

# GATAPHILE

Newsletter of the Georgia Art Therapy Association



## Winter 2006

### Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues,

January is a time for new beginnings. A New Year is upon us and, for GATA, it is a time of change and renewal. At the next GATA business meeting on January 21 a new format will be initiated. The business meeting will no longer be the entire focus of GATA gatherings. Instead, the business meeting that is open to everyone will be held from 9 – 10 AM. Then from 10 AM till noon a GATA program will be held. This format will allow GATA to apply to AATA for CEUs for the time we spend on a program. There are many topics that can be covered during this time and your contribution to this process is important. So please plan to be at the GATA meeting on January 21 and help GATA usher in a new year.

Diana Gregory, Ph.D.  
President



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### On The Horizon.....

#### Inner Harbour Workshop:

Feb. 17, 2006

**Josie Abbenante, ATR-BC, LPAT** will be presenting “Art Therapy: An Experiential Workshop in Art Therapy, Sand Tray and Working Across Cultures”

#### VSA Arts of Georgia Summer Inst.

July 24—27

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Atlanta

### GATA 2006 meeting dates:

**January 21** - Susanne Fincher's home: 2311 Ava Place, Decatur

**March** Date and location to be announced

**September 9** location TBA

**December 2** location TBA

### Remember the meeting format has changed:

9:00-10:00 Executive Board Meeting  
(Open to all interested)

10:00– 12:00 Program (we hope to be able to offer CEU's for this in the future)

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of the  
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Art Therapy  
Association

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Diana Gregory,  
Ph.D.

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MA, ATR-BC

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MA, ATR-BC

Newsletter Editor:  
Leigh Skowronski,  
MS, ATR-BC

## ELECTION 2006

The election for the 2006 Executive Board positions and committee chairpersons will be held during our business meeting on January 21, 2006.

Nominees:

**President:** Rick Garner, Ph. D.

**President Elect:** Diana Gregory, Ph.D.

**Secretary:** Kate Fetterolf, MA, ATR-BC

**Treasurer:** Susanne Fincher, MA, ATR, LPC

Appointed Committees:

**Membership Chair:** Diana Gregory, Ph.D.

**Education & Information Chair/Webster:**  
Jenny Welty-Green, MA, ATR-BC

**Program Chair:** Patty Cole Gregory, LCSW, ATR

**Ethics Chair:** Cyndie Westrich, MA, ATR-BC

**Newsletter Editor/Librarian:**  
Leigh Skowronski, MS, ATR-BC



## Announcing Our 1st GATA Honorary Life Member



*Elizabeth  
Weathersby  
Rucker  
ATR-BC*



Elizabeth, we recognize and appreciate your hard work and dedication to the field of art therapy in Georgia.  
Thank You!



## GATA Library



At the December 2005 GATA Meeting members voted to start a library that would eventually contain books, videos, DVDs and other materials from the art therapy profession. These materials would be available for GATA members to check out and use in their professional endeavors. Leigh Skowronski, GATAPHILE Newsletter Editor, agreed to serve as librarian. Leigh has ordered our first library item, the Judith Rubin DVD, [Art Therapy Has Many Faces](#). Bring your suggestions for other professional materials you would like to have available in the GATA Library to the next meeting or email your suggestions to Leigh at [lskowronski@bellsouth.net](mailto:lskowronski@bellsouth.net).

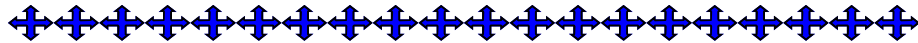
Watch for information about how to borrow materials from the new GATA Library in the next GATAPHILE Newsletter.



**Inner Harbour  
and  
Georgia Art Therapy Association  
Present**

**“Art Therapy: Honoring Relationship — An experiential workshop  
in art therapy, sandtray, and working across cultures”**

Relationship has been shown to be the single most important factor in the success or failure of the helping professions. This workshop will focus on honoring relationship in art therapy and sandtray and offer a perspective based in metaphor as the language of image. A look at ideas based in relational ethics and culturally competent practice will provide a foundation for our dialogue. We will explore methods of working with imagery and aspects of intercultural interaction through case material presentation and experiential learning in art making and sandtray.



**Presenter:**

**Josie Abbenante, ATR-BC, LPAT**, has taught and practiced art therapy for the last 25 years. She added the practice of sandplay to her work ten years ago. Josie directed art therapy in programs at the University of New Mexico and Seton Hill College and has also taught at Eastern Virginia Medical School. She has been a visiting faculty member with Vermont College, Mount Mary College, and Naropa University and currently works with the summer graduate art therapy program at Pratt Institute. She has presented nationally and internationally on topics including archetypal art therapy, transition, art therapy with Deaf culture, art therapy and feminist theory, sandplay and art therapy, work across cultures, and the language of aesthetics and metaphor.

**Friday, February 17, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**(5 clock hours of CE Credits)**

**\$110 (without CE Credits) and \$120 (with CE Credits)**

**Inner Harbour – Hewell Building Auditorium**

**4685 Dorsett Shoals Rd.**

**Douglasville, GA 30135**

**(770) 942-2391**



**Friday, February 17, 2006 REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$10.00 for CE Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Profession \_\_\_\_\_

License # \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:

**Inner Harbour  
Attn: Elaine Robinson  
4685 Dorsett Shoals Rd  
Douglasville, GA 30135  
770-942-2391, Ext. 321  
800-255-8657, Ext. 321**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\$110 (\$120.00 if CE Credits are requested) must accompany registration. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 15th. Please mail registration form to the attention of Elaine Robinson. No registration by phone, fax or at the door will be accepted. You may go to [www.innerharbour.org](http://www.innerharbour.org) to register and/or pay online.**

# VSA of Georgia presents The Second Annual Summer Institute

A Professional Development Opportunity in  
Disability, arts & education



July 24-27, 2006

Host Venue: Callanwolde Fine Arts  
Center

980 Briarcliff Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

This professional development opportunity is for teaching artists – established and aspiring – as well as teachers, parents, arts therapists, and arts and school administrators dedicated to high-quality arts learning environments that are accessible to and inclusive of students with and without disabilities.

Please share this information with others who may be interested. For additional information:

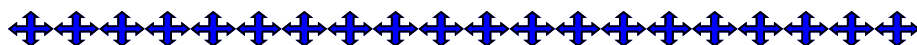
[http://vsaartsga.org/index/arts\\_programming/Summer\\_Institute\\_2006](http://vsaartsga.org/index/arts_programming/Summer_Institute_2006)

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For news about art therapy in Georgia...  
For information about upcoming conferences and workshops...  
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To find employment, internship or volunteer opportunities...  
For links to other important art and/or art therapy websites...  
Visit us at: [www.georgiaarttherapy.org](http://www.georgiaarttherapy.org)

# Palette

## Event Page of Classes and Events for Spring 2006 for the E.A.S.E.L., Inc. (Expressive Arts Studio for Empowerment in Living)

Have you always wanted to be self-expressed through art, but did not know where to start? Come to the *Expressive Arts Studio for Empowerment in Living* where your creative process will be supported in a nurturing environment and no prior art experience is ever needed.

### **Art Groups for Personal Growth**

**Metamorphosis: Women's Art Therapy Group** A six week group for women, who wish to be supported, will meet to discover their authentic self and voice their passions through the creative art process. This group is ideal for those going through life transitions, personal changes or challenges, and/or growth who need support as they evolve into their new beginning. Art materials included. No experience needed. **February 7-March 14 Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m**

**Women's Art-to-Heart Conversations** Get to the heart of what matters by expressing your dreams, desires and thoughts while you make art in this on-going women's support group. Work with paint, drawing materials, clay and mixed media in a nurturing environment of gathered women. No art experience necessary. Instruction of media use provided. Art materials included. **February 08- March 15 Wednesdays 9:00-11:30 a.m OR 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Art making as Intentional Prayer** Let your prayers take on more meaning by giving them symbolic art form for personal intention. Make art for yourself or make a prayerful piece of art as intention to give to someone you love. We will also explore and learn to make art made from around the world used as prayer. No art experience necessary.

**February 09-March 02 Thursdays 12:00-2:00**

### **Monthly Art Gatherings**

**Friday Mentoring Open Art Studio** Play with paint, craft with clay or draw your desires while creating art with supportive mentoring. Get the creative juices going! Learn about accessing possibilities in your life, creative problem solving and generating new ideas from your creative process. Art materials and mentoring instruction included. Please RSVP one week prior to reserve your time. **January 27, March 31, May 26 Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### **Special Events**

**Spring Equinox Celebration and Workshop** Mark the beginning of spring with renewal and celebration as we honor bringing more balance and vitality in our lives. We will celebrate this equinox metaphorically by weaving nests of intentions and embellishing eggs for new beginnings. **Saturday, March 18 6:00- 8:00 p.m.**

**Clay Wisdom Bowl Workshop** Bowls, rounded containers like hands held open together, are the metaphor for our lives as seek to feel fulfilled and complete. Join us as we make clay bowls to symbolize our wisdom, visions, joy, love, personal power, intimacy and abundance. Art materials provided. **Friday, April 07 and April 14 7:00-9:30 p.m.**

**Olive Branch Peace Art Project** Gather to make a collaborative art project to promote peace. Donate your art symbol, token or art to this if you would like by **April 21** with submittal form. Gathering for art making and assembly:

**Friday, May 5 7:00 p.m Feel free to bring a friend.**

**Art Therapy Services** also provided by Cyndie Westrich, M.A., A.T.R.-BC, Board Certified Art Therapist

**Website and "Inspirations" art works and gifts by Cyndie to be coming soon.**

Please submit your e-mail to the e-mail address stated below if you wish to be on the electronic mailing list. Thank you.

For a complete schedule and description of the above classes, including dates fees, and registration please contact the

**EASEL by calling 770.713.4794.**

**The EASEL, Inc. 3600 Canton Road, Suite 200 Marietta, GA 30066**

**770.713.4794 theeasel@bellsouth.net**

# Olive Branch Peace Art Project

At the EASEL

When Noah was on the ark, he sent a dove out to learn if there was dry land. The dove, a messenger of peace, returned with an olive branch. Since this time the dove, carrying its olive branch, has been a symbol of God's peace for us. Just as the dove returned with the olive branch, we too can think of a symbol to represent what we would like to bring into the world as a symbol of our passionate commitment to peace that transcends our hearts to others and onto our world.

The EASEL will be hosting its first collaborative group art project to promote peace with the Olive Branch Peace Art Project. We will be using gathered images of peace, given by others near and far, to create collaged art and/or sculpture as inspirational witness and as a call for peace.

If you are interested in participating with this and/or giving your art work, symbol or art object, please send in your simple meaningful image or token of peace that you would not mind being installed permanently in a piece of art by Friday, April 21 (art will not be returned). You can simply give an artwork, a symbol or art object of peace even if you do not wish to participate in the art making of the final installation. The art can be one, two or three-dimensional and must be no larger than 10"x5"x12".

Join us on Friday, May 5 7:00 p.m. as we begin to create an art installation using these symbols of peace in a collaborative art-making event. As a group we will decide on the possibilities for its display in the community as a symbol of peace.

Lite refreshments will be served.

Just fill out the submittal form enclosed and mail it with your artwork, symbol, work or object to the address below by April 21, 2006.

The EASEL, Inc. 3660 Canton Rd. Suite 200 Marietta, GA 30066 770.713.4794 theeasel@bellsouth.net

# Olive Branch Peace Art Project

## Submittal form

Please fill out the form below and mail it in no later than Friday, April 21 with your artwork, symbol or object to the address stated below. Please submit items no larger than 10"x5"x12".

Feel free to copy and share this submittal with others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Description of my art symbol and/or object and what it means to me for peace:

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By signing this form I am in agreement that I am submitting and giving my original artwork, symbol or object, which I have willingly submitted for the Olive Branch Peace Art Project. I agree that it will not be returned to me, it may be displayed publicly, it may or may not be used, may be photographed, it may change or be altered from its original art form or design and may be used for promotional use for the EASEL, Inc. If my original art work, symbol or object is used, I agree to have my name listed publicly as a contributor to the project and final art form and give my consent for my description of my art work, symbol or object to be used with this project. Also, by signing this agreement, I agree to hold the EASEL, Inc. harmless from this event, any related activity with this event and participation with this event. This Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall constitute a full and complete release of any and all claims.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature


\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# KUDOS CORNER

*Thank You.... Thank You.... Thank You to  
Jenny Welty-Green and Comer Rudd-Gates  
for all of your hard work on the AATA National Conference.  
The local arrangements were wonderful and were appreciated very  
much by all who attended the conference. Good Work!!*

**Congratulations to Diana Gregory and Rick Garner, who will have art work on exhibit in the Kennesaw State University Annual Art Faculty Art Exhibition. The exhibition will run from January 26-March 2, 2006. Watch for more details under “happenings” at [www.georgiaarttherapy.org](http://www.georgiaarttherapy.org).**



Our own Maxine Hull was selected for a three week artist's residency fellowship at The Hambidge Center in Rabun Gap. The Hambidge Center was founded in 1934 to provide artists opportunity for expansion of creative vision in a pristine setting of 600 acres of woods, streams and meadows. This residency, from Nov. 29th to Dec. 18th allowed Maxine three full weeks solely to pursue art making. Maxine states, "my modality is teeny seed beads (smaller than Indian beads) that are formed into images that come from within. Some become small sculptures that can also be worn as brooches and hung in a frame when not worn. Wearable art. Sometimes they become paintings or an alter. Sometimes a protest image".

We congratulate you, Maxine, on this wonderful opportunity and we hope to see photos of your seed bead art in the next GATAPHILE newsletter.

Deadline for submissions for the Spring 2006  
GATAPHILE Newsletter: April 1st  
E-mail your news, events, workshops, and important  
information to  
Leigh Skowronski at  
[lskowronski@bellsouth.net](mailto:lskowronski@bellsouth.net)

