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AATA NEWS

AATA Supports Action on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act



Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, President

In response to the opioid misuse and overdose epidemic in the United States, the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) has joined fellow organizations in signing on to a letter urging the appropriation of funds for this growing crisis. The letter, addressed to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, calls for at least \$500 million to support urgently needed resources for the treatment and recovery of those affected. These funds would be designated for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act's (CARA's) authorized programs that address opioid misuse and overdose prevention, treatment, recovery support, and additional funding needed to make CARA's policy changes a reality. **READ MORE**



A Letter from Dr. Thelma Duffey, Immediate Past-President of the American Counseling Association and Founding President of the Association for Creativity in Counseling



Thelma Duffey, PhD



Dear AATA Members,

I appreciate the invitation to share a few words with the AATA membership and fellow appreciators of creativity. Creativity is a powerful connector, and I couldn't be more pleased by the connection I formed with American Art Therapy Association (AATA) President, Donna Betts, and AATA's Executive Director, Cynthia Woodruff over the past year. Rich Yep, CEO for the American Counseling Association and I met with Donna and Cynthia almost a year ago when Rich and I visited the AATA Headquarters. It was wonderful to hear about the great things happening at AATA and to share some of the exciting developments at ACA. And as the founding president of the Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC), ACA's division that focuses on creativity, diversity, and relational development, I was especially heartened. **READ MORE**

AATA Featured Member



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Tally Tripp, MA, MSW, ATR-BC is a long-time AATA member and art therapist who has spent the last 35 years using her extensive training and clinical experience developing creative and innovative approaches to heal trauma and address the often "unspeakable" psychological wounds it causes. She views the AATA as the essential voice for advocacy and representation. Tally began her training in the late 1970s at The George Washington University's Art Therapy program where many of her professors were the pioneers of the field. Starting out in private practice in 1986, she garnered a reputation for working with trauma patients who were often termed "difficult" because they were not responsive to traditional verbal therapies. Her knowledge of art therapy and other experiential, expressive approaches helped her build a successful career as a trauma therapist. **READ MORE**



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Only A Few Days Left to Donate to the Florida Art Therapy Association's (FATA) Campaign for LGBTQ Youth in Orlando



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The Florida Art Therapy Association (FATA) is continuing its "Art From the Heart" campaign by partnering with the Orlando Youth Alliance (OYA) to bring art therapy to LGBTQ youth in Orlando. On September 16, 2016, FATA and the OYA will host a night of "Art From the Heart," during which LGBTQ youth from the community can make art that will become part of a digital mosaic to be presented to the LGBTQ Center of Central Florida (The Center). **The deadline for donations is Sept. 15, 2016.** Donate now to support the event and help the FATA reach their \$1000 goal

— proceeds from the fundraising campaign will go toward art supplies for the event and donations to the OYA and The Center.

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IN THE NEWS

Art therapy takes new form of healing for military service members



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Melissa Walker, a credentialed art therapist, aims to provide a special kind of healing experience for her patients — U.S. military service members. Walker took the stage at the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Aug. 30, 2016, at the monthly Medical Museum Science Café to discuss the art of "Unmasking the Trauma of War." At the National Intrepid Center of Excellence at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, a unique healing arts program has been developed. The NICoE's four-week program takes service members who have suffered traumatic brain injury, and other psychological health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, and immerses them in a safe and healing environment. [READ MORE](#)

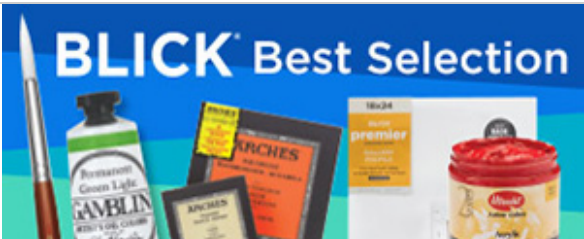
The art of healing



Salt Lake Magazine

A man in the final stages of dementia sits in a wheelchair, unresponsive to the outside world. Emily Christensen sits next to his contracted body and bids him good morning. His eyes remain closed, his head down. Christensen leans forward and begins singing: "I've been working on the railroad, all the live long day..." Still no response from the man. Christensen pries open his fingers and places a mallet and drum into his fists before continuing her song: "I've been working on the railroad, to pass the time away..." The song continues through verse and chorus, seemingly a failed venture. Christensen sings anyway. And then the mallet moves. The man, whose posture or face does not change, taps out the rhythm of each syllable of the lyrics. [READ MORE](#)

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What the art world can learn from a studio for artists with developmental disabilities

The Huffington Post

Priscilla Frank writes: "During my five-plus years writing about art for The Huffington Post, certain tired comments seem to rear their ugly heads time and time again: 'That's what counts for art these days?' 'My [insert age here]-year-old could do that!' 'This is why contemporary art is a joke.' You get the picture. Yes, this is one way to approach art. Skeptical, hostile, snide. I often wonder how these people land upon my articles, clearly discussing contemporary art, in the first place. Then, naturally, why they took the time to scroll through the entire thing only to leave an unthinking stock comment. I sometimes speculate whether any images might have changed these people's perspectives and what those images might look like." **READ MORE**

Art alleviates anxiety for people with dementia, new research finds

The ABC News

A dose of art is often prescribed to people living with dementia, and new research has shed light on exactly why it is so beneficial. A study commissioned by the Art Gallery of New South Wales has found viewing art creates a heightened sense of joy for people with dementia, alleviating anxiety by allowing them to stay in the moment. **READ MORE**

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