

Deirdre Headley: Artist/Art Educator

- ▣ Born in the 50's, mid Florida east coast
- ▣ Had a baby girl in 1988
- ▣ Laura is my forever muse
- ▣ 20 years as realistic portrait artist with a day job... then
- ▣ 22 years ago: discovered passion for sharing the realm of art
- ▣ Began with friends, then friends of friends
- ▣ Started receiving county-wide referrals
- ▣ Home school association sought me out, and I got onboard
- ▣ I have sought to be a better educator ever since, obtaining a Master's in Teaching in 2010, but...
- ▣ I wanted "art education specific" training

And, BOY, am I ever learning!

“Looking into Technology”



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Main Ideas and Steps

Digital Art, Technology, Connection and Collaboration

- Establish Homeschool Art Class Website and Blog (assessment)
- Student/teacher Connection with Online Digital Art Forums/groups (learning)
- Invite Other Homeschool Art Educators and Students to Connect (assessment)
- Ongoing Discussions About Art Educator Needs (assessment, learning, and collaboration)

Community Connection and Support-from Stakeholders

- Parents and Community Artists
- Postsecondary Art Educators
- Public School Art Teachers
- Business Owners
- Art Education Advocates
- ❖ **ORCHESTRATE AND IMPLEMENT SUPPORT WHERE NEEDED**

“AHA” Moments

- ▣ The crucial need for connection, collaboration and support
- ▣ The significance of technology in art, art education and in our world
- ▣ The realization that the wise utilization of that technology is the best way to initiate connection, collaboration, support and CHANGE

Lingering Brain Niggles

- ▣ Finding a balance between the “old” and the “new”
- ▣ How to educate stakeholders about the advantages of collaboration and support
- ▣ How, and who, to educate about the value of art education

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[BLOG INPUT AND CREATIVE PROCESS](#)

Independent Project Proposal

Although I initially had in mind rallying for in-school support art educators in the public schools, I have decided I should begin