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## AATA NEWS AND EVENTS

### In Memoriam: Harriet Wadeson



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It is with great sadness that the AATA announces the passing of art therapy pioneer and AATA Honorary Life Member, Harriet Wadeson, PhD, LCSW, ATR-BC, on January 26, 2016. Harriet will be deeply missed. Her life and significant accomplishments will be reflected upon in next week's issue of ATT, and during the annual Memorial Service at the AATA Conference in Baltimore, MD, July 2016. In the meantime, we direct you to this recent story about Harriet from [The Augusta Chronicle](#).

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### The AATA Releases its Policy Action Plan for a Thriving Profession



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At the end of this month, the AATA will release a timely document to benefit our valued Association members: The American Art Therapy Association's Policy Action Plan for a Thriving Profession: The Current Landscape and Beyond. Art therapists, prospective art therapists and students, art therapy Program Directors, educators, and supervisors – are directly impacted by the ever-changing healthcare landscape. Our members need access to guidelines that will help in navigating changes related to state licensure, mental health/health policy, insurance reimbursement, accreditation and related areas. As such, this vital Action Plan will provide AATA members with clear and accurate information needed to make informed decisions about the future viability of their careers, and of the profession of art therapy. This coming weekend, members can log in to the [Members Only](#) area of our website and access the Action Plan in the "Association Documents" section. **READ MORE**

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## Panel Presentation of Killing Time: The Chronology of Creativity



Irene Rosner David, Ph.D., ATR-BC, LCAT, HLM



When asked to represent our field and organization on this panel during the Outsider Art Fair in New York, I was both honored and challenged. For decades I have welcomed opportunities to enlighten broadly and promote our work, however this was a new audience for me – outsider artists, outsider art gallery owners, arts-in-business people. I entered this project with the assumption that I would primarily explore aspects of Outsider Art and Art Therapy that may be perceived as overlapping, yet are different. This is a relationship I have pondered in the past, particularly having seen the infamous collection of L'Art Brut in Lausanne, Switzerland. **READ MORE**

## The AATA Supports the Excellence in Mental Health Act



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Last week the AATA endorsed the National Council for Behavioral Health's Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG)'s letter in support of expanding the two-year Excellence in Mental Health Act demonstration program. This new legislation will increase access to community-based mental health services and substance-use treatment services in 24 states, while also improving Medicaid reimbursement for these services. In its fully implemented form, the Excellence in Mental Health Act will represent an over \$1 billion investment in mental health and addiction services. The AATA is among more than two-dozen national organizations that signed on to this letter. **READ MORE**

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## AATA Featured Member



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Kelly Muldoon, MA Candidate in Art Therapy (Class of 2016), has been working with the AATA team at its Alexandria, VA, headquarters, to coordinate and install the National Graduate Art Therapy Program mural in the office's conference room. Kelly cites the AATA conference as an important backdrop for forming connections with art therapists that she has admired since she started her studies at the George Washington University Art Therapy Program. Kelly is preparing to become an LGPC and LGPAT in order to practice in art therapy in Maryland, with grief work as her desired focus.



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## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### Eugene museum wins \$7,000 for art therapy program



KVAL-TV

A local museum received a grant for the Oregon Arts Commission to make life better for PTSD and traumatic brain injury survivors. The Oregon Arts Commission awarded the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art \$7,000 as part of their 2016 Arts Build Communities grant. The museum will use the grant to fund their "Art and Healing" outreach programs. These programs help people with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries find peace through art projects. The museum is planning several summer exhibitions that showcase the art of people with PTSD.

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### Vermont art therapists push for licensure



Seven Days

Art therapy may sound like the most fun subdivision of the mental health profession, but to some, it's also the most baffling. It's pretty much what it sounds like: using creative expression in a therapeutic setting to understand and address a client's mental and emotional experiences and needs. While art therapists do practice in Vermont, the state offers no official licensing in the field. And that makes defining or regulating art therapy a tricky business. This legislative season, however, members of the Art Therapy Association of Vermont are continuing their fight for a path to state licensure. **READ MORE**

The AATA's Art Therapy Today includes a digest of the most important news selected for the AATA from thousands of sources. Guest articles may be submitted to Kat Michel at [kmichel@arttherapy.org](mailto:kmichel@arttherapy.org). Publication of any guest article is at the sole discretion of the American Art Therapy Association.

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