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AATA NEWS

In Tribute to Joan Phillips



Dr. Marcia Rosal, ATR-BC, HLM and Dr. Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro, ATR-BC



A lifetime of service is what comes to mind when I think about Joan Phillips. It seems as if she had been working to promote art therapy for decades. My first encounter with Joan was when I was invited to speak at the workshop she organized annually at the University of Oklahoma (OU) in the late 80s. I have worked with her many times since then, and it is with sadness and admiration that I write this tribute to Joan. Joan's carefree and warm nature belied her ability to dig in and continue to contribute even in the face of

adversity. For example, her enthusiasm for OU never waned even when, after years of teaching there, a graduate art therapy program still had not materialized. This did not stop her from advocating for the field in Oklahoma and nationally with her boundless energy and wit. **READ MORE**

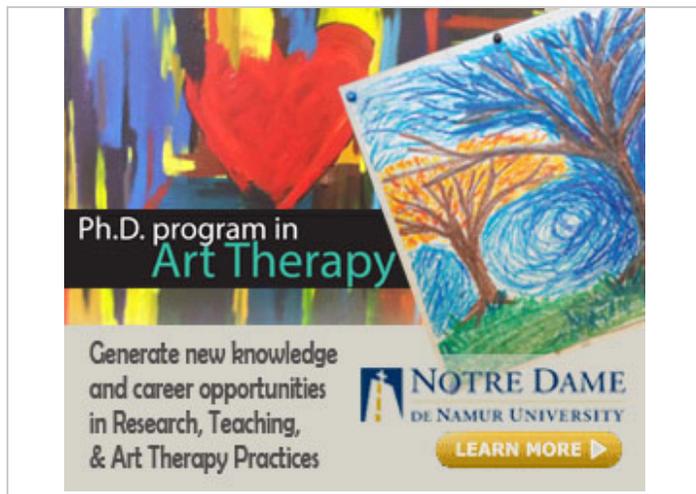
2017 Conference News: Early Bird Registration is Open!



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair

Early bird registration for the American Art Therapy Association's 48th Annual Conference to be held November 8-12, 2017* in Albuquerque, NM is open. This year our program features more than 230 educational sessions. When you register early you will save money, and get first choices on the very popular workshops and advanced practice sessions. The majority of the sessions do not require preregistration including Digital posters, Focus Groups, Papers, Panels, etc. Please visit the conference website to learn more about the registration packages including information about the sessions that require preregistration. **READ MORE**

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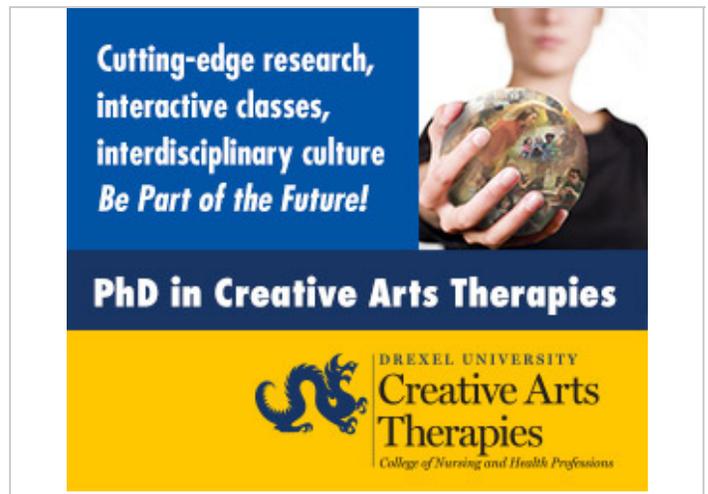


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Join SAMHSA and the AATA for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day



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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting the 2017 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day event on Thursday, May 4th, at the George Washington University Jack Morton Auditorium. Join SAMHSA, the American Art Therapy Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the National Council for Behavioral Health, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation as we draw attention to the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children and youth with mental and/or substance use disorders.

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AATA Signs its Support for Postpartum Funding



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On Monday, April 3rd, a [letter](#) was sent to Chairman Tom Cole and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies requesting the allocation of \$5 million for Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Depression, as authorized by Section 10005 of the 21st Century Cures Act. The AATA joined 36 partner organizations, coordinated by the National Coalition for Maternal Mental Health, to urge the Subcommittee, as it develops appropriations legislation for FY 2018, to consider the "significant cost savings" that better screening and treatment of maternal depression will create in addition to preventing adverse outcomes for women, children and their families.



Professional Doctorate of Art Therapy

This Mount Mary University program advances working professionals' careers through an annual, summer 12-day residency, online coursework and practitioner-generated research to transform the profession.

AATA Featured Member



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Susan Harder, MS, works both as a freelance artist and as an art therapist. She practices in a short-term inpatient facility for children, adolescents, adults, and seniors at Avera Behavioral Health, Sioux Falls, SD. After graduating with a BA in Art and Spanish from Bethel College, Susan continued to earn her MS in Art Therapy from Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, WI in 2015. Susan describes the AATA as “my main source for current art therapy information and education.” She especially values access to the Journal and to the annual conference as components of her AATA membership. She explains, “I had never felt more connected to the AATA community than when I attended my first conference in Minneapolis in 2015. It was inspiring to be surrounded by so many art therapists and hear presentations by leaders in the field who authored so many of the texts that I had read in graduate school.” [READ MORE](#)

Emporia State University Awards Kimberly Nguyen 2017-18 Nancy Knapp Memorial Scholarship



Gaelynn P. Wolf Bordonaro, Ph.D., ATR-BC

The Emporia State University (ESU) Graduate Art Therapy Program is excited to announce the recipient of the 2017-18 Nancy Knapp Memorial Scholarship, Kimberly Nguyen. Dr. Nancy Mayer Knapp came to Emporia State University in 1990 as Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. In 1994, Nancy, as she was affectionately called, became Director of the art therapy program and received the Teachers College Outstanding Achievement in Professional Service Award. [READ MORE](#)

IN THE NEWS

2017 Women Veterans Art Exhibit



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Learn more about the featured artists, sites and partners who made this initiative possible on the dedicated Veteran Artist Program External link to a nongovernment website page, which includes videos of the artists talking about their work. You may also view the Veteran Artist Program Album on flickr. [READ MORE](#)

5 misconceptions of art therapy



The Counsellors Cafe

What do you think of when you hear the words “art therapy”? Do you think of a therapist for artists? A psychologist who holds up inkblot images to analyze patients’ personalities or disorders based off of what they see (better known as ‘The Rorschach Test’)? Or perhaps you think of a person who teaches art to children? The above are common fallacies that I have heard firsthand after telling people, “I’m an Art Psychotherapist.” [READ MORE](#)

Sharing stories, sharing meals and sharing art



Elder Care Alliance

Elder Care Alliance and the Northern California Chapter of the American Art Therapy Association co-hosted an open studio this past weekend. It was wonderful to share an art space with those working in and around the creative art therapy field. Among our participants were several art therapists, an art student from California College of the Arts, and several people interested in the field. Prior to the art-making, art therapists were invited to share a meal with the elders at Mercy Retirement & Care Center. As one elder talked about her life experiences she repeatedly referenced the ways art, activism and public speaking help her. [READ MORE](#)

Healing the artist: The role of art therapy



WUWM-TV

An exhibit of fabric tapestries currently on display at Jewish Museum Milwaukee amounts to a rare public opportunity to see art therapy in action. Fabric of Survival: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz features three

dozen works. They were created by Krinitz to preserve her story of escaping Nazi-occupied Poland as a child during the Holocaust and share it with her family. Years later, the late Krinitz and her daughters decided to share the story with the world. **READ MORE**

Art Therapy major adds accelerated master's track



The Wood Word

Art therapy students can now earn their master's degrees sooner with the accelerated five-year bachelor's to master's (BA2MA) program. Undergraduate students who have 90 credits and a 3.0 GPA or higher may be accepted into the five-year track, according to Art Therapy Program Director Stephanie Wise. **READ MORE**

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