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AATA NEWS

Let's Get Involved in the AATA's Elections



Gioia Chilton, PhD, ATR-BC, LCPAT, CSAC, Nominating Committee Chair

In order to make sure that our community is fully and fairly represented, we need broad engagement from you, our members, in the nominations and elections process. This is the only way we can ensure that the 2019 Candidate Slate and, ultimately, the AATA's Board of Directors, truly represent your interests, your needs, your clients, your voices.

We are accepting nominations for Volunteer Officers and members of the AATA Board of Directors for two-year terms (2019-2021) in the following positions:

- President-Elect (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Board of Directors (3)
- Nominating Committee (1)

“Serving on the board has been great because it has given me the opportunity not only to serve my profession, but it has also given me professional skills.”
 —Nadia Paredes, MA, LMFT, ATR, AATA Board Treasurer

Candidate Applications and Nomination Forms must be submitted before the June 3 deadline. [READ MORE](#)

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AATA Board of Directors Approves Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision Statement



AATA National Office

Last year the AATA [made a commitment](#) to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) to ensure it guides the Association's work on behalf of the profession. During the April 2019 in-person board meeting, the AATA Board of Directors created the following DE&I Vision Statement to help lead this work: AATA critically examines our structures, values, and actions to ensure the continuous integration of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the organization and the art therapy community. **READ MORE**



Featured Member



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Annie McFarland, MS is an art therapist, educator, and artist from Farmington Hills, MI. She earned her MS in art therapy from Florida State University (FSU) in 2013 and is now a doctoral candidate also at FSU. Her dissertation research focuses on the use of papermaking with veterans to address trauma, PTSD, and veteran to civilian readjustment. Recently hired as an associate professor of art education and visual arts therapy at West Virginia University (WVU), McFarland is excited to continue teaching and researching papermaking in art therapy. Her long-term goals at WVU include enhancing the art education curriculum and eventually developing an accredited art therapy program. **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Seniors Find Creative Outlet, Community Connection Through Art Therapy Program



Sun Sailor

With a large canvas in the center of the table, seniors at Augustana Open Circle adult day center in Hopkins use feathers and artificial flowers to add their own creative touches to a painting that will soon hang on the walls of the ICA Food Shelf in Minnetonka. This is the fourth art project created by the members of Open Circle with the guidance of art therapy intern Caila Kritzeck, a graduate student at Adler Graduate School in Minnetonka. Open Circle partners with Adler to provide art therapy for its members, many of whom have Alzheimer's disease or a dementia diagnosis. **READ MORE**

A Powerful Tool For Those Who Have Loved Ones With Illnesses



KSHB-TV

ALS is a devastating, incurable disease that gradually takes away the ability to walk, dress, speak, swallow and eat. Most people with ALS, or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, will die within two to five years of diagnosis. Art can be a powerful tool in helping people process their emotions and experiences - this can also include teens and young adults who are coping with the stress of having a loved one with ALS. **READ MORE**

PhD Program in Art Therapy

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Arts Allow Young People in Harris County Juvenile Detention To Express Themselves



Houston Chronicle

Fluorescent lights beam down upon a group of 12 girls. They stand in a circle inside the gray walls of the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center. Their eyes follow along as each girl says her name and describes how she is feeling, accompanied by a pose or gesture. Jessica whose full name is not being used, is feeling confident and juts her hip to the side and puts her hands on them. Brittney, feeling energetic, draws an invisible arch in the air with fingers spread in jazz hands. **READ MORE**

Book On Motherhood Aims To Give Moms Support When They Struggle And Can't Talk About It



660 City News

Motherhood isn't easy. Women around the world are expected to balance raising their children and personal and career growth, all while maintaining a Pinterest-perfect living space. And talking about their struggles that happen behind closed doors is taboo and stigmatized. One woman is aiming to open the doors for moms to share their struggles and find support from people just like them. **READ MORE**

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