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AATA NEWS

An Important Membership Update



Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, AATA President and Cynthia Woodruff, AATA Executive Director

Members of the American Art Therapy Association are at the heart of our mission. Members like you drive the Association's work and inspire us every day to advance the art therapy profession! Your career and the people whom you help are pivotal to the AATA's efforts, as is evidenced in the new 3-year strategic plan with its member-defined focus on critical priorities including increasing member value, advancing advocacy, building a more diverse workforce, establishing education standards through accreditation, and promoting research and public awareness. **READ MORE**

Update on Art Therapy Licensure and Insurance Reimbursement in Maryland



Amanda Bechtel, ATR-BC, LCPC, LCPAT

It's hard to believe it's been almost four years since Maryland's law for licensing art therapists went into effect on Oct. 1, 2012. The law established the designations of Licensed Clinical Professional Art Therapists and Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapists for those working towards professional licensure. In Maryland, art therapists are regulated under the general Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists which, in addition to regulating art therapists, oversees professional counselors, marriage and family therapists and drug and alcohol counselors. Art therapists in Maryland share the same core competency requirements of these other professions and hold the same ability to practice independently and diagnose. The difference is that practice of art therapy is the primary approach for licensed art therapists. **READ MORE**

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Michael Franklin, PhD, ATR-BC, is the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Educator Award, an honor conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions to the education of professionals in the field of art therapy, specifically in the area of outstanding teaching and the development of innovative educational practices. Dr. Franklin, ATR-BC, is Professor and Chair of the Graduate Art Therapy Program at Naropa University and is the primary designer and coordinator for the Naropa Community Art Studio in Boulder, Colorado. Prior to Naropa, he practiced as a clinician and directed the Art Therapy programs at the College of St. Teresa and Bowling Green State University. [READ MORE](#)



Last Call to Submit Illustrations for Collaboration with Dover Publications



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There's only **two days left** to submit artwork by the **Aug. 26, 2016, deadline** for the AATA's collaboration with Dover Publications. Credentialed professional AATA members can submit artwork contributing to the creation of a coloring book that will help raise public awareness of the art therapy profession. Click [here](#) for full details on how to [submit your artwork](#). The book will promote an accurate and consistent message of art therapy as a regulated mental health profession, because the AATA will oversee written content included in the book, including the title and introduction, and ensure all content is relevant to the AATA's mission and vision. Contributing artists may promote their own products/services that can be included in conjunction with their coloring page and narrative (e.g., link to professional webpage).

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An advertisement for the Ph.D. program in Art Therapy at Notre Dame de Namur University. It features a collage of colorful abstract art. Text includes "Ph.D. program in Art Therapy", "Generate new knowledge and career opportunities in Research, Teaching, & Art Therapy Practices", and the university's name with a "LEARN MORE" button.

An advertisement for Texas Tech University's National Research University Growing Campus. It features an aerial view of a large brick building with a red roof. Text includes "NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY", "with a GROWING CAMPUS", and the Texas Tech University logo and name.

Invitation for Art Therapists to Participate in Global Art Collaboration



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The "Wings of Hope" project invites art therapists to take part in an art exhibition by creating golden clay rose

sculptures and photo documentation of the creation process (on A5 paper, 5.8 x 8.3 inches). This invitation, for participants from all over the world, represents the broader launch of an art-making project already being done in Sigulda, Latvia, where such roses are being created by children with special needs and their parents, as well as through art therapy sessions with individuals recovering from stroke.



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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Handmade: Art therapists started business together



The Detroit News

Two years ago, three local art therapists combined their efforts to start a business that would help individuals use the creative process to reduce stress and anxiety, manage their behavior, increase self-esteem and stimulate cognitive development. Erin Shahly and Tessa Bird, both of Royal Oak, Michigan, and Lisa Crystal, of West Bloomfield, Michigan, met while attending Wayne State University where they each received a degree in art therapy. They've since opened the doors to ArtSoul Therapy, "a healing arts practice," at 1316 Campbell in Royal Oak, Michigan. **READ MORE**

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Not everyone's an artist, but all prisoners would benefit from practicing art



The Guardian

The practice of art and the notion of restorative justice and therapeutic jurisprudence in attending to the offending behavior of convicted criminals is something of a hand-in-glove affair. In the practice of art, a blank canvas is addressed and accepted in its raw state, is then primed and prepared and taken to task, altering it by strategically applying appropriate forms of medium, in varying techniques with the end result of producing a piece of what society would arguably concede to be "art." **READ MORE**

Can art heal cultural wounds?



Uplift

Immigration issues, class warfare and racism have plagued humanity for generations. Things aren't "worse than they have ever been," we are just more aware of it than before thanks to the internet. Waking up to present-day atrocities can be overwhelming, but awareness and social action will help us put these things into our collective past. We can not change the past, but we can learn to look at it in ways that empower us and allow us to evolve. On the personal and collective level, art helps us address cultural wounds and begin the process of healing our history. **READ MORE**

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