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### AATA NEWS

## In Memoriam: Gwendolyn L. Gibson



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It is with sadness and a heavy heart that we share news of the passing of AATA Past-President and Honorary Life Member, Gwendolyn L. Gibson, ATR-BC. She passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday, May 21, 2016. An article about her life and work will be featured in an upcoming issue of ATT. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the American Art Therapy Association.

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## VATA Hosts Create a Mural for Mental Health Awareness Month at Circle Art Studio



Sangeeta Prasad, ATR-BC

On May 7th, 2016, Michelle Vaughan, ATR-BC, from the Virginia Art Therapy Association (VATA) hosted "Create a Mural for Mental Health Awareness Month" at Circle Art Studio. This four-part mural was created in different Virginia locations and will be displayed in public spaces around the state. Circle Art Studio, located in Fairfax, Virginia, is an inspiring new space launched recently by art therapists Sangeeta Prasad, ATR-BC, and Emmy Lou Glassman, ATR-BC.

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Each individual seeking art therapy is capable of healing themselves with appropriate care and supportive services; this belief underscores Madoka Urhausen's, LMFT, ATR-BC, practice. Known as "Mado" in the LA community, as both artist and art therapist, she has been engaging in a process of personal meaning making through art since childhood back in Japan. "Art and nature has always offered me refuge to dark or confusing moments of going through loss and grief, dealing with a sense of displacement and marginalization, and any other challenges in life. If I gave myself a chance to engage with myself in this potent realm it never failed to provide me with an opportunity to re-emerge with the courage to be me again." **READ MORE**

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**Professional and Student Scholarships Available for Therapeutic Arts Program Trip to Africa**

Cathy Moon, ATR-BC and Tally Tripp, ATR-BC

Join creative arts therapists for a trip to Kenya to contribute to the ongoing development of the Therapeutic Arts Program (TAP) for children. Through cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary workshops and dialogues we will aim to advance the ongoing development of site-specific TAP services, and to enrich the cross-cultural knowledge, awareness, and practices of all participants. Partial scholarships will be awarded to two creative arts therapists or students. The creative arts therapist may be from the fields of visual, drama, music, psychodrama, dance/movement, poetry, or multimodal therapies. The scholarships will be applied to travel with the Global Alliance for Africa to participate in ongoing development of the Therapeutic Arts Program (TAP) in Kenya. **READ MORE**

**ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS**

# The distinctive role of art therapy for people affected by early relational trauma



The British Association of Art Therapists

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