

Newsletter

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Greetings from the Drama Therapy Institute of Los Angeles and Creative Therapies Center— Pam Dunne Receives NADTA Gertrud Schattner Award at the NADTA conference!

The North American Drama Therapy Association (NADTA) has been honoring those who made distinguished contribution to the field of drama therapy with the Gertrud Schattner Award since 1993. The award is named after one of the founders of the field of drama therapy and not necessarily given every year. This year, Pam Dunne received this award at the NADTA conference in Seattle—Please see below for a brief interview with Pam.

—What does this award mean to you?

It is the highest award I can receive in drama therapy and I consider it an honor to be among the others who have achieved it. I am thankful and very appreciative of this recognition as my passion and love for drama therapy has always motivated me to share this worldwide and represent the field in the best possible way. I also received the email about this award just a few days before my birthday—which made that an especially amazing birthday. I am also struck by receiving this award in Seattle, which is where I was born.

—What contributed to this achievement?

I believe presenting drama therapy workshops and training worldwide for over 26 years and 13 years in the DTILA abroad program contributed to this. I have also pioneered drama therapy in parts of the world where it has not existed before, most particularly China and some of the Eastern European countries. I have always considered my relationships with students who have helped me grow as a trainer and educator, to contribute to my growth in drama therapy. Through them, I have gained significant insight and experience. I also really value my mentoring of student's worldwide. I have also a long record of publications as I believe in sharing my and experience of drama therapy with others.

CTC Group Schedules

Adult ADHD Support Group Using Narradrama

Sundays 2-4pm

A new 8-week series starts on 11/6

Cost: \$200 for 8 sessions

Contact:

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Projections of the Soul:

Using Photography for Personal Growth

Mondays 10:30am-12:30pm

Cost: \$15 per session

Contact:

Hiroko Saeki, MA, DT Intern

dramaforhealing@gmail.com

Caring for the Caregivers:

*A Drama Group for Caregivers of
People Suffering from Chronic Illness*

Mondays 1-3pm

Cost: \$15 per session

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Empowerment through Stories:

*Exploring Personal Stories Through
Drama, Photography, Music and Art*

Wednesdays 7-9PM

Start Date: November (TBA)

Cost: \$120 Monthly (continuous)

Contact:

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—Your future direction and hope?

I want to continue to present training internationally and reach a potential new audience for drama therapy worldwide and support that audience. I want to build the Drama Therapy Institute of Los Angeles, and its partner, Creative Therapies Center, by supporting existing faculty, increasing faculty, and offering new course offerings. In addition, I want to continue to support the Creative Therapies Center in offering support groups and other mental health services to the community. I want to continue to mentor students, one of my greatest joys, and help them develop into the kind of people and drama therapists that they wish to become.

I am also very interested in Neuroscience and the connection between drama therapy processes and the brain, and having completed 96 CEU's in Interpersonal Neurobiology at this time, I want to continue to research, publish findings and make a contribution to the body of knowledge and the understanding of the use of drama therapy as it relates to processes in the brain like synaptic growth, etc.

Pam Dunne, PhD, RDT/BCT, is a clinical psychologist, registered drama therapist, board-certified trainer, professor emerita at California State University Los Angeles, and executive director of the Drama Therapy Institute of Los Angeles and of the Creative Therapies Center.

Upcoming Classes at DTILA

Research, Assessment and Treatment

Dates: 1/7, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4 & 3/18
Time: 11:30am-6pm

Sociodrama and

Advanced Psychodramatic Techniques

Dates: 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11 & 3/25
Time: 11:30am-6pm

Abnormal Psychology

Dates: 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7 & 3/14, Time: 7 - 10pm

Drama Therapy with Children & Adults with ADHD

Dates: 1/21 & 22, Time: 10:30am-6pm

Clinical Uses of Drama Therapy and

Arts Therapy in Grief and Loss

Date: 4/15, Time: 10:30am-6pm

Social Theatre and Drama Therapy

Dates: 4/22, Time: 10:30am-6pm

Drama Therapy and Addiction

Dates: 4/29, Time: 10:30am-6:30pm

Narradrama Ongoing Group

Date: 9/24, 10/15, 11/19, 12/10
Time: 9:30-11:30am

What are current DTILA Students doing?

Bryana Kappadakunnel will be starting a New Mom Group at the Mother Nurture Network in Redondo Beach. Date & Time: Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm for 6 weeks (11/2-12/14). Cost: \$180 (\$30/session). Please contact Bryana Kappadakunnel, LMFT, at bryanamft@gmail.com or 424-216-9600 for more information.

Hadil Moghnieh and **Lynne Hostein** are leading inpatient groups as interns at a psychiatric hospital in South L.A. This includes a group with children, ages 5 to 12, and two adult groups. They have been using projective drawings, puppets, story telling, mandalas and music, under the supervision of Clare Wren-Russ, MFT, RTD. They both feel honored to be working with this population.

— Congratulations New RDTs!!! —



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