



# AAGT NEWS

Association for the Advancement  
of Gestalt Therapy

## AAGT Sixth International Conference

*to be held Nov. 6-10, 2002,  
St. Petersburg, Florida*

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

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Hi Everyone:

I am just spinning with excitement, exits and entrances. As of September 15th I became a grandmother, one of the amazing transitions in my life. And at this coming extravaganza of an AAGT conference, I will step down as president of AAGT. It has been an amazing ride. I hope we mobilize the enthusiasm and energy to fill all of the open posts in the Executive Council with new faces and ideas. I wish us all deep and connected dialogue, good will, and deep work

Love, Carol

## **BRITISH GESTALT JOURNAL**



The BGJ is a twice yearly  
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supporting Gestalt therapy  
and its related applications.

It has been published for  
ten years and  
enjoys a high reputation  
in the Gestalt field  
internationally.

\*Journal themes have addressed Gestalt and Spirituality, Gestalt in Education, Gestalt and Groups, Gestalt in Organisations as well as extensive investigation of Gestalt as a form of Psychotherapy. Topics have included discussion of narcissism, race, shame, gay and lesbian issues, relation to self-psychology, body-work with children, the work of Gestalt organisational consultants, and group therapy.

\*Besides advances in clinical practice, BGJ articles include leading edge theory, and holistic and field informed research. Challenging and stimulating international debate is regularly enacted in our "Letters to the Editor" section. Book and tape reviews appear regularly.

\*Periodically, we interview leading exponents of Gestalt; previous interviewees have included: Joseph Zinker, Dolores Bate, Marianne Fry, Gaie Houston and Hunter Beaumont.

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## **SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

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Here is the conference schedule, for your reference. Be sure to note pre-conference meetings you may need to be a part of.

### **Tuesday, November 5, 2002**

7:00 PM 2002 Executive Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 6, 2002**

8:00 AM Conference Registration Begins; Daily 8:00 am to 8:00 PM

1:00 – 3:00 AAGT Board Meeting

3:00 – 5:00 Process Group Leaders Training

6:30 – 8:30 Opening Plenary

8:45 – 10:15 Process Group #1

10:30 Reception

### **Thursday, November 7, 2002**

7:45 – 8:45 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00 Workshop Presentations #1

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 1:30 Community Meeting I

1:30 - 2:45 Lunch: Italian Buffet

1:30 – 2:45 Regional Contact Persons Luncheon Meeting

3:00 – 5:00 Workshop Presentations #2

5:00 – 5:30 Break: Healthy Thoughts

5:30 – 7:00 Process Group #2

7:00 – 8:00 Organizational Members Meeting

### **Friday, November 8, 2002**

7:45 – 8:45 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 1:00 Plenary #2, includes Process Group #3, and mid-morning break

1:00 – 6:00 Free time/meetings; lunch and dinner on your own

2:00 – 2:30 Process Group Leaders Meeting

6:00 – 8:00 Workshop Presentations #3

8:00 – 8:30 Evening break: Sombrero

8:30 – 10:30 Community Meeting II

### **Saturday, November 9, 2002**

7:45 – 8:45 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00 Workshop Presentations #4

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 1:30 Workshop Presentations #5

1:30 – 2:45 Lunch: Bordertown Buffet

3:00 – 5:00 Community Meeting III and Business Meeting (elections)

5:00 – 5:30 Break: 7th Inning Stretch

5:30 – 7:00 Process Group #4

7:30 – 11:00 Dinner Dance on the beach (cash bar)

### **Sunday, November 10, 2002**

7:45 – 8:45 Continental Breakfast; 2002-2003 Executive Council Meeting

8:15 – 9:00 Process Group Leaders Meeting

9:00 – 10:30 Community Meeting IV; 2004 Conference Planning

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 1:00 Closing Plenary

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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The plane and hotel reservations are made, and at our house we're eagerly looking forward to the conference. Alvin and I are both presenting, and each of us is looking forward to seeing our copresenters. These are Gestaltists from US locations that are far away from us, as well as one from Sweden and two from Australia. We count these people among our most valued friends, people we feel fortunate to know. We met them all through AAGT.

If you haven't already registered for the conference, I hope that you will. If you're not already an active participant in AAGT, I encourage you to become one. You can still do so for this conference, for example, by coleading a process group. Do a presentation, work on a committee, run for office. If your experience is anything like mine, it will be one of the best decisions you ever made.

This is my last issue as editor of the AAGT Newsletter. It has been a genuine pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past three years. I am turning my focus toward Freedom XPress, a website formed by Lars Berg, Sharon Snir, and me to encourage free expression in our Gestalt community, as well as to the development of the Gestalt Study Center of Central Pennsylvania.

I hope to see you in St. Pete Beach!

Warmly,  
Elizabeth S. Revell  
Editor

## **WORK-STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR AAGT CONFERENCE 2002**

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Nancy Woldt, Work-Study Coordinator

AAGT and the Conference Planning Committee will be offering a number of Work-Study positions for the AAGT Conference, November 6-10, 2002. Work-Study provides an ideal opportunity for people to participate in the Conference activities as they unfold and at the same time reduce your Conference fees and providing a valuable service to the association.

A Work-Study commitment requires serving two 4-hour shifts during the course of the 5-day Conference in exchange for a \$96.00 reduction in your Conference Registration Fee.

Work-Study duties may include a number of valuable opportunities to meet and mingle with folks attending the Conference—these include administrative assistance with Registration and Continuing Education, supporting the Conference Coordinators, troubleshooting for the Logistics' Coordinator and hosting Guest Presenters.

Interested persons must contact Nancy Woldt, AAGT Work-Study Coordinator and should do so prior to submitting your registration materials. Nancy may be contacted by phone: 330-673-8729; fax: 330-673-3101; email: NANSELW@aol.com; or snailmail: 511 Beryl Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240.

Remember, THE EARLY BIRDS GET THE WORMS! Contact Nancy early to enhance your chances of becoming one of the Work-Study participants in our great Conference.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Here are the presentations scheduled for the November conference.

As you can see, it is truly an embarrassment of riches!

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00

Philip Brownell	A Gestalt Therapy Theoretical Matrix for Training and Practice
Judith Brown	Conflict, Emotions and Appreciation of Differences
Cynthia Cook	A "Prophecy of Progress:" Mary Parker Follett's Vision of Conflict
Gail Feinstein	Transforming Our Relationship to Conflict
Cara Garcia & Susan Baker	Helping Children Explore Their Anger with Support
Edwin Harris	Working with Forgiveness: Spiritual Healing in Gestalt Therapy
Perry Klepner	Intimacy's Conflicts: A Gestalt Therapy Perspective and Exploration
Bea Mackay	The Gestalt Two-Chair Technique: How and Why it Works
Joseph Melnick	How to Write for Journal Publication
Marilyn Myles & Bruce Aaron	Conflict in Co-Therapy: From Impasse to Creative Collaboration
Norman Shub	The Role of Introjects in Interpersonal Conflicts: Wrestling the Tiger
Celia Young	Managing Multicultural Realities

### NOVICETRACK:

Ansel Woldt	I-Thou, Here-Now, What and How: Gestalt Therapy's Essential Elements
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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 3:00 PM

Ann Bauer	Crisis Response from a Gestalt Perspective
Carol Brockmon & Effie Bastas	Gestalt Therapy: A Natural Paradigm for Multi-Cultural Practice
Philip Brownell	Forgiveness – Creative Response to Wounding Contact
Cynthia Cook	If You Can't Stand the Heat: Learning to Stay Present to Conflict
Ruella Frank	Roots of Orienting: A Developmental Exploration of Perceptual Processes
Robert Lee	Shame and Support: Treating the Intimate Couple
Elizabeth Revell, Sharon Snir, & Lars Berg	Our Write to Remember: Reconnection With Our Inner Writer
Bruce Robertson & Gail Feinstein	Gender Narrative in Gestalt Therapy
Mary Lou Schack & Carol Swanson	The Creative Artistry of Gestalt Therapy
Norman Shub	When Blimps Collide: Resolving Interorganizational Conflicts
Jonathan Whines & Talia Levine Bar-Yoseph	In and Out of the Box: Exploring Contemporary Gestalt Conflict Resolution

### NOVICETRACK:

Bud Feder	Gestalt Group Therapy: An Introduction
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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:00 PM**

Judy Graham & Mark Thomas Strangers in a Strange Land: Standing One's Ground in a Hostile Environment  
 Phil Joyce & Linda Osborne The Erotic in Gestalt – Contact or Conflict?  
 Peter Philippson & Phil Lichtenberg Learning through Diversity: The GTin Approach  
 Alvin Revell, Ansel Woldt, Fathers and Daughters: The Invisible Relationship  
 Bruce Robertson, & Brian O'Neill

**NOVICETRACK:**

Susan Gregory & Gail Feinstein Attending to Body Experiences: An Essential Aspect of Gestalt Practice

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 9:00 AM**

Laura Chapman Conflict as a Somatic and Spiritual Process  
 Sylvia Crocker Specificity and Contact with Couples as a Means to Growth Through Conflict  
 Iris Fodor Living and Working in NYC after 9/11: Gestalt Perspective on Working With Trauma  
 Perry Klepner Exploring Aggression and Conflict: A Gestalt Therapy Approach  
 Robert Lee, Chuck Kanner, Using the Whole Relational Field in the Treatment of Adolescents  
 Bruce Robertson, Gail Feinstein, Gordon Wheeler, & Philip Brownell  
 Suzanne Price Considering the Cross-Cultural Field  
 Mary Querie Taking a Stand – Working Creatively with Conflict and Social Movements in Ireland  
 Patricia Tucker Truth or Dare: Standing Up to the Conflicts in Telling the Truth  
 Deborah Ullman The Healing Field: Moving Toward Whole Field Supports Under Stress  
 Tine Van Wijk Saying Yes to No: What is Demanded of Therapists and Other Authorities

**NOVICETRACK :**

Bea Mackay Introduction to Two-Chair Work: Resolving the Heat Within

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 11:30 AM**

Rachel Brier & Gail Zinberg Relaxing Entrenched Conflict  
 Cynthia Cook, Zelda Friedman, & Effie Bastas What Do Nice Girls Do? Gestalt Feminists' Look at Aggression  
 Susan Gregory Hearing Teardrops, Seeing Screams: Working Creatively with the Senses  
 Carl Hodges A Field View of Race and Diversity  
 Robert Lee The Values of Connection: A Gestalt Field Perspective on Ethics  
 Anne Liebig The Urgency of Support in Holding the Heat  
 Joseph Melnick & Stephanie Backman A Hopelessly Optimistic Approach For Couples and Family Therapy  
 Peter Mortola & Gordon Wheeler Conflict and Play: A Gestalt Exploration  
 Stephen Zahm, Eva Gold & Jon Frew Gestalt Process, Group Dynamics and the Training of Gestalt Therapists

**NOVICETRACK :**

Rick Maurer Introduction to the Use of Gestalt in Organizations

## **PROCESS GROUP LEADERS NEEDED**

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We want to thank all of you who responded to the call for process group coleaders at the AAGT Conference in November in St. Petersburg. We are still in need of a few more people to fill this role.

Our process groups are an integral part of AAGT Conferences. Process groups meet throughout the conference to orient, discuss, examine, share, risk, and understand. They help build a ground for the conference, and they contribute to the ongoing creation of the conference as members bring their process group experience to their participation in workshops and other conference activities.

Whether you are an experienced group leader or one with less experience, we invite you to participate. We will give you the support you need to do the work successfully. We also need members of our international community and minority groups whom so importantly contribute to the diversity that is fundamental to our community.

If you have some interest in filling this important role, please contact:

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### **ON-GOING TRAINING PROGRAMS IN CONTEMPORARY RELATIONAL PSYCHOTHERAPY IN LOS ANGELES**

**SAMPLER: A TASTE OF GESTALT THERAPY**  
**September 14 Santa Monica Fee \$30**

### **ON-GOING TRAINING**

5 week-ends of experiential & didactic training

### **WINTER RESIDENTIAL**

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## **AAGT OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION**

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A most important task during the community meetings at our November conference is the election of officers. The following offices are up for election. If there is someone you would like to nominate, please notify the chair of the Nominations Committee, Bud Feder, [bfeder@comcast.net](mailto:bfeder@comcast.net), 973.783.0740. Please also contact Bud if you are willing to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Secretary, 2 year term

Treasurer, 2 year term

In addition to elective offices, the appointed position of Publications Editor is coming up for renewal. This position involves a 3 year term. Please notify Bud if you are interested in being considered.

Finally, we need Currently we need chairpersons for the following Interest Groups,

Ecological Dimensions of Gestalt Therapy

Gestalt Community Development, Networking and Support

Gestalt Therapy and Social Change

Gestalt Therapy With Children

Professional Training, Certification and Practice

The length of term for Interest Group Chairpersons is determined by the Interest Group itself.

There will also be openings for Regional Contact Persons. Further information will be available at the conference.



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