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## AATA NEWS

### In Memoriam: Cay Drachnik



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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Cay Drachnik, HLM, ATR, MFCC, on December 3, 2018. A pioneer in the field, Drachnik served as AATA President from 1987-1989 and was widely recognized for her influential work on the Government Affairs Committee in her home state of California. She was also a founder of the Northern California Art Therapy Association, and first recipient of the chapter's Honorary Life Member award. Read her [full obituary](#) here.



Friends and colleagues are invited to submit memories and testimonials to be included in an upcoming *Art Therapy Today* article celebrating Cay Drachnik's legacy. **Please send submissions to [info@arttherapy.org](mailto:info@arttherapy.org) by February 10, 2019.** Donations may be made in her honor directly to the [Cay Drachnik Minorities Fund for Art Therapy](#) or in her name to the 50th Anniversary Fund.

### Conference News: Last Call to Submit 50th Anniversary Conference Proposals



Susan Boxer Kappel, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, CGP, Conference Chair

***It's the final countdown*** – don't miss this historic opportunity to share your work, best practice, research and other innovative art therapy clinical approaches with your colleagues at this year's Annual Conference. **The proposal submissions are due tomorrow, Friday, February 1 at 5:00 p.m. ET.** Join a prestigious collection of



presenters at the AATA's 50th Annual Conference to be held October 30 to November 3, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri. Visit the [Proposal Submission site](#) to learn more. **READ MORE**

## Introducing AATA's New Webpage Celebrating our 50th Anniversary!



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This week, the AATA 50th Anniversary Committee and the National Staff launched the AATA's 50th Anniversary webpage: <https://arttherapy.org/aata50th/>. It's your portal into our year-round celebration of *50 Years of Healing through Art*. Throughout the year, we will be updating this page with stories, photos, and milestones shared by our members, mental health allies, and the communities



## Take a Stand for the Arts: Register for Arts Advocacy Day 2019



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**Mark your calendar — Arts Advocacy Day: The National Arts Action Summit will take place March 4-5, 2019 in Washington, DC!** Hosted by Americans for the Arts in partnership with over 85 national arts organizations, Arts Advocacy Day is the largest gathering of its kind, bringing together a broad cross section of America's cultural and civic organizations. Grassroots advocates from across the country come to Washington, DC to meet with their Members of Congress to garner support for issues like arts education policy, the charitable tax deduction, and funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. **READ MORE**



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Tracy Weitkamp graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with her MA in Art Therapy in December 2018 and is working towards her Maryland LGPAT (Licensed Graduate Professional Art Therapist). She has professional experience working with children and adolescents in mental health settings, adults with developmental disabilities, and oncology patients and caregivers. Currently employed by an online public education company, her passion is to meld this experience with art therapy through the exploration and practice of art therapy for use in corporate wellness programs. **READ MORE**

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

## Healing With Art: Coral Springs Museum's Program Provides Therapy During Parkland School Shooting Anniversary



Sun Sentinel

It's been almost a year since 17 students and faculty were killed in the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman

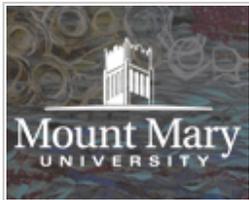
Douglas High School in Parkland, leaving Broward County and the nation distraught and saddened. Within hours of the shooting, acute crisis centers were opened in the northwest region of Broward County, one of them being the Coral Springs Museum of Art. Two days after the shooting, on Feb. 15 and 16, the facility at 2855A Coral Springs Drive became a refuge for those who needed emotional support and assistance. **READ MORE**

## Parents Using Art, Theater to Start Difficult Conversations With Children



ABC 10

Topics like the Civil Rights Movement and the Holocaust can be difficult for parents to explain to their children, but some find the arts can be a way to start to tackle the subject matter. "Martin Luther King and the Sound of Freedom" is a stage play at Sacramento's B Street Theatre, specifically meant for families with children in the fourth grade and higher. Writer of the play, Jerry Montoya, says the violence is shown in a theatricalized way, through lighting and dance, rather than in a graphic manner. **READ MORE**



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## Centerstone Show Features Local Artists



Advantage News

Centerstone is hosting its first art show, Beginnings, through Jan. 31 at the Alton location at 2615 Edwards St. The art show features art from local artists and will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Beginnings is an exciting art show featuring local artists and their exploration of the theme of starting points," Centerstone art therapist Chris Liljedahl said. "It looks at how both the tragic and transformative often exist side by side." **READ MORE**

## Anthony Bodlovic Explains Mental Health Outside of Heteronormativity



The Los Angeles Loyolan

Anthony Bodlovic is an art therapist and director of Marital and Family Therapy at LMU. The art therapist uses his work to express his queerness and he has also helped empathize with his patients that are dealing with queer issues such as coming out. Being raised by Croatian immigrants, Bodlovic shares a unique story that shows how he came into living an open and honest life. **READ MORE**

## Four Tips On Teaching Emotional Social Skills Through Crafting



The Indiana Gazette

Teaching kids social and emotional skills is getting renewed attention, and arts and crafts are a good way to do that, at home as well as at school. "Anxiety and depression are on the rise for young people," says Melissa Schlinger, a vice president at the Chicago-based Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, an advocacy and research organization that tries to make social and emotional learning a priority in education. **READ MORE**

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