Saturday Art Therapy Workshop to Celebrate 25th Anniversary in 2017

Offered annually since 1992, the Saturday Art Therapy Workshop is an art therapy experience for children and adults, and a practicum class for graduate art therapy students, supervised by Deb Duranczyk, A.T.R. The workshop runs for ten consecutive weeks during the fall semesters for one-and-one-half hour sessions each week. The cost for the ten weeks (which has never increased from $25.00) is used to cover art supplies. Graduate art therapy students design and facilitate the weekly sessions geared toward enhancing creativity, self-expression and personal growth, while considering the strengths, needs, and goals of each individual.

Fall 2017 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Saturday Art Therapy Workshop, which was originally created and facilitated by Holly Feen, Ph.D., A.T.R.-BC. In Fall 2016, documentation and testimonials were taken from participants and graduate students contributing to the workshop, to learn more about others’ perspectives and inform future expansion goals. Our 25 years will be commemorated in a number of ways including a short video created by one of the workshop participants.

Congratulations to the December 2016 Graduates!
Jennifer Kay-Rivera, Tonya Koenigstein, Alison Maples, Katie Rothley, Amanda Schulze, Kenzie Timm, Eric Suter & Cara Yonovitz
Wayne State University offers on-campus housing and more than 3,000 of its 27,578 students take advantage of that. In 2015, 1,718 students lived in residence halls and 1,429 students lived in on-campus apartments. Obviously, this means the university is predominantly a commuter school for students. Approximately 87% of first-time students come from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties (7,957 students from Wayne County, 5,798 from Oakland County, and 4,698 students from Macomb County). Oakland and Macomb Counties each have an interstate (I-75 and I-94, respectively) that runs through the counties right to the main campus, providing commuter students with an easy route to classes.

Ohio/Ontario Good Neighbor Policy

Graduate non-state resident Wayne State University students who live in Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa and Williams counties in Ohio or Ontario, Canada, and who are enrolled in “eligible” academic programs will have the non-resident portion of tuition waived. This tuition benefit does not apply to certain academic programs, including School of Medicine MD program and the Doctor of Pharmacy program. However, many academic programs are included in the policy.

Talking with Commuter Students

Christina Johnson, an M.Ed. Art Therapy student, drives 83 miles to attend classes at Wayne State. Shortly after being accepted to the program, Christina and her boyfriend bought a house in Ohio and they did not want to move. Johnson is not able to take advantage of the good neighbor provision because she comes from Wood County, which is just south of the three counties covered within the good neighbor policy. Johnson states, “There is not an art therapy program offered any closer to where I live.” When asked why she did not even consider moving closer, she said, “It’s just that I am in my home stomping grounds. I have more connections and networking opportunities here.” Johnson will be graduating in the spring and she says that so far, many of her interviews have given her a chance to advocate for the Art Therapy graduate program at Wayne State.

Dana Seguin, a Canadian student working toward her MA in Counseling and Art Therapy, travels from Windsor a few days a week for classes. Because currently there are no art therapy programs in Windsor, Seguin took advantage of the good neighbor provision to secure in-state tuition rates. According to Seguin, “Living at home was definitely a financial decision. There are a lot of things that would need to be considered if I decided to live in Detroit rather than commute. Actually, it probably takes me less time to get to campus than some of my classmates. Wayne is only about five minutes from the border, so once I cross it’s a quick drive. I spend more time at the border than I do driving to campus. Although commuting can be costly ($5 US each way, plus gas), it would cost much more to live in Detroit.”

The good neighbor provisions not only encourage students to enroll but give financial help to those that commute from participating areas.
**Denes Galfy**

Denes Galfy, formerly chair of Printmaking at the College for Creative studies for thirty years, and Printmaking Instructor in Art Education for the past ten years, passed away at the end of Winter semester 2016. Denes’s passing was an incalculable loss to us. He was always here, usually 6 days a week, from morning to night, not just for classes, but to engage with any student or faculty member who might walk through our hall. His keen mind was just as prepared to discuss phenomenology, transpersonal psychology, and history, as printmaking, or art manifestoes. Relationship was the central focus of his teaching: The relationship between pencil and paper, our relationship of reciprocity with any marks we make, our relationship with our own inner world of creativity, and our relationship with children and people. He also taught by example, constantly demonstrating the vital importance of personal integrity, honesty, dedication, and caring. He has left all who knew him with a legacy of inspiration to challenge ourselves at each and every stage of our lives. The Art Education Program has lost another great teacher, who in the tradition of Jane Betsy Welling, lived to help their students succeed.

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**ProjectArt Begins Programming In Detroit Public Libraries**

ProjectArt came to Detroit to try and make a difference to K-12 aged students with no formal art programs in their schools. Their main goal is to become the largest art school that doesn’t own or rent property. “ProjectArt transforms public libraries into vital cultural hubs that offer students year-round visual art classes taught by emerging contemporary visual artists.” Currently, the Main Library, Jefferson Library, Conely Library, and Parkman Library are locations with ProjectArt art classes. The ProjectArt website explains, “ProjectArt has created a model of change that can confront the national arts education crisis and impact youth on large scale while keeping our costs low.”

This fall was the kick-off for a new and exciting partnership with Wayne State University and ProjectArt-Detroit. Art Education and Art Therapy students were hired as teachers to work at the various libraries around the city. Alison Maples, MA (2016) was the first Program Director. Wayne State graduate student Rita Burd was selected as one of the ProjectArt teachers. She "enjoyed watching how the kids would be absorbed into the process of doing the art and the pride they had in the final art piece."

ProjectArt is based in New York and expanded its programming into Detroit and Miami in 2016. The nonprofit organization has its own independent 501.c.3 status and exists through the support of individual donors and foundations. The company has received a Morton Salt grant that will allow for further expansion in 2018. The company plans to begin instructing in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Chicago to continue arts education to other disadvantaged populations.

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Student artwork was displayed at the Main Library during midtown’s annual Noel Nights in December, 2016.
New Faculty Highlights
Pleased to announce our new provost:

Keith Whitfield

Keith Whitfield, vice provost for academic affairs at Duke University and an expert on aging among African Americans, has been named provost of Wayne State University effective June 1, 2016. The WSU Board of Governors approved Whitfield’s appointment at its April 1 meeting.

As Wayne State’s chief academic officer, Whitfield will be the second-ranking executive officer and responsible for all matters related to the instructional mission of the university, student performance and retention, and academic personnel policies and decisions, among other duties.

“\"I am very honored to have been selected to serve as the next provost of Wayne State," said Whitfield. \"It is clear that the university is working on great things, and I hope to provide the leadership needed to realize its ambitions.\"”

Polly Mosteller Hughes

Dr. Polly Mosteller Hughes, former art education faculty member in the Division of Teacher Education, passed away on October 1st, 2016. An Alumna of Flint Central High School, Albion College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Wayne State University, Dr. Hughes was a talented artist and beloved teacher and friend.

"Polly was here when I was an adjunct faculty member in the College during the 1980s," said Associate Professor Holly Feen. "She always had time for me. In fact, I spent an entire day at her home writing a letter to justify a full-time art therapy position for art education. As you can see, the rest is history!"

Dr. Charles Flood, a Wayne State Art Education alumnus said, “She exhibited not just a great deal of professionalism but a genuine caring personality and sense of humor. I always left her office feeling a little taller. It is persons such as Dr. Mosteller who have woven, over these many years, a fabric of caring for their students at Wayne, which has, I am certain, been shared thousands of times with those many students who received the benefits of their training from the College of Education. She is one of the many reasons why I have such gratitude for Wayne State University and the tremendous College of Education.”
The Michigan Association of Art Therapy met on September 18th at Wayne State University and November 20th at the Whole Foods in Detroit.

At the September 8th meeting members made final decisions on logo design. The group continues to advocate and distinguish themselves among other therapeutic practices. MAAT is looking to increase membership through networking and is keeping a current public and private art therapist directory.

During the November 20th meeting, members discussed new grant applications and Legislation remains to be a prominent effort for MAAT members. They have a completed bill and are looking for help with additional research to submit as an attachment to the bill. In addition, the group is seeking out new members that would be willing to join various committees and be more active within the association.

Please contact: michiganarttherapy@gmail.com if interested in becoming more involved.

SMATA plans to continue advocating for art therapists, increase community outreach in the Detroit area, and bolster presence at Wayne State University. In addition, SMATA is seeking art therapy professionals to present at meetings and give insight about entering the field. For further updates check out the SMATA website:
http://www.waynestatearttherapy.com/
Buday is an Assistant Professor of Art Therapy, University of Wisconsin-Superior. She presented on the topic of “Connecting Through Creativity” for the opening talk of Mending in the Mountains, Cancer Retreat for Women in Big Sky, Montana. She also provided art therapy to the 75 women at various stages in cancer who attended the retreat during Sept. 16-17, 2016. Buday graduated in 1999 from WSU.