed to further these goals and to make art accessible to everyone in the community. The Museum serves an audience from across the state and region, but primarily from Meridian and Lauderdale County and the surrounding counties: Kemper, Neshoba, Newton, Jasper, and Clarke (in MS), and Sumter and Choctaw (in AL).



Upcoming Exhibition

*50th Annual BiState Competition and Exhibition,
Best of Show Winner – Kathleen Varnell*

April 8 – June 7, 2025



Mississippi Arts+ Entertainment Experience.

Our vision was and is to showcase Mississippi's global legacy in every area of the arts, honor Mississippi's legends in arts and entertainment, and inspire tomorrow's artists through exhibitions, performances, classes, and events.

Over the decade to follow, a dedicated board and a supportive celebrity committee pressed on toward our fundraising goals, despite financial blows from both Hurricane Katrina and the 2008 recession. In 2009, nearly 10 years of hard work behind the scenes reaped one of our first tangible rewards as we unveiled our [Hollywood-style Walk of Fame](#) and laid the groundwork for this museum experience.

In January 2017, the inaugural class of 18 inductees to the Mississippi Hall of Fame was announced at the Mississippi Capitol Rotunda. It consisted of Walter Inglis Anderson, William Faulkner, Morgan Freeman, John Grisham, Jim Henson, Robert Johnson, James Earl Jones, B.B. King, George Ohr, Elvis Presley, Leontyne Price, Jimmie Rodgers, Sela Ward, Muddy Waters, Eudora Welty, Tennessee Williams, Oprah Winfrey, and Richard Wright. In August 2018, five more Mississippi artists were added to The MAX Hall of Fame: Jimmy Buffett, William Eggleston, Willie Morris, Charley Pride, and Howlin' Wolf. Joining them in June 2019 were Margaret Walker, Bo Diddley, John Lee Hooker, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Tammy Wynette.

The new facility, with \$14 million in immersive and interactive exhibitions, was completed with no remaining debt.

By shining the spotlight on Mississippi's statewide contributions in arts and entertainment, The MAX guides visitors to other towns and museums throughout the state, from Elvis Presley's Tupelo to B.B. King's Indianola to Jimmy Buffett's Pascagoula to Eudora Welty's Jackson to Walter Anderson's Ocean Springs, and many more. Because when it comes to arts and entertainment, Mississippi is a land full of legends.



Current Exhibition:

Thank You Please Come Again: How Gas Stations Feed and Fuel the American South

February 22 – May 24, 2025

Saturday Lunch Options



Boxed Sandwiches - Each includes a whole sandwich, chips, and a dessert.

- **Chicken Salad on Croissant**
- **Ham & Cheese on Wheatberry**
- **Newk's Club on Wheatberry**
- **Veggie on Wheatberry**
- **Turkey & Cheese on Wheatberry**

Boxed Salads - Each includes a salad, dressing, breadsticks, and a dessert.

- **Garden Salad** - Mixed greens, grape tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, and cheddar cheese. Served with Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing.
- **Cobb Salad** - All-natural chicken, bacon, mixed greens, diced eggs, Bleu Cheese, grape tomatoes, green onions, pecans, and croutons. Served with Ranch dressing.

MAEA 2025 Spring Conference Saturday Session Choices

This year we are offering 2 workshops for our Saturday studio workshops. Participants can choose 1 workshop for Session 1 from 9 am - 12 pm and the other workshop for Session 2 from 1 - 4 pm. Please do not sign up for the same workshop twice.

Klimt-Inspired Portrait in Gold with Marsha Iverson

This workshop will introduce you to the Austrian artist Gustav Klimt and his use of Art Nouveau patterns. We will explore the artist's work with fun, hands-on, any age-appropriate activity. Whimsical and intricately imagined, the sparkling art of Gustav Klimt ignites the imagination and enhances any unit on Austria, art history, or art nouveau. Teaching internationally acclaimed art is one of my favorite ways to integrate art and social studies. I love using artists from cultures around the world as a framework to explore a unique heritage or region.



Marsha Iverson graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg with a degree in Clothing and Textiles and a minor in Fine Art. Forty years later, she earned a master's degree in science in education, special education, talent, and creativity from Arkansas State University. Her teaching experience spans thirty-plus years in the Biloxi and Meridian Public School Districts, where she taught middle and high school students. Throughout her years in education, Marsha has had many opportunities to participate in learning workshops and arts integration training. Since retiring from public school teaching in 2016, Marsha has continued teaching and creating curriculum for the Meridian Museum of Art's youth, adult, and retiree educational programming. She is active in other arts activities in this area and is an artist in the Museum's Art Collective.

Eye Sew, You Sew with Amanda Youngblood

Inspired by Jennifer Strunge aka “Cotton Monster Jen,” participants will create their own eyeball stuffies using a variety of materials, mostly thrifted t-shirts, sheets, and sweatshirts. Participants will be guided step-by-step in pattern design and will follow along with hand-sewing basics to create their own ‘Cotton Monster’ eyeballs. Lesson can be adapted for elementary through high school students!



Amanda Youngblood is a full-time art educator of grades 3rd-6th at Saint Paul’s Episcopal School and a part time instructor at The University of South Alabama. She has taught summer art camps at the Mobile Museum of Art and virtually for the Boys and Girls Clubs, and she is currently the President for Alabama Art Education Association. Amanda received her BFA in Painting from the University of South Alabama in 2013 and her M.Ed. from the University of South Alabama in 2017. In addition to being an art educator, Amanda is also a full-time artist, making the time to create almost daily. Her artwork has been featured in Mobile Bay Magazine and in several juried shows locally and elsewhere. She

has been in group exhibitions at the Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach, Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Mobile Museum of Art, Alexandria Museum of Art in Louisiana, and Las Laguna Gallery in California. She believes it is important to pursue her own art as it only makes her a better art educator and that she must “practice what she teaches”.