

## **Middle School Division – 09 – 2011**

Yvonne and I are excited about the presentations of workshops for and by middle school teachers at our conferences. One of my colleagues and I are presenting a workshop on three dimensional art for middle school students this year and I will present some lessons to teachers who were unable to get in to workshops they were interested in at the fall conference this year. Yes, we are doing the walk-up workshops as we did last year and there are lots of interesting topics to be presented. Our choices this year are many and varied which is very exciting.

As always we are working on new ways of fostering communication between our organization and our educators. Our email list has grown this year and we are striving to keep our membership informed about many things, sharing of ideas, information on workshops and other opportunities that will benefit our middle school population throughout the state.

We are very involved in VASE and Jr. VASE and are encouraging our teachers to participate also in this worthy endeavor through the state. We also have been trying to get more schools and teachers to participate in the Youth Art Month activities which bring art to the forefront in our own communities. We think visibility goes a long way to foster our programs.

We are excited to hear about the great speakers we'll have for the Galveston conference plus the great meetings and parties planned by the local committee! It is also reported that our commercial exhibits is going to be bigger and better than ever.

All in all, we are excited to get together again and in Galveston, too! They are always so accommodating to us and we will be there for their Festival of Lights to kick off the Holiday season.

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