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## AATA NEWS

### Iona Senior Services Art Therapy Program Hosts First Lady of South Korea



Elizabeth Kim, MA, ATR



Congratulations to Elizabeth Kim, MA, ATR, who runs the art therapy program at Iona Senior Services in Washington, DC. She and her program were selected to host South Korean First Lady Kim Jung-Sook. South Korean President Moon Jae-in and the First Lady have both expressed their commitment to funding services for older adults with dementia and their families in South Korea. This effort is what sparked the First Lady's tour of Iona Senior Services, one of Washington D.C.'s premier aging organizations.

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### The AATA Launches New Public Website



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The AATA is proud to announce the launch of our new and improved public website! We've made it easier to navigate and added several new resources and features to assist you in finding information about art therapy and advancing your art therapy career. We encourage you to explore some of the site's newest pages. [READ MORE](#)

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## #AATA2017 Conference: Enhance Your Conference Experience



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair

**Early bird registration yielded our largest number of registered attendees in AATA's history!** If you haven't registered for the 48th Annual AATA Conference to be held \*November 8-12, 2017, in Albuquerque, NM, there is still time. [Visit the conference website](#) to learn more. This article provides additional ways to enhance your attendance and fully engage in the conference. **READ MORE**

## Seeking Executive Editor for the Art Therapy Journal



Michaela Kirby, PsyD, ATR-BC, LMHC, Journal Editor Search Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association seeks applications for the position of Editor of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. The Journal is a peer-reviewed scholarly publication and has a readership comprised of educators, practitioners, and students. Its mission is to inform the readership of research, recent innovations, and critical issues related to art therapy. [Click here](#) to view the Journal Editor position description and requirements. Please direct any questions to [info@arttherapy.org](mailto:info@arttherapy.org). **The deadline for nominations or applications is August 1, 2017.**

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## Protect the NEA and Creative Forces: Call to Action



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The U.S. House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee has approved a bill that calls for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to be funded at \$145 million in FY 2018 — a \$5 million cut from the current funding level. This proposal counters and fully rejects the Administration's call for termination of our nation's cultural agencies that arts advocates have been fighting against since March, when the Administration budget proposal was initially released. However, **the NEA and NEH would be cut 3.3 percent under the current proposal to a level not seen since 2008.** It would reverse the past two-year trend of increases to our nation's cultural agencies that have supported the expansion of the NEA's [Creative Forces](#) program, which increases access to therapeutic

arts activities including art therapy, in local communities for military members, veterans, and their families. The Creative Forces initiative could be in jeopardy due to the proposed \$5 million cut to the NEA. **Take two minutes to write to your member of Congress.** Americans for the Arts have a [transcript](#) you may use or modify when you craft your message.

## AATA Featured Member



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Margaret Ann Beresford, MC, ATR-BC, LPC is the founder of Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year and has reached more than 8,000 abused, neglected, and homeless children annually through its 800 trained volunteers. Ms. Beresford considers the program her “greatest achievement to date.” After working for twelve years in community mental health, Beresford is looking forward to “a new chapter in my life which brings me back to direct care and my art therapy roots with a focus on trauma treatment and creating resiliency.” She has held several board positions in the Arizona Art Therapy Association (AzATA) and notes that “Thankfully, Arizona just approved the art therapy title protection bill.” She values her

AATA membership because “art therapy is the core thread of my professional identity and the AATA is like a home base.” **READ MORE**

## IN THE NEWS

### Scottish charity offers art therapy to Grenfell Tower victims



BBC News

One month after the devastating Grenfell Tower fire, charities are working with survivors to help restore a degree of normality. Among them is The Teapot Trust, a Scottish charity which provides art therapy to child victims of trauma in hospital. It was set up in 2010 by Laura Young whose daughter, Verity, had hated her frequent visits to hospital. “She would kick, she would bite, she would scream,” said Young. She said they found art a distraction which later, after Verity died, also became a way of helping children cope with trauma. **READ MORE**



### Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's wife's art featured in new show



The Associated Press via U.S. News & World Report

The artwork of Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's wife is being featured in a show in Ocean City. Yumi Hogan's artwork is being featured at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The show opens Friday night and is called “Nature's Rhythmic Alliance.” It includes 27 of Hogan's abstract landscape paintings. They'll be on view during July and August. **READ MORE**

### Is doodling good for your brain?



By Dorothy L. Tengler

Although doodling has been considered a mindless activity, many of us have experienced how this activity keeps our minds engaged during tedious business meetings. In fact, info-doodles constructed on white boards have helped us map out more effective conversations on problems begging our resolution. Doodling — something many of us do while on hold on our phones — definitely addresses moments of boredom. But doodling may have a higher purpose. **READ MORE**



# What constitutes for good care in today's care facilities?

The Huffington Post

Care facilities are not all the same and looks can be deceptive. As the old cliché goes, “you can’t judge a book by its cover.” In practice, some facilities that feel institutional and sterile are actually happy, healthy places to live. Other facilities may appear warm and inviting, welcoming people with art-lined walls and fresh flowers, but measure sub standard in quality of life for tenants. **READ MORE**

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