



*Debi West*

*2011 Honorary Educator for Youth Art Month*

The Georgia Art Education Association has selected Debi West, visual arts teacher at North Gwinnett High School, as the Honorary Educator for Youth Art Month (YAM). The theme of YAM 2011 is "Art Shapes the eARTh." This year's theme is in honor of how ART supports causes and shares its spirit within schools, local communities, state, country and world.

It is because of Debi West's countless efforts to support others through ART that she was selected to hold this honor as GAEA's 2011 Honorary Educator. Debi shares her passion for "Art shapes the eARTh" with her students which helps make them more compassionate members of the community.

Debi West will be describing how she uses ART to support other causes at the official kick-off of Youth Art Month on February 9, 2011 at the Capitol Art Exhibit Reception to be held at the Sloppy Floyd Building in Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations to Debi as she has shaped many lives with her vision of sharing through the arts!