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AATA NEWS

In Memoriam: Rawley Silver and Gwendolyn Gibson



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Within the past two weeks, the AATA lost two members of its community, Rawley Silver, Ed.D., ATR-BC, HLM, and Gwendolyn L. Gibson, ATR-BC, HLM. Their lives and contributions will continue to be honored in *Art Therapy Today* and during the annual Memorial Service for this year's conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The National Office is creating memorial tribute photo albums, which will be made available on our social media platforms. To submit photographs, please contact Kat Michel at kmichel@arttherapy.org.

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The AATA was recently notified of the passing of Rawley Silver, Ed.D., ATR-BC, HLM, on May 26, 2016. Rawley was a true pioneer and her groundbreaking contributions to assessment, research, and publication stand as testament to her significant impact on the art therapy profession. Though her legacy will endure, she will be greatly missed. A tribute article to her life and work will be featured in an upcoming issue of *ATT*.



Honoring AATA Past-President Gwen L. Gibson, MA, ATR-BC, HLM



Georgiana H. Jungels, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, AATA Past-President

AATA Past President (1979-81) Gwen Locke Gibson passed away peacefully on Saturday afternoon, May 21, 2016 at her residence at Arden Courts, Towson, Maryland. For 47 years, Gwen served the AATA as a charter member, officer and committee member. She was a practicing art therapist and presented on art therapy at meetings nationally and internationally. She made working with her on the Board a pleasure. She was gracious, kind, hardworking and thoughtful. Or, as she said in her 1973 letter to President Felice Cohen, Gwen often did her "thinking by typewriter" and her reports document her future thinking for the AATA in the AATA archives. For example, the need for centralized management services, regional affiliations, and collaboration. **READ MORE**



U.S. House of Representatives approves legislation to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)



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On May 25, 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives Interior Appropriations Subcommittee unanimously approved legislation that would grant additional funding of nearly \$2 million to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This proposal would bring the amount of funding for the NEA to \$150 million in the 2017 fiscal year. The House is expected to review the legislation and offer amendments. This news comes as a result of advocacy efforts for the arts, [including AATA's contribution](#) through our participation in Arts Advocacy Day 2016!

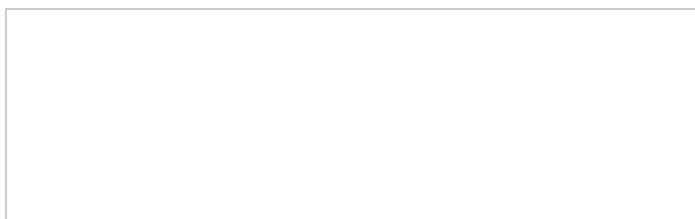
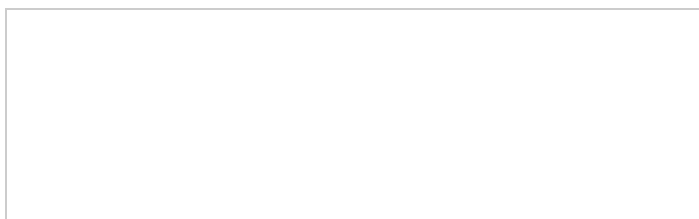
Fundraising Campaign for Children's Mental Health Ends on Friday, June 3, 2016



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The [New York Art Therapy Association](#) and the [Florida Art Therapy Association](#) have raised nearly \$3000 to support the creation of arts-based community events aimed at raising awareness for children's mental health. We extend our thanks to all of those who have contributed so far – it is because of your help that we have surpassed our fundraising goal. There are still two days left to donate or become a fundraiser. [Join us](#) in making a difference!

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Local crafting group knits refugees, immigrants together



WWCI-TV

Therapy can take many forms. For the immigrant and refugee women of CEW, or Creatively Empowered Women, knitting and crocheting beautiful things among friends has become a source of comfort and pleasure in their lives. And for the Bosnian refugees who survived a horrible war in their country, CEW has been transformative. Jay Shefsky shares their story. [READ MORE](#)

Art set him free: A former prison inmate's story



Psychology Today

David Gussak writes: "About a month ago, I received a phone call from Keith Kilby. He wanted to interview me for an assignment for one of his college courses. He indicated he was interested in becoming an art therapist working with people in prison. He was in the middle of obtaining his Associates Degree and had already begun speaking with a director for a graduate art therapy program, and seemed clear on how he would accomplish it. Oh, and by the way – he had also spent several terms in prison, during which he himself used his time to create art." [READ MORE](#)

Bethesda unveils therapeutic murals



The Norman Transcript

Bethesda recently celebrated new therapeutic murals for children healing from the trauma of sexual abuse. Over the last five months, local artists and students from the University of Oklahoma worked to create therapeutic art murals at Bethesda, a nonprofit agency in Norman. The art murals were created in therapeutic group rooms that facilitate the growth and healing of children who have suffered the trauma of sexual abuse. The Board of Directors of Bethesda and community supporters, like Von Allen of United Way of Norman, gathered to unveil the new therapeutic art murals. "It only takes a second to see that the art has a therapeutic purpose," said Travis Humphrey, executive director of Bethesda. "The murals become a resource to help our clients regain self esteem, learn healthy coping skills and process the abuse they have suffered." [READ MORE](#)

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