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**Hyde Park Central School District Announces  
Dianne Knapp has been named the 2006 New York State Art Teacher of the Year!**

Hyde Park, December 11, 2006- Paul Scatenato Acting Director of Fine & Performing Arts announces that Dianne Knapp, who teaches at the Ralph R. Smith Elementary School in Hyde Park, has been chosen as the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) Art Teacher of the Year. NYSATA, is a non-profit professional organization founded in 1948 for the purpose of advancing the cause of art education.

Dianne M. Knapp has been teaching Art in the Hyde Park School District since 1985, coming to Hyde Park from Taconic Hills Central School. A graduate of the State University of NY at Oswego, Knapp holds two certifications, Elementary Education and Art Education and has been teaching since 1975. Knapp has been an active member, officer and volunteer in the New York State Art Teacher's Association for over twenty years. She has also worked with SED and BOCES to contribute to the advancement of education and the arts in education. Her most recent position outside of teaching is chair of a summer institute for art teachers. In her free time, Knapp loves to be with family, work in the garden and to enjoy the great outdoors.



Shown above (l-r) are: (Stephen Hughes, Hyde Park school board member, Dianne Knapp, Katy McEnroe, principal of Ralph R Smith School)



Dianne Knapp