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AATA NEWS AND EVENTS

The National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations' Annual Meeting



Donna Betts, PhD, ATR - BC, AATA President

The Board of the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations ([NCCATA](#)) met for its annual in-person meeting in Chicago on April 9th and 10th, 2016. Founded in 1979 and now a 501c3, NCCATA is an alliance of organizations dedicated to the advancement of the creative arts therapies (CATs) professions. NCCATA represents over 15,000 individual members of six CATs associations nationwide. Each of the professions was represented in Chicago by organization Presidents (or designees): American Art Therapy Association ([AATA](#)), American Dance Therapy Association ([ADTA](#)), American Music Therapy Association ([AMTA](#)), American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama ([ASGPP](#)), National Association for Poetry Therapy ([NAPT](#)), and the North American Drama Therapy Association ([NADTA](#)). The NCCATA Executive team is comprised of Past-Presidents of the CATs member groups. [READ MORE](#)

New Professional Scholarship Application Extended



Michele D. Rattigan, MA, ATR-BC, NCC, LPC

The Scholarship Committee calls New Professional AATA members to submit applications for the **New Professional Scholarship Award** to the Annual Conference. The **new extended deadline** is **April 29, 2016**. Please be aware that all submitted [applications](#) must be received in the AATA office by the new deadline. [READ](#)

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AATA's Collaboration with SAMHSA for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, 2016



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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is **Thursday, May 5, 2016**, and AATA is proud to be a national collaborating organization. The national event will be an interactive panel discussion taking place at 7 p.m. EDT in Washington, DC, at the Jack Morton Auditorium, George Washington University School of Media & Public Affairs. It will be available for viewing via live webcast. Members of the in-person audience, which will include 10 AATA representatives, and those watching the live webcast, will have the opportunity to submit questions via digital platforms. More than 1,100 communities across the country and over 150 federal programs and national organizations observe Awareness Day through coordinated activities. **READ MORE**



GATA Recognizes Children's Mental Health Awareness Day through the Art Therapy Studio Tour



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The Georgia Art Therapy Association (GATA) will be doing their part to help raise awareness for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day through their Art Therapy Studio Tour on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Hosted and facilitated by professional art therapists, the event will offer free, hands-on creative activities for children and adults. Several local art therapists will be opening up their studios to the public, allowing attendees the opportunity to make art and engage with members of the art therapy community. For more information, visit GATA's website.

AATA Featured Member



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For Lisa Kay, EdD, ATR-BC, the intersection of art therapy and art education is integral to her work, and she views creative art making as a crucial platform for learning and understanding. Her entry into the world of art therapy came about when she read the book *The Psychology of Children's Art* by Rhoda Kellogg and Scott O'Dell: "I was hooked and have been fascinated ever since." Throughout the years, Dr. Kay has served in a number of roles within the AATA, serving on the Research Committee, as Vice President and Ethics Chair of the Missouri Art Therapy Association, and as President-Elect of the Illinois Art Therapy Association. Of her AATA membership, she states, "I have been a member and attending AATA conferences since the late 70s. I have grown with the organization that has always been a valuable resource for me and my students." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Why Pakistan needs to embrace arts therapy amidst the multitude of crises



The Nation

Art Therapy is one of the many forms of psychotherapy techniques that use creative art activities for better self-expression and for effectively countering adverse psychological issues. Creative art therapy is a diverse field that includes visual art therapy, music therapy, expressive writing, color healing and motion-based expressive therapy, according to a study published in American Public Health Association. These activities have a powerful and positive impact, resulting in better mental, physical and emotional health. In the past decade, the field of Art

Therapy has gained strong ground in the West and is being taught at the university level, offering graduate and post-graduate programs. In Pakistan, however, the awareness is gradually increasing among masses and the future looks promising. **READ MORE**

Art therapist paints mandalas on vinyl records



WireUpdate

Sara Roizen paints impermanence on vinyl records. The master of art therapy graduate uses "acrylic paint, stencils, gels, paint pens, ink, colored pencil, and more" to create colorful mandalas on these dated discs. "My approach as an artist has always centered around the process rather than the finished product," Roizen writes online. "I work spontaneously and intuitively in the studio in a form of dialogue between myself and the materials. This process is a constant self-exploration, often revealing feelings of which I was previously unaware." **READ MORE**

How photography helps black girls define their voice on their own terms



The Huffington Post

Photographer and youth organizer Scheherazade Tillet first had the idea for "Picturing Black Girlhood" about seven years ago, when she was visiting the Chicago Art Institute's "Girls on the Verge," an exhibition on adolescent girls. The show included work by photographers like Sally Mann and Lauren Greenfield, showcasing images of that precious and bizarre moment of being not a girl and not yet a woman. However, Tillet couldn't help but notice that in the exhibition there were only one or two images of people of color. "I felt like their voices weren't there," Tillet told The Huffington Post. As the founder of A Long Walk Home, a nonprofit organization that uses art therapy to inspire young women and protect girls from violence, Tillet works closely with women in her Chicago community. **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. Publication of any guest article is at the sole discretion of the American Art Therapy Association.

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