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### AATA NEWS AND EVENTS

## Charleston Heals Through Art: HeArts Mend Hearts



Dianne Tennyson Vincent, MAT, ATR-BC

June 17, 2015 was a peaceful evening in downtown Charleston, SC. A regular Wednesday night prayer meeting service was taking place in the historic Emanuel AME Church. After an hour of Bible study and prayer, the unthinkable happened. A young, unfamiliar white man welcomed to the group pulled a gun and killed nine parishioners, including State Senator Clementa C. Pinckney. A grandmother shielded her grandchild with her own body while they both played dead. The other survivor was told by the shooter that he let her live to tell the story. The killer later said he committed the murders with the hopes of starting a race war. Charleston's heart was broken. **READ MORE**



## Nominating Committee Presents the 2016 Candidate Slate



Kate McIntosh, MPS, ATR-BC, LCAT, Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2016 election slate for leadership positions in the American Art Therapy Association. The candidates and their bios are listed in the link below, along with their responses to each question. Online voting for the 2016 annual election will begin on April 1. All voting members will receive a notice with instructions about how to proceed via e-mail. Members who request paper ballots or do not have email will receive the ballot in the mail. Full details can be accessed through the [Members-Only website](#). *Please note: In order to maintain the original intent and character of the candidates' positions, the answers provided by the candidates to the questions have not been edited.*

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## AATA Featured Member



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Marcia F. Taylor, Ph.D., ATR-BC, LPAT, is an AATA member for life. In fact, when the AATA offered life membership in the early 1970s, Marcia paid the fee without regrets. "I think it's crucial for any professional to be a part of the organization that represents them," she explains. When she made the decision to become a Lifetime Member, Marcia had already dedicated her professional life to art therapy. She began her education as a student of Textile Design, and later Art Education, at Moore College of Art. But Marcia would eventually follow in the footsteps of fellow Moore College graduate, Myra Levick, to Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital for graduate study. **READ MORE**

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## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

## Students draw and color to express art, relieve stress



The Independent Florida Alligator

Students drew on white posterboards on the Plaza of the Americas recently. 352Creates held 352Draw as part of its series of 80 events, most of which will be held throughout Gainesville and other cities in Florida. The group

hopes to incorporate art throughout Alachua County, and 352Draw aimed to incorporate arts into students' lives for five minutes on campus. The booth was filled with blank papers and packs of markers promoting art therapy, said Amy Bucciarelli, a board-certified art therapist for UF Health Shands Arts in Medicine. Those interested drew whatever they wanted. **READ MORE**

## Pictures of mental health framed in art therapy



University of Mississippi News

Sometimes the only way to draw people out is to give them something to draw with. That idea is at the heart of Susan Anand's work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center with people walled in by the pain of depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and other issues of mental health. A registered, board-certified and licensed art therapist and part-time instructor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Anand says the act of creating – drawing, sculpting, painting, puppet-making – is the path to a safe place where those who feel powerless exercise control, where the emotionally tongue-tied are freed. **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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