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### AATA NEWS

## 2018 Conference News: Unique Opportunities to Learn, Connect and Create Art



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

The American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference to be held Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, 2018, in Miami provides a unique opportunity for art therapists, future art therapists, and others in related mental health fields to come together at a pivotal time in the history of our profession. This year's theme, **Honoring Yesterday, Celebrating Today, and Building for Tomorrow** could not be more appropriate. We have much to honor, celebrate, and discuss about the future of art therapy, and we hope you will be part of it! [READ MORE](#)



## Tune in on May 10 to SAMHSA's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Event



AATA National Office

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is hosting their annual Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Event on Thursday, May 10, at 7 PM EDT. [Join the live webcast here.](#) This year's theme is "Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma." For last year's event, the AATA collaborated with the Office of Head Start and Youth M.O.V.E. National to offer the online gallery, "[I am a Work of Art.](#)" displaying young artists' work. This year, the AATA will be working with SAMHSA to show a video on the benefits of art therapy for children and adolescents who have experienced trauma.



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## Don't Miss Member Communications from the AATA



AATA National Office

Members received an email communication earlier today with a link to a letter from the AATA Board of Directors. If you are a member who did not receive the email, the letter can be found on the [Members-Only](#) section of our website under "Board Communications."

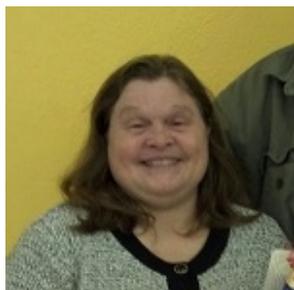
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## Featured Member



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Annie Wallace, MEd., MA, LPC-Intern, is passionate about the arts, education, and healing. She earned her Master's in Education from Rutgers University in the area of Creative Arts Education and another Master's in Counseling from Amberton University. While working with children in the state of Texas as a Certified Special Ed. Teacher, Wallace graduated from Art Therapy Institute, formerly in Dallas, and is now close to completing her internship as a Licensed Professional Counselor. She is also doing research on the theme of creativity and spiritual growth in curriculum for students with disabilities. Of her career path, she says, "I am living proof that God has a sense of humor because I am a legally-blind professional art therapist! I enjoy working with special needs persons of all ages and coined the phrase 'Persons with POSSibilities.'" [READ MORE](#)

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## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### Kansas Organizations Focus on Mental Health Awareness Month



KSNT-TV

May is Mental Health Awareness month and there is a lot of work happening in Northeast Kansas to help

educate, inform, and help reduce the stigma. Several local organizations, such as Valeo Behavioral Health Care, NAMI Topeka and Family Service and Guidance Center have events scheduled throughout May to raise awareness. **READ MORE**

## Creating Fine Art and Hope: 'What I Love is the Dignity it Gives People with Alzheimer's'



KATU

At her home studio in Southeast Portland, Margaret Hartsook is at peace. "It's my spot. I come out here, and I'm quiet, and I can just do this," the life-long artist explains. Beyond creating her own pieces, she also teaches art therapy. "I've always been more about the process of finding things and reflecting in that way." She helps people find their own peace. Especially those who are really struggling, like people battling Alzheimer's disease. "I think what I love is the dignity it gives people with the disease," Margaret explained. **READ MORE**

## Veterans At Home Learn Coping Skills Through The Arts



WUSF News

Without leaving the comfort of his apartment, Joshua Lawhorn, 28, is getting help with his memory problems by learning to play the guitar. Lawhorn, who is still an active-duty Army, is recovering from post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury after a couple of tours in Afghanistan. He is one of hundreds enrolled in the Telehealth Creative Arts Therapy program offered by the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville. **READ MORE**

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