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AATA NEWS

Voices of Art Therapy: Breaking the Cycle of Addiction



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In 2008, my family member revealed that he had secretly been caught in a full-blown heroin addiction for the previous six years. Before, I had thought I knew him. I thought he just acted a certain way, dressed a certain way, and had certain less-than-positive attributes about him. I thought he was flaky and non-committal. I thought his personality was just a little “off”. We did not know that he was battling such a darkness that he would later describe as “handcuffs”— keeping his own hands bound behind his back, powerless to stop the cycle of his addiction. My family member was the first to bring the field of art therapy, and my eventual life purpose, to my attention. Having undergone a heavily art-focused treatment, he credits it to be the single most powerful aspect of his own recovery.

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Helping Communities and Individuals Affected by the Recent Hurricanes



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Art therapists are an integral and specialized part of the country's mental health network and can provide

services that help people affected by natural disasters work through the trauma they may experience in the aftermath and reconnect with displaced loved ones, homes, and communities. AATA and a number of its chapters will be launching a fundraising campaign aimed at providing art therapy services in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Be on the lookout for details in upcoming issues of ATT and contact Kat Michel at kmichel@arttherapy.org for more information about how you can get involved.



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Conference News: Tick Tock — Just 2 Weeks Left for Advanced Registration!



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



If you plan to attend the 48th Annual AATA Conference to be held *November 8-12, 2017, in Albuquerque, NM, and have not yet registered ... time is running out! Visit the conference website to and register before advanced registration prices end on September 29, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Last Call for Members' Art Exhibition — Submit your artwork to be included in the digital art exhibition held each morning before the plenary sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It's a great time to reflect and get ready for another exciting day at the conference. This year we also invite Chapters to make art together for submission and inclusion into the exhibition. Click here to download the

submission guidelines. Artwork is due by September 15. **READ MORE**

Delaware Governor Signs Art Therapy Licensure Bill



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The American Art Therapy Association is pleased to announce that the art therapy licensure bill Senate Bill 43 was signed into law on September 8, 2017. AATA Executive Director Cynthia Woodruff attended the bill signing ceremony and says, "The AATA is proud of our members Jennifer August, Nicole Luther, and others who worked hard to achieve this success for the profession. It was exhilarating to celebrate this successful legislation with art therapists in Dover, Delaware!" As described in the DE General Assembly summary, "The Art Therapy Practice Act will serve and protect the public by defining the scope of practice of art therapy; setting minimum standards of

qualification, education, training, and experience for art therapists; and maintaining certain standards in the delivery of art therapy services." **READ MORE**

Seeking Applicants for Executive Editor of 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 that 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 full Journal Editor position description and requirements. Please direct any questions to info@arttherapy.org. **The extended deadline for nominations or applications is September 30, 2017.**

AATA Featured Member



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Shawna Scarpitti, ATR-BC works full-time with adults contending with addiction issues at Behavioral Health of



the Palm Beaches, a treatment center in Florida. Regarding the AATA community, Scarpitti shares that, “I have felt especially connected during all the AATA conferences I’ve attended, where a surge of enthusiasm and new knowledge always enlivens me and reminds me that I chose the ideal career to combine my love of art and my passion for helping others heal through art.” She continues, “[I] look forward to the AATA quarterly journals. I now have a collection that I am quite proud of on my bookcase — 20 years of AATA journals! Watching my profession evolve and learning from our pioneers and current leaders in the field is inspiring.” **READ MORE**



ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

National Arts in Education Week



Americans for the Arts

Passed by Congress in 2010, House Resolution 275 designates the week beginning with the second Sunday in September as National Arts in Education Week. During this week, the field of arts education joins together in communities across the country to tell the story of the impact of the transformative power of the arts in education. Watch the video and join us in the celebration! **READ MORE**

Capitol police officer paints to cope with 9/11 trauma



9/11 Memorial and Museum

When Federico A. Ruiz, an Army search-and-rescue team leader based in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, led his fellow soldiers into the Pentagon on 9/11 to search for survivors of the attacks, he knew a tremendous shift had taken place and an era of peace was over. “We were kind of like the first soldiers in a long sprint of peacetime, if you want to say that, that ended up going in and seeing Americans and soldiers dead,” Ruiz, now a Capitol Police Officer, told Roll Call. “Deceased on U.S. soil.” **READ MORE**

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