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PRESS RELEASE

Mr. Guy Giersch will be honored as "Friend of Art Education 2009" by the Texas Art Education Association. The Awards presentation will take place at the Opening First General Session, Friday, November 13, 2009, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Reunion Center, Dallas, during the TAEA annual conference.

The Texas Art Education Association recognizes outstanding members of the Association, Friends of Art Education, and Principals through our Annual Awards Program. Each nominee must provide a resume, a statement of personal philosophy, and three letters of recommendation to our awards committee. The awards committee consists of officers of the TAEA, division chairpersons, and at least twelve members-at-large. This group makes the selection of the award recipients through confidential ballot.

The purpose of the Texas Art Education Association is to raise the standards of art education and the teaching of art throughout the state, to promote art as an integral part of the curriculum, and to represent the art educators of Texas at many different levels.

Being chosen for this prestigious award is an expression of the highest professional respect. Please feel free to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the fact that Mr. Giersch has been named "Friend of Texas Art Education" for 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cindi Garrett", is written over a light, circular, textured background.

Cindi Garrett, Awards Chair
Texas Art Education Association