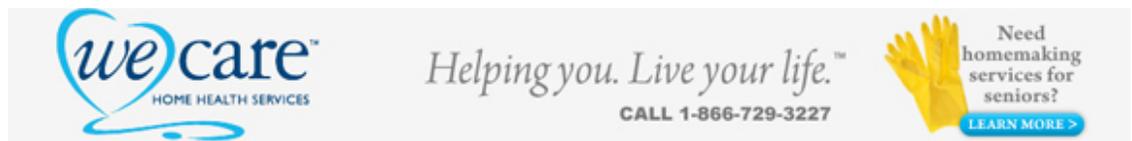


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AATA NEWS

Virginia Board of Health Professions Votes to Recommend Licensure for Art Therapists to the Governor and Legislature



Clara Keane

On August 23, 2018 the Virginia Board of Health Professions (BHP) voted to recommend licensure for art therapists in the state of Virginia. Following years of advocacy work and a full year in the formal sunrise review process, a group of art therapists gathered to witness history unfold in the field of art therapy. After the BHP's Regulatory Research Committee made their final recommendations and "concluded that all criteria [for state regulation] were met," **the Committee voted unanimously to "adopt a separate license for Art Therapists to practice in Virginia."** [READ MORE](#)



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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



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In Tribute to Sister Kathleen Burke



Gail Rule-Hoffman, M.Ed., ATR-BC, LPC-S, LICDC-S and Gretchen M. Miller, MA, ATR-BC, ACTP



As shared in the *August 2 issue of Art Therapy Today*, Sister Kathleen Burke, OSU, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC passed away on July 24, 2018 at the age of 81 after a brief illness. In 1986, Sister Kathleen founded the Master of Arts in Art Therapy Program of Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio and served as its Director through 1999. She was Professor Emerita in the Ursuline College Counseling and Art Therapy Program and a Buckeye Art Therapy Association (BATA) Honorary Life Member. As an Ursuline Sister, art therapist, professional counselor, artist, and educator, Sister Kathleen's life ministry included using art to enrich the quality of life for others and to inspire countless with her teaching, creativity, and service **READ MORE**



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



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Featured Member



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Andrea Sutrick is entering her final year in the Master of Arts in the Art Therapy program at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. She most values her AATA membership for the affordable liability insurance, networking at the annual conferences, access to the Journal, and because it "provides me the reassurance that if and when I need assistance, I can get connected to other art therapists in the AATA community." Following a successful career in business, Sutrick discovered a spiritual connection within her Christian community and sought to use her gift of artmaking to help others through the healing process. **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

City Institutions Battle Alzheimer's With Art



City Limits

Five years ago, Ed Smith started forgetting things he used to take for granted. Daily life got more complicated and confusing. It was a scary change for Smith, who had graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in architecture and environmental design, worked as a proofreader for the Village Voice and traveled around Africa and the West Indies as a staff reporter for Black Enterprise and Essence. **READ MORE**

A Kenan Art Camp Where Refugee Kids Can Find Fun & Healing



Duke University

For the past decade, Suzanne Shanahan has helped local refugees adjust to life in Durham through programs that help adults and children from some of the world's most traumatic environments. So it's no surprise the director of the Kenan Institute for Ethics initially doubted the idea that art therapy can help them reduce stress and improve their well-being. "The whole idea of art therapy sounded crazy and not at all like a priority for these families," Shanahan said to herself when she first learned of the concept several years ago from the mother of a Duke student from Turkey. **READ MORE**

Lisa Myers: A Calling Dedicated to Art as Therapy



Shelburne News

After graduating from college with a degree in psychology and English literature, Lisa Myers learned about the field of art therapy and thought it would be a wonderful way to combine her love of art with a profession that would help others. She took a year off to investigate different programs before enrolling at Pratt Art Institute for her master's degree in creative art therapy. **READ MORE**

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