



The Georgia Teachers of the Year Association will sponsor the following activities at the conference on November 11-12, 2016:

“Promising Practices”

Each System Teacher of the Year will share one successful practice used in his or her classroom. This opportunity to learn from others at your grade level (elementary, middle, or high school) has always been a highlight of the conference!

Please complete the attached form and email to Marc Pedersen, GOTY President-Elect, by **October 29, 2016**. His address is MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us, and he will make certain that all practices are available for future use by honored teachers.

Please be aware that:

- AV will be available for your presentation. You are not required to use it, however.
- You will verbally share your practice during a 6 to 10 minute presentation.
- You may bring hand-outs if you like. Probably 30 copies will be adequate.

Gale Samuels Award

These financial awards (typically about \$300 each) are given in honor of Georgia Teachers of the Year Association’s first Georgia Department of Education Liaison, who died of leukemia in 1998. During the November 11-12 conference, participants will hear from our most recent grant winners.

Applications for the 2016-2017 awards will be distributed at that time.

Judy B. Floyd Space Camp Award

Funds will be provided by the GTOY Association for one System Teacher of the Year to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama during July 2017. This award is in memory of Judy B. Floyd, another outstanding GDOE Liaison. During the upcoming conference, the most current recipient will share experiences from that exciting week.

Applications for this grant will be distributed during the November 11-12, 2016 conference.



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“Promising Practices Classroom Activity”

Title of Activity: Community Connections

Recommended to use with this number of students: Any number of students

Content Area: Art

Grade Level(s): K-5

Match to Georgia Standard(s): VAPR.4 Plans and participates in appropriate exhibition(s) of artworks.

- a. Prepares artwork for exhibition by writing a title, statement and signature on his or her finished work of art.
- b. Chooses artwork to be displayed.
- c. Attends art exhibits in the school and/or local community.

Note: Use the remainder of this page and up to one additional page for describing the activity.

In my years of teaching, one of the most effective teaching practices I have used involves collaboration with businesses, civic organizations, and individuals within our local community. There are many natural connections with the local art community, but I also collaborate with area businesses to promote art and learning. My classroom is a representation of our community. Many of my students have parents that work in local businesses or have family members that are a part of local civic organizations. Connecting my classroom to real world experiences and sharing what we do in the school building with our stakeholders proves to be a valuable both for learning and support from our community for learning. I would like to share some ways that I connect my classroom and community and the effects this practice have had on my students and their academic interest and success.