

**Title of Session:** ArtsConnectEd  
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**KevanN:** OK all, We can do some intros unless the 'class' needs to be formally announced...

**KevanN:** BJ do we have anyone else coming?

**BjB:** |\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT: ArtsConnectEd, arts across the curriculum, is starting in KevanN's office. To participate click on the ONLINE tab to the left of your chat window, single click on KevanN and then click on the door icon at the bottom of the frame \*\*|

**KevanN:** There is that announcement! lol!

**BjB:** don't think so, Kevan.

**KevanN:** OK...Well, how about introducing yourselves then.....

**BjB** waves hi to everyone. I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

**BjB** pokes Emily and Susan

**SusanR:** K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ontario, Canada

**EmilyW** waves hi to everyone too. I am in TX, recent college grad and web designer.

**BjB:** Sue also leads the K-3+ resources group, Kevan

**BjB:** Emily designed the festival logo.

**BjB** . o O ( and the festival certificate of participation for this year )

**KevanN:** I am a high school art teacher in Minnesota at a large suburban school, president of our state art teacher organization (AEM) and an ArtsConnectEd trainer

**KevanN:** Glad that you could all make it - busy time of year

**SusanR:** always on the lookout for new resources and ideas

**KevanN:** well, I think you will find some useful resources here.

**KevanN:** Emily, have you used ArtsConnectEd before?

**KevanN:** I know that Susan has been here before

**EmilyW:** I have looked at it but haven't really explored the site yet

**KevanN:** OK, well first let me make you aware of the links and files I have in the office that you can use....

**SusanR** nods

**KevanN:** There are a series of 'collections' that I have put together using Art Collector which allows you to combine text and image in a publishable collection....

**KevanN:** I have additional directions for creating a collection posted as well in the file collection

**KevanN:** The examples of the collections are in the link section. You can look through those later on at your own pace if you like

**KevanN:** Let's go to the site ok?

**KevanN:** Click on <http://www.artsconnected.org>

**KevanN:** be sure to detach your chat screen first for easy reading / viewing

**KevanN:** OK....is everyone at the ArtsConnectEd site?

**SusanR:** yep

**KevanN:** Alright....A quick tour of the site - go to the Art Gallery first

**EmilyW:** I was looking at the art gallery earlier

**EmilyW:** and had problems with using the search engine

**KevanN:** the screen is split into a search screen on the left and a program screen on the right

**KevanN:** the search is a word search and has to be gotten used to. I will have some tips for you tonight

**EmilyW:** I am thinking I used words that did not work well

**EmilyW:** I am now getting results

**KevanN:** As long as we are looking at Searching, I will give you some keys that will hopefully make this more user friendly....

**KevanN:** As with a Boolean search, you can link 2 words together to limit the search (as on Google)....

**KevanN:** For instance....

**KevanN:** typing in 'painting' will get you about 3,000 items.....

**KevanN:** typing in 'painting and portrait' will get you about 200 items

**KevanN:** If you want to broaden a search....

**KevanN:** Use the wildcard feature by typing the root of the word.....

**KevanN:** and then type in the asterisk (\*)

**KevanN:** That will give you a greater number of possibilities...

**KevanN:** For example...

**KevanN:** 'geometry' will give you about 24 returns....

**KevanN:** 'geometric' provides 137 returns...

**KevanN:** and 'geom\*' provides 160 returns

**KevanN:** You can also combine a wildcard and a Boolean search as well...

**KevanN:** 'geom\* and painting provides 40 returns, for instance

**KevanN:** Make sense?

**BjB** nods

**JeffC** only came up with two things for "escher"

**KevanN:** Great! Of course, BJ is always a quick study...lol!

**KevanN:** The search engine only searches what is posted at the Mpls. Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center, Jeff. They own and operate the site.

**EmilyW** realized there must have been a tech problem earlier with the site

**KevanN:** OK....

**KevanN:** Tech issues have become SOP these days

**BjB:** having the ability to search for geom\* gives you lots of resources to use for geometry lessons

**SusanR** tries geom

**KevanN:** That's true! That is the beauty of wildcard searching - really lets you go beyond the confines of a particular word / concept and make more connections

**KevanN:** You will also notice a series of boxes that can be checked / unchecked

**KevanN:** That also helps to broaden / narrow the search as well

**KevanN:** Note: If you are principally interested in images, make sure that the 'only show art with images' box is checked

**KevanN:** Additional links are also provided on this page (and on other pages) to outside resources as well -

**AgostinoS** joined the room.

**KevanN:** MN Art Museums and Online Visual Resources are available on the right hand side at the bottom

**KevanN:** Welcome Agostino

**AgostinoS:** Hi, thanks for inviting me on...this is my first time here.

**KevanN:** The other icons on the right are existing programs that are being featured. Shall we run through them quickly?

**KevanN:** You are welcome, Agostino.

**KevanN:** The silence is deafening...lol!

**BjB:** Kevan is leading a discussion on ArtsConnectEd, a site that can be used to integrate the arts across the curriculum, Agostino

**EmilyW:** where are you looking?

**BjB:** the site is [www.artsconnected.org](http://www.artsconnected.org)

**KevanN:** I am still on the Art Gallery page

**AgostinoS:** Yes, great, let's dive on in!

**BjB:** then click on Art Gallery

**KevanN:** I am looking under Tours and Adventures

**EmilyW:** ok I see it now

**KevanN:** Here go the descriptions - we will come back to the individual programs afterwards (you can always go and look at whatever you want to spend more time on later)

**KevanN:** Artists Toolkit: explores (through the use of animated sequences) the elements of art and principles of design...

**KevanN:** Art Sampler: A way to look at 10 random images at a time from the over 4000 digitized images that have been posted by the 2 museums

**BjB:** Kevan is looking at Art Gallery/tours and adventures

**KevanN:** Art Collector: where you can create your own collections combining images from the museums or the internet at large and your own or cut and pasted text - huge cross disciplinary applications here

**KevanN:** Surrounded by Beauty: a site that explores the Native American people across the North American continent

**KevanN:** Global Positioning: a look at contemporary artists working across the globe

**KevanN:** Unified Vision: an exploration of the Prairie School of Architecture (aka Frank Lloyd Wright)

**KevanN:** Below all of that is also a link to additional programs....

**KevanN:** Click on 'More Adventures' to see these

**KevanN:** Has everyone clicked on more adventures yet?

**SusanR** nods

**EmilyW:** yes

**BjB:** are some of these new, Kevan?

**KevanN:** I will let you look at these on your own as we are running late. They are fairly self explanatory and each one provides a wide range of features for you to explore including sound and video

**KevanN:** No BJ, these are the 'archived' ones

**KevanN:** New art work is always being posted, however

**BjB** nods

**KevanN:** Let's take a look at another page....

**SusanR** . o O ( lots to explore )

**KevanN:** Go to the top of the Art Gallery and click on the For Your Classroom icon - yes Susan there certainly is!

**KevanN:** For Your Classroom provides you with links to specific age / grade level lessons....

**KevanN:** Again, there are a series of clickable boxes that will help you conduct a resource search....

**SusanR** . o O ( notices Canadian Art.. Haida art )

**KevanN:** There is also information for getting a trainer to come to your school - probably only available to MN teachers / schools....

**KevanN:** A downloadable Teachers Guide is also available that has useful info for utilizing the site's functions....

**KevanN:** More lesson info is available through ArtsNetMN which looks at different combinations of lesson ideas

**EmilyW:** I like the teachers guide

**KevanN:** Note that on the bottom of the page are additional links that provide more info about the site. You can also download free software that you might not have on your computer in order to fully access all of the programs on ArtsConnectEd

**KevanN:** It is a nice resource...

**KevanN:** Another resource is the online tutorial that you can go to at <http://www.artsconnected.org/tutorial>

**SusanR:** What is Art..that's the first questions I ask when I do my Looking at Art presentations in the classroom!!!

**KevanN:** Let me know when you arrive at a definitive definition....that's when I will retire...lol!

**KevanN:** OK.....let's click on the next icon at the top of the page: Library and Archives

**SusanR:** what's your definition, Kevan

**KevanN:** Here again is a split screen for searching and for program access...

**KevanN:** I try to keep an open mind, Susan (chuckle).\

**KevanN:** There are 2 programs that are listed here - they are subject to change and addition. One is a repeat of what you already saw in the gallery, the other allows you to go the Walker's web site where there are interviews with such artists as Oldenburg, Dine and DuChamp

**KevanN:** Moving along....click on the Playground icon (the mouse)

**KevanN:** There are a lot of things here as well that are quite interesting for students as well as the overall public as well, from downloading printable coloring book representations of works at the museums to being able to send postcards with artwork on them - a nice PR touch to be used with parents, students, school board members, etc.

**KevanN:** Click on Make It and we will check out the postcard feature

**KevanN:** Click on the postage stamp

**KevanN:** Here is one of those new art additions, BJ: The new version of the illustrated St. John's Bible that was created by hand in MN and is on display at the Mpls. Institute of Art right now.

**BjB:** lovely, Kevan

**KevanN:** Click on any of the art categories under Postcards from our permanent collection

**SusanR:** Pierre Bonnard.. Dining Room in the Country

**KevanN:** By clicking on the description of the art piece you will go to a page that allows you to create a postcard

**KevanN:** Scrolling down to the bottom of the page will allow you to "Send this Postcard"

**SusanR:** Neat, Kevan

**KevanN:** A new screen comes up with a text box and a to and from box for the appropriate email addresses

**KevanN:** Nice way for pen pals to communicate I think...

**KevanN:** OK....

**KevanN:** Last icon on the top is the Search All - click there

**SusanR** agrees

**KevanN:** If you know what you want to look for from the outset, this page provides you with a short cut

**KevanN:** Well, that's the big picture...How about we start a collection?

**KevanN:** Go back to the Art Gallery page

**BjB:** do we have time, Kevan?

**KevanN:** 15 minutes by my watch

**EmilyW:** this site is great

**BjB** nods

**EmilyW:** I understand it much better now

**KevanN:** It's hard not to like!

**KevanN:** That is why I am here...lol!

**KevanN:** OK...First I am going to share a collection I put together.....

**EmilyW:** everything I learned in my art classes is coming back to me

**KevanN:** This collection is not art-based but rather deals with the topic of diversity in population

**SusanR:** I am always amazed by what's here, Kevan..and I always discover something new

**KevanN:** It never really leaves, Emily - sort of like riding a bike!



**KevanN:** OK...here is the address of the collection:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/pub/KevanNitzberg1506.cfm>

**KevanN:** The 1st page is a disclaimer page that all collections are prefaced with

**KevanN:** There are images from the museums here as well as images from the internet and text that I have incorporated as well. This collection is also accessible from the file section in my office

**KevanN:** Have a look and then come back

**KevanN:** I want to get everyone started on a collection tonight

**KevanN:** The pluses involved in using Art Collector involve being able to have students create the work from any computer that is connected to the internet from anywhere - no need to have to reserve a lab on a regular basis. Also, as an instructor you can look at their work at any time from any computer that is hooked into the internet as well, provided that they have published the collection (a simple procedure), and they have given you the address.

**EmilyW:** how do you add images from the internet?

**KevanN:** That is a simple matter of using some html magic. I will get into that in a second after we have logged in. If folks have to leave early I have also posted the directions in my office files as well.

**KevanN:** Let us get started - go to the Art Collector icon (the marbles and the box) and click on it

**SusanR:** Can they add their own artistic endeavors, Kevan?

**EmilyW:** Could I add my own work in my collection?

**KevanN:** Only if they already exist online - you are bringing in an address of an image not the actual image

**EmilyW:** maybe that explains why some images don't load?

**SusanR:** . o O ( picture of a picture )

**KevanN:** If you have clicked on the marbles / box, you will come to a log in screen. If you already have a log in For Art Collector go ahead and use it, otherwise click on new user

**EmilyW:** I had scanned 5 pieces of my artwork and put them on my website (I took them off for now)

**KevanN:** that's sort of right Susan - we copy paste an address of the image into a text box and then convert it back into an image again

**EmilyW:** where are the instructions?

**SusanR:** can use Flickr or photobucket

**KevanN:** Alright, in creating a log in you need a user name and a password - note that there is NO reminder feature in ArtsConnectEd so you should write the info down somewhere

**SusanR:** I am in

**EmilyW:** I am working on my collection now

**SusanR:** seem to have new features added

**KevanN:** The instructions for creating a collection are in my links section as a collection. There are instructions in my file section for manipulating the text in the text boxes

**KevanN:** All the same Susan

**KevanN:** OK....Let's get to an editor page

**KevanN:** If you have logged in successfully, you will come to a page that lets you create a search or start a text page. For the purposes of this exercise, create a text page

**KevanN:** You will first have to have started a new collection by typing in the name of the collection - that can be changed later on

**KevanN:** You will also note that there are a series of pre-made collections that you can make your own in the yellow ochre box

**KevanN:** To create a text page you need to simply click on the blue bar at the left where it says add a text page

**KevanN:** This is going to look like a generic screen in the editor page that will be coming up next - in order to distinguish one page from another, put a title in the title box

**EmilyW:** ok I got it to work

**KevanN:** Now, I am going to take you through how to bring in images from the internet and create hyperlinks to web sites online

**EmilyW** needs to go

**SusanR:** I am ready

**KevanN:** First, in order to search effectively, open a new window using your browser commands

**KevanN:** OK

**EmilyW:** thanks, I enjoyed learning more about how to use the site, I can't wait to get started on my collection

**SusanR:** yep

**KevanN:** OK Em remember where the directions can be found...ready Susan?

**SusanR** nods

**KevanN:** Alright...Search for something using Google

**KevanN:** OK Susan, find an image that you want to bring into the collection

**SusanR:** I am googling, Kevan

**KevanN:** great!

**KevanN:** Are you using a PC?

**SusanR:** Mac.. I have a Jackson Pollock

**KevanN:** OK...Well Click and hold on the image

**SusanR:** It's all coming back

**KevanN:** that will bring up a menu - select Open image in New Window

**SusanR:** open image in new window

**KevanN:** It's the bike thing...lol!

**KevanN:** OK....

**SusanR:** biking skiing yes

**KevanN:** Highlight the address at the top which now ends in a jpg, gif or other image designation

**SusanR:** done

**KevanN:** Copy the address and then paste it into the text box

**KevanN:** See it?

**KevanN:** You are now going to convert it back into an image

**SusanR:** one moment

**SusanR:** thousand windows open

**KevanN:** I know the problem!

**KevanN:** You can windowshade the ones not being used or just make them smaller and easier to handle

**SusanR:** okay

**KevanN:** alright! In front of the address type: `<img src=`

**KevanN:** Note that there is a space between img and src

**KevanN:** At the end of the address type `>`

**KevanN:** Now you should have something that looks like: `<img src=http://www.....jpg>`

**SusanR:** yes

**KevanN:** Great!

**SusanR:** Thanks Kevan

**KevanN:** At the bottom of the box, click on use this text

**KevanN:** Remember how to do a link?

**SusanR** nods

**KevanN:** Want to try a link back to the site that the image came from?

**KevanN:** Here are the directions in case you need a refresher:

**KevanN:** Highlight and copy the address of the web site

**SusanR:** okay

**KevanN:** Paste this address into the text box as well - make sure that there are a couple of lines in between the text for the image and the new text for the web site

**SusanR:** yes

**KevanN:** At the beginning in front of the address type: <a href=

**KevanN:** There is a space between a and href

**KevanN:** After the = sign type "

**KevanN:** This is different from the image source code and important

**SusanR:** gotcha

**KevanN:** 'Now you should have <a href="<http://www.....htm>

**KevanN:** the <a href="

**KevanN:** hmmm.

**KevanN:** It's not letting me write it out...this is what it looks like again:

**KevanN:** <a href="<http://www.....>">Click here</a>

**KevanN:** Goofy!

**BjB** wonders what is going on?

**SusanR:** You do have the instructions here in your office!

**KevanN:** Well, go the link in my office - the directions are there. It is not letting me type the html for some reason that is beyond my understanding.

**KevanN:** let me try again...

**KevanN:** Type <a href=" at the beginning

**KevanN:** nope....

**KevanN:** I am not sure what is going on, but yes the instructions are in the link section in the office

**SusanR:** Time is marching on..let me play around with it on my own time

**KevanN:** Well, any questions?

**KevanN:** OK!

**SusanR:** Great session as always..

**BjB:** thanks, Kevan. Always an adventure when you lead a session

**SusanR:** now if there were only 48 hours in a day

**KevanN:** Well, my pleasure! Wouldn't have it any other way, BJ!

**KevanN:** I try work within the 24....not always successfully, though....lol!

**SusanR:** Thanks again

**BjB** waves goodnight

**KevanN:** you are very welcome!