Featured Member

Lisa Cohn, MAAT, LPC-C earned her Master's in Art Therapy from Albertus Magnus College in 2016. Her thesis examined the impact of art therapy with elders affected by Alzheimer's disease and was awarded the departmental research award. Newly relocated to mid-coast Maine, Lisa takes every opportunity to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the positive value of art therapy, particularly as it applies to the mission and values of the AATA. Lisa often shares relevant AATA Journal articles and information with workshop participants and local healthcare professionals to enhance their understanding of the profession.

Recently, Lisa has provided art therapy to hemodialysis clients in an outpatient medical setting, led workshops for Parkinson's support groups, and delivered workshops and conference lectures on the tenants of art therapy. She currently teaches classes for the MaineHealth system's "Journey to Health" program, runs a pilot art program for teens affected by autism, and is introducing art therapy to the local high school special education and life skills programs.

Lisa sits on the Board of Directors for Jonno's Place, a new arts-based initiative that serves artists with autism and other developmental challenges. Modeled on the KCAT program in Ireland, Jonno's Place is a nonprofit Camphill inspired initiative that will provide classes, art therapy, and social support in an inclusive workshop/studio/gallery space in Belfast, ME. Lisa is inspired by the many miracles she has witnessed while working with clients with special challenges and is determined to see art therapy integrated into the mainstream of the health, education, and social care systems throughout the state of Maine.

"Bloom" by Lisa Cohn. 2016. Needle felting with wool roving and fabric.

Artist Statement: "A reminder to myself as I start a new career in art therapy to be bold and go forth, with faith in myself and the power of the art. This was created for the AMC graduation art show."