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KevanN: Sheree, you have been here before if I remember correctly...

ShereeR: yes

KevanN: Great! I have some new material to share

KevanN: ok BJ, thanks!

MelissaAC joined the room.

KevanN: welcome Melissa

BJ waves hi to Melissa

MelissaAC: Hi

BJ: How about if we start with introductions, Kevan?

KevanN: fine!

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

ShereeR: I am Sheree. I teach K-12 Art at a school for Severely Emotionally Disturbed in St. Petersburg, Florida

KevanN: Kevan Nitzberg, ArtsConnected Trainer, Art Educators of MN President Elect and high school art instructor at Anoka H.S. in MN.

BJ: Melissa, you're in for a treat! Kevan is going to be giving you some resources that you can use in your future classroom to integrate art across the curriculum

MelissaAC: I will prob have to try this from somewhere else

KevanN: how fast of a connection do you have?

MelissaAC: supposed to be 56 K, only I am having huge troubles with my ISP

KevanN: if you are on a dial up you are not alone...

KevanN: the nice thing here...

BJ: if you can stay logged in, Melissa, you can always just read the transcript later

BJ . o O (I'm on dial up)

KevanN: is that you can get a copy of the transcript sent to you and catch up on anything that you miss

MelissaAC) thanks

KevanN: Alright...my fingers are warmed up and ready to toll...

BJ . o O (toll?)

KevanN: a brief description of ArtsConnected first (as a refresher...)

BJ rolls her eyes at those warmed up fingers

KevanN: ok roll - not so warmed up, I guess...lol!

KevanN: ArtsConnected is the interactive art site of the Walker Art Center and the Mpls. Institute of Art in Mpls.

KevanN: The site allows you to get information on the exhibitions at the 2 museums....

KevanN: get information regarding other online resources....

KevanN: experience online educational games for kids of all ages....

KevanN: create collections of artwork that can have your own text added to them...

KevanN: and a multitude of other functions that are all FREE!

KevanN: There are also 2 files in my office that I want you to download....

KevanN: One of them gives you the directions for creating a collection....

KevanN: and the other one tells you how to customize the look of the text that you can include in the collection as well...

KevanN: To find them go to the Featured Items column and scroll down to Files (center of screen)

KevanN: They have been saved as Microsoft Word files (1998 version)

CatherinM3 joined the room.

ShereeR: Kevan, do mean we have to down load these now?

KevanN: hi Catherine...

CatherinM3: Hi

KevanN: Sure Sheree, now is good

KevanN: Welcome to ArtsConnected!

CatherinM3: Nice to meet you all.

KevanN: Have you heard of ArtsConnected before?

ShereeR: Is this the topic tonight? I am curious because I wouldn't use a program like that because I couldn't use it in my classroom.

KevanN: The topic is as broad as you would like it to be...

KevanN: Would you like to see an example of a collection?

ShereeR: Sure

KevanN: ok....

KevanN: First of all....

KevanN: a collection can be made up of many things for many reasons...

KevanN: and be made by not only the instructor but the student as well...

KevanN: For example....

KevanN: a student can create a report around a specific art discipline....such as painting...

KevanN: Stay with us Catherine -

KevanN: here is one example of a student's report on Keith Haring (modern day painter)...

KevanN: <http://www.artsconnected.org/pub/Megan11479.cfm>

BJ: click on the hyperlink to open a new window, Catherine

KevanN: detach your chat screen...

KevanN: you will notice that the first image show only an 'X' due to the fact that that image is no longer online (this report was created last year), but there will be other images still active

KevanN: There is also a video that is on the last page that she included - that may take a while to load if you are on a dial up connection (I am as well).

KevanN: You have to click the hyperlink - "Click Here"

CatherinM3: I am waiting for the video to load.

CatherinM3: I am not sure I could view all the images.

KevanN: That also means that you can create your own hyperlinks to your collection from anywhere on the web

CatherinM3: What point are you trying to make?

KevanN: You might have to have different software loaded - there is a screen on artsconnected that will allow you to download software for free as well to better utilize

this site

KevanN: Point being?

CatherinM3: Is this something students can do?

KevanN: This was student's work.

KevanN: A freshman in H.S.

CatherinM3: Or is it a way for teachers to prepare a lesson for the class?

KevanN: Both...

KevanN: let me take you on a tour...

KevanN: First we will go to the main screen, ok?

CatherinM3: Where can we get the software?

KevanN: <http://www.artsconnected.org>

KevanN: click on the address and I will show you.

KevanN: at the bottom of the screen click on About ArtsConnected...

KevanN: Then click on For Best Viewing....

KevanN: There are a series of free downloads there...

KevanN: but hold off on doing that until later on

KevanN: there is a lot I have to share with you now

KevanN: click on the sculpture bust and frame at the top of the page

KevanN: that is the Art Gallery section

KevanN: Here you will find a number of very sophisticated resources that can be use with students online

KevanN: on the left side....

KevanN: is the search engine that will allow you to conduct word searches of both the Walker and the Mpls. Institute of Art's digitized collections (approx. 40,000 works)

KevanN: notice that you can click and unclick a variety of icons to customize your search

CatherinM3: Do we have to create a user name and password?

KevanN: in Art Collector only

CatherinM3: Does it cost anything?

KevanN: I have 2 files in my 'office' that you can download which will explain the collection process...it's all FREE

KevanN: on the right side....

CatherinM3: Great! Thanks.

KevanN: are a series of programs that are wonderful resources...want to take a look?

CatherinM3: Sure.

KevanN: 1st there are the dice...Art Sampler. If you don't know what you are looking for, click on the dice and you will get 10 random images at each click

KevanN: each image is also clickable....

KevanN: you will get more information about each piece on the following screens and be able to zoom in on the works as well.

KevanN: ...multiple times!

KevanN: Here's another great tool...

KevanN: the Artists Toolkit

KevanN: This will allow students at all levels to become better familiar with the elements and principles of art

KevanN: let's take a look - press on the Toolkit icon

KevanN: Click on Explore the Toolkit

CatherinM3: Two images in Sampler did not come through.

CatherinM3: Also, the resolution is not clear.

CatherinM3: Could that be my computer or the website?

KevanN: hmmm....might be a difficulty at the museum's end - try another click and see what happens

KevanN: once in a while, I find that there are incompatibility issues or minor glitches that cause some problems, They don't occur often, however.

CatherinM3: Can I copy images to my home computer or would that violate rules of use?

CatherinM3: I use a lot of transparencies with my art history class.

KevanN: There is no violation under the fair share provision

CatherinM3: The resolution, however, is not clear enough for transparencies.

KevanN: I used to as well, but I have started using ArtsConnected collections instead (as well as Power Points)

KevanN: I have been able to make transparencies, but that is also a printer and computer based issue.

CatherinM3: I don't have an LCD projector.

ShereeR: Catherine, do you have a TV and computer in your room?

KevanN: Do your students have access to a lab?

ShereeR: You could hook up the computer to the TV so they can see it on the TV screen'

KevanN: that's right!

KevanN: we have that at my school.

ShereeR: I do that everyday

KevanN: I am spoiled, though, and only use the projector...lol!

ShereeR: Well I don't have 2000 for a projector.

CatherinM3: Can you do that with an ordinary laptop and TV or do they need to be especially made?

KevanN: They can be purchased for under 1 thousand now and still get good resolution

CatherinM3: \$2000 ?! Are they that cheap? \$1000? Where can I get one for that price?

KevanN: the connection works with an audio/video connection

KevanN: The computer would need a special connection from it, however

ShereeR: You just need a video output capability on the TV. Most newer TVs do this just fine. Also, you need the appropriate cable to run from computer to TV

ShereeR: It depends on the computer. My laptop works with a simple digital video cord.

KevanN: I have seen them on sale at the MAC warehouse online

ShereeR: No special hook up

KevanN: do you have a PC?

ShereeR: The only thing is if you have a Mac you have to buy the "MAC" video cord.

KevanN: Epson puts out an LCD projector for about \$800.

ShereeR: Yes I use an iBook at school for this kind of stuff

ShereeR: Well, this year my entire school budget is 500 for the whole year.

KevanN: There is a cord that runs right to the projector from the laptop as well.

KevanN: Ouch!

KevanN: perhaps a shared purchase with another department...?

KevanN: ...anyway....

KevanN: some more ArtsConnected stuff,...

CatherinM3: What about an old computer with Windows 95?

ShereeR: Hey that is generous! Some schools give their art teachers 100 dollars at schools with over 1000 students. Nice huh?

CatherinM3: I am afraid to purchase a laptop.

CatherinM3: We have too much trouble with theft.

KevanN: Laptops are more flexible than a standard tabletop model.

CatherinM3: I have a TV with a VCR hook up.

KevanN: You can carry anything off if you have a mind to

KevanN: there are special locks and cables that are made for laptops

KevanN: let's look at some more stuff in toolkit...

ShereeR: OK

KevanN: click on the Explore the Toolkit and the Line link

KevanN: a video will play (short) that helps to define types of lines

ShereeR: You know Kevan this art collector program reminds me of "With Open Eyes" from the Art Institute of Chicago. It is higher level though and has more artworks.

ShereeR: Same kind of set up though. My kids love using Open Eyes

KevanN: That is true. At some point the museums in the AMICO group will also have these functions.

CatherinM3: I can schedule some computer time once in a while.

CatherinM3: in the lab.

KevanN: Try the Movement / Rhythm one as well...

ShereeR: OH I LIKE THIS TOOL KIT!!!

CatherinM3: This would be great for my middle school kids.

CatherinM3: Even the high school would have fun.

ShereeR: I just have to get an Internet hook up in my art room!! I could use this for class!

KevanN: That might be all you need, Catherine...students can work on this on their own time in their own homes, library, etc.

KevanN: How about one more before moving on (you can always come back)...

ShereeR: Oh I wish they had more artist videos. I like this!

KevanN: Try Warm and Cool under Color

KevanN: They are great...

ShereeR: My kids don't have computers at home.

ShereeR: Too poor

ShereeR: Digital Divide, remember.....

KevanN: I saw Judy at the National Art Educators Convention in Mpls. last year

KevanN: yes, I know...

KevanN: In my district they were able to write a grant that allows for laptops to be purchased for underserved populations and those laptops can go home with the students.

KevanN: ok....

CatherinM3: Do you know where they got the grant from?

KevanN: we need to move on to some other features to better give you the feel for this site

KevanN: I will try and find out for you.

KevanN: when (if) I do, I will post that information in my 'office'

CatherinM3: I so sorry. I have to leave.

KevanN: I do know that there are technology grants available a lot

KevanN: bye Catherine - thanks for coming!

CatherinM3: Thanks so much. The info was very helpful!!!

KevanN: there is one outfit called SchoolGrants.Org that publishes grant info all the time online

KevanN: you are welcome

KevanN: SchoolGrants.Org has a CD that is interactive with the Internet that is also purchasable.

ShereeR: Oh I love this. I just went to the "Color" section. Even my little kids could use this!

KevanN: Grants can be a tedious business, though

KevanN: Would you like to see some more kid interactive stuff?

ShereeR: I have gotten over \$30,000 of grants for my little art room in the past eight years.

ShereeR: Plus a car for me

KevanN: You ARE GOOD!

KevanN: I am impressed - I topped out at \$1,000 for a speaker to come and present at a conference

ShereeR: That's what they tell me. (However, you have to be dedicated and willing to really put the time in looking and writing the grants too!)

KevanN: that's the key!

KevanN: ok...let's go back to the art gallery and click on the playground icon at the top of the page

ShereeR: You know (back to the topic) I can't wait until we can see video on a larger scale on the computer. I love these animations but they would be difficult to read if you try to show them to a group.

KevanN: You will really enjoy getting access to an LCD projector then....

KevanN: in Playground...

KevanN: there are a series of interactive art games / activities that students can use

KevanN: they are grouped in several categories...

ShereeR: I guess that will be my next grant, huh?

ShereeR: I am there (in the playground)

KevanN: Make It...Find It...Watch and Listen...Explore It (you could write a grant for several LCDS...lol!)

KevanN: that's ok - I do that all the time

KevanN: Each category has a series of different activities...for example...

ShereeR: Oh I only need one!

KevanN: I was kidding...!

KevanN: example (see?)

KevanN: There are downloadable coloring pages in coloring book...

ShereeR: Oh these are so easy, even my very low kids could use this. I was just looking at designing a garden.

KevanN: you can design your own garden by moving icons around (similar to the Mpls. Sculpture Garden...

ShereeR: KEVAN!!! Coloring pages in ART CLASS!! Shame Shame!! LOL

KevanN: lol!... Yeah, well... I didn't invent this you know - I just teach it...

ShereeR: Yes, I really like this. I think I used this site a few years ago. However, this has really developed into some wonderful resources.

KevanN: it is improving all of the time.

KevanN: they were just refunded through the next several years so it will be here for quite awhile.

KevanN: have you used the postcard feature?

ShereeR: This site is especially nice because since my special ed kids are such a range of abilities, I have problems finding things for the kids working on low levels. This is nice because it offers things for all ability levels.

ShereeR: I am doing postcard right now.

KevanN: It is a great way to send art via email...all over the world!

KevanN: What a way to start up a penpal connection with students from other schools both here and in other countries

ShereeR: Well, I can't do that at my school either. SED kids have a lot of rules and regulations about privacy.

ShereeR: However, I can use it!! LOL

KevanN: Not to mention sending messages to the administration and get them interested in incorporating this program in a variety of settings - might even go in with you on that LCD projector...lol!

KevanN: way to go!

ShereeR: WOW Kevan, I am so glad I came tonight because this has really gotten me excited (a rare thing after teaching so long!) Thank you so much. Now I just have to figure out a way to pull the Internet into my classroom.

KevanN: Check out Find It as well....

KevanN: A Treasure Hunt of sorts and a Concentration activity can be played there (as well as a connection to Art Collector)

ShereeR: Actually, I am going to do a thorough search of the entire site. I am a trainer for the new art teachers in my district and I am going to share this with them too. In fact, now that I think of it, maybe I can incorporate this into an Art and Technology workshop or something.

KevanN: Good for you! If you would like me to mail you some handouts, you can send me a snail mail address and I would be happy to share them with you.

ShereeR: I just got my postcard I sent to myself. Oh I really like this. This site is fun.

KevanN: Yes, it can be quite addicting!

ShereeR: I have to think about this. However, if I need anything or have questions, you are easy to find.

ShereeR: I have to go now because nature is calling my dog and she needs to go out.

Thanks oodles!!! See you soon!!!

KevanN: Yes I am. My email is knitzber@ties2.net

KevanN: So long Sheree! Nice to talk with you again.