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OCT. 11-13, 2026

VIRTUAL DAY

OCT. 28, 2026

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ARTS IN HEALTH

National Organization for Arts in Health Annual Conference 2026 Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) Art Therapy-Specific CE Guide

Monday, October 12, 2026

Concurrent Sessions	11:45 AM – 12:25 PM	PRESENTATIONS
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Centering the Patient Voice: A Scalable Model for Participatory Art Curation in Healthcare Environments

- **Speaker: Mat Duncan:** Medical University of South Carolina, Senior Curator

Concurrent Workshops	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	Choice of 1
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Common Threads Project: Story Cloths Making for Trauma Recovery and Well-being

- **Speaker: Lisa Raye Garlock:** Common Threads Project, Director of Education and Art Therapy

Imagining Beyond: Afrofuturist Collage as a Tool for Healing Racial Battle Fatigue

- **Speaker: Eden Getahun:** Harvard Medical School, M.S. Candidate in Media, Medicine, and Health

Concurrent Workshops	4:10 PM – 5:10 PM	WORKSHOPS	Choice of 1
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From an “Interesting Art Discussion” to Evidence-Based, Equitable Facilitation: Using Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) art discussions in clinical settings effectively

- **Speaker: Tara Geer:** Director | Visual Thinking Strategies Institute

From Resolution to Reality: Crafting Arts & Health Legislation using the Georgia Model

- **Speaker: Barbara Steinhaus:** Professor of Music | Brenau University

From Evidence to Action: Advancing Arts and Youth Mental Health through Policy and Advocacy

- **Speaker: Elisabeth Bahr:** NYU Steinhardt, Jameel Arts & Health Lab, Postdoctoral Research Associate

Monday, October 12, 2026 (cont'd)

Concurrent Posters	2:40 PM – 3:10 PM	POSTERS	Choice of 1
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Understanding the benefits of art therapy for cancer-related pain: a call for action

- **Speaker: Calliandra Perry:** Henry Ford Health - Cancer, Art Therapist

Creative Interventions for PTSD and Their Role in Promoting Individual Mental Health and Community Well-Being

- **Speaker: Madison Zhao:** University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Medical Student, Freelance Illustrator

Arts-Based Somatic Mapping: An Emerging Framework for Emotional Awareness and Nervous System Regulation in Public Health

- **Speaker: Megan Wahl:** College of Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Adjunct Professor

An Ecology of Seeing: Communal Photography in a Psychiatric Open Studio

- **Speaker: Leda Costa van Putten:** NYU, Graduate Student, Art Therapy

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Concurrent Workshops	11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	WORKSHOPS
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Curating Grief: Using Objects and Storytelling to Support Wellbeing and Destigmatize Talking About Grief, Death and Dying

- **Speaker: Charlene Lam:** Curating Grief / The Grief Gallery, Certified Grief Coach, Author, and Founder

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 - Virtual Day

Concurrent Sessions	2:40 PM – 3:20 PM	PRESENTATIONS
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Research Design and Outcomes: A Report of the Findings of a Community Expressive Art Group with Individuals Impacted by Homelessness from the Perspective of the Facilitator

- **Speaker: Janet Kempf:** Art Therapy Credentials Board; Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University, Assistant Professor & Clinical Internship Coordinator

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 - Virtual Day (cont'd)

Concurrent Sessions	4:40 PM – 5:20 PM	PRESENTATIONS
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“It’s Different for Us”: Exploring Health, Disability, Queerness, and Aging through Voice and Image

- **Speaker: Amelia Thorpe:** University of New Brunswick, Postdoctoral Fellow

“What’s your why?”: Young Adult Researchers Use Art and Digital Storytelling to Explore Gambling and Health

- **Speaker: Geraldine Puerto:** University of Massachusetts Amherst, Doctoral Student in Community Health Education