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### AATA NEWS

## 2018 Conference: Welcome to Miami! Bienvenidos a Miami! Akeyi Miyami pou!



Craig Siegel, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS, Local Arrangements Committee

The Local Arrangements Committee is excited to host the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference in beautiful Miami, Florida, October 31 to November 4, 2018. Miami is the ultimate destination that offers more than amazing beaches, hip restaurants, and trendy shopping; **Miami is also home to some of the best contemporary art and unique cultures.** Escape into the sunny paradise this fall and enjoy Miami's 3,200 average hours of annual sunshine! [Click here to learn more and to register!](#) **READ MORE**



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## AATA Grant Supports FATA Community Painting Event Hosted by NAMI



Joseph Scarce ATR-BC, MAAT, MFT



The Florida Art Therapy Association (FATA) was awarded an AATA Trauma Recovery grant to cover the cost of materials for a painting event hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Collier County and [Project H.O.P.E.](#), a support organization serving those impacted by Hurricane Irma, which made landfall in Florida on September 10, 2017. Community members who were impacted by Hurricane Irma joined volunteers from NAMI, Project H.O.P.E., and FATA to paint Stars of Hope at the NAMI Conference Center in Naples, FL, on May 21, 2018. The event served as a stress reliever to participants. Many residents in the Naples area are still recovering from Hurricane Irma.

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**Featured Member**

AATA National Office



Terri Giller, M.Ed., ATR-BC works at the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault, providing art therapy services to those who have experienced sexual violence. As the secretary of the Virginia Art Therapy Association and former Vice President of the Tennessee Art Therapy Association, she has been actively involved in licensure efforts in both states. Giller values her AATA membership for the networking and continuing education opportunities it provides. "Having a community of art therapists has always been important to me. I feel that connection is a must in this profession, since we typically work in settings in which we are the only art therapist!" **READ MORE**

**ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS****Art Therapy: Another Way to Help Manage Pain**

Harvard Health Publishing

When we were kids, art time was often the best part of grammar school. Who didn't enjoy coloring, drawing, painting, and cutting-and-pasting? It was fun, relaxing, and you got a wonderful euphoric feeling from creating something you made. We need to get back to that child activity. It turns out that making art can be a powerful therapeutic tool for adults, especially in the treatment and management of pain. Called art therapy, this type of psychotherapy can help modify your response to emotional and physical problems related to pain. **READ MORE**

**The House Overwhelmingly Rejects a Republican Proposal to Slash Funding for the NEA and NEH**

Artnet News

The House of Representatives has decisively rejected a proposal to cut funding for the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Humanities by 15 percent. Representative Glenn Grothman, Republican of Wisconsin, put forward an amendment to the government funding bill that would have cut each agency's budget by \$23 million in 2019. But on July 18, the proposal was sent to a resounding defeat by a vote of 297 to 114. **READ MORE**

**Creative Outlet**

The Emporia Gazette

Autism spectrum disorders can serve to isolate people from those around them, but art therapy can help bridge the communication gap. Jess Stallings led a Lunch and Learn at Ellen Plumb's City Bookstore on the effects of art therapy last week. Stallings, an associate professor at Emporia State University in the Department of Counselor Education, works with children who have autism spectrum disorders which manifest in a variety of ways. She has been an art therapist since 2005. **READ MORE**

## University of Lethbridge Program Connects Art and Animal Therapy



Lethbridge Herald

Speaking with and understanding the world in a new way by blending the methods of art therapy and the physical and mental connection of animal assistance is a program at the University of Lethbridge that is pushing people out of their comfort zones. Straja Linder King is a board-certified, registered clinical art therapist who has pioneered the way in art and animal-assisted psychotherapy. She works with her dogs on individuals who have been through trauma, disabilities, addictions, disorders and stress. **READ MORE**

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