

# MIAPT Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE: November 6, 2015  
West Regional Workshop- Grand Rapids  
Gay Walker



## A Message from the President

MIAPT Members,

Summer is almost done. Time for the rush of back to school craziness. For most play therapists this results in an increase in referrals. Are you ready? If you feel you need some refresher courses in play therapy, then this fall is for you! First is the national APT conference in Atlanta in October. I will be attending and hope to see Michiganders represent! If Atlanta is too far away or too pricey, then may I suggest our West Regional in November, which will be located in Grand Rapids with a focus of integrating art and play therapy with Gay Walker. She presented at our state conference last February and was a big hit. Check it out in this newsletter! And to just put a bug in your ear, 2016 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> annual MIAPT state conference! Eliana Gil will be our main speaker and will be presenting a workshop on family play therapy. We are very excited to have Eliana come back to help us celebrate this important milestone in MIAPT.

The fall is also time to notify our members of a couple of changes. First, we are looking at revising the MIAPT website. That being said, if you have any questions regarding your membership not registering on the website, please feel free to contact me or our assistant Angela Fitton and we will attempt to add you to the membership directory. Second, the fall is typically when we have elections. We are looking to change the bylaws to include email submission for nominees. More information to

## Board of Directors

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follow.

Thank you again for your support in MIAPT. Play on!

Jason Clanton, MA LLP RPT  
President, MIAPT

## MIAPT Website

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We are in the process of updating the MIAPT Website. The website will contain the newsletters, current board members, annual conference and regional workshop brochures, and a copy of the Bylaws. MIAPT members have the opportunity to submit a photo, credentials, address, etc. to be put on the website for client advertisement/promotion. Your information should be emailed directly to Angela Fitton, MIAPT Administrative Assistant, at [mymiapt@gmail.com](mailto:mymiapt@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Trainings

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### GVSU School of School of Social Work Play Therapy Training

When: Friday, October 16, 2015 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Title: Expand Your Social Work "Toolbox" - Practical Play Therapy Interventions  
Presenter: M. Kay Hannah, Ph.D., LPC, RPT-S  
CE's: 5 1/2 APT CE's - APT Approved Provider #14-390  
Where: GVSU Grand Rapids Campus

Registration: GVSU School of Social Work - Jamie Langlois ([langloja@gvsu.edu](mailto:langloja@gvsu.edu))



## REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS 2015 Elections

In accordance with MIAPT Bylaws, nominations are being called to fill the following positions. Elections are held 60 days prior to the annual meeting held at the February annual conference, and terms begin October 1, 2016.

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### PRESIDENT ELECT (3-year term: 1st as President Elect, 2nd as President, 3rd as Past President)

- Preside in the absence of the President
- Serve as chair of the Nominations and Election Committee
- Become President of the Association after one year or upon the death or resignation of the President and fulfill the duties of the President (as listed below)
- Become Past President after the second year and fulfill duties of that position (as listed below)
- Membership in APT/Minimum of one year membership in MIAPT

### TREASURER (2-year term)

- Maintain essential and correct books and accounts of MIAPT
- Prepare financial reports as required by the Board of Directors
- Deposit and dispense funds in the name and to the credit of MIAPT
- Chair the Finance Committee
- Membership in APT/minimum of one year membership in MIAPT

### DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2-year term)

- Serve as Chair of the Networking Committee
- Promote networking at annual and regional conferences
- Provide a networking display at annual and regional conferences
- Promote RPT/S registration and recognize newly credentialed RPT/S in MIAPT Newsletters
- Monitor MIAPT website and secure articles for the MIAPT Newsletter
- Membership in APT/minimum of one year membership in MIAPT

### 3 Candidates for NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (2-year terms)

- Prepare a list of candidates for offices and present to membership
- Review the nominations and validate eligibility and present to membership
- Count the ballots received and present to membership
- Membership in APT/ MIAPT

\*On the enclosed form, please submit your recommendations for nominees. You may nominate yourself or others who are willing to serve on the Board of the Michigan Association for Play Therapy.

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 ELECTION**

PRESIDENT ELECT (three year term)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER (two year term)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (two year term)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (two year term)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit as many names as you wish. It is recommended that you inform the person you are nominating prior to submitting his/her name to the committee. Nominations may be made by mail or by fax and must be received by November 30, 2015.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of MIAPT member)

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# Creative Connections: Expressive Arts & Play Therapy

## OVERVIEW:

This workshop will offer a variety of expressive arts activities and experiences that play therapists can use to enlarge their tool box. These activities will explore expressive art in creative ways that combine art, music and writing to enhance the play therapy creative experience.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to...

1. Explore activities that allow play therapists and their clients to let go of their inhibition of expressive ability.
2. Explain how abstractly drawing your emotions can facilitate communication.
3. Identify basic interpretation techniques using mandala drawing of colors, shapes and numbers.
4. Explain how combining creative art modalities can enhance creative expression by using imagery, clay, music and poetry to find the play therapists' and their clients' totem animal.
5. Integrate a simple art process using Sculpey Beads with a meaningful ritual to bring play therapy groups together.
6. Apply information and skills acquired to play therapy work with clients.

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Gay Walker is an art therapist and artist with a master's degree in Holistic Art Therapy from Antioch University and a graduate certificate in Holistic Health from Western Michigan University. She is the Program Coordinator of the Integrative Holistic Health and Wellness Program at Western Michigan University. She teaches Introduction to Expressive Arts, Healing Through Visual Art and Holistic Strategies to Illness and End of Life as well as other courses. Walker also curates a Gallery in the College of Health and Human Services at Western Michigan University. In previous positions she was an art therapist for the Pediatric Oncology program at Bronson Methodist Hospital. She created an Expressive Arts and Comfort Care Program for Borgess Hospice where she spent eight years providing art therapy to patients, their families and children. Gay is an exhibiting artist and frequently exhibits her fine art paintings as well as the art therapy produced during

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be requested in writing and received no later than October 31, 2015. Cancellations are subject to \$25 processing fee. Substitutions may be made in writing for no additional cost. No refunds are given due to inclement weather. **ADA/ Section 504:** For special accommodations, please contact Robin Bell via email at: [robinbell77@gmail.com](mailto:robinbell77@gmail.com) or call: (517) 489-1468.

## DIRECTIONS:

**From the East** - I-96 E; exit 44 toward 36<sup>th</sup> St.; right onto 36<sup>th</sup> St.

**From the North**- exit 89A; merge onto I-96 E/M-37 S toward Lansing; exit #38 for M-44/M-37 S/East Belt Line Ave; right onto M-37 S/M-44 W/E Beltline Ave; follow M-37 S; right onto 36<sup>th</sup> St.

**From the South:** US 131 N; exit #79; right onto 44<sup>th</sup> St.; make U-turn; first right onto Shaffer Ave SE; right onto 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in registration fee.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

**Registration: 8:15-8:45 am**

**Continental Breakfast: 8:15-8:45 am**

**Workshop Session: 8:45-10:15 am**

**Break: 10:15-10:30 am**

**Workshop Session: 10:30-12:00 pm**

**Lunch: 12:00-12:45 pm**

**Workshop Session: 12:45-2:15 pm**

**Break: 2:15-2:30 pm**

**Workshop Session: 2:30-4:00 pm**

**End of the Workshop: 4:00 pm**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION...

This workshop for mental health professionals is co-sponsored by the Michigan Association for Play Therapy and The Institute for Continuing Education. Continuing education credit is offered for the disciplines listed below. The program offers 6.00 contact hours, with full attendance required. The CE processing fee is \$20 per person and may be included in the registration by checking the appropriate box. Applications for CE credit will be available on site. CE verification is mailed to applicants following the event.

If you have questions regarding continuing education credit, the program, presenters, grievance issues, please contact The Institute at 800-557-1950; email: [instconted@aol.com](mailto:instconted@aol.com).

**Psychology:** The Institute for Continuing Education is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Counseling:** Ohio Board Social Work and Counseling, Provider No. RCS 030001. **Note:** NBCC CE credit is not offered for this event.

**Social Work:** The Institute for Continuing Education is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org), 1-800-225-6880, though the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. The Institute for Continuing Education maintains responsibility for the program. Licensed social workers should contact their individual state jurisdiction to review current continuing education requirements for licensure renewal. ASWB Provider No. 1007; Ohio Provider No. RCS030001.

**Marriage Family Therapy:** The Institute for Continuing Education is an approved provider by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, Provider PCE 636; Ohio Provider No. RTX 100501.

**Play Therapy:** The Institute for Continuing Education is an approved provider of continuing education by The Association for Play Therapy. APT Provider No. 98-040.

**Nursing:** The Institute for Continuing Education is an approved provider of continuing education in nursing by California Board of Nursing, Provider CEP 12646. Nurses are responsible for checking with state board to determine if credit issued through an approved provider of the CA Board of Nursing, is accepted.

**Skill level:** This event is appropriate for mental health professionals of all skill levels.

