

Welcome to our presentation **Internet Inspirations, Information, and Interactions**. This presentation was created by Jack Tovey from Pinellas County Schools, Largo Florida Linda Evans, Rock River Intermediate in Waupun, Wisconsin and Donald Peters from N.F. Woods Advanced Technology and Arts Center, Moresville, NC.

Most Art teachers are singletons that work in one or a series of schools.

Each of us research, explore, create, teach, and assess the work we do with our students by ourselves. We subscribe to magazines, scour every book store, go to Art Fairs, museums, Art centers, universities, Cultural Centers, and even other states and countries to inspire us to envision new ideas that we can use to teach our students. These are all great ways that provide the needed spark to teach. **However, working alone is a daunting task.**

We met online in Art Ed 2.0 and decided to present at Ft. Worth for NAEA. Using Google Plus to communicate and Prezi to create the presentation to showcase ways to use the internet to engage teachers and their students in exploring, making, and learning about Art we did work individually and collectively online using Google +’s Hangout.

Artsonia is the world's largest kids art museum online. It's the newest way to celebrate creativity in the classroom and get families involved in art [education](#)!

Kids develop a new sense of pride and feel like famous artists published in a museum!

Family and friends view the artwork, join fan clubs and leave personal comments for the artists.

Schools earn 20% when parents purchase custom keepsakes with their child's artwork – a great fundraiser for your arts program!

Thousands of Art Project [Lesson Plan Starters](#) have been submitted by teachers just like you, and are available as a resource for your classroom!

Pinterest is a [pinboard](#)-style [photo sharing](#) website that allows users to create and manage theme-based image collections such as events, interests, hobbies, and more. Users can browse other pinboards for inspiration, 're-pin' images to their own pinboards, or 'like' photos.

Edmodo is a class management system. Current uses include posting assignments, creating polls for student responses, embedding video clips, and simply a venue for students and teachers to exchange messages for learning. ^[2] Educators are finding creative ways to support student learning by using Edmodo as a place to post and critique one another’s literature analysis, collaborate with their peers, and post creative writing for an audience.

Photo hosting sites like Potoshop.com, Photobucket, and Flickr allow you to explore **what others have posted**, comment on their work, and **use their work for examples**. For class, **students can use the editing features** to crop, enhance color and correct white balance in photos for portfolios and assignments. You can **create a class section to share student work** with classmates and parents that provides a place to comment on student work.

Besides Pinterest there are other graphic bookmark services. Symbaloo and Pearltrees are two examples. When you join you can **create your own visual teaching resources to share** so that **students can access content from wherever they are**. You can link to other people's collections and also **copy links from their sites to your own**. You can also **rate the sites and communicate with other users**. Symbaloo is in a geometric format tiles on a rectangular background. Pearltrees is more like a mind mapping format: Big ideas that branch out to other areas similar to roots from a plant.

Blogging can be used for several things. **1. Follow blogs** that others write to inspire and uplift you. While reading someone else's blog you can comment to create connections and share your ideas with the author and other's following the blog. **2. Write your own blog** as a way to communicate your way of work and get feedback from others. **3. If your district allows it you can also use it as a forum** for teachers, students, and parents to share their ideas, assess assignments, and comment on other people's artwork.

Google Art project offers Unlimited resources to works of Art and museums around the world

You can look like an expert by making and using presentations that include works in the entire collection of galleries

You can develop your own galleries that you can use to teach, have students create their own collections as an assessment to show you how they understand concepts, themes, and subject matter through a series of artwork they choose. All work can be saved and shared.

Going even further, **Google Art connects you to even more specific content like Khan Academy's Smarthistory, Art Babble, and World Heritage Sites**

Artsconnected is a website that combines the collections of the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center so teachers and students can explore, find Art works, and create collections of Art works that can be saved, shared, and used for presentations. There is also a section to connect with other Art Teachers called **Ask an Educator**. **In the familiar forum setting you can ask questions, comment, read about what others are doing, post what you're doing, and create quizzes based on artwork in the galleries for your students.**

For the truly adventurous there's **SKYPE**, a video conferencing tool. The service allows users to communicate with peers by voice using a microphone, video by using a webcam, and [instant messaging](#) over the Internet. A great way to connect students with artists, museums, Art teachers and other Art classes to expand beyond the classroom.

So this brings us back to where we started. Yes, many of us are single Art teachers that have to make our own way. Using the Internet is an opportunity to find resources, ask questions, look at what others have done, reach out and share, and collaborate with other Art teachers throughout the world.

There are resources for any comfort level. It's up to you to reach out and make your choices, so you can be inspired, locate information, and interact **so instead of facing the challenge alone** you can find strength and confidence as **part of a community of learners and teachers.**

The link to our presentation is:

<http://prezi.com/7hmnj1veyibi/internet-inspirations-information-and-interaction-joining-the-global-internet-community-to-facilitate-teaching-art/?kw=view-7hmnj1veyibi&rc=ref-3038957>