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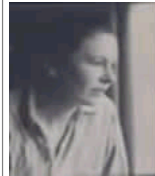
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Welcome to the American Art Therapy Association!

Encouraging the highest quality of art therapy services to the public; facilitating communication among members and colleagues; supporting state and federal legislative efforts that impact art therapy; disseminating information to the general public; and, recognizing excellence in art therapy in clinical, professional, educational, and research efforts.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Board of the American Art Therapy Association announced today that Cynthia Young Woodruff has been selected to become the next Executive Director of the Association beginning March 17th. Cynthia brings with her 20 years of experience in the corporate world, primarily in marketing and communications positions in the ABC and CBS radio networks. Then in 2007, she made a values-driven move into the nonprofit arena, holding positions of leadership in two different organizations, Rebuilding Together, Inc. and SOS Children's Villages – USA. In these venues, she was extremely successful in fundraising, strategic growth, developing partnerships with corporations, and strategic planning. Read more about the Executive Director transition.



The inspiration for combining art and psychology in a distinct mental health profession can be traced to both Edith Kramer and Margaret Naumburg who each provided her unique perspective that helped shape the art therapy profession we know today. Edith Kramer's passing on February 21, 2014 at the age of 98 marks a life dedicated to mental health and the role of art in both communicating and healing. Our deepest gratitude is extended to Edith Kramer for her essential and significant contribution to art therapy. [READ MORE.](#)

[Click here to log into the members only section of our website and view the Memorial Page that is being built to honor Edith Kramer's contribution to the art therapy profession.](#)

The American Art Therapy Association connects you to the important work of art therapists around the world who use the creative process to help people of all ages improve their health and emotional well-being. The Association represents more than 5,000 members around the world and in it's 40 Chapters throughout the United States.

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About Art Therapy

Art therapy is a mental health profession in which clients, facilitated by the art therapist, use art media, the creative process, and the resulting artwork to explore their feelings, reconcile emotional conflicts, foster self-awareness, manage behavior and addictions, develop social skills, improve reality orientation, reduce anxiety, and increase self-esteem. [Learn More](#)

News & Information: [Creative Thinking Brings the Right Tech to GW Art Therapy Students](#)
[Why Art is Good for the Brain](#)
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Art Therapy Educational Standards & Approved Art Therapy Master's Degree Programs
A master's degree is required for entry level practice in art therapy from institutions of higher education recognized by regional accreditation bodies approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The American Art Therapy Association's Education Committee establishes the Education Standards used by the Educational Program Approval Board (EPAB) to review art therapy masters programs for compliance and accreditation.

[Learn about the undergraduate and graduate requirements here: Requirements of Art Therapy Education](#)

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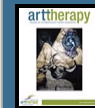
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Art Therapy Career Toolkits

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The practice of art therapy requires a master's degree in art therapy and often a license and credentials, depending on state regulations. We invite you to use our on-line Find a Therapist (Art Therapist) and Art Therapist Locator to connect to local qualified art therapists.



Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association is an informative member benefit that attracts a worldwide audience of art

therapists who want to stay current in the field. Members receive the journal and archived issues FREE as part of their member benefits.

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Early Bird Advanced Registration for the 2014 Annual Conference is now open! [Click here](#) to visit the conference website. We invite you to join us for the 45th Annual Conference, *Art Therapy: Trailblazing the Future*, to be held July 9-13, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. Register early for the best rates and to reserve seats in your top choices for Workshops and Advanced Practice Courses. Members, your 2014 membership must be active in order to qualify for the member discounted rates. Register for the conference today!

The 2013 Annual Conference was held in Seattle, WA in June 2013 – [Click here](#) to visit the Proceedings website where you can review the program, download abstracts, and request your Continuing Education Certificate.

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Credentialed art therapists who meet the high level of education and experience required for the profession can be located through:

Find A Therapist

The American Art Therapy Association's Art Therapist Locator

The Association's 40 Chapters

Credentials can be verified through the Art Therapy Credentials Board

Careers in Art Therapy

Art therapy is widely practiced in a wide variety of settings including hospitals, psychiatric and rehabilitation facilities, wellness centers, forensic institutions, schools, crisis centers, senior communities, private practice, and other clinical and community settings.

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Join the Worldwide Network of Art Therapists

More than 5,000 professionals, researchers, students, educators and healthcare providers find membership in the American Art Therapy Association a great investment in their continuing education and career. Outstanding member benefits include: the Art Therapy Journal, practice insurance, health insurance, discounted products and services, publications and the Annual Conference hosting hundreds of art therapy form around the world. Join your local Chapter to maximize your member benefits!

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