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AATA NEWS

### Featured Member: Jordan Potash, Editor in Chief, Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association



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The AATA is pleased to introduce Jordan S. Potash, PhD, ATR-BC, REAT, LCPAT (MD) LCAT (MD), as the Editor in Chief of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. The journal is a prestigious peer-reviewed scholarly publication which has an audience comprised of practitioners, educators, researchers, and students. Its mission is to inform the readership of research, recent innovations, and critical issues related to art therapy. Dr. Potash answered some questions about his vision for the Journal and offers advice for authors. **READ MORE**



### Experiential Learning Sessions Filling Up Fast!



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

Early Bird Registration is Open!  
[www.arttherapyconference.com](http://www.arttherapyconference.com)

Register Early for the Best Rates & Selection of Workshops!



If you are planning on registering for the American Art Therapy Association's 50th Anniversary early bird, and you want to participate in any of the experiential learning sessions (workshops and advanced practice courses) **we suggest that you register now**. A few of the sessions are already full and others are getting full very fast. So far early bird registration is outpacing the last few years, and we don't want you to be disappointed if you can't attend the sessions you really wanted to. **Visit the conference website to get all of the details and link to online registration!** [Click here](#) to download just the experiential sessions. **READ MORE**



## Tune in to SAMHSA's Webcast, 'Suicide Prevention: Strategies That Work,' on May 6



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AATA joins the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as a [National Collaborating Organization](#) for their annual [National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day](#) event. This year's event, "Suicide Prevention: Strategies That Work," will focus on the impact that suicide has on children, youth, young adults, families, and communities and will showcase evidence-based strategies to connect those in need to information, services, and supports that can save lives. Tune in on **May 6 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm EDT** to watch the [live webcast of the event!](#) **READ MORE**

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

#### Art Therapy Helps Dementia Patients Communicate and Connect



NJTV

It looks like an art class with brushes, paints and scissors, but it's not. It's an art therapy session. "You don't have to be an artist. Anybody can do art therapy, anybody can make art," said art therapist Suzanne DuFour. Brightview Warren resident Jo Coniglione finished his first product. **READ MORE**

#### Tykes and Teens: Coping With Middle School Creatively



WQCS-FM

It's hard enough coping with life, let alone life in MIDDLE SCHOOL! Tykes & Teens is a mental health nonprofit that partners with the Martin County school system, but also has a creative after-hours solution to giving kids the tools to cope, build self-esteem, reduce anxiety, problem solve and uplift hope. **READ MORE**



#### PhD Program in Art Therapy

Notre Dame de Namur University is accepting applications for Fall 2019. Generate new knowledge and career opportunities in clinical practice, research, teaching and international work. **MORE**

#### 'Look/See' to Spotlight Work of Herron School of Art and Design Graduate Students



Indiana University

At the Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI, the graduate theses for MFA students aren't typed in a bound volume or laid out on a PowerPoint for a professor's private review. They're hung on walls, placed on tables or otherwise displayed for anyone to observe and enjoy. **READ MORE**

#### Art Therapy with the Imprisoned: Re-creating Identity... Dr Dave Gussak at the International Art Therapy Practice/Research Conference



British Association of Art Therapists

"I am very excited for this amazing inaugural event as I look forward to learning from my friends and colleagues in the United Kingdom, where art therapy in the correctional arena has a long, well-established and revered history." Dr Dave Gussak on the Inaugural Conference in July... **READ MORE**

#### Demonstrating the Social Impact of the Arts



Mellon

When Todd Eric Hawkins was asked by his local radio station to do an interview about the healing power of arts in the community, he thought it would be easy. As executive director for the Department of Arts and Culture in Irving, Texas, as well as head of the Irving Arts Center, he was no doubt an expert, with more than ten years of arts community engagement experience. But he was not deeply versed in the connection between the arts, pain management, and health trauma, and it became clear he needed more knowledge before doing the interview. **READ MORE**

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