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AATA NEWS

Welcome to Miami from AATA President and Executive Director



Christianne Strang, PHD, ATR-BC, CEDCAT-S, AATA President, and Cynthia Young Woodruff, CAE, AATA Executive Director

Welcome to the AATA's 49th Annual Conference: ***Honoring Today, Celebrating Yesterday, Building for Tomorrow!*** We have a robust educational program planned with sessions that will honor, celebrate, and build on the foundations of our growing and vibrant art therapy profession. **READ MORE**



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The AATA Denounces Hate Crimes in the Wake of the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting



AATA National Office

We are horrified and deeply saddened by the devastating violence that took place on October 27, 2018, at the Tree of Life Congregation synagogue in Squirrel Hill, PA. We condemn the anti-semitic acts of violence and grieve the 11 congregants who were killed in their place of worship. Our hearts go out to the victims' families and loved ones, the first responders who were injured, and the Jewish community. [READ MORE](#)

For those in the AATA community who are attending the annual Conference in Miami, we invite you to gather for vigil for victims of hate on Saturday, November 3 from 7:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Riverfront South/Central Lobby of the Hyatt Regency. All faith and non-faith traditions are welcome to join us for a Havdalah service to conclude one week since the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting and to commemorate all victims of hate.

Featured Member



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Cam Busch, MEd, RN, ATR-BC, LPAT, has had a diverse career in nursing, art, art therapy, and arts in healthcare as the owner of Art Therapy Consults and Studio in Chattanooga, TN. A pioneer in the field, Busch has served on the AATA Board of Directors and was board liaison to the Journal, Public Relations Chair when the first National Creative Arts Therapies Week was launched in 1988. A founding member of the Tennessee Art Therapy Association (TATA), she served two terms as President and Delegate and received the Distinguished Service Award and Honorary Life Member. This year she is thrilled to be celebrating TATA's 25th anniversary with colleagues. Of her AATA membership, Busch says, "Networking with like-minded professionals and spreading the passion for this work is a wonderful benefit!"

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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Meg Loncharic: Conference Shines Spotlight on Alzheimer's Caregivers



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The Nov. 15 Erie event, offering education and support, is free but registration is required. Surely we all know by now that Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that impairs memory and other mental functions. What you may not know is that about one in three caregivers, or 34 percent, is age 65 or older, and about two-thirds of caregivers are women — more specifically, over one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters, according to the Alzheimer's Association. [READ MORE](#)



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Razan Al Sarraf: The Curator Helping Young Artists Paint a New Picture of Arab Identity in New York



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There's no calligraphy, geometric tiles or oil paintings of dhows. Instead, visitors descending the stairs to see the work of young Arab artists at a new exhibition in New York are confronted by a glass cubicle. Its base is filled with the rubble of war. Perched at an awkward angle is a video screen playing footage of a faceless woman, her status as an "immigrant" spelt out in Arabic. [READ MORE](#)



King County Study Shows Art Boosts Health, Graduation, Volunteerism



KIRO-FM

In this country, we have a funny relationship with the arts. We all love music and theater, visual arts and dance, but when schools need to cut something, the art programs are the first to go. A lot of people think having an art scene in a city is cool, but not necessarily important. But a brand new study from Seattle non-profit ArtsFund shows that art is important. The study looked at the social impacts of art in King County and results show that the arts have huge benefits to our community, our children and our health and wellness. **READ MORE**

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