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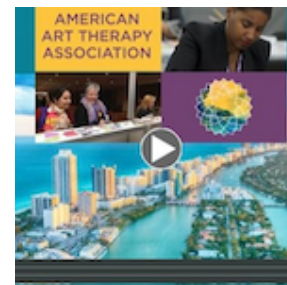
AATA NEWS

Countdown to Miami



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

If you've been planning to register for the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference, to be held October 31 to November 4 in Miami, FL we wanted to let you know that **the hotel block is nearly full**. The conference Advanced Registration ends on September 28 – and so will the lower rates, **so it's time to get registered!** [READ MORE](#)



One Week Remaining to Participate in AATA Elections: Make Your Voice Heard!



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



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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



Laura V. Loumeau-May, MPS, ATR-BC, LPC, has been a dynamic member of the art therapy community for 35 years. In addition to her clinical work, she stays engaged through numerous presentations at conferences, publications, teaching art therapy courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and taking on leadership roles. She served on the AATA Board (2011-15) and has filled many volunteer positions, including Membership Co-Chair, Conference Proposal Review Committee and New Jersey Art Therapy Association Diversity Chair. She shares that “I believe that all AATA members can and should be actively engaged. Engagement is a win-win situation; it strengthens the profession and supports us. We are the Association, and should never forget that.”

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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Art Therapy Program Gives A Voice to Residents with Dementia

The Birches Assisted Living

Imagine this... You want to express a thought or feeling but you can't remember the words you need to say it. Or your friend is talking to you, but you can't understand anything he's saying. It's like he's speaking a foreign language. Losing the ability to communicate is frustrating and isolating, and it happens to many people with dementia. But there is a way for people with dementia to express themselves without words— art therapy. **READ MORE**



'We Are Going To Survive': Douglas Students Use Music, Art To Heal At Camp Shine

WLRN

At Camp Shine, the counselors are actually counselors — and not just in the typical summer camp way. They're therapists. Their aim was to get kids painting and acting out skits and singing about their shared trauma: the Feb. 14 shooting that left 17 people dead and another 17 injured at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

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Americans for the Arts Mourns the Loss of Iconic Soul Singer/Songwriter



Aretha Franklin

Americans for the Arts

Americans for the Arts mourns the loss of soul legend Aretha Franklin, who died today at age 76. Franklin, an 18-time Grammy Award winner, had a career that spanned six decades. With more than 75 million records sold worldwide, Franklin was one of the best-selling musical artists of all time, and the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. [READ MORE](#)

Forging Ahead: Bladesmithing Gives Troops, Vets and Caregivers a Chance to Bond, Heal



Stars and Stripes

At the Workhouse Arts Center 20 miles outside downtown Washington, Army Sgt. Eric Lang spent one hot Saturday afternoon next to a forge, heating a piece of steel before transferring it to an anvil, where he used a hammer to form a blade. Nearby, Keith Shugarts, a member of the Army Reserves, put the finishing touches on his knife, grinding it into a smooth finish. [READ MORE](#)

Michael Layman Finds Liberation and Direction in Prison Arts Program



Colorado Springs Independent

Michael Layman, 53, is new to painting and artmaking. Most of his life, he's worked various labor gigs, from ranches and oil fields to auto body shops and in homes, doing flooring installation. But in art, he's discovered meaning and freedom. Currently, he makes art out of Florence, where he's an inmate at the U.S. Penitentiary, serving a five-year sentence for drugs and possession of a firearm. It's not his first time in prison — he says he's spent three-fourths of his life behind bars. But, hopefully, art will help this be his last sentence. [READ MORE](#)

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