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AATA NEWS

How Images and Art Making Help Children's Mental Health: [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#) An Illustrator and Art Therapist Explains

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Giora Carmi, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT is an art therapist and illustrator of children's books and other genres. The AATA interviewed him about his experience working with children both as clients in art therapy and as consumers of children's books. In the following interview, Carmi discussed his book *Circle of Friends* (Carmi, 2003) in the context of how children can learn empathy through imagery and shared his experiences working with children in art therapy. **READ MORE**

Florida Law Provides Scholarship Funding for Art Therapy with Special Needs Students [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [e](#)

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House Bill 15, which includes art therapists among the professionals authorized to be paid for services provided to students whose families are awarded Gardinar Scholarship funds, was signed into law on June 27, 2017. The Gardinar Scholarship is designed to "provide the option for a parent to better meet the individual educational needs of his or her eligible child." The average scholarship for the 2016-17 school year amounted to \$10,000 in funds provided through the Florida Department of Education. Art therapists must have their ATR or ATR-BC through the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) in order to qualify as providers of these services. **READ**

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View AATA's 2017 Candidate Slate



Megan Robb, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, NCC, Nominating Sub-Committee Chair

The AATA's Nominating Sub-Committee is pleased to present the 2017 election slate for leadership positions with the AATA. Visit MYAATA to view the full slate of candidates listed alphabetically below the position for which they are applying. Included is each candidate's photograph, biography, and the responses they provided to questions posed by the Nominating Sub-Committee.

Candidates are running for a two-year term (2017-2019) for the following positions:

- President-Elect (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Directors (3)
- Nominating Sub-Committee (1)

Online voting for the 2017 Annual Election commences on August 1. All voting members will receive a notice about the election process with instructions via e-mail. Members that request a paper ballot, or those that do not have e-mail, will receive a ballot in the mail.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

An advertisement for the Ph.D. program in Art Therapy at Notre Dame de Namur University. The background features abstract art in red, blue, and yellow. A central image shows a drawing of a tree with a blue and yellow sky. Text on the left reads 'Ph.D. program in Art Therapy' and 'Generate new knowledge and career opportunities in Research, Teaching, & Art Therapy Practices'. The Notre Dame de Namur University logo is at the bottom, along with a 'LEARN MORE' button.

An advertisement for National Research University. The background is an aerial view of a large brick university building with a red roof. Text on the right reads 'NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY' and 'with a GROWING CAMPUS'. Below this is the Texas Tech University logo (a red 'T' with a black outline) and 'TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY'.

Seeking Remembrances for Conference Memorial Service



Patricia Quinn, LCAT, ATR-BC, Chair of the Historical Archives and Affairs Committee

Each year, enriched by a conference experience filled with innovations in art therapy, I have been grateful to attend the Memorial Services that pays tribute to those who devoted their lives to building this field with their writing, research, and service to the profession. The Memorial acknowledges all members equally, including

those whose work was less known yet crucial in helping others benefit and learn about art therapy across the country and the world. The Committee requests that if you know of any art therapists who have passed since July of 2016, to email Christina Easterly, at ceasterly@arttherapy.org with their names and any information you have so that they may be included in the service and brochure. We also welcome remembrances, videos or art work of the members to be displayed. **READ MORE**

AATA Featured Member



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Courtney Carnes, MS, ATR-BC works at Monarch Center for Autism where she helped design and runs the art therapy program for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other diagnoses, ages 3 through 21. The program provides both group and individual sessions targeting a variety of goal areas including sensory integration/regulation, emotion/self-expression, imagination/abstract thinking, and recreation/leisure skills. Courtney values her AATA membership for the networking opportunities and other professional resources such as the Journal and the Institute for Continuing Education in Art Therapy (ICE/AT). **READ MORE**



Seeking Executive Editor for the Art Therapy Journal



Michaela Kirby, PsyD, ATR-BC, LMHC, Journal Editor Search Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association seeks applications for the position of Editor of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. The Journal is a peer-reviewed scholarly publication and has a readership comprised of educators, practitioners, and students. Its mission is to inform the readership of research, recent innovations, and critical issues related to art therapy. [Click here](#) to view the Journal Editor position description and requirements. The deadline for nominations or applications is August 1, 2017. Please direct any questions to info@arttherapy.org

IN THE NEWS

Global Alliance for Africa, Therapeutic Arts Program Trip to Kenya: Apply Today



Cathy Moon, ATR-BC

Join music, dance, drama, visual, and interdisciplinary arts therapists for a trip to Kenya to contribute to the ongoing development of the Therapeutic Arts Program (TAP). The TAP program, facilitated by East African trained paraprofessionals, addresses the psychosocial needs of children made vulnerable by the AIDS pandemic. Current price guaranteed if application and non-refundable \$1000 deposit is received by July 12, 2017. The trip will take place January 7 – January 21, 2018 (Return date with optional safari: January 23). **READ MORE**

Art Expression is finalist again for national award



Observer-Reporter

Art Expression Inc. has been named a finalist for the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and its partner agencies, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. "It's the highest honor that an out-of-school program can get. We are thrilled," said Angela Lowden, founder and

president of Art Expression. [READ MORE](#)

Saved by art: How one man's skill got him through seven Nazi camps and the difficult years that followed



Jewish Journal

Kalman Aron is a prolific artist. Even during his internment at seven Nazi camps, he didn't stop drawing — and his artwork saved his life. "I probably have in Germany a hundred drawings, drawings of soldiers," the 92-year-old artist said during a recent interview. "They wouldn't pay me anything, but I would get a piece of bread, something to eat. Without that, I wouldn't be here." Speaking in the living room of his modest Beverly Hills apartment, Aron was surrounded by his artwork, collected over decades. [READ MORE](#)

Mercy embarks on new way to provide behavioral health care



Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For nearly a year, Paula Roth has participated in group art therapy classes at Pittsburgh Mercy Health System to help her deal with depression that began two years ago after her husband died. "It helps so much," Ms. Roth, of Brentwood, Pennsylvania, said while showing a reporter the wall mural she helped paint in an art therapy room at Pittsburgh Mercy's South Side campus. "You just get your mind down into the art you're working on and you don't feel as bad." Mercy believes in the effectiveness of art therapy, which is why it provides it to clients. [READ MORE](#)

The arts and veterans: A mighty force



The Huffington Post

The Fourth of July is a time to honor and reflect on the determination and sacrifices of our service members in making our freedom possible. Over the years, stories have emerged of how veterans across the country come back — and what they give back — after overcoming sometimes decades of struggles with combat and service-related illness and injuries. Many of these veterans say that the arts saved their lives — but in finding their creative voice, they are also enriching our lives too. [READ MORE](#)

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