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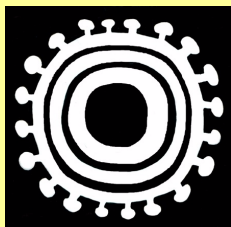
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is an on-line professional  
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## Greetings Art Therapy Alliance Members!

March 2009

I hope this issue of the Art Therapy Alliance e-newsletter finds you enjoying the start of spring... I know I am looking forward to warmer days ahead!

This issue contains a lot of resources to help further connect the art therapy community and Art Therapy Alliance members. This month brought the Art Therapy Alliance's 400<sup>th</sup> member, which is great to see considering the group is only eight months old!

I am enjoying the connection and dialogue that comes from the Art Therapy Alliance discussions, news, and other features on LinkedIn. I hope you are too!

If you are interested in submitting content for the summer issue, feel free to e-mail me at [info@arttherapyalliance.org](mailto:info@arttherapyalliance.org). This could be article links, websites, news you would like to share, events, call for proposals, or media and techniques to be featured.

Fondly,

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## Art Therapy E-Groups on the Web

Here's a sampling of other art therapy e-groups and e-group platforms to check out:



### Art Therapy in Schools

This group is a network for Art Therapists working in schools across the United States. It is a place to share ideas, curriculum, processes, and more.

### Art Therapy India

This group helps art therapists and others interested in art as a form of therapy to network and become aware of the developments in art therapy in India and other countries. Members can share information on where they work, how they work and the population they are working with.



I was overwhelmed with the amount of art therapy groups you can find on **Facebook!**

There are *many* art therapy graduate programs, state art therapy organizations, student groups, and international art therapy groups that you can join if you are a FB member. Keyword search *art therapy* in the groups section to start exploring and find a group right for you!



### Art Therapy Dialogue E-Group

[Art-tx@yahogroups.com](mailto:Art-tx@yahogroups.com) is a dialogue group for art therapists and art therapy educators through **Yahoo!** It serves as a dialogue forum for professional art therapy issues and concerns. To subscribe, send a blank message to [art-tx-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:art-tx-subscribe@yahogroups.com) with your name and interest in joining.

### Art Therapy Student Networking Forum

This group provides an opportunity for students interested in art therapy or enrolled in an art therapy education program to ask questions, network with other students and art therapists, as well as access resources. To join go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ArtTherapyStudentNetworking>.

## Art Therapy Alliance Members Have Fun with Obamican!

Check out the images submitted by Art Therapy Alliance Members that were made on [www.obamican.com](http://www.obamican.com), a site where you can create your own Obama-like image inspired by the Shepard Fairey posters.



Amanda Alders



Gioia Chilton



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Cathy Malchiodi



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## Upcoming Events

### **2009 Ohio Association for Play Therapy (APT) Annual Conference**

**April 3- 4, 2009**, Columbus, OH

The Ohio APT will be presenting Cathy Malchiodi, art therapist and clinical counselor, as the keynote speaker for the 9th Annual Conference, April 3-4, 2009. Her presentation is entitled, "Art and Play Therapy with Traumatized Children and Families". Please note that attendees can use this towards TLC certification and for a new TLC certification in Creative Interventions with Trauma Survivors. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Ellen Stickney at [fa.estickney@wittenberg.edu](mailto:fa.estickney@wittenberg.edu).

### **MPS Art Therapy Department Community Lecture**

#### **Countering Violence with Compassion**

School of Visual Arts, 133/141 West 21 Street, Room 101C, between Sixth & Seventh Avenues, NYC

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 6:30-8PM

Suellen Semekoski, MA, ATR-BC, LCPC

Violence is found in the spectrum of art therapy services from individual clinical work to art-based community studios. Structural violence can be found in society outside the milieu and it can also be imbedded in the milieus in which we practice. Can we consider going beyond resolution of trauma for both our clients and ourselves by embracing compassionate understanding and action? How do we language compassion into the clinical paradigm? How can we begin to formulate compassionate action in therapy that fosters peace within ourselves and our clients?

Attendees must RSVP. CEC's available for ATR-BC's. Lectures are FREE to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please contact [arttherapy@sva.edu](mailto:arttherapy@sva.edu) or 212.592.2610.

### **20th Annual International Conference**

#### **Approaching Health Creatively / Society for the Arts in Healthcare**

**April 22 - 25, 2009**, Buffalo, NY

Hosted by the Center for the Arts, University at Buffalo

Share best practices, model programs and cutting-edge research at the most comprehensive arts in healthcare event! For more information, visit <http://thesah.org>.

### **Diagnostic Drawing Series (DDS) Weekend Training**

**Montreal** for the [Association des art-thérapeutes du Québec](http://www.aatq.org)

**Saturday and Sunday - April 25 & 26 - 9 am - 5 pm**

Organized by AATQ, this intensive weekend workshop will teach participants how to administer and rate The Diagnostic Drawing Series (DDS) for adolescents and adults. It features a survey of 25 years of research findings, with an emphasis on their usefulness to the practicing clinician.

Faculty: [Barry M. Cohen](http://www.barrymcohen.com) is a registered and board certified art therapist and the primary creator of the Diagnostic Drawing Series. Anne Mills, a graduate in art therapy from Concordia University, is the former chair of the Research Committee of the American Art Therapy Association. Anne is a registered and board certified art therapist and a licensed professional counselor. She has a private practice in Washington, DC.

Where: UQAM, Montréal

For more information: AATQ 514-990-5415 or [info@aatq.org](mailto:info@aatq.org)

Do you have an event you want Art Therapy Alliance members to know about?

Send it to [info@arttherapyalliance.org](mailto:info@arttherapyalliance.org)!

## Art Therapy Alliance Member News



### [Laura Griffin's Artistic Successes Extend Beyond Just Paint and Canvas](#)

Read about the work of Laura Griffin, art therapist at Rehabilitation Center of Sheboygan in Wisconsin.



### [Art Therapy Around the World](#)

Bookmark this page from [Cathy Malchiodi's](#) website for an eclectic collection of news and stories about the use of visual arts for health, wellness, psychotherapy, community development, service to others, and social transformation throughout the world.



### [Licensure Update from Kentucky](#)

[Kentucky Art Therapy Association](#) President [Jennifer Jackson](#) is happy to report: *HB 73, Art Therapy Licensure, passed the House of Representatives on Feb 13, 2009 90-1 and the Senate on March 9, 2009 38-0!* All KY needs is for the governor to sign the bill and art therapy licensure will become law in the state! Congrats!

## Congress Passes \$155M for NEA and NEH

From Americans for the Arts: [www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org)



March 11, 2009—The U.S. Senate passed the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act. The bill includes a significant \$10 million increase for both the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which sets their budgets at \$155 million each. The legislation also increases the budget for Arts in Education programs at the Department of Education to \$38.16 million; and the Office of Museum Services through the IMLS to \$35 million. President Obama will sign the bill into law later this week.

“On the heels of its landmark support for nonprofit arts job recovery in the economic stimulus package, Congress has taken another step forward in restoring full funding to the nation’s cultural agencies. This marks the second consecutive increase in federal grant funds for local and state cultural organizations across the country. We are pleased that Congress is recognizing the cultural, educational, and economic contributions that an investment in the arts brings to communities and states throughout the nation,” said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts.

With federal arts funding secured for this year, Americans for the Arts now looks ahead to appropriations for FY 2010. On March 31, more than 500 grassroots advocates will be on Capitol Hill for [Arts Advocacy Day](#) meeting with members of Congress to underscore the importance of developing strong public policies and appropriating increased public funding for the arts.



## Art Therapy Alliance Members on the Web



**New Life Images Art Therapy Studio-** <http://www.nlistudio.com>

The New Life Images Studio is an art therapy studio founded by [Randall James](#) in Oberlin, OH dedicated to the promotion of the healthy and creative functioning of the individual and the community through the practice of art making.



**Ramona LaRoche-** <http://www.gullahgal.com>

Gullah Gal, [Ramona La Roche](#), is the Founder of Family TYES SC in South Carolina. Providing creative arts, cultural & family programming to holistically impact the self esteem and self concepts of culturally diverse youth.



**Andrew Elman-** <http://andrewelman.com>

Paintings by Missouri art therapist [Andrew Elman](#).



**Susan Boyes-** <http://www.artistrees.blogspot.com>

This is the blog of Center for Creative Growth, Susan's Art Therapy practice in Ann Arbor, MI. The blog provides useful information about art, art therapy, business methods, and networking.



**Bob Ryan -** [AT JobSearch PhotoStream on Flickr](#)

This photostream chronicles the experience of two art therapists who used Flickr to support one another through the job seeking process to find their first art therapy job out of graduate school.



**Positive Psychology and Art Therapy E-Group**

This group is for people who are interested in the intersection of art therapy and positive psychology. [Gioia Chilton](#), [Rebecca Wilkinson](#), and friends aim to find ways to integrate the connections between these fields into our personal and professional lives. The group is interested in exploring research based methods for increasing happiness, such as increasing gratitude, engagement, and use of signature strengths.

Art Therapy Alliance Website

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Art Therapy Alliance Group Page on LinkedIn

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/87161>

Keep up to date on art therapy news, member news, announcements, and check out the member directory through visiting the Art Therapy Alliance website and LinkedIn group page. Submissions welcome for future Art Therapy Alliance newsletters and website.

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