

# Maine Adult Education Association NEWSLETTER



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## BI-MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Maine Adult Education programs are moving forward with county corrections programming despite the interruption in services due to COVID. 2023 marks the fourth year of Penobscot County's PACE program. PACE (Purpose, Awareness, Connection, Education) is a collaboration among Riverside Adult Education, The Penobscot County Jail, and many community organizations and volunteers. The two-day program has served approximately 250 people since its inception. Participants fulfill their 48+ hour sentences through enrolling in PACE. During the two-day program, a roster of volunteers provided education, information, and testimony.

### MAEA UPDATES/NEWS

Maine Adult Education Association Annual Conference: ***Nourish to Flourish!***

**June 21 and 22 at the Augusta Civic Center!**

Register and view the workshops for the conference at this link:

<https://maineadulted.org/registration-and-information/>

**Scholarship Baskets are back!** Start getting ready for the best raffle at the conference! More info to come soon!

*Want to run for a seat on the MAEA Board?*

Contact Jeremy Lehan at [jlehan@msad54.org](mailto:jlehan@msad54.org) or Shirley Wright at [swright345@gmail.com](mailto:swright345@gmail.com) to learn more about the process.

*Need marketing tools?* Check out this page on the MAEA website:

<https://maineadulted.org/marketing-toolkit-new-logo/>

MAEA Corrections committee members are working to help spread the word about PACE to local sheriffs and jail administrators; we are hoping to expand PACE by implementing it at other sites across the state. Three primary goals are to facilitate successful reentry and transition into our communities; reduce recidivism; and build supportive relationships with local adult education programs.

Resident artists from Hancock County Jail are collaborating with an adult education instructor to coordinate an exhibit of original inmate artwork. See sample artwork below:



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