

Title of Session: ArtsSites - Arts Across the Curriculum

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Room: On Tap Café

MarianneG joined the room.

BJ waves hi to Marianne. Glad you could make it back!

MarianneG: Hi BJ. Am I late?

BJ: no, Marianne, you're not late at all

BJ: so far you're going to get a private session

BJ . o O (which works for me!)

MarianneG: lol...well, I may have to check on my husband in a few....he got home late and has to get ready to go to work in a hurry

MarianneG: I figured there would be lot of people here

BJ: let me show you my backflip folder, Marianne...

MarianneG: ok

BJ: then you can do your own arts across the curriculum session

BJ: www.backflip.com/members/BjBerquist

MarianneG: if I click it will I get a new window

MarianneG: I haven't done tapped in for a while

BJ: yes, click on the url...if you have a pop up blocker, hold down the ctrl key as you click

MarianneG: got it

MarianneG: looks like you have a LOT of resources

BJ: probably a bunch of the links are dead...never have time to update...

BJ: but I keep adding more as I come across them

MarianneG: I understand that

BJ: There are so many wonderful ways to use art to teach across the curriculum. Do you ever collaborate with other disciplines?

MarianneG: I "collect" them too...better than other collectibles that just gather dust

BJ agrees

MarianneG: I used to when I was teaching elementary...a lot, but I moved to the high school/junior high this year and it is more difficult

BJ: I noticed in your ID that you teach middle and high school art?

BJ: ahhh..yep.

MarianneG: just started this year

BJ: are you enjoying the change? It's a big difference

MarianneG: 5 years at elementary prior to this

MarianneG: I really like it

BJ smiles. I prefer the older kids too

BJ: you can go deeper into ideas

MarianneG: I'm trying, but am frustrated

BJ understands.

MarianneG: the teacher who retired had grown tired of teaching

MarianneG: so she was just basically keeping them busy doing crafty things

MarianneG: no basics

BJ: that is one feature of Tapped In that I really like, Marianne...the collaboration keeps me interested and inspired

MarianneG: my "advanced" class....well...I use that term loosely

BJ chuckles

MarianneG: I am on a couple of lists on yahoo that help me a lot

MarianneG: Lots of ideas and inspiration

MarianneG: and shoulders to cry on

MarianneG: lol

BJ: are you on the Choice Arts list?

BJ: I think it's a yahoo group

MarianneG: no....I am on Arts educators and art education. They occasionally discuss choice though, I have heard of that list

BJ nods.

MarianneG: those are both very active yahoo groups

BJ: great collaboration takes place

MarianneG: yes

BJ: what brought you back to Tapped In, Marianne?

BJ . o O (if I may be so bold as to ask?)

MarianneG: I assume you are familiar with IAD?

BJ nods

BJ: with Judy Decker

MarianneG: I just wanted to try it again and I like the interface to be able to talk face to face....I just haven't been able to use it a lot....times are sometimes bad for me

BJ nods to Marianne. It's difficult to meet all the needs of all the time zones. Tapped In now has an international membership of over 23,500!

MarianneG: think it would be a great way to do PD. I wish I could do it and get CEUs for it!

MarianneG: that's amazing (23,500)!

BJ: ahhh...yes, CEU's would be excellent...

BJ: that is why the group ProActive Educators was started

MarianneG: Tell me more about ProActive Educators

BJ: Proactive educators is a group that is looking for ways to document participation in Tapped In...

MarianneG: oh...I see

BJ: so that school districts and IU's will grant CEU's for participation

MarianneG: That would be so great

BJ: Tapped In can't do it, and we don't want to pay for universities to do it...so we have to be proactive and figure out how to do it ourselves!

MarianneG: I see...the group would do it then

BJ: it's going to take a lot of collaboration with school admin...but once they realize that their teachers can get prof dev and the school doesn't have to pay anything ...should be an easy sell

MarianneG: one would think

MarianneG: What kind of progress are they making?

BJ: well, I got kind of busy over the holidays and haven't scheduled any meetings...

BJ: there is a big tech conference in Pennsylvania this month and I'm hoping that some members of the group will be able to meet and discuss some options

BJ: if you join the group, you'll get notices of future meetings

MarianneG: I understand....I have been overwhelmed since the holidays, followed by end of semester, exams and grades...wonder if I will ever catch up

MarianneG: I'd like that

BJ: Marianne, click on the SEARCH tab in the top right of your screen

BJ: then click on GROUPS

BJ: enter proactive

MarianneG: I found it

BJ: click on the name of the group

BJ: that will take you to the group ID page

MarianneG: I just joined!

BJ: there is a link at the top of the page to join this group

BJ cheers...wonderful!

BJ: once you join a group...

BJ: the group name is added to your favorite places menu

BJ: this allows you to go to the group room and read the discussion board and any other information that is posted there

MarianneG: oh...ok...then I will be able to find the meeting

MarianneG: great

MarianneG: now this is for all teachers - any content area, correct?

BJ: correct, Marianne. What state are you in?

MarianneG: Ohio

BJ: oh...contact Jan Naher-Snowden

BJ: she teaches at a university in Ohio...and leads several discussion groups in Tapped In

BJ: she's a great person to collaborate with on how to get CEU's in your state

MarianneG: is she on the list?

BJ: let me check

MarianneG: I'm not finding her name

BJ: me either...poohh.! Well, you'll have to send her a message and ask her to join!

BJ: did you know you can email from within the TI interface?

BjB: click on SEARCH

BjB: then enter Jan Naher Snowden

MarianneG: ok

BjB: when you go to her ID page you'll see an email icon.

MarianneG: got it

MarianneG: ok

MarianneG: will it send from my yahoo address?

BjB: Jan will see that you sent the message from within Ti

MarianneG: oh...good

BjB: . o O (it won't automatically have your email address unless you put it in the email)

MarianneG: ok...I will do that

BjB: any other questions, Marianne?

MarianneG: not really....I am glad to have your backflip file

MarianneG: though

BjB: hope you find some goodies in there!

BjB: waves goodnight

MarianneG: night

MarianneG: thanks