



Youth Art Month is a month of promoting art and [art education](#) in the United States. It is observed in March, with thousands of American schools participating, often with the involvement of local [art museums](#) and [civic organizations](#).

WHAT IS YOUTH ART MONTH?

A national arts advocacy program, Youth Art Month was initiated in 1961 by the ACMI (Art and /Craft Materials Institute.)The CAE (Council for Art Education, INC.) administers the program along with the sponsorship of NAEA. Its goal was to “emphasize the value of participating in art for all children. “It was renamed Youth Art Month in 1969, to include secondary school student s.

The goals of Youth Art Month are:

- To recognize art education as a viable factor in the total education curricula that develops citizens of a global society.
- To recognize art is a necessity for the full development of better quality of life for all.
- To direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking.
- To expand art programs in schools and stimulate new art programs.
- To encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals everywhere.
- To provide additional opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in creative art learning.
- To increase community, business and governmental support for art education.
- To increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures.
- To reflect and demonstrate the goals of the National Art Education Association that work toward the improvement of art education at all levels.

Since 1989 Tulare City School Elementary District has partnered with Tulare Historical Museum to showcase excellence in Visual Art by participating in National Youth Art Month Exhibit. Elementary, Middle and High School works will be on display throughout the Month of March in the Heritage Art Gallery honoring the participating student artist with an Artists Reception where scores of students, family and community members attend. This year’s artist reception will be held in the Heritage Art Galley 444 W. Tulare with an artist reception for participating artist, their family and friends **March 5th 2015 from 4-6 P.M.**