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AATA NEWS

Check Out the New AATA Blog



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We are excited to share the new [AATA Blog](#), where you can easily find your favorite stories from Art Therapy Today. Explore articles that have been repurposed into blog posts and look out for new content, beginning with today's post, "[Arts Advocacy Day 2018: Taking a Stand for the Arts in America.](#)"

Early Bird Registration is Now Open



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

Early bird registration is now open for the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference, to be held October 31 to November 4. **Registering early ensures you receive the lowest rates, the best selection of workshops, and advanced practice courses.** So don't delay — [register today!](#)



Here are the top 4 reasons you should attend this premier art therapy event:

- Learn from **nationally recognized speakers**.
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Arts Advocacy Day 2018: Taking a Stand for the Arts in America



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The AATA is a proud National Partner of Americans for the Arts' (AftA) Arts Advocacy Day (AAD), which gathered over 650 advocates from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, who attended more than 300 meetings with legislators and staff. AAD provides a chance each year to stand in solidarity with over 85 national arts organizations to support and defend the arts in America. Even as the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) again faces proposed elimination for FY 2019, bipartisan support for the arts in Congress and among the American public is stronger than ever!

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Call for Nominations and Applications



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The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) is now accepting nominations for annual Honors Awards as well as Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board. Applications are also open for annual scholarships, the new Research Seed Grants, and a new Governmental Affairs Award. Read below for details and deadlines for each opportunity. [READ MORE](#)



Featured Member



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Tiernee Schatz is a second-year graduate student at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She interned and continues to work as an artist at the [Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center \(GLIHC\)](#), which offers a holistic, cultural, community and family model of wellness serving the urban Native American population. Schatz volunteered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Washington County and currently works at a residential substance use treatment center, which focuses on healing underlying traumas and co-morbid substance use through individualized, holistic recovery. She most values her AATA membership for the access to the Journal, the student scholarships, and the "affordable and necessary student-liability insurance for my internship placements." [READ MORE](#)

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Calling All Kids: Tell Us How You Picture Home



Biden Foundation

What does home look like to you? Military life comes with unique challenges — like frequent moves, or parents who deploy for months and sometimes years at a time — that can make picturing home a little more difficult for

military-connected kids. But they aren't so different from their civilian peers. Military and civilian children have the same needs, hopes, fears, and dreams — and we all need a place to call home. **READ MORE**

The Arts Contribute More Than \$760 Billion to the US Economy



National Endowment for the Arts

New data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) offers an insightful picture of the impact the arts have on the nation's economy. The arts contribute \$763.6 billion to the U.S. economy, more than agriculture, transportation, or warehousing. The arts employ 4.9 million workers across the country with earnings of more than \$370 billion. Furthermore, the arts exported \$20 billion more than imported, providing a positive trade balance. **READ MORE**

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