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Dear Member,

The 2012 Annual Conference early bird registration is now open! Make your plans now to join your colleagues in beautiful Savannah, GA. Be sure to [register early](#) for the best rates and to ensure your seat is reserved in the Advanced Practice Courses and Workshops of your choice. Remember that in order to receive the conference member discounted rate your 2012 annual membership must be renewed. **So if you have not yet renewed, click here** to renew online now. Remember that all memberships are calendar year based and expire on December 31, 2011. [Renew today](#) to ensure that your membership doesn't lapse.

Please take a few moments to complete the [Membership Survey](#) that provides employers and others with background about the qualifications of art therapists.

We hope that you will participate in this year's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day events. This annual program is a great way to raise the visibility of art therapy in your community. We've provided a checklist in this Update to help make your event planning a success.

Other important information in this Update includes:

- National program announcement with the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to establish "art therapy" as a distinct employment classification.
- Dare to Dream Grants information.
- New "Resiliency through Art" program with the U.S. Army.
- Update from the Association's Technology Committee.
- Call for Honors – Nominations due January 13, 2012.
- Scholarship Program is Open for Applications.

This year's Annual Conference begins on Monday, July 9, with the pre-conference Advanced Practice Courses and the President's Opening Reception that evening, and concludes on Thursday, July 12, with the closing event. The post-conference Half-Day Advanced Practice Courses will be held on Friday, July 13, 2012. The change in our conference timetable is **just for this year only** due to scheduling limitations with the facility. In 2013, we return to our Wednesday to Sunday format. [Register early](#) for the 2012 Conference for the best rates!

[Click here](#) to read Monthly Update.

Sincerely,

Susan

Susan Corrigan
Executive Director

Early Bird Registration is now open! Be sure to register early so that you receive the best rates of the year, and you are able to reserve your space in the Advanced Practice Courses and Workshops of your choice. The Program



Committee has selected more than 150 educational sessions, most of which do not require preregistration. But if you do plan to attend an Advanced Practice Course, Workshop, the special Historic Overview Tour of Savannah, or the Night on the Town, these events do require preregistration and have limited seats available, so don't delay in registering. [Click here](#) to review a detailed listing of the Advanced Practice Courses and Workshops, and read more about the other conference highlights below.

The quality of this year's proposal submissions was outstanding, and the Program Committee sincerely appreciates and values all of the submissions. All individuals who submitted proposals will be notified of their status by December 15, 2011.

The Conference Committee has been busy with the conference program and planning. This article provides highlights about several of the conference events. To stay on top of the latest news and updates about the conference, please visit the [website](#).

MORE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS....

1. **Activities for Children & Families** - Savannah is a brimming family-friendly conference destination, and we hope you'll consider bringing your family along! To review a suggested list of fun activities, [click here](#). In addition, there is a Workshop that is designed with families in mind! Consider signing up for workshop called, *Family Bookmaking: Celebrating, Sharing, Remembering, and Experiencing Together*, on Tuesday, July 10, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. This session requires preregistration and space is very limited. Families can register as one participant for one fee. Visit the [online registration website](#) for more information.

2. The **Night on the Town** will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. This year the Conference Committee is offering two options:



- **Option 1 - A Night at the Telfair Museum** – This event requires preregistration, and *space is limited*. The ticket includes: round-trip transportation to this [stunning museum](#), a light reception, a guided tour of an art exhibition, and a CEC-lecture in the auditorium. The cost is \$40 at the **early bird member rate**. Visit the [online registration website](#) to register.

- **Option 2 – City Market - The Art & Soul of Savannah** – Attendees can take the water taxi from the hotel, departing at the Hyatt Hotel just across the river, and walk several blocks to the commercial and social center of historic Savannah which consists of a four-block area of restored warehouses and shops adjacent to Ellis Square. The open-air marketplace has entertainment, shopping, and dining. Participants will receive a list of restaurants providing discounts for our attendees. There is no charge for this event and registration is not required.



3. **Historic Overview Open Air Trolley Tour on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** - It is possible to experience over 275 years of history in 90 minutes! Take a comprehensive look at Savannah's fascinating past on this fully narrated sightseeing overview tour. Relax as your experienced professional tour guide paints a fascinating picture of charming Savannah. This comprehensive tour covers much of Savannah's beautiful historic district, including the lovely historic squares, River Street, and City Market. The open air trolley will pick you up in front of the Convention Center at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Picnic dinner boxes *to go* will be available for purchase online and must be pre-ordered by July 2, 2012. Tour price begins at the **early bird member rate** of \$20. [Click here](#) to proceed to the online registration process.

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Here are just a few ways that you can get engaged with the conference programming....

- **Consider a submission for the 2012 Film Festival** - an exciting event including video screenings, conversations and a panel (with CECs). The submission deadline is December 20, 2011. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Participate in the Art Committee's Exhibition called Creating a Tapestry: The Fabric of Art Therapists** – by bringing a 2-D, 12" square artwork to the conference that can be attached by push pins to the exhibition boards that will be provided. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Consider submitting artwork for the 2012 Members' Art Exhibition** – this is a great way to showcase your personal artwork and imagery throughout the conference! The submission deadline is May 31, 2011. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Reserve your table now for the always popular Arts & Crafts Marketplace** – and showcase your entrepreneurial spirit! Reserve your table by June 1, 2011. For more information, please contact Barbara Florence via e-mail at bflorence@arttherapy.org.

Attend a qualified risk management course at the AATA 43rd Annual Conference and you may be eligible for a risk management discount off of your annual HPSO professional liability insurance premium.

Don't have your professional liability insurance through HPSO?

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Visit the [conference website](#) often for the latest conference news and updates!

2012 Membership Renewal Reminder

All memberships with the Association expire on December 31, 2011. Many of you have already renewed your membership with the Association and your local Chapter, but for those of you who have not, here are a few reasons why now is a great time to [complete the renewal process](#).

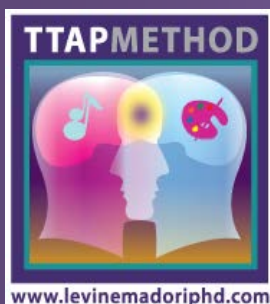
- Qualify for the early bird 2012 Annual Conference discount.
- Avoid overlooking your membership renewal during the busy year-end and holiday season.
- Ensure that your copy of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association* doesn't lapse.
- Qualify for a year-end tax deduction.

Renewing is easy...just select from one the following ways:

- Renew online – [click here](#).
- Mail in your renewal using the form we just mailed to you this fall.
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- Call us at 888-290-0878 to renew over the phone.



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The American Art Therapy Association is conducting its 2011 Member Art Therapy Profile Survey to help track the profession of art therapy. The information provided is used to inform employment tracking services and the media about the profession. Data collected through this process will be kept strictly confidential. Individual responses will be added to the overall survey results to produce a composite picture of the field of art therapy. This composite information will be shared with the membership, researchers, the media, employment reporting groups, and others.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and participation. Be sure to press the “Done” button at the end of the survey.

Your completed survey should be submitted by December 15, 2011. [Click here](#) to proceed to the survey.

National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day – Time to Start Planning Your Event!

Building resilience in the aftermath of trauma for youth from birth through 18-years is the focus of the 2012 SAMHSA’s, National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day events to be held across the country in May. The American Art Therapy Association is a lead sponsor for the 3rd year in a row. Members and Chapters are encouraged to develop special programs with K-12 schools, groups serving military families, and other community agencies working in the area of juvenile justice, welfare, and health services for young people impacted by trauma.

Here are some steps to take to get ready to make children’s mental health a priority year round:

- ✓ **Begin planning your event with your employer, Chapter or community agency** to develop an engaging Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day event on May 9, 2012.
- ✓ **Be sure to reach out to community partners** to share the focus and concept of a community-wide art exhibit, entitled “Heroes of Hope”, and participate in a community-wide dialogue in May about trauma, and building resilience in young people.
- ✓ **Your Chapter’s “Heroes of Hope” exhibit should include drawings/visual arts produced by young people that represent heroes in their lives who have helped them to overcome trauma.** The art therapy project is for youth from toddler to 18-years to depict their “Heroes of Hope” in their art including comments about why those heroes inspire them. Encourage community-wide art exhibits in schools and after school programs where young people gather. Collaborate with local organizations to design the “Heroes of Hope” art contest and exhibit.
- ✓ **Please select 5 pieces of art work from your event to be sent to the Association’s National Office.** The art will be displayed at the national event in Washington, D.C., along with information about how to find additional resources to help young people recover from traumatic events.
- ✓ **Using your creativity, work with local partnering agencies to establish a roundtable or initiate a community dialogue** in May about how to address trauma in the lives of young people. A national Skype event will take place to link communities across the country into the national online dialogue. Think about how the art therapy community in your area can best be represented. More information about the national dialogue on Skype will be provided in the first quarter of 2012.
- ✓ **Please add links to the following tool kits on your website under a heading the “Children’s Mental Health Awareness” :**



Implement a Successful Art Therapy Program for Youth Affected by Traumatic Events and Health Challenges to initiate and enhance an art therapy program for young people to help them build resilience, improve self-esteem and competence, and develop coping skills. Explore the many positive outcomes of an effective art therapy program.



K-12 Schools & Art Therapy - Gain Important Education Outcomes: Implement a Successful Art Therapy Program within K-12 Schools, links art therapists, who provide professional and instructional services to students, with more than 13,000 public school systems nationwide in collaboration with the [American Association of School Administrators](#).



Provide Feedback to the Association's National Program to Gain Classification of Art Therapy as a Distinct Occupation with the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Occupational Information Network (O*NET) program, sponsored by the United States Department of Labor (DOL), is gathering occupational information for a national database that is being used by millions of employers, workers, educators, and students across the country. This database provides information about the skills, abilities, activities, and work context for about 900 occupations nationwide. The Association has been working diligently in the past 2 years to add the profession of art therapy to the Bureau of Labor Statistics database as a distinct employment classification. This new effort has now officially begun with U.S. DOL and it will enable the art therapy profession to be represented for the first time. **If you are contacted by the O*Net program please participate and reinforce the importance of credentials, Master's degree and above educational level for art therapists, and the fact that art therapy is a health and education profession supporting health and wellness.** You must be credentialed with 5 years or more work experience as an art therapist. Thank you for being part of this national effort by responding promptly if contacted.

Dare to Dream Grants: Art Therapists Can Apply or be Mentors for the "Dare to Dream America" Grants

Dare to Dream America grants of up to \$1,000 are available to support youth in conducting projects that promote mental health awareness and involve a mentor in the process. Art therapists up to age 25 are welcome to apply for a \$1,000 *Dare to Dream America* grant or mentor a young person (aged 13 to 25) who receives one. For more information about this grant program including how to apply please visit the [website](#).

Dare to Dream America is a program of *Youth M.O.V.E. National*, a youth-led, national subsidiary of the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc. Also, art therapists above age 18 can mentor grantees. For questions about this grant program or *Dare to Dream America* in general, please contact youthmove@ffcmh.org or call 240-403-1901.

U.S. Army Enters "Resiliency through Art" Program with the American Art Therapy Association to Bring Art Therapy to Garrisons Across the Country

The American Art Therapy Association has been awarded a national contract to provide specific training to military service personnel and their families through the "Resiliency through Art" program with curriculum designed and developed through the Association's Project Planning Team headed by Martha Haeseler MA, ATR-BC, Art Therapist and Director, Giant Steps Program, VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven, CT.

The Association is also in the process of developing an *Art Therapy with Military Service Personnel and their Families Tool Kit* to be used by a variety of programs serving military personnel and their families. Please complete the brief questionnaire to provide information about the programs with military in which you have participated, or that you provide through private practice. [Click here](#) to proceed to the survey.

Call for Honors Due on January 13, 2012 - Terry Towne, MA, ATR-BC, Chair, Honors Committee

The Honors Committee needs your help in selecting those art therapists who will be honored in 2012 for their outstanding service or contribution to the profession of art therapy. The Honors Committee would like to give our outstanding colleagues the recognition they deserve, but need you to make the nominations.

Please review the categories outlined in the information on the [website](#), and identify the art therapist that you know who best fits the description; then nominate them! All you have to do is follow the directions on the [website](#), and see your friends and colleagues honored by the American Art Therapy Association. You may submit your own or a colleague's name for consideration as a nominee.



The deadline for nominations is January 13, 2012. Please [click here](#) to review the complete instructions and to download the nomination form. If you need more information, please e-mail info@arttherapy.org.

Technology Committee - Basia Mosinski, MA, MFA, ATR-BC, LCAT, Chair

The Technology Committee of the American Art Therapy Association has some great plans on the agenda for 2012 and beyond. It is an exciting time to consider the implications of the use of technology as a recording/playback/live media resource, social networking platform and as an art form. We hope you will plan to attend our panel session at the 2012 Annual Conference called, *Media Arts and Technology in Art Therapy: In Practice and Ethics*. Here is a list of some exciting activities that the Technology Committee is undertaking.

Did you know...

- We've designed a brochure that is available on our blog.
- We're in dialogue with the Ethics Committee for inclusion of technology issues into existing codes.
- We're developing a link to the Association's website to feature our blog, reviews of the latest software & applications that we and our clients may be using as part of art therapy.
- We're creating standardized forms that address technology concerns and will offer them for free to Association members.
- Our blog will address technology concerns of the Association's membership.
- We're in support of research of technology-driven practices and we want to feature ongoing research on our website link, and support researchers through our portal.
- We're developing a postcard to promote our website portal at the 2012 Conference Film Festival.



If you're interested in the development of any of these aforementioned plans, please join the Technology Committee today! You must be a current member of the Association. If you become a member of the Committee, you will also be asked to read, review, and contribute in the ways that feature your strengths. We are building momentum for this long overdue topic in art therapy. Please join today! For more information, please e-mail Basia Mosinski at basia.artpsychotherapy@gmail.com.

2012 Election Update - Terry J. Tibbetts, PhD, ATR, Chair, Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee acted diligently to ensure that the AATA membership would have a wide variety of candidates from which to select based upon established criteria. The Committee is pleased to be able to provide the AATA membership with a slate containing qualified candidates for all open positions. The Committee also developed a set of questions for candidate response designed to give AATA members an opportunity to review the qualifications, priorities, and perspectives of each nominated candidate prior to election voting.

Visit the [members-only website](#) to view the candidate slate. Candidates' bios and the responses to the questions will be available on the members-only section of the website in the first quarter of 2012.

The election process will be formally announced on March 31, 2012. The election will be conducted by electronic ballot and in mail form for those without electronic access beginning April 1, 2012.

Keep Earning CECs Online through the Institute for Continuing Education in Art Therapy (ICE/AT)

More than 20 of the 2011 annual conference educational sessions have been converted into online distance learning courses. [Click here](#) to review a detailed product catalog, or [login to ICE/AT](#).

Remember, members receive a 38% discount off the course price, so be sure to enter the special discount code when checking out and paying online: 423089 the "Apply Discount" button.



The Scholarship Committee invites students and others to apply for a scholarship. There are seven scholarship categories in the Association's Scholarship Program. Of the seven scholarship categories, six are only for student member applicants, and one is also for professional member applicants (Pearlie Roberson Scholarship Award). Review the [scholarship program guidelines posted on the website](#), and be sure to **submit your application by May 1, 2012** to be considered.

Scholarship Categories

- **2012 Pearlie Roberson Scholarship Award** - The Pearlie Roberson Scholarship Award is specifically designed to provide financial support for a project, undertaken by a Student or Professional member of the American Art Therapy Association, which targets multicultural aspects and capacities of art therapy. The award is based on the merit of the project proposal, not financial need. Recipients of the award are encouraged to present the winning project at the American Art Therapy Association Annual Conference. The Multicultural Committee extends an invitation to Students and Professional members to apply for the Pearlie Roberson Scholarship Award. The award honors Ms. Roberson's request to "remember me" and supports efforts to "explore, express, connect...to enhance the multicultural aspects of the therapeutic experience.
- **AATA Anniversary Scholarship Fund (1 award)** - Available to a student with a current grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25 who can demonstrate financial need and acceptance and or enrollment in an AATA approved graduate art therapy program.
- **Myra Levick Scholarship Fund (1 award)** - Available to a student with a current GPA of at least 3.00 who can demonstrate financial need and acceptance and or enrollment in an AATA approved art therapy program.
- **Rawley Silver Award for Excellence (1 award)** - Available to a student whose academic record or prior experience is deemed excellent (3.50) who can demonstrate financial need and acceptance and or enrollment in an AATA approved art therapy program. Where there is no financial need, a \$100 honorarium will be granted.
- **Cay Drachnik Minorities Fund (1 award)** - Specifically designed for the purchase of books, this fund is available to members of an ethnic minority group who can demonstrate financial need and acceptance and or enrollment in an AATA approved art therapy program.
- **Student Scholarship to AATA Conference (3 awards)** - Specifically designed to provide financial support to students so they can attend the annual AATA Conference. This fund is available to student members who can demonstrate financial need, acceptance and or enrollment in an AATA approved art therapy program and prior involvement in art as healing events.
- **Prasad Family Foundation-International Student Scholarship (2 awards)** - Specifically designed to provide financial support for international students enrolled in an AATA Approved Graduate Program.

There is an additional scholarship program managed by the Association's Research Committee called The **Gladys Agell Award for Excellence in Research**. Applications for this award are due on April 1, 2012.

For more information about all of these programs, please visit the [website](#).

We invite you to attend the American Art Therapy Association's 43rd Annual Conference, *Weaving a Tapestry: Reflections and Visions of Art Therapy*, in Savannah, GA; *July 9-13, 2012, at the Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, a AAA Four-Diamond rated property.

Discover something new in Savannah!
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