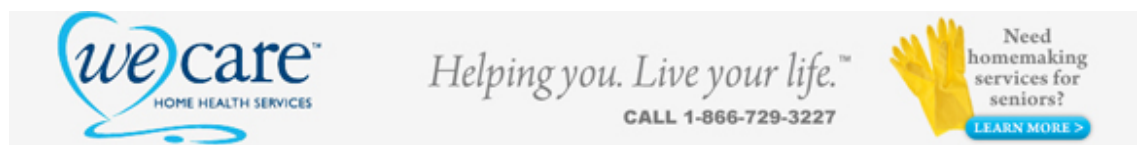


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AATA NEWS

2018 Conference: Time to Focus, Register and Save!



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

As summer comes to a close, we wanted to remind you that the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference, to be held October 31 to November 4 in Miami, FL is going to be **hot, hot, hot!** So if you've been putting off registration – it's time to focus, register and save! **READ MORE**



In Tribute to Laura Greenstone



Irene Rosner David, PhD, ATR-BC, LCAT, HLM and Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC



It is with honor and sorrow that we present this composite of colleagues' tributes to our late friend Laura Greenstone. As described in her local newspaper's obituary Laura "*was a force beyond words who accomplished great works with compassion and wit.*" That force included her commitment to social meaning and our field, eloquently conveyed by the following reminiscences.

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AATA Elections Are Open: Cast Your Vote Today



AATA National Office

All voting members are encouraged to participate in the election of volunteer leadership positions with the American Art Therapy Association. **Voting opened Wednesday, August 1 and will remain open until Friday, August 31 at 11:59 p.m. (EDT).** All voting members should have received an e-mail from Association Voting with instructions to cast an online vote. If you have not received this message and you have questions about the



voting process, please contact the AATA National Office via phone (888-290-0878) or e-mail (info@arttherapy.org).

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Editor in Chief Sought for *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*



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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 which 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. **The deadline for nominations or applications is September 30, 2018.** [READ MORE](#)

Featured Member



AATA National Office



Shaindel Edelman is excited to graduate this month with her MA from The George Washington University (GWU). Through her AATA membership, she enjoys "being a part of a larger art therapy community and keeping up with the latest art therapy literature published in the journal." As a member of her local chapter, the Maryland Art Therapy Association, Edelman makes use of the MATA Google Group to find art therapy opportunities in Maryland. After graduating with a BA in liberal arts and beginning her career as a freelance illustrator and arts educator, she was inspired by her work with students who struggled with anxiety to pursue a career that would integrate the arts and mental health. [READ MORE](#)

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Art's Healing Touch For Parkinson's Patients



Spectrum News

Motor dysfunction is a main characteristic of Parkinson's Disease, such as walking slowly, tremors and rigidity. Spectrum News watched as neurologist Milton Biagioni tested Joan Karron's gait. It is part of a study underway on a less-examined but also debilitating symptom of Parkinson's, visuospatial dysfunction, or problems with visual perception. "These are very subtle, so patients do not notice that they have that, and includes problems with color discrimination, contrast sensitivity, the eye movements are affected," Biagioni said. [READ MORE](#)

How to Get the Most Out of Art (Even When You're Not Sure You Get It)



The New York Times

You don't need an art degree or highbrow credentials to make the most out of a trip to an art museum. Viewing

art, even if you know nothing about what you're looking at, can be good for your brain and help you develop better communication skills. "Even though having experience and formal training can help you view art in a certain way, it's certainly not necessary for getting something beneficial out of the artwork," said Dr. Oshin Vartanian, an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Toronto, adding that even if you're an art skeptic, consuming it can have tangible benefits. **READ MORE**

Summary of 21st Century Great Conversations in Art, Neuroscience and Related Therapeutics



Frontiers in Psychology

Transdisciplinary collaboration is the future of knowledge making in advanced post-industrial societies and there is a growing awareness that the most vexing problems we face cannot be solved by any single discipline. Best practices for complex and challenging physical and mental disorders require a multi-disciplinary approach, yet there is a void in bridging the gap between the most contemporary models. It is in this capacity that the Twenty-First Century Great Conversations in Art, Neuroscience, and Related Therapeutics serves as a missing link.

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