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Greetings All,

Cathy is traveling at this moment and I am frantically trying to get the Newsletter out! There's always a significant amount of information to pull together and never-ending deadlines. The publication schedule is quarterly in April, July, October and January. Well, it's not July but it is close!

We say farewell to two giants of gestalt therapy in this issue. George Brown and Edwin Nevis were innovators, pioneers, teachers, mentors and more to many of us. They touched thousands of lives. George with his ground-breaking work in education and Edwin through introducing new and exciting ways of working in business. Of course, they were so much more and AAGT extends our condolences and gratitude to Judith, Sonia and their families. As was said when Laura Perls passed, "they were keeping the flame before most of us knew there was a fire."

Also in this issue, Noriyoshi shares a glimpse into Japan after the disaster there, Tine shares with us more of her provocative and thought provoking writing and there are regional events in Australia-North, USA-SE, and USA-SW.

You'll find conference information and a call for volunteers. Consider registering soon for the conference and securing lodging arrangements. The conference is forming and promising. Whether it is the conference, the regions, sharing your writing here in the Newsletter, contributing to *Gestalt!* or staying in touch on the listserv, we have many ways to be connected and involved.

Have you paid your dues? You can pay them, register for the conference, access minutes and Newsletters and get to know AAGT on our Website <http://www.aagt.org>. We are working on revisions and innovations, much like the spectacular new conference website and online registration process. Brian Mistler has accepted the Communications Director role and is working with Brad Larsen to keep our communications fresh and make AAGT more available.

One final comment, I have been traveling this summer and had the pleasure of talking with Gestalt therapists from Russia, Eastern and South-eastern Europe. I am amazed at the breadth and

depth of gestalt therapy theory and practice development. We talked of using *Gestalt! and the Newsletter* as a vehicle for sharing their work and themselves. I feel supported whenever I spend time with others who share energy and passion for gestalt therapy. I was also disturbed.

There is a view of AAGT, shared by some, that we are a bickering, divisive lot who are out to push our wares and agendas and use AAGT as a vehicle for doing so. My defensive inclination was to shout, "That's not true for *all* of us," and to provide some explanation of the hard work we have undertaken as a consensus-based organization. Instead, I listened. What I heard was this impression comes from catching glimpses of heated discussions on the various gestalt lists, and assuming that all gestalt lists belong to AAGT. Now, I don't know from what seeds these assumptions spring, but I do know that we have failed in sharing the camaraderie, support and growth that comes with the hard work of wrestling and difference. We can do better!

After temperatures over 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) here in the Midwest USA, we are experiencing pleasant temperatures and bright, clear days. Maybe we can attend to the heat we generate in AAGT, and gestalt therapy generally, to make sure we benefit from the light that often follows the heat!

Enjoy your Newsletter!

Charlie

AAGT Board Minutes Online

The AAGT Board Minutes can be viewed online at www.aagt.org. Click on the "About AAGT" link, then go to the AAGT Executive Council.

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A soft gentle rain falls as I write you. It is the second longest day of the year here in the Catskill Mountains of North America. My garden is full; lush with brilliant colors and sweet fragrances. The peonies flourish, joined by Japanese iris, 'other worldly' lupine, sprawling honey suckle and much more. I pause, receiving the bounty of beauty that is before me. And, in the pausing, I take note of the members of our community that are experiencing the longest nights of the year, sensing the balance, the harmony of our universe; of our community.

This is my first communication to you as Vice President. On June 5th, 2011, AAGT held its annual general membership meeting in New York City. It was a great gathering; filled with warmth, humor and deep respect for one another and our process. And we actually accomplished a lot of business! (for more details, see the minutes of the AGM here in the newsletter).

The last item on the agenda was a "Thank you" and "Good-bye" to Dan Bloom, our outgoing Vice President and a "welcoming" of me, the incoming one. I was touched by the ceremony. There were many acknowledgments filled with appreciation and praise for Dan. And I felt welcomed with open-hearted enthusiasm and warmth. We closed the meeting with a cocktail party to celebrate AAGT's 20th anniversary. There was much cheer, laughter and love. Congratulations to us!

Warmest wishes for a summer/winter filled with your desires.

Gail

New Membership Brochure Available On-Line

On June 5, 2011 at the AAGT annual general meeting (AGM) membership co-chairs Maryanne Nicholls and Nancy Woldt introduced a new and improved membership brochure. A long time goal has been to make a hardcopy brochure available for use at all AAGT functions, large and small, without the expense of mailing. It is now possible to access the new membership brochure on-line as a PDF file and print a number of them for distribution at any AAGT function, no matter where you are in the world. (www.aagt.org). A hardcopy document will then be available for your colleagues to take home. Included is the addition of two new ways to support of AAGT's varying interests. over and above the opportunity to donate to the Scholarship Fund, people can now contribute to the Regional Development Fund (RDF) and the Research Fund. The membership co-chairs hope you will take every opportunity to print the new brochure and help create new interest in the associating and advancement of Gestalt.



A Report on the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan

By Noriyoshi Okada, RCP

March 11th will be always remembered as the day of tragedy in Japan, just as September 11th is remembered by Americans. The difference is it didn't happen out of hatred or hostility. Geologically observed, it must have been only a tiny incident in the long history of the globe. However more than twenty three thousand people died, many of them smashed by falling buildings in a moment, others swept away in only an hour or so by the tsunami that was caused by the multiple earthquakes which struck North East Japan that day.

On that day, I was in my office on the 21st floor in Yokohama. Though it is about two to three hundred miles away from the suffered area, the building swayed slowly like a huge ship rolling for seven to eight minutes. I was stunned knowing something very wrong was happening somewhere in the country. The TV showed us horrifying scenes. The tsunami was swallowing up rice fields, houses and buildings, an airport and whole towns. I looked out of the window and witnessed a large gas tank about thirty miles away exploding into a huge flame. Like this gas tank, the nuclear power station in Fukushima exploded. People in Fukushima Prefecture suffered not only from the natural disaster but also the radiation leakage that forced them to abandon their home towns.

Tens of thousands of survivors lost their houses and jobs on top of the loss of near and dears. Those people were jammed in gymnasiums or city halls where they slept on the floor, some without any partitions. A lot of emails were sent and received among JAGT members discussing what we must do. We asked the Sadayukis, a married couple and JAGT members in Sendai (part of the impacted area, what we could do. They were okay and their answer was what we vaguely expected: immediately needed was physical support, not psychological. Hands that would clean up the rubble, recover the roads, build temporary huts, carry food, and search and find the bodies that were buried under the fallen and crushed buildings.

We collected \$10,000 in contributions from JAGT members and sent it to the Sadayukis. In the meantime, I asked Talia Bar-Yoseph Levine, who had left Tokyo only the day before the earthquake, if she knew of any Gestalt

books or papers on PTSD. She responded very quickly sending out emails to AAGT members – a thousand thanks, Tali and the AAGT members who helped!

Last month we had JAGT conference near Hiroshima with Ansel Woldt and Morgan Goodlander as our guests. The Sadayukis from Sendai were there, too, and they led a workshop. They began it by giving us all an update (he is a JAGT board member and an elementary school teacher). He said his original pupils were safe but many pupils from other areas were lost. They warned us that we should not go to the effected area as therapists to support the people as it would only arouse painful anger if they sensed we had that sort of intention. People in that area are known to be quiet and reserved, with little emotional expression. After their talk, participants shared how they experienced the disaster.

These last few months have made significant changes in our ways of living as well as our sense of values. For instance, we feel the nation is more united than before and we see a lot of signs saying "Hold out Japan! Hold out North East!" everywhere. Because of the radiation issue that made many of the nuclear stations shut down we do not have enough electricity to indulge in the luxurious use of it. Many companies have begun to move their factories out of the country because of insufficient supply of electricity. We trust our government less than before because the explosion of the nuclear power station revealed that the safety they had kept assuring us was not true.

We know better that our lives can be recklessly ended all of a sudden whenever Mother Nature chooses, robbing us all what we have strived to accumulate and wiping out all the dreams and expectations for the future. We now know experientially we have only this moment to live, the moment in which to live fully.

Thank you world for your warm support!

Noriyoshi Okada

RCP

Vice President of JAGT

Remembering Edwin Nevis

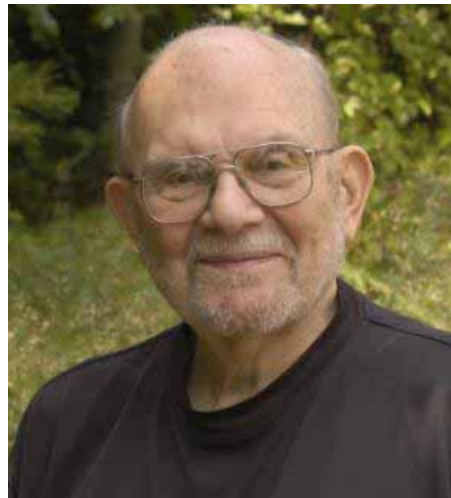
The amazing thing about Edwin Nevis is that his passion for making the world a better place burned brightly right up until the very end. That end came after nearly 60 years at the forefront of the organization development movement when Nevis passed away on May 20, 2011, his eighty-fifth birthday. Nevis is best known as the co-founder of the Gestalt International Study Center (GISC) in Wellfleet, MA and for his groundbreaking efforts in the field of organization development. In fact, his pioneering work with organizational consulting led to his being recognized by the Organization Development Network with its 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nevis was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926 and married Sonia March in 1948. He graduated from New York City College, received a Master's Degree from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Western Reserve University. Nevis was a student of Fritz and Laura Perls and Isadore From, pioneers in the early Gestalt movement. He helped form the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland in 1956, where he remained as President until 1973, and as an active faculty member until 2001. While connected to the Cleveland Institute, he co-created the well-known Organizational and System Development program in 1977 and the International OSD Program in 1991. Nevis had a long history in executive education and development, and in organization change management. He spent 17 years on the faculty of the Sloan School of Management at MIT, where he served as Director of the MIT Program for Senior Executives.

While spending over a half century in the organizational consulting field, Nevis introduced literally thousands of consultants, coaches, therapists and leaders to an approach which has become the

very foundation upon which GISC and its core programs have been built. What attracts so many OD consultants to Nevis and Gestalt International Study Center? Unlike most Gestalt institutions, who deal only with therapy, GISC works with couples, groups and organizations. Nevis described it as an approach that is experiential rather than theoretical. "Our approach is hands-on," he recalled earlier this year. "The goal is to create tools that will enrich our participants' lives with greater self awareness, interpersonal and professional skills."

That approach is built on a set of principles that are firmly rooted in self awareness. "It's a question of how one interacts with the world," he once said. "How you are perceived by others. The impact your behavior has on others. Then there is what we call skillful dialogue. It's how you interact with others in a skillful way. For example, dealing with difficult conversations such as performance reviews. And then there's the ability to receive information from others. You need to receive information from others and hear what they saying ... not just shout them out. It all leads to the ability to influence others."



Edwin Nevis will be remembered with Sadness as only a few months ago, on his 85th birthday, he died leaving behind enormous amount of contributions to our community and to the advancement of Gestalt therapy.

Remembering George Isaac Brown

The Father of Gestalt-Confluent Education

March 14, 1923 – April 9, 2011

George Isaac Brown, Ed.D., the creator of gestalt-confluent education, an early scholar in the development of gestalt therapy applications in education and organizational consulting, and an elder in the community of gestalt therapists, died peacefully at the age of 88 with his family at his side in his home in Santa Barbara, California on Saturday, April 9, 2011. George was born in Hanover, New Hampshire on March 14, 1923 to Yetta (Caplan) and Daniel Brown. George was proud to have served as an officer in the 102nd Infantry, Ozark Division, in World War II and received the Bronze Star Medal for ground combat in Germany.

In the early days of Gestalt therapy, George spent considerable time at Esalen Institute at Big Sur, CA as a workshop presenter and participant. He palled around with the likes of humanistic psychologist, Abraham Maslow, client/person-centered therapy founder, Carl Rogers, and gestalt therapy co-founder, Fritz Perls. Building on his work at Esalen, he established the Confluent Education Program in the Graduate School of Education at the University of California – Santa Barbara, offering both Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the Department of Counseling, Clinical and School Psychology. In addition to gestalt therapy and confluent education, as distinguished professor from 1961 to 1995, he also taught organizational leadership and educational change. George was awarded the distinction of emeritus professor upon his retirement.

George authored two influential books, *Human Teaching for Human Learning: An Introduction to Confluent Education* and *The Live Classroom: Innovation through Confluent Education and Gestalt* and co-authored with Uri Merry of *The Neurotic Behavior of Organizations*. He served on the Editorial Boards of *Gestalt Review* and *The Gestalt Journal* and as consultant to the *Organizational Designs in Communication Group*.

George's articles appear in numerous professional journals. One of his final written contributions to gestalt therapy literature was his article, "*A Commentary on 'Fritz Perls Revisited,'*" an invited response and critique of Sol Rosenberg and J. Edward Lynch's "*Fritz Perls Revisited: A Micro-Assessment of a Live Clinical Session,*" published in *Gestalt Review, 2002, Volume 3*. In his personable style of writing, George introduced his article with, "*At last, a chance to articulate on paper my mumblings and grumblings, usually directed to my love,*

Judith, about how writings about Gestalt, and possibly practices also, had strayed from the purity of 'Real Gestalt' as we, two, had learned it at the beard of the master, Fritz, himself" (p.203).

George presented regularly at gestalt therapy and professional education conferences. He and Judith were amongst the early supporters and founders of **The Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy (AAGT)**, having assisted in the formulation of statements in the association's Constitution and By-Laws that embody values consistent with gestalt therapy theory. Three of these are: 1. The importance of dialogue in community; 2. Attending to the contacting processes in both written and oral discourse; and 3. The valuing of decisions made by consensus where the minority has support to be heard, just as the majority. As a couple, George and Judith also enjoyed training and consulting in Europe for several years, with significant influences in the Scandinavian gestalt communities.

As one of the founding officers of AAGT, I want to speak in behalf of the worldwide gestalt community to extend our heartfelt compassion and condolences to Judith and the Brown family. While we have lost the physical presence of this wonderful friend and gestalt soul mate, the gentlemanly spirit of George Isaac Brown shall certainly live on in those whose lives he touched.

Contributed by Ansel Woldt, Kent, Ohio - the full article will appear in a future issue of Gestalt Review



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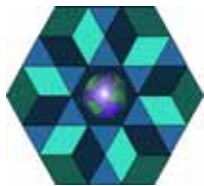
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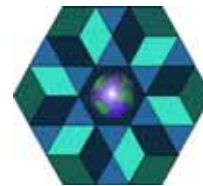
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AGM Summary & AAGT NE Region/NYC Inter Institute Conference



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Impressions of the 2011 AGM from Patricia Tucker

I attended my first AGM last May and returned full of appreciation. Cathy, your grace, ease, and relaxed command of the structure of the day gave me a sense of comfort from the start. Gail, your warmth and your hospitality in taking such good care of us with flowers and food added to a feeling of being welcomed and held.

The meeting was well-organized meeting with a great, clear agenda (sometimes with well-notated histories!) and clear statement of what we were looking to accomplish at this time. I felt a surprising amount of forward movement taking place...it really felt like we were getting somewhere!

A lot of you at AAGT have clearly been working very hard, I was inspired to learn how much is being created out there - the conference planning alone is moving along and seems quite overwhelming! But, from all the work of the board to review from a review of the by-laws and the structures of the organization, to the new developments in research to the other interest groups, to developing the Regions, to considering the future vision of AAGT - very busy, indeed!

And I have to say a special thank-you to Charlie Bowman....I think that I finally understand a little bit about AAGT and what it means to be part of a community that is trying to truly create itself consensually. And how really radical it is to strive to "not have to resort to democracy", isn't it? This is the real meaning of community, I think. But, working towards consensus is a daunting project. Your commitment to this, Charlie, was literally stunning to me.

I also want to say that in working to be true to our ideals of what AAGT in constantly trying to continue to create itself, conflicts seem inevitable. To my sense of things, we handled these moments with openness and sensitivity. So, a huge thank you to you all for all the work you do to keep building AAGT for us.

Fondly,

Patricia Tucker

Gestalt Therapy with Couples: Folie a Trois?

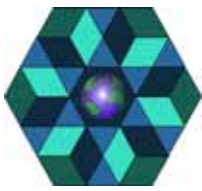
In June the AAGT NE Region joined with the NY Inter-Institute consortium for a day of panel presentations, video, experiential work, demonstration and group discussion exploring the different methods of working with couples in a Gestalt framework. The program was well attended, informative and explored differences and similarities in couples work across gestalt therapy and other modalities. The day long presentation was graciously planned to coincide with the AGM so participants could reap the rewards of both programs! Thanks to the conference planners, presenters and participants!



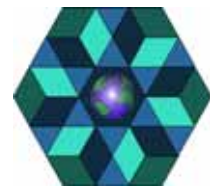
Presenters at "Gestalt Therapy with Couples: Folie a Trois?" (left to right): Marla Silverman, Jack Aylward, Susan Friedberg, Ruella Frank, Lee Zevy



AGM & Workshop Participants

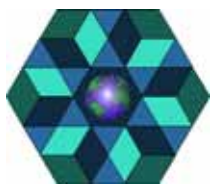


Pictures from the AAGT AGM
Annual General Meeting,
June 2011



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AAGT Conference 2012

AAGT Conferencia de 2012



Early bird registration July 15th–August 15th, 2011
(Registro anticipado del 15 de julio al 15 de agosto 2011)

Registration/Registro: www.aagtpuebla2012.info

Cultures, Contact, Change

Culturas, Contacto, Cambio



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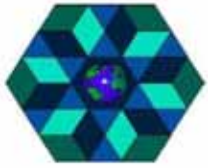
May 17-20, 2012

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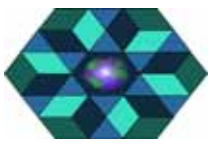
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The conference will recognize Erv Polster for his life's work as a Gestalt practitioner and a writer, educator and supervisor.



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CALL FOR PROCESS GROUP FACILITATORS

As members of the Process Group Planning Committee we want to express our excitement about your attending AAGT's 2012 conference in Puebla, Mexico. We also want to encourage you to volunteer to be a Process Group Facilitator.

PROCESS GROUPS are an integral part of AAGT Conferences and a unique Gestalt Therapy approach to conferencing. Process Groups each consist of eight to fifteen participants who meet daily to share thoughts and feelings that the conference brings up in them. This offers opportunities for contact, support, risking, and understanding. They occur as organically emerging here-and-now experiences that contribute to the conference as a whole as members bring their process group experience to workshops and other activities.

Each group has two "facilitators" who encourage, stimulate, and support conference participants to attend to their experience exploring the unique meaning/ value of the conference to them. Process Group Facilitators participate/ facilitate the excitement of sharing interests, doubts, confusions, curiosity, satisfactions as well as dissatisfactions toward a new Gestalt. The process group is not group therapy or a leader-led topical group. Rather it is an opportunity for contacting as an esthetic, existential Gestalt Therapy experience of people in the relationship learning together.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AS A PROCESS GROUP FACILITATOR

This conference is shaping up to be one of the most important and largest AAGT has ever had. As a result process groups will be more important than ever. Since everyone will participate in the process groups we urge all you experienced as well as less experienced group facilitators, and those of you who want to develop your skill in facilitating groups, to volunteer. We need many group leaders and co-leaders who

speak English, Spanish, or both, whether you are an experienced facilitator or just learning. This is a wonderful way to contribute to AAGT, the conference, your colleagues and to meet the new people who are attending. After every AAGT conference the feedback most often received from participants is how wonderful the process group experience was for them.

There will be a Process Group Facilitator Training and orientation on the Wednesday evening of the Conference, 8:00-10:00 PM, and meetings for support during the conference.

A detailed description of Process Groups is presented on the AAGT Webb site. You can register to be a facilitator when you register for the conference.

Volunteering to be a Process Group Facilitator is quick and easy to do by just filling out the facilitator volunteer option when you register for the conference.

If you miss the opportunity to volunteer to be a facilitator when you register please go back to the registration Webb site and resubmit your registration completing the facilitator volunteer application.

Your being a group facilitator will be very much appreciated.

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We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

The Process Group Committee: Perry Klepner, Chair. Marina Ayo Balandrano, Claire Asherson Bartram, Anne Leibig, , Neila Wyman.



AAGT Conference 2012

AAGT Conferencia de 2012

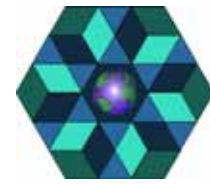
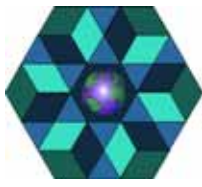


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CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER GUIDES NEEDED

Membership co-chairs Maryanne Nicholls and Nancy Woldt are asking experienced AAGT conference attendees to check the “GUIDE” box on the 2012 Conference registration form. What will this mean? You will be volunteering to have a ribbon identifier on your conference nametag. The ribbon is an indication that you have attended previous AAGT conferences and may be a supportive resource for first time attendees. During conferences in the past we have learned that there are often questions about the organization and its’ process. They may be about community meetings, the annual meeting, process groups, interest groups, regions, scholarship, work study, research, offices in the organization and general information about the conference as it evolves. Perhaps you will not know the answer but you can act as that guide to help the newcomers find the right person. In the interest of promoting an active membership we hope that most of our experienced members will consider this simple and welcoming method as a way to create a positive experience for newcomers. It is also a way to give a little something back and support the success of the conference and the organization.





The Appalachian Gestalt Training Institute has a new web site!



"Friends - The Appalachian Gestalt Training Institute's web site has a new design. Check it out and give us feedback! What you like, don't like, want more or less of? Have a question? <http://agti.org/>

Sign up for the 2011-2012 Intensive Training program in Gestalt theory and practice beginning September 23, 2011 - Asheville North Carolina!

Register for the 5th annual Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy Southeast USA regional conference:

Supporting the Whole(Body/Mind/Spirit) October 21-23, Warren Wilson College."

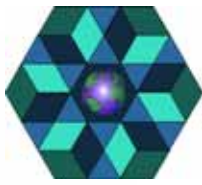
The conference will create a learning community through workshops, process groups, plenary sessions and social gatherings. Topics and presenters for the workshops include: Introduction to Gestalt Therapy with Nicholas Emmanuel, Embodied Gestalt Practice with Edward Smith, Gestalt and Music with Gary Gray, Balance in Awareness with Cathy Gray, Ethics: A Gestalt of Values with Robert Lee, Uniting Power of Conflict with Eli Mithcell and John Hoover, and Attending to the Body Process in Gestalt Therapy with Gail Feinstein. The registration deadline is extended until October 1, 2011. Twelve continuing education credits, certified by AAGT are offered. The conference will be preceded by a 4 hour Gestalt Marathon group facilitated by Terry Slye and Bryan Dieterich. This is a great opportunity to connect with AAGT since there is not an International conference this year. For more information visit the Appalachian Gestalt Training Institute's web site : <http://agti.org/> or e-mail Anne Leibig abjl@mounet.com 276-467-2437



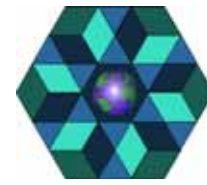
We always need news of the Regions !!!

If you are an RCP, please send any updates,
news of your region or announcements to
Charlie Bowman:

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Regional News



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Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy – Australia North 3rd Annual AAGT Gathering & Retreat 25th – 27th November 2011

Holding the Centre – Gestalt Psychotherapy in a Changing World.

"One's history and aspirations, past and future are enfolded within the thickness of the present moment."

Jean-Marie Robine

Location: Gunebah Retreat, Nobby's Creek NSW
Cost: \$300 (covers registration, all workshops, 2 nights accommodation and all meals)
To register: Email keiv@westnet.com.au
Call for presenters: As is our custom first time presenters are encouraged to take up the challenge. There will be three 3 hour workshops which will need to reflect the theme of this Gathering. Submissions need to be in by the 31st July.
Facilitator: Kerry Shipman

When the dominant mantra seems to be focused on doing doing doing, and where the broad, shallow and murky world of spin seems to be accepted uncritically by the unsuspecting masses as divine revelation, our sense of Being can seem to be somewhat battered and bruised.

Currently on the social, cultural, and environmental levels we are experiencing profound transitions; the old is dying but not yet dead and the new is coming to birth but is not yet born . No one is exempt from the impact of the convergence of this pan-transition. On a personal level, the beliefs and values that give or gave our lives direction and purpose seem less confident and constantly questioned. Commonsense has been hijacked by cultish ideologies based on a lust for certainty where ambiguity, paradox and not knowing have no place to breath. Issues like climate change are reduced to a simple matter of 'belief' and scientific data is glibly dismissed with obfuscation and indifference.

Gestalt therapy is grounded in Field Theory and Existential Philosophy so we, as therapists, are well equipped to support clients as they seek to discover their emerging ground from what can seem to be an existential quagmire.

This gathering will give us an opportunity to hold the centre in the midst of our diversity and in so doing reacquaint ourselves with our sense of groundedness in a way that reconnects with the wisdom of our unique experiences. We will co-create a space where the theory and practice of gestalt can be explored in a way that can honour our common ground and collective wisdom.

Cancellation Policy:

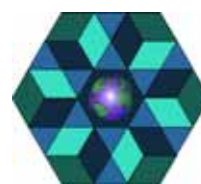
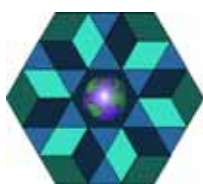
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AAGT-Southwest Conference
October 16-19, 2009

AAGT-SW Writers Conference
October 12-14

La Casa de Maria
Santa Barbara, CA
Save The Dates!

A note from Lynn Stadler, RCP:

All the rooms I reserved at La Casa de Maria are now full!! I will start a waiting list for sleeping rooms, and I can suggest several other local accommodation options for "commuters". If you live in or near Santa Barbara, and would like to house another conference participant or two, please let me know. Also, it would be very helpful if local participants registered ASAP, so I can be sure our meeting room is large enough for this year's group. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Best Regards, Lynn

La Casa de Maria (<http://www.lacasademaria.org>) is a lovely, affordable, and accessible destination, approximately 100 miles north of Los Angeles. For participants needing to make plane reservations, the closest airport is in Santa Barbara (SBA) -- approximately 30 minutes from La Casa. Other possible arrival cities are Los Angeles (LAX) and Burbank -- both about 90 minutes from the conference site (depending on LA traffic).

As usual we will begin at 4pm on Friday for check-in and topic selection. Please plan to have dinner at La Casa de Maria on Friday night, so we can get re-acquainted. There is a good, wholesome restaurant at La Casa, with vegetables from their own organic garden, and fruit from their orchards. Vegetarian and vegan meals are available. Since there is no fee for our main conference room, AAGT-SW is picking up the Friday night dinner tab, and we'll plan an after-dinner gathering as well.

Our Saturday morning plenary will feature Lu Grey PhD and her colleagues from San Francisco to share their "Success Story -- How the Integral Counseling Center at Church Street has Brought 20 Years of Gestalt Therapy Training to Graduate Students." The Church Street center is affiliated with the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), also in San Francisco. We'll have additional discussion groups on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, as well as plenty of time for sightseeing, shopping, beach walking, swimming, and relaxing. There will be a festive dinner party at a private home in Santa Barbara on Saturday night. Details TBA.

As always, the AAGT-SW fee is \$60, and the WC fee is \$30. CEUs are available for both.

For More Information contact AAGT-SW RCP Lynn Stadler in Santa Barbara

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Contact Full Speech

Tine van Wijk (from 'Hot Fires – Writing your Feeling is Healing')

'Some psychotherapists give up in despair and try to bypass speaking altogether, as if only inner silence and non-verbal behaviour were potentially healthy. But the contrary of neurotic verbalizing and creative speech; it is neither scientific semantics nor silence; it is poetry.' (PHG, p. 100-101)

To create contact full speech we need time.
In Gestalt groups we intend to communicate and make contact.
Yet we hardly have time to listen to each other without having a goal.
Just sit. just listen, just speak and explore what lives inside our heads and bodies is a luxury I seldom experienced
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If this leads to poetry I don't know,
but you can find out for yourself when you sit down,
not to make notes but to make room for words
that on first sight have no meaning.
*Look at the white paper and the pen,
come into the Here and Now by directing your attention
to your breathing for a few minutes,
go back to the energy of the day and start writing.
Maybe you write about the weather
Or about your body feeling
Or about your partner
Or about the chair you are sitting in.
Do not worry, just write.
In the end you will find that what you wrote
is precisely expressing what needed words.
It could be a poem or the beginning of it.*

Response
Here and Now
Sitting behind my laptop
I am not certain
About my message
Being confused
Is not my favourite status of being
But I am
I am confused
And forcing myself
To explore why
Why do I sit here
Why do I have to write
Why do I think there will be
At least one person out there
Who is waiting for what I have to say
Why do I need this idea
Is it to go on doing my job
To go on writing in the knowledge
That happiness will occur
When I feel connected
With my own words
That will connect you
With your true self.
And so on, and so on.

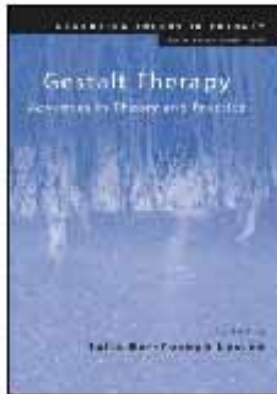
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More complete detail is on my website, www.djbloom.com. Contact me by email, dan@danbloomnyc.com, or phone, (212) 674-0404.

Several AAGT Members will be presenting at the *Psychology & The Other* Conference in Cambridge this fall - Dan Bloom, Leanne O'Shea, Carol Swanson, and Phil Brownell on contemporary gestalt therapy and will contribute to a dialogue with other existential-phenomenological and relational psychoanalytic colleagues. Registration is still available at <http://www.psychologyandtheother.com> :

PSYCHOLOGY & THE OTHER conference

Oct 1-3, 2011
Cambridge, MA

It is deep autumn. My neighbor, how does he live, I wonder. ~ Haiku by Matsuo Basho

Erich Fromm bemoaned the divorce of psychology from philosophical and religious traditions and, in many ways, this artificial separation from our historical and conceptual siblings has only increased. The purpose of this conference is to enrich conversations at the intersections of philosophy, psychology, and theological/religious studies, particularly emphasizing scholarship around the notion of the "Other." The term "Other" constitutes a shared space for continental thought, theology, and a variety of psychological discourses. As an interdisciplinary conference, presentations will explore the rich discourses that have emerged around the concept of the "Other" in various intellectual traditions, ranging from phenomenological work like that of Emmanuel Levinas to the work of John Zizioulas in theology or that of Jessica Benjamin in psychoanalysis. We invite psychologists, psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, social workers, philosophers, sociologists, anthropologists, theologians, clergy, and graduate students of all persuasions to participate in this year's event. Our hope is that our conversations and collaborations will challenge and deepen our various disciplines.

Plenary Addresses:

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OVERVIEW:

October 1, 2011

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December 3, 2011

Balance in Awareness

How we respond to the world and our clients is in large part shaped by the degree to which we are able to move between our external and internal awareness. In this segment we will explore this balance and learn to create experiments to strengthen the underdeveloped awareness of our clients. We will explore how paying attention to the balance or imbalance in awareness can inform our therapeutic choices and support our client and ourselves in creating a deeper therapeutic relationship.

February 4, 2012

Focus on the Embodied Therapeutic Encounter

Our experience affects the musculature and structure of our body, the fluidity of our movement, our breathing and the structure of our brain. In this final segment you will have opportunities to sharpen your awareness skills and integrate embodied interactions into your therapeutic encounters. Importantly, you will learn to titrate your interactions to match the ability of your client and the therapeutic relationship to support the work.



Blue Nude by Henri Matisse, 1952. Gouache on paper.
Musée Henri Matisse, Nice

All segments include a mix of didactic presentation, experiential exercises, demonstrations, opportunities for personal work and time for clinicians to practice integrating the information presented. Each segment is a discreet unit, and can be taken separately or as part of the full series.

CEUs:	6 CEU's per session
DATES:	2011: October 1; December 3 2012: February 4
HOURS:	9:00 am - 4:30 pm (lunch included)
TUITION:	\$145 per session (up to 2 weeks before session begins) \$160 per session for later enrollments \$130 per session for GTIP Associates (late enrollment cost applies) \$400 for three session series
LOCATION:	To be announced

PROGRAM LEADER:

CATHY GRAY, LCSW is in private practice in Narberth, PA, working with individuals, couples, and groups. She is a graduate and a faculty member of GTIP. Cathy studied improvisational movement with Manfred Fischbeck and Brigitta Hermann. She also trained with Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen in Body-Mind Centering and with Ruelle Frank in Developmental Somatic Psychology. Cathy has conducted numerous workshops employing Gestalt therapy theory, movement, music, and embodiment.

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THE ETHICS OF EXPERIENTIAL THERAPY WORK

OVERVIEW:

Ethics is not a set of rules, but rather a set of principles derived from our sense of morality, fairness, respect, and caring, which are meant to guide us to help heal the suffering of our clients. In this workshop we will explore the human-generated ethics of our professions, and grapple with the often-complex dilemmas we encounter in our daily work. Using real-life scenarios from actual practice, in small group format, we will discuss and clarify the conflicting elements of the situations, and work towards deciding the "best" ethical solution(s) to the problems. Special emphasis will be placed upon the increasingly popular use of experiential methods, including expressive, emotionally stimulating, and hands-on methods. The importance of relational respect, establishment and care for boundaries, and mutual power will be emphasized.



Morning Talk, Milton Avery, 1963. Oil on canvas.

CEUs: 3

DATE: Saturday
October 15, 2011

HOURS: 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

TUITION: \$75.00
\$65.00 GTIP students & associates
\$15.00 for CEU preparation
Call for group rates

LOCATION: Bryn Mawr College - English House
815 New Gulph Road, Bryn Mawr

PROGRAM LEADERS:

MARY LOU SCHACK, PH.D. is a psychologist who has taught Gestalt Experiential therapy in the U.S. and abroad for over three decades. Her current practice and theoretical interests include the forgiveness process, the structure and practice of mutuality, the role of the body in traumatic anxiety, and the development of relational dialogue.

VALERIE KELLOM, LCSW, BCD has maintained a psychotherapy practice since 1978; she works with individuals, couples and provides clinical supervision. Ethical dilemmas remain an ongoing interest, providing care for clients who have been victimized by professional helpers such as lawyers, clergy, and therapists. Additionally, she has provided compassionate support for professionals whose counter-transference issues become problematic.

WORKING EXPERIENTIALLY TO RESOLVE TRAUMA

Presented by:
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OVERVIEW:

Join GTIP Director Mary Lou Schack, Ph.D. for a program focusing on working with traumatized individuals, exploring the processes of traumatization, defense, and restoration of healthy function. In this instructive and experiential workshop, we will investigate how the Gestalt therapy concepts of creative adjustment and retroreflection correspond to what current trauma researchers find occurs in traumatic reactions. Utilizing holistic Gestalt therapy methods of working with the body/mind/spirit, Mary Lou will demonstrate how to provide therapeutic support for working with sensory/body awareness and protective/defensive impulse to promote healing of the trauma wound. We will pay attention to containing the relational affect, reading the body, restoring boundaries, supporting self-soothing with breath and energy, and restoring a sense of agency in the traumatized person. This workshop includes lecture, clinical discussion, and experiential work with the participants.



Migrant Mother, Dorothea Lange, February 1936
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CEUs: 12

DATE: Saturday and Sunday
September 24 & 25, 2011

HOURS: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

TUITION: \$220
\$200 GTIP students & associates
\$ 15 CEU preparation
Call for group rates

LOCATION: Bryn Mawr College - English House
815 New Gulph Road, Bryn Mawr

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- How the brain and body react to traumatic experiences
- Clinical examples: affect dysregulation, avoidance, dissociation
- Providing therapeutic containment and support
- Helping clients recover boundary-making and defensive strength
- Mindfulness, awareness, and breathing as functional support
- Reading the body and containing the relational affect
- Restoring sense of agency and hope after trauma

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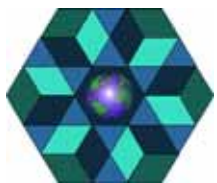
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Ruella Frank, Ph.D. has been exploring early infant movements and their relationship to the adult since the mid-1970s. She is the director of the Center for Somatic Studies, faculty at Gestalt Associates for Psychotherapy and the New York Institute for Gestalt Therapy, and also teaches throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico. Ruella is author of articles and chapters in various publications, as well as the book *Body of Awareness: A Somatic and Developmental Approach to Psychotherapy*, available in four languages. Her new book, co-authored with Frances La Barre, *The First Year and the Rest of Your Life: Movement, Development and Psychotherapeutic Change*, is published by Routledge Press and will be out in the fall.

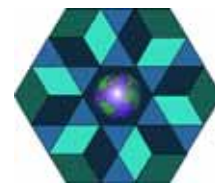
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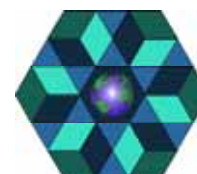
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Best regards,

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AAGT Membership Application

In accordance with AAGT's Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws, the purpose of AAGT is to support the professional and personal associating and advancing of persons interested in participating in a forum committed to the preservation and advancement of the philosophy, theory, practice, and research of gestalt therapy and its various applications.

In furtherance of this purpose, AAGT shall encourage the development and application of principles and practices in the organization that are consistent with the following tenets:

That an organization can be created, rather than imposed, and that it will grow out of our contacting; and

That a structure will emerge in response to our shared needs, interests and concerns; and

That by believing in the unity of theory and practice, an organization that so creates itself, is itself an experiment, an on-going organic process of gestalt formation and destruction, in which old forms are destroyed and new figures emerge through contact that is bright and lively, energetic, graceful and fluid; and

That such an organization provides the ground for the enrichment, articulation and support of the constantly emerging figure that is Gestalt Therapy!

With these tenets as ground, we welcome as figure your **APPLICATION** to become a member of AAGT.

Membership entitles you to a listing in the AAGT Directory, reduced conference fees, opportunities to contribute to the gestalt community through our Service Exchange Program (SEP) and access to AAGT's Listserv.

Membership Dues for 2010-2011

Supporting Members \$150.00 or more, your contribution to advancing Gestalt Therapy \$ _____

Full-Time Professionals who have been Members more than one year \$100.00 \$ _____

New (first year) Professional Members \$50.00 \$ _____

Retirees and Full-Time Student Members \$25.00 \$ _____

Organizational Membership for Training Programs New is \$100.00, \$150.00 thereafter \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Donation – your contribution to those less-able to participate \$ _____

Member Information Name _____ Title, Degree or Prefix _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email: _____ Phone(s) : Home _____ Office _____ Cell _____

Payment Options

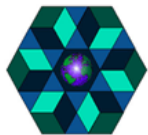
To PAY ON-LINE go to: <http://www.aagt.org>

TO PAY BY CHECK: Checks must be drawn on U.S. banks, made payable to AAGT. Mail check with this form to: Brad Larsen, AAGT Administrator, PO Box 42221, Portland, OR 97242 USA or fax to Brad Larson in the USA at 212-202-3974 , e-mail admin@aagt.org

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD Visa and MasterCard only. Fax or Mail to Brad Larson at the above address

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card _____ Signature: _____



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Publication Guidelines:

Articles accepted between 500 and 1500 words. Content relates to Gestalt therapy, AAGT and the creativity and interest of the membership. Letters to the Editor should be succinct and to the point. All material submitted remains the property of the Newsletter staff. Deadlines are final. Style can be informal, but should be good writing. All material is subject to editing to fit the parameters and needs of any given issue of the Newsletter.

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Let Us Get To Know You!