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AATA NEWS

AATA sends Message to the People of Northern California



AATA National Office

The AATA is devastated by the overwhelming loss of life, human displacement, and community suffering caused by the wildfires that are continuing to spread in Napa Valley and the surrounding area. Our Northern California Art Therapy Association (NorCATA) President is contacting members to assess the damage. So far, we have heard from several Chapter members whose homes, families, or clients have been directly impacted by the fires. As the fire continues to spread and authorities are focused on saving lives, we know that the community will face more losses and significant trauma. We hope that members impacted will practice self-care, first and foremost, and then act as valuable resources for the community as it recovers from trauma.

Resources that may help:

- [Red Cross Wildfire Response Information](#) – Provides critical information for the impacted community as well as donating and volunteer opportunities for the public and for mental health professionals ([review qualifications](#) to become a Disaster Mental Health Volunteer).
- [Update: How to help evacuees of Northern California fires](#) – Provides a list of resources on how to support local and national relief efforts.
- [Chapter Emergency Trauma Recovery Guide: Providing Art Therapy Services Following Natural and Man-made Disasters](#) – Provides information to Chapters on how to respond to a traumatic natural or human-caused disaster (resource is currently being updated).

The AATA has been working with chapters impacted by the tragic natural and human-caused disasters of recent months and is launching a campaign to raise funds toward local art therapy services for affected communities. Look for specifics on how to join AATA's efforts by donating or becoming a fundraiser for the campaign.



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AATA Releases Voices of Art Therapy Story Library



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The AATA is proud to announce the new [Story Library](#) on our website! Thank you to all who have responded to our call for stories through our *Voices of Art Therapy* outreach. The nearly thirty stories and companion artwork beautifully describe memorable moments in art therapists' careers. **If you have not already done so, [submit your story today!](#)** **READ**



MORE**Attention AATA Members: Process for Submitting Member Resolutions for the Upcoming Annual Meeting of the Membership**

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In last week's ATT, we announced that the process for submitting member resolutions for consideration at the November 9th Annual Meeting of the Membership (AMM) is being updated to enable more people to participate. Further details are now available! Read about how our new process will allow for members to submit resolutions in advance of the meeting. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to all professional/voting AATA members, and importantly, those who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Advanced submission of resolutions will also help streamline the resolutions process.

Visit the [MyAATA members-only page](#) for further details on the resolutions process, including how to write and submit a resolution before the Oct. 31, 2017, deadline, and to download the Resolution Form.

This year's AMM will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, from 8:00–9:45 a.m. during the AATA's 48th [Annual Conference](#) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All conference attendees are strongly encouraged to attend. Voting members must check in at the registration desk before entering. We look forward to seeing you there!

Featured Member

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Katie Veys, MA, PLPC graduated in 2016 from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville and is currently working towards her ATR and LPC under supervision. Through her position with St. Louis City and County for Family Forward, she provides in-home art therapy for individuals and families facing barriers preventing them from moving forward to self-sufficiency and sustainability. She also works part-time with other organizations that support individuals with developmental disabilities to identify and develop their creative voices. Ms. Veys is a member of the Missouri chapter and hopes to serve as treasurer in the upcoming year.

Before graduate school, Ms. Veys worked with AmeriCorps for three years, one of which she spent along the Gulf Coast during the recovery of Hurricane Katrina. She recalls, "While there, I was able to volunteer alongside art therapists and witness the impact and healing power that art had on individuals who had experienced intense trauma." Veys continues, "From that point on, I knew that art therapy was a powerful and innovative field for growth and healing, and I wanted to contribute to it." **READ MORE**

**ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS****Arts Advocacy Day**

Americans for the Arts

Arts advocates from across the country convene in Washington, DC for our annual Arts Advocacy Day each year. Arts Advocacy Day brings together a broad cross section of America's cultural and civic organizations, along with more than 700 grassroots advocates from across the country, to underscore the importance of

developing strong public policies and appropriating increased public funding for the arts. **READ MORE**

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Those who have found creative passions know how uplifting and soul-nourishing the arts can be, even in rough times. For military veterans, simply returning to civilian life can be difficult and painful on many levels. In a joint project between Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs, the NEA, and Americans for the Arts, Creative Forces Summit will be honing in on Tampa for panel discussions revolving around military healing arts and community collaboration at the Straz Center on Oct. 23 & 24. **READ MORE**

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