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Recapping Mental Health Month 2018



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Since 1949, America has observed May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Each year as a nation, we double down on the fight against stigma and educate the public, support those struggling with mental illnesses, and promote policies grounded in evidence-based treatment and methods. The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) welcomes the opportunity in May and year-round to spread awareness of the life-enhancing benefits of art therapy and access to mental health care.



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2018 Conference News: Two Weeks to Register as an 'Early Bird' — Workshops are Filling Up!



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



If you are planning to register for the AATA's 49th Annual Conference to be held in Miami, FL, October 31 to November 4, 2018, you have just two weeks left to get the lowest rates of the year! Early bird registration rates will be gone as of Friday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and so will many of the popular workshops which tend to fill up during early bird registration. **So don't delay and register now!** Read more to learn why experiential courses at the AATA Conference are so popular.

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Don't Miss Tomorrow's Deadline for Scholarships and Nominations!



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Tomorrow, June 1, 2018, is the deadline for nominations for Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board and the Government Affairs Award and for all scholarships! If you've started a nomination or an application, make sure you complete submit it by the deadline to ensure consideration. Don't miss this chance to recognize esteemed colleagues or the opportunity to further your own professional development. *Any questions or concerns may be directed to the National Office (info@arttherapy.org).*

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Applications are Open for Awards and Research Seed Grants



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The AATA is pleased to announce opportunities to recognize colleagues for their accomplishments and apply for research funding. We are accepting nominations for honors awards through June 11 and nomination and applications for research awards and the new Research Seed Grants through June 29. We encourage you to take the time to explore details for each of these opportunities outlined below. **READ MORE**

Featured Member



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Amy Maricle, ATR-BC, LMHC, is the founder of [Mindful Art Studio](#). As an art therapist, she worked in private practice, in-home, and residential settings. Now her career has shifted, and she works as a teacher, artist, and writer. Her writing and art have been featured in many online and print publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Psych Central*, and *Art Journaling Magazine*.

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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

TAPS Uses Art Therapy to Help Military Families Heal



WJLA-TV

How do you cope with the loss of a military loved one? How do you heal, or even move on? "I didn't know where to turn," said Erin Jacobson. "I didn't know how to process the loss." Jacobson, originally from Seattle, was forced to confront those questions after her fiancé, 29 year old Army Ranger Corporal Jason Kessler was killed in Mosul, Iraq, in 2007. Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors is an Arlington, Virginia-based organization that provides support and counseling to families of the fallen. **READ MORE**

New Research Could Advance Art Therapy for Treating Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders



European Commission via The Medical News

Studies conducted at the University of Vienna by Marie Curie fellow Matthew Pelowski have contributed to the formation of the Vienna Integrated Model of Art Perception, a holistic framework within which the multiple

cognitive processes underlying art viewing can be systematically organized. The project's results include a comprehensive dataset of specific impacts of brain regions on art experience. The research provides important insights into neuroaesthetics and the psychology of art, potentially advancing the use of art therapy to treat neurological and psychiatric disorders. **READ MORE**

'Those People' Use Art to Share Their Stories at Weinberg/Newton Gallery in Chicago



Chicago Reader

A group of resident artists from the Mercy Housing Lakefront art therapy program are sharing work based on their life experiences in "Those People," a special exhibition at the Weinberg/Newton Gallery in Chicago. The exhibition was conceived by Mercy Housing resident Eddie Corbani, who asked his group mates in art therapy to create work in response to being seen as "those people," people who are looked down by the rest of society on or set apart as "other" due to experiences beyond their control. **READ MORE**

2019 Therapeutic Arts Trip to Tanzania



Global Alliance for Africa

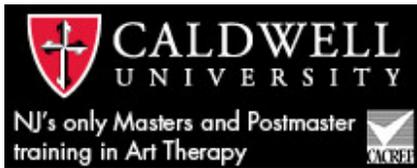
Since 2007, arts therapists working with Global Alliance for Africa, in collaboration with East African artists and counselors, have implemented paraprofessional creative arts therapies training programs for people who work with vulnerable children and communities. We are looking for experienced creative arts therapists and counselors to assist in this training project in Tanzania. Students and new professionals may also apply to participate. **READ MORE**

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