

# R. Michelle McGraw

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## EDUCATION

**Master's of Education**, 2008 – University of Montevallo

**B.S. in Art**, 2004 – University of Montevallo

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Peer Helper Classroom Sponsor, Thompson High School, 2018-2021**

- Lead training in peer mediation, teen-based issues, academic tutoring and new student orientation
- Direct students in using Thriveway's Peer Helper Portal
- Help coordinate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Birmingham placements with the Peer Helper members
- Maintain good communication with all 50-60 members of the club, school personnel and community leaders
- Organize community leaders and specialists to be guest speakers
- Co-organize and lead a 3 day training camp experience
- Co-organize and lead the application and interview process for Peer Helpers

**Art Teacher, Alabaster City Schools/Thompson High School, 2013-present**

- Art I, Fibers: Surface Design I, II, III and AP, Art III, PreAP Drawing, AP Drawing, Sculpture I, AP 2D Design
- Create and teach various art curriculums in a past paced environment
- Fulfill professional responsibilities such as classroom management, recording grades, school wide duties and committee assignments
- Manage a classroom supply budget from material fees collected
- Lead students in identifying and pursuing various opportunities in the art community such as shows, workshops and scholarships

**Art Teacher, Shelby County Schools/Creekview Elementary, Meadow View Elementary and Thompson Sixth Grade Center, 2006-2013**

- Create and teach art curriculum to K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students based on state standards
- Fulfill professional responsibilities such as classroom management, grades, committee assignments and duty
- Help host annual art shows
- Prepare large amounts of work for display
- Set up a variety of art displays
- Manage fundraiser programs
- Sponsor an extra-curricular Art Club

## AWARDS/HONORS

Artwork and handmade wearables featured at Melt & More in Fairhope, AL

Phi Kappa Phi Society member

Target Grant Recipient, 2013

Kids In Need Grant Recipient, 2008

## CERTIFICATIONS

State of Alabama Teaching Certificate, Class A/Rank 1

Certified to teach and administer AP 2D Design, AP Drawing and AP 3D Design

## WORK EXHIBITED

"Drive with Dad", acrylic painting, Shelby County Juried Art Show, Jan 2020 – April 2020

"Placidity and Process", fiber mixed media, HGA's *Small Expressions* 2020 Exhibit, July 2020 – June 2021

"Coneflowers", fiber mixed media, Shelby County Juried Art Show, Jan 2021 – March 2021

## MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

Weavers Guide of America member

Alabama Educators Association

## **TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCY**

- Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint
- Adobe Photoshop
- Google Classroom, Sheets, Drive, Docs and Slides
- ThriveWay's PeerHelpers Portal

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Prom Co-Sponsor 2017-2021 – responsible for designing flyers and shirts, taking payments, budgeting, securing venue, organizing all details

Manage McGraw Designs, an etsy shop featuring my handmade leather jewelry and woven items – includes communicating with customers, making items to order, mailing items on time, managing expense costs, time management

Personal Art works and handmade wearable items on sale at Melt and More in Fairhope, Alabama. This shop features work by Alabama artisans.

Ticket Sales Leader for 2019 Football Season – responsible for start up cash and ticket distribution, nightly balancing, securely depositing funds, communicating with credit card sales vendor and training ticket sellers on the accompanying credit card program's technology

Trained by ThriveWay Staff to implement the Peer Helper Portal and curriculum within the classroom, 2019

Attended 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Peer Helper Program Conference, 2019

Sponsored the Memory Project Club which had talented art students create portraits for children in the Philippines, 2018-2019

AP Summer Institute: Art , 2017

AP Summer Institute: Art , 2020