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AATA NEWS

2018 Conference: AEM Hi Arts Donates Art Kits to Attendees!



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There are so many reasons to get excited about the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference to be held in Miami, Florida, October 31 to November 4, 2018. One of them is that **each and every conference attendee will receive a complimentary art kit courtesy of AEM Hi Arts!** AEM stands for Art Exploration for Mankind, and the organization's mission is "To provide the finest art supplies at competitive prices while donating to more organizations in need than any other arts company on the planet." **READ MORE**



Volunteer Opportunity: Art Therapists for Interview Support and Clinical Services for Separated Families



Peggy Kolodny, MA, ATR-BC, LCPAT

Ever since the "zero tolerance" policy was announced in May, the Maryland Art Therapy Association (MATA) has been in contact with the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) to mobilize the art therapy community in any way we can to help these children. Children separated at the border and the other unaccompanied minors in this country need our help. While information about the children and access to offer services has been limited, immigration attorneys across the country have been working very hard to represent and advocate for these children to be reunited with their caregivers and given access to trauma-informed services. **READ MORE**



In Memoriam: Laura Greenstone

AATA National Office



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Laura Greenstone, MS, LPC, ATR-BC, on July 18, 2018. The art therapy community has lost a colleague who made significant contributions both clinically and legislatively, laboring behind the scenes to promote the field and advance its recognition. Laura provided art therapy to those struggling with trauma, domestic violence and sexual abuse. She was a passionate advocate, devoting countless hours to the Governmental Affairs Committee, as well as within her local chapter the New Jersey Art Therapy Association. Memories and quotes about Laura are welcome and will comprise a fuller tribute in an upcoming issue of ATT; please send submissions to info@arttherapy.org by Friday, August 3rd. **READ MORE**

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Seeking Editor in Chief for the Art Therapy Journal



AATA National Office

The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) has begun the hiring process for the Editor in Chief 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. Stay tuned for the full position description and requirements in an upcoming issue of Art Therapy Today. Interested parties are encouraged to direct any questions to journal@arttherapy.org. **READ MORE**

Featured Member



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Elizabeth Hendley, MA, ATR-BC spearheaded the Expressive Therapies program at Dell Children's Medical Center, beginning as a volunteer shortly after the hospital opened and now as a part-time art therapist. She designed and implemented a patient art gallery and helped create and facilitate a highly successful annual fundraising event called the Art of Giving. In February, she was invited by the Tennessee Art Therapy Association to present at their conference on how techniques from her fundraiser can be applied to other hospitals and facilities offering art therapy. "Not only was my presentation well-received by the many art therapists who attended, but Cynthia Woodruff, Executive Director of AATA, was in attendance as well, and expressed great appreciation for the thoughts and ideas I presented. This was certainly a highlight of my involvement with AATA." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Seton Hill Exhibit Delves Into the Healing Power of Art



Trib Live

Since losing her husband, Brian Venneman, to cancer in 2014, Jen Venneman of Latrobe has found a way through the darkness by expressions in art. Her ongoing journey began with an art therapy program offered through Excelsa Health Home Care & Hospice and Seton Hill University, working with interns in a graduate art

therapy program directed by Dana Elmendorf. [READ MORE](#)

Art Therapy Exhibition at Project 308 Gallery



Niagara Frontier Publications

Art Therapy Buffalo, an alliance of art therapists working in the Buffalo-Niagara region, will host the third annual group exhibition at the Project 308 Gallery from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3. The mission of Art Therapy Buffalo is to educate the community and advocate for increased accessibility to creative arts therapy services by qualified professionals in the Buffalo Niagara regions of WNY. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Western New York Art Therapy Association, a local chapter of the American Art Therapy Association. [READ MORE](#)

Coral Springs Museum of Art Offers Therapeutic 'Art for Educators' Program Through 2019



Coral Springs Talk

On Thursday evenings, the Coral Springs Museum of Art dims its lights early, but the classroom at the back of the gallery is a bright hub of activity. Teachers from Broward, West Palm and as far out as Miami-Dade attend the weekly Art for Educators Program, a free resource led by certified art therapist, Virginia Erdie. Before sessions begin at 5 p.m., Erdie asks the teachers to participate in a meditative exercise she calls "willing hands". "Open up your palms and breathe in for four seconds and out for four," she said. [READ MORE](#)

House Backs Suicide Hotline Bill, Could Lead to 3-Digit Dial Code



Roll Call

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is headed for an overhaul, with passage of a House bill July 23. The bipartisan proposal would move towards creating a new national three-digit dialing code — similar to 911 — to be used for a mental health crisis and suicide prevention hotline. The House passed the bill by an overwhelming, 379-1, margin. Michigan Republican Justin Amash cast the lone nay vote against the bill, sponsored by Republican Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah. [READ MORE](#)

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