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AATA NEWS

#AATA2017 Highlights: The British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT)



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Have you made plans to attend #AATA2017? Our 48th annual conference will take place November 8 – 12 in Albuquerque, NM! Early Bird registration is open now through June 16. In addition to our Featured Keynote Speaker, Dr. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, #AATA2017 offers a broad range of educational sessions and innovative content to expand your knowledge and reinvigorate your career! In this article we feature an engaging session that will take place on Saturday, November 11: Collective Efforts to Advance Art Therapy: American and British Perspectives.

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Voices of Art Therapy: Call for Stories by the Art Therapy Community



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How many times have you been asked, “What is art therapy?” There are many ways to describe art therapy and often a story is a powerful way to share our work. We know these amazing stories because we experience them every day and have the honor of witnessing the impact of art therapy in people’s lives. Now it’s time to share those stories with the world. The AATA is calling for art therapists to write and submit a brief story, one to two paragraphs, emphasizing the power of art therapy. You may choose to write your story from a variety of angles, such as how art therapy has helped a client, how art therapy has been integrated into your setting or community, or an experience that reminded you of why you continue to work as an art therapist. [Click here](#) to tell your story

and for details on artwork submission, confidentiality, and permissions. [READ MORE](#)

Scholarships and Research Award Applications Now Open



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The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) and its generous donors provide a number of annual awards which are presented at the Annual Conference to encourage growth of the art therapy profession. Applications are now being accepted by the Multicultural Sub-Committee, Scholarship Working Group, and Research Committee for the awards outlined below. Members can visit [MyAATA](#) for further information and applications. All scholarship and research award applications must be submitted by June 2. [READ MORE](#)

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Join NorCATA in Giving Teens Facing Mental Health Challenges a Voice



The Northern California Art Therapy Association (NorCATA)

The Northern California Art Therapy Association (NorCATA) hopes to amplify the voices of marginalized teens who are experiencing mental health challenges by helping them participate in a community art show and program in honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, May 5-19, 2017. This campaign, Collaborative Voices, continues NorCATA's history of supporting art therapy in Northern California schools and student participation in art exhibits to raise awareness for children's mental health. Participating students will be given the opportunity to witness their exhibited art in the Sacramento Capitol Building from May 5-19, 2017, and to speak with their district representatives about their experiences. [READ MORE](#)



AATA Featured Member



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Janice (Nannie) Mead, MS, ATR-BC, LPC, MAADC-II serves as board secretary of the Kansas Art Therapy Association (KATA) and works full time as a trauma and addiction art psychotherapist for Ozanam, a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) for adolescents. Nannie values her AATA membership especially for the access to important information about the profession and the opportunity the conference provides to network and exchange information. She most frequently accesses AATA resources that provide her timely and critical updates related to best practices, educational standards, and position statements

related to media coverage of art therapy.

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IN THE NEWS

Bipartisan letter from over 150 members of Congress urges more money for the NEA

Hyperallergic

More than 150 members of Congress have signed a letter strongly advocating for an increase in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts — a demand that represents a stark split from President Trump's own calls to simply eliminate it, along with the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and other agencies. The signatories, notably, include 11 House Republicans, signaling growing bipartisan support for the NEA. [READ MORE](#)

11 House republicans sign letter supporting arts endowment

The New York Times

President Trump's proposal to eliminate the National Endowment for the Arts has caused great anxiety for arts advocates, especially given that Republicans control both houses of Congress and many conservatives have long loathed the agency. But almost immediately after the president submitted his budget proposal in mid-March, a handful of Republicans put themselves forward as favoring the preservation of the endowment. And the list of vocal Republican allies has slowly grown in recent weeks. [READ MORE](#)

House recesses, but not before speaking out on the arts

Americans for the Arts

Recently, Rep. Jim Langevin, a member of the Congressional Arts Caucus, led a one-hour Special Order debate on the U.S. House floor for members of Congress to share their stories of support for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Seven members of Congress from Rhode Island, North Carolina, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York spoke at length about the impact of these grant-making institutions on their districts and the national at large. [READ MORE](#)

Creative Therapies Online releases new interviews of creative arts therapists

Creative Therapy Online

Creative Therapy Online, a directory for creative therapy professionals, has been developing a series of interviews of therapists from three different creative arts therapies professions, highlighting the overlapping themes, as well as unique experiences, in their fields. In this interview series, they are asked to share their professional insights in their respective fields. [READ MORE](#)

Building on the Affordable Care Act's success would help millions with substance use disorders

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

The need for substance use disorder treatment is acute. A record 52,000 people died of drug overdoses in 2015, with 33,000 due to opioid use. Drug overdose deaths rose by statistically significant amounts in 19 states between 2014 and 2015, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Millions of Americans have gained access to treatment through the Affordable Care Act — coverage that must be maintained and expanded despite Republicans' efforts to repeal the ACA. [READ MORE](#)

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