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## AATA NEWS

# Recognition of Outstanding Service for Members of AATA's Board of Directors



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To mark the end of their terms of service, four members of the American Art Therapy Association's Board of Directors were recognized at the Board meeting on July 6, 2016 and at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on July 9, in Baltimore, Maryland. President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, acknowledged the Board members' contributions to the work of the AATA, and their exceptional service:



- Stephanie Wise, ATR-BC, ATCS, LCAT, Treasurer, 2015-2016.
- Juliet King, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, Board of Directors, 2012-2016.
- Melissa Hedlund Nelson, MCAT, ATR-BC, LCPC, Speaker of the Assembly of Chapters, 2015-2016.
- Gwendolyn Short, MA, ATR-BC, LCPAT, Board of Directors, 2012-2016.

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### AATA Featured Member



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Patricia St John, EdD, ATR-BC, LCAT, is the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Service Award. This prestigious honor is conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions to the

field of art therapy, specifically in the area of the Association's internal development as well as its relationship with other organizations. As Professor and Chair of the Graduate Division of Professional and Fine Arts, and Director of Graduate Art Therapy Programs at the College of New Rochelle, Dr. St John has a long and distinguished history of involvement in the profession as an educator and a scholar. **READ MORE**



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- [This year's SVA MPS Art Therapy conference features Pablo Helguera. Click here to join us on September 23, 2016!](#)



## Attention Credentialed Professional Members: Call for Artwork!



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The **Aug. 26, 2016 deadline is approaching for credentialed members** of the AATA to submit artwork contributing to the creation of a coloring book that will help raise public awareness of the art therapy profession. Importantly, this book will promote an accurate and consistent message of art therapy as a regulated mental health profession, because the AATA will oversee written content included in the book, including the title and introduction, and ensure all content is relevant to the AATA's mission and vision. Furthermore, the contributing artists may promote their own products/services that can be included in conjunction with their coloring page and narrative (e.g., link to professional webpage). Click [here](#) for full details on how to submit your artwork.

## The AATA Collaborates with The Institute for the Advancement of Senior Care (IASC) for the San Diego Memory Care Forum



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The [San Diego Memory Care Forum](#), taking place Sept. 22 – 23, will bring together some of the nation's leading care providers to discuss the research, innovations, and program approaches to memory care for older adults, both before and after a dementia diagnosis. In collaboration with The Institute for the Advancement of Senior Care (IASC), the AATA is pleased to be able to offer a **special discount for AATA members** who are interested in attending. Click here to log on to [MyAATA](#) and retrieve the discount code.

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## Free Educational Webinars and AATA Member Benefits Through TherapySites



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On Aug. 10th at 2 p.m. EST, TherapySites invites members to join them for "5 Quick Ways To Get New Clients and Make More Money!" This free educational [webinar](#) is made especially for mental health professionals who want to take their practice to the next level with an effective online presence. During the 30-minute free session, they will go over 5 steps that can be implemented into their site to create even more success, followed by a live Q & A session. Additionally, members can log in to their [MyAATA](#) page for more information about special TherapySites discounts.

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

## 100 homeless individuals documented their lives with disposable cameras



The Huffington Post

"This man is homeless," Ray Kelly said of the person in the photo above, which he took with a disposable Fujifilm camera. "He didn't want his face in the picture. He was just hangin' out because that's what homeless people do. They hang out and wait for food or for a place to open. They wait for something to happen." Kelly has also struggled with homelessness. In fact, he is one of 100 individuals who participated in the social artwork "Through Their Eyes," illuminating their experiences. The Spartanburg, South Carolina-based project distributed disposable cameras to members of the community, inviting them to document their lives and share their stories over the course of five days. [READ MORE](#)

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## Putting together the pieces: New Orleans doctors and therapists make autism navigable



BestofNewOrleans.com

It began with repeated ear infections. Christine DelHomme, a New Orleans resident and mother of three, recalls the chain of events that led to her daughter Catherine's autism diagnosis. Catherine suffered several inner ear infections and a loss of verbalization, which seemed to be a product of diminished hearing capacity. "There was a lot of grunting and a lot of groaning, a lot of pointing," DelHomme says. But her daughter's attempts at speech stopped. A pediatrician suggested DelHomme seek specialists to test Catherine's speech and hearing. When the audiologist said it was so precise Catherine could "hear a feather fall on the floor," DelHomme realized

that the issue was not physical. After four months of testing, Catherine was diagnosed with autism in 2003, at age 2. **READ MORE**

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