



# AAGT NEWS

Association for the Advancement  
of Gestalt Therapy

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*Dear Friends:*

*I am writing this through tears, fear, rage, compassion, determination and love. I encourage us all to be the positive and caring source of sanity and strength and help that we can be during this frightening and dangerous time. May we do our vital work at every level of system, maintain our humanity, lean on one another, and be a source of energy, creativity, presence, containment and balance, stay planted deep in our ground, our determined optimism and hope.*

*I have been flooded with messages from Europe, Australia, Israel wishing us well and expressing shock, dismay and support. Some of us made it to the EAGT conference in Europe and couldn't get back, many of us couldn't get there. I am told the conference was very different than had been envisioned.*

*We know that some of our number have been on the front lines, offering counseling to the hurt, the families of the missing, and the traumatized. So far I know of Bud Feder and Linda Ditullio, working at Town Hall. Let's try to communicate with one another about our stories and activities, honor one another, and support one another in this shocking time.*

*Love, Carol Brockmon, President*

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Dear Members and Friends:

AAGT is well on the road to our next international conference: "Holding the Heat." This newsletter is full of information, invitation and requests for participation. Phil and Chuck, the co-coordinators, have found a great venue in St. Petersburg, FL. A call for proposals is in this newsletter and on the web.

Our membership meeting in Philadelphia in the spring was lively, cooperative and energetic. The meeting generated proposals for a resource exchange, more active membership committee work, and much good fun, food and connection. This is a good time for renewed commitment and energy to our unique organization.

In the past, seed money for conferences was provided by the early conference registration fees of the conference planning committee. It seems that the privilege of working one's butt off for the coming conference was accompanied by the privilege of paying up early. At that time, it seems that most of the workers were in a professional and financial position to be able to do so. Now, we seem to have a smaller and poorer work contingent, so we are asking all of our members and friends to register now, either with the full registration fee or a healthy deposit, and help us make sure that this conference, operating again without a paid conference coordinator, has the needed support to be the exciting, informative, contactful and growthful experience we rightfully expect from our community.

Please participate now with registration, proposals for workshops and presentations, and offers of planning committee presentations.

Love, Carol

**Plutarch said  
"Good fortune  
will elevate even  
petty minds,  
and give them  
the appearance of a  
certain greatness  
and stateliness,  
as from their high  
place they look down  
upon the world;  
but the truly noble  
and resolved spirit  
raises itself, and  
becomes more  
conspicuous in  
times of  
disaster and trouble".**

**[as quoted in  
today's Times].**

**Let us all aspire to  
be as noble and  
resolved as we can  
in these truly  
disastrous and  
troubled times.**

**from Bud Feder**

## OBITUARY

**It is with regret  
that we announce the  
death of  
Erv and Miriam Polster's  
daughter, Sarah.  
She died of cancer on  
July 4th in San Francisco.**

**We know that all AAGT  
members join with us in  
our expression of  
condolence to the  
Polsters,  
who are such valued  
and giving members of  
our community.**

*Note from our Regional  
Coordinator: For our AAGT  
World Community, "the  
Regions" provide a way to  
reach in and reach out,  
with contact, information,  
support, resources, and  
concern. Sometimes just a  
little help can touch,  
connect, change.*

*Nancy Woldt & Emil Jech,  
RCP Co-Coordinators*

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*By Bud Feder*

At the meeting in Philadelphia in April I was elected President-Elect, to take office as President at the next conference in Florida in November, 2002. I am very appreciative of this honor and privilege. By 2002 I expect to limit my work week in my office to two days, so I should have a lot of time to devote to continuing the development of our very important organization.

At this moment I have no earth-shaking platform to announce. I do intend to be diligent and sensitive and to continue to work for the development of our community. The last word is the key one to me. We do need to do a better job integrating new members and exciting old ones, something that was discussed in Philly and which the Executive Council and the Membership Committee and the Regional Contact Persons are already working on. This may still be a need in 2002. Otherwise we will see what challenges emerge then. There are sure to be some.

In the meantime, since no one came forward to assume the Treasurer's position, I am continuing to serve in that role also. Anyone who is interested in taking it over, please let me know and I'll be glad to discuss it with you. (I am pretty sure no one will stand in your way - and it's a great way to get involved.

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

*By Cynthia Cook*

Out of the excitement generated at the Philadelphia Community Meeting (and collected on several poster-sized sheets of paper), the Program Committee has formulated sub-themes for the conference that reflect our desire to re-envision the subject of conflict utilizing Gestalt therapy's radical and creative approach. We will now move into the challenging task of formulating a conference that will appeal to experienced Gestalt practitioners and to newcomers; that will balance the needs of the organization and people unfamiliar with AAGT; and that will have opportunities for fun and relaxed connecting as well as serious study. Suggestions have been made for a "Novice Track," better ways to orient new members, and other new formats. As usual there will be process groups, plenary sessions, interest groups and regional meetings, and Experiments in Community Building. We have the beginnings of committees to develop each of these aspects, but we need more people to ensure that our planning reflects a wide range of voices and interests within our organization, and to join in the overall planning and coordination among the parts of the program. The process of planning promises to be as interesting as the topic itself! Please come forward with your interest, energy and ideas. Contact Sarah Toman (s.toman@csuohio.edu) or Cynthia Cook (cynthea3@aol.com) for more information or to get involved.

Also, as proposals come in, we need people to review them. Whether you've been a peer reviewer in the past or have never done it before, please volunteer. Contact Effie Bastas (EBastas@aol.com).

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

**Bud Feder is particularly interested in the question of Gestalt approaches to group therapy.** He says "There are many ways of leading Gestalt Therapy Groups, some old, some new. I am interested in learning from one another, talking about this and experimenting/demonstrating together." If you are interested, please contact Bud at [beefeder@home.com](mailto:beefeder@home.com).

**Our colleagues in Latvia have created a website for Gestalt Therapy** in Latvia, [www.gestalt.lv](http://www.gestalt.lv) At present the site is only in Latvian, but there is an English translation page under development. We'll keep checking on its progress!

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

*By Elizabeth S. Revell, Ph.D.*

Since our last issue we have had another in-person meeting, this time our community meeting in Philadelphia. So far the times when we assemble in person have the most energy and vitality for us as an organization. The meeting in Philadelphia built on the strong foundation formed during the community meetings in Dallas, and from the meeting came the formation of a conference planning committee for our 2002 conference, along with a strong cadre of people interested and excited about working to make it happen.

Given the recent history of our organization, there was much energy and interest in further exploration of conflict. From our organization's experience it seems that, if we are able to hold all sides of a conflict rather than to run from it, we can have creative developments that bring us into even closer contact. It is this theme that we adopted as the central theme for our conference in 2002.

The meeting in Philadelphia took place at the most lovely time of the year, the time of new growth that made for a perfect metaphor for what happened in the meetings. My favorite image is that of the meeting that took place in a graveyard which was alive with spring blossoms, a meeting filled with liveliness and energy. Please note Cynthia Cook's poem in this issue, describing her experience.

You will see in this issue several ideas that were generated at the Philadelphia meeting upon which we hope to have member response. One of them includes a proposal from Cynthia Cook for future scheduling of meetings and conferences. Another is a very creative idea from Dori Middleman of some new possible perks of AAGT membership.

We have some of our regular features, including officer reports, general news, and exciting news from committees, regions, and interest groups. And much of this issue is about the planning that is already underway for our conference in November, 2002, in St. Petersburg, FL.

In addition to conference information, we are including the registration form and the call for proposals for the conference. I hope that you will register early, so that the committee will have working funds to do its job. But I want to call particular attention to the call for proposals, in the hope that you will each consider answering this call. It's a wonderful chance to share work you have been doing, even to develop an idea you've been turning over in your mind. Allow the theme and subthemes to get your juices flowing. Once you have an idea, don't hesitate to ask for help in developing the proposals. Contact Phil Brownell (philbrownell@earthlink.net) or Chuck Kanner (chuck@kanneracademy.com) and ask to be assigned a mentor, who will work with you throughout the process. I speak from my experience of submitting a proposal that resulted in a presentation at the 2000 conference in Dallas. This was my first AAGT proposal, and I'm so glad I pushed beyond my original stage fright so that I could experience the reward of being among the presenters. Please add my name to the list of those who will offer you advice, encouragement, and lots of moral support.

### **Letter to the Editor**

**Elizabeth Revell asked if we prefer email or hard copy of the newsletter . . . I LOVE getting it by email. Love the paper savings.**

**Maybe folks do not know that if they open the newsletter on computer, then go to "VIEW" on the toolbar, and mark "fit width," the newsletter expands to fill the full screen, with large, luxurious print.**

**A joy to read, thank you.**

**Lynne Jacobs**

## **REPORT**

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**By Isabel Fredericson**

**We of the Membership Committee are asking you, the members, for any input in terms of your ideas, your energy and your interest.**

**We are hoping to engage in more outreach activities in general, and, more specifically, for the next conference to be held in St. Petersburg, FL. Our committee is coordinating its work with both the regional groups and the interest groups. Additionally, we are hoping to create a more active ongoing liaison between the regions and the membership.**

**If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, or if you simply have some good ideas that you would like to share with us, please contact Isabel Fredericson at: freddy9282@aol.com, or fax to: (805) 682-4010.**

**Please let us hear from you.**

# AAGT WEB



[www.aagt.org](http://www.aagt.org)

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FOR THE 2002  
CONFERENCE  
ONLINE**



## **AN EXCITING IDEA**

*By Perry Klepner*

At the Philadelphia conference in November, Dori Middleman proposed a novel idea for enhancing the meaningfulness and attractiveness of AAGT membership. This involves a constructive program of member exchange of services. The reaction of the conference participants was favorable and very much in line with the consensus that AAGT aims to provide benefit to its membership. We are very much interested in your comments on Dori's proposal and any additional ideas about the proposal or other ideas of how AAGT can be of service. Please email your comments to me at [Perry302@aol.com](mailto:Perry302@aol.com) or to Isabel Fredericson at [freddy9282@aol.com](mailto:freddy9282@aol.com).

The following is Dori's proposal in full for your review and comment.

To: AAGT Members  
From: Dori Middleman  
Date: April 29, 2001

### **AAGT: What Good Can It Do Me?**

Since the start, I've been trying to convince myself to become more involved with AAGT. I believe in membership of professional organizations and have been a member of AAGT for a good while. Payment of the membership fee is not an issue for me; I want to support our efforts at a national organization. I also want to be clearly better off through having one.

For a variety of practical reasons, I have not attended AAGT conferences or membership meetings, and to me, eligibility to attend these meetings at a member's rate seems to be the only concrete benefit associated with membership. Some say receiving the newsletter is a perk but restricting receipt of the newsletter to "members only" does not facilitate contact—an AAGT goal—and would be counterproductive to promotion of the organization.

I am writing to propose some ways which can make AAGT membership more meaningful and attractive. (These ideas were raised in discussion at the AAGT membership meeting yesterday, April 27, 2001 in Philadelphia.)

### **Membership could involve:**

A Service Exchange: members pledge and provide a recommended number of hours (four?) per membership year to providing complimentary consultation and training to other members. The membership list distributed to members would include the types of services available from each member.

For example,

- \*provide phone consultation on a clinical issue
- \*be a guest co-facilitator of an ongoing therapy group
- \*provide a training session on a particular topic of Gestalt therapy
- \*provide a group supervision session to an existing Gestalt supervision group
- \*be a designated mentor/advisor to a Gestalt institute student (a formal mentor program could be developed by the Membership Committee to encourage more student involvement)
- \*provide an individual therapy session to a member or a client referred by a member
- \*see a client/couple/family along with the consulting therapist to assist with a case
- \*edit an article being written by another member
- \*design a website for a member

A member could call another member and ask if they were available for a particular request as part of their AAGT Service Time. In the event that a member had already completed the recommended number of hours or even if the member just opted not to agree to that particular request, the member could offer their service on a fee-for-service basis. Wouldn't we want affiliation with AAGT to promote a member's practice and professional success! AAGT could opt not to police a Service Exchange—merely operate with the expectation that it would occur, educate and inform members about it, report in the

newsletter on its successes, and let individual members work out the details of how to make their contribution work well for them.

In discussion, the issue of liability for individual members and the organization was raised, and this certainly would have to be addressed. Individual malpractice insurance ordinarily covers all professional activities for the individual member. A signed disclaimer that "clinical consultation and clinical practice are not conducted as part of AAGT but rather as a private practice arrangement between members" might suffice.

Other ideas raised in discussion worth adding to the list of potential member "perks" included:

A free individual listing on the AAGT webpage . . . a practitioner page which people looking for a Gestalt therapist could use to locate one.

A Member's discount for advertising (one's practice, training offerings, etc.) in the AAGT newsletter.

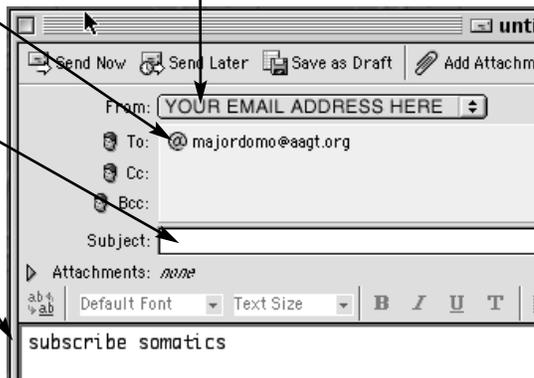
## **SOMATIC INTEREST GROUP LISTSERV**

We are announcing a new listserv group for folks who are interested in the physical process of Gestalt therapy. The email list is for individuals who are familiar with Gestalt and have interest in the somatics of psychotherapy. Gestalt therapy, as a holistic approach, views physical experience and expression as intrinsic to a person's being and functioning.

If you are interested in joining the list, send an email to

**majordomo@aagt.org**

with an empty subject line and only the words **subscribe somatics** in the body of the message.



Once you are subscribed to the list you can join the discussion on the list by addressing a message to **somatics@aagt.org**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:  
Gina Fitzmartin, M.Ed., CAC cfitz@icubed.com or  
Susan Gregory, GestalSing@aol.com  
Co-Chairs of the Somatic Interest Group of AAGT

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3.5" w x 10" h): \$85**

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

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Australia

**Susan Nelson**  
Seattle, WA

**Marie Noelle Salathe**  
Boothbay Harbor, ME

## **PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE SCHEDULING OF CONFERENCES/COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

*By Cynthia Cook*

In Philadelphia, as you can read in the minutes, the membership discussed the need to have a schedule of conferences and meetings planned well in advance, as well as a need for longer lead time for planning conferences. A decision was made to hold our meetings every year in the fall, with major, large-scale conferences alternating with smaller, membership-oriented meetings. By the next day I found myself feeling very uncomfortable with one aspect of this decision, because it felt so at odds with a very positive experience I was having at the meeting itself.

I want to share how wonderful it felt for a large group of members to spend a whole afternoon brainstorming about a conference theme. It felt to me like the conference was growing out of our history and experience together as an organization. I liked the process being open to people who will attend the conference but may have nothing else to do with the planning; as a conference planner, that gives me my mandate. It allows people to find out what interest or energy they have and hopefully sends them back out into the world with enthusiasm and a sense of connection to what we are doing.

If we hold our meetings every year in the fall, alternating conference and community meeting, then the planning committee for the 2004 conference will have to form during the 2002 conference. The organization as a whole will not meet again until the fall of 2003, at which point many major decisions regarding the 2004 will already need to have been made (such as theme, location, etc.). As I envisioned that next conference planning committee arising in the midst of our 2002 conference (a conference that, as usual, some people will experience as too busy and overfilled as it is), I felt the loss of the ground that felt so good to me in Philadelphia.

So I would like to make an alternative proposal. Instead of meeting every year in the fall, one year a conference and the next a membership meeting, I propose that every two years in the fall we have our conference, and that every year, in the spring, there is some type of meeting involving the membership. In the years in between conferences, the meeting will be a membership meeting, and in the year of the conference it will be a conference planning committee, perhaps combined with an executive council retreat. I believe that this addresses many needs: to have a set schedule for conferences and meetings, to have membership meetings occur every year, and to create more opportunities for the membership to meet. It gives conference planning committees a full eighteen months for their process, and also allows that process to grow from the ground of the membership, which to me seems valuable and important.

### **SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

*By Isabel Fredericson*

The Fifth Annual Southwest Regional Conference will be held Friday, November 9 to Sunday, November 11 in Las Vegas, NV. All AAGT members are welcome. Although formal presentations are rare, there have always been lively discussions based on an agenda created at the opening session of the conference by all the participants present. Theoretical and clinical issues, as well as organizational ones, are frequently considered. Community socializing, in addition to the serious work, is always an important part of the gathering.

A writers' conference led by Joseph Melnick, editor of *The Gestalt Review*, will precede this meeting. It will be held on Thursday, November 8 and Friday, November 9.

For further information please contact Katy Steinkamp, who is coordinator of the Regional Conference, at Vegapsych@aol.com, or at 5828 S. Pecos, Ste. 105, Las Vegas, NV 89120. She can be reached by phone at (702) 315-0450.

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ST. PETERSBURG, NOVEMBER, 2002**

Dear Members of AAGT,

Chuck and I are writing to announce that Conference registrations are now open for the 2002 gathering.

"Holding the Heat" is another opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. For those relatively new to the organization it's a chance to help forge the future of the AAGT by making yourself known and asserting yourself in our community building activities, or it's a chance to sit back and observe established Gestalt colleagues in the processes about which we all talk from time to time. Once again, we plan for a full range of workshop presentations with CEUs, plenary sessions designed to stimulate and provide a sense of the magnitude of our organization as a whole, and process groups where people can connect in small groups and integrate the experience of the conference. This year we are experimenting with outreach, and so we have created a special incentive for students to attend, offering them the option of a day pass, and we will actively reach out to established academic programs. Coinciding with this, the program committee is considering a "novice track" to help those new to Gestalt therapy gain more rapid grounding at the conference.

Beyond these things, the theme of the conference is especially important. It is relevant to the ongoing development of our association, and it is contemporary in our world. All around us extreme difference is experienced as opposition, exclusion, and separation. We hope to explore with one another how creative adjustment, attention to process, relationship, and our Gestalt values, such as the courage of authenticity, have something to offer the most important subjects of conflict resolution, anger management, control, power, and decision making as they occur in various contexts.

We are most hopeful that each AAGT member will decide today that this conference is one they cannot miss. We on the planning committee feel it is a pivotal event in the history of our organization and in many ways a new beginning for us all. We desire your attendance. We desire your contribution, whether that be in the form of a workshop presentation, participation in our community meetings and influence on organizational decisions, financial help for scholarships that support colleagues from less financially capable circumstances, or your energy in play. We want you, all of you.

We are particularly requesting donations from those of you who have money that you can invest in AAGT. We need "angels" who can make financial donations above and beyond their registration fees, and "supporters" who offer loans above and beyond their registrations. All of you who make donations and/or loans will be acknowledged in the conference programs. Consider using your IRS rebate check to help AAGT in this venture.

Also please consider registering at the earliest possible moment, as that will enable us to more actively pursue outreach and general conference planning. In the past we have referred to this need as "seed money." We need it again this year, and we would appreciate your help in this regard.

If you are interested in helping to plan and carry out the conference, please contact Chuck and/or Phil and talk with us about your ideas and about where you might fit best in the overall work.

Warmly,

Philip Brownell (philbrownell@g-gtc.com)

Chuck Kanner (chuck@kanneracademy.com)

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Marion Schachter**  
New York, NY

**Susan Sherer-Vincent**  
Nobleville, TN

**D. Gregory Smith**  
Seattle, WA

**Eleanor Tremblay**  
Lafayette Hill, PA

**Richard William  
Richardson, Ph.D.**  
Kemptville, Ontario  
Canada

**Douglas Uhlig**  
Rego Park, NY

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to be held

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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

"HOLDING THE HEAT:  
CONFLICT, CREATIVITY, CONTACT"

Embracing four sub-themes:

- *Re-envisioning Conflict: Discovering the Creative Potential*
- *Examining Our Process: Gestalt Theoretical Models*
- *Conflict as Growth: Contacting Difference*
- *Standing One's Ground: Authority, Power and Courage*

Presentations will be two hours in length, with time for participant discussion. We are encouraging innovative and creative presentations and experiential workshops that explore how people move in and out of conflict in various contexts: intrapersonal and interpersonal, couples, families, small groups, organizations, and communities. Student papers and presentations based on research projects are welcomed. Presentations may be theoretical, clinical, or experiential, and they may be demonstrations, panels, video presentations, or discussions. Presentations will be selected by the conference planning committee following blind peer review. Interest groups are encouraged to submit proposals. Presentations will be taped and tapes will be made available during the conference. Continuing Education credit will be offered to attendees.

Those wishing to submit a proposal must submit a presentation proposal form following the procedure described below. Interested persons can use the form below, request that a presentation form be sent to them, or download one from the AAGT web site ([www.aagt.org](http://www.aagt.org)).

The form asks for a 200-300 word description of the presentation, an outline, questions that can be answered from attending the presentation, and three relevant readings. Presentation proposal forms will be blind peer reviewed and selected according to the needs of the program. If accepted, the corresponding presenter(s) will be required to submit (within two weeks) a 100 word abstract of the presentation to be published in the conference program, a 60 word biography reflecting the relevance of presenter background(s) to the presentation, a signed release permitting the taping of the presentation, a description of any audiovisual aids required, and a curriculum vita for each presenter (please have these ready). All these items are necessary to support the process of review and the AAGT's granting of Continuing Education Units; we appreciate your cooperation.

Correspondence around presentations with multiple presenters will be conducted with the person submitting the proposal, who will be responsible for communicating with co-presenters and sending in the requested materials.

Please do not delay in sending your proposal. The deadline for receipt of the presentation proposal form is October 31, 2001.

Those needing help in the preparation of a presentation proposal can contact the conference coordinators, Philip Brownell ([philbrownell@earthlink.net](mailto:philbrownell@earthlink.net)) and/or Chuck Kanner ([chuck@kanneracademy.com](mailto:chuck@kanneracademy.com)), who will either answer the questions directly or assign a mentor.



# PRESENTATION PROPOSAL FORM

ID #

**AAGT 6th International Gestalt Therapy Conference  
November 6-10th, 2002; St. Petersburg, Florida, USA**

**Deadline to receive this proposal form is December 15, 2001**

*"HOLDING THE HEAT: CONFLICT, CREATIVITY, CONTACT"*

*Embracing four sub-themes:*

- *Re-envisioning Conflict: Discovering the Creative Potential*
- *Examining Our Process: Gestalt Theoretical Models*
- *Conflict as Growth: Contacting Difference*
- *Standing One's Ground: Authority, Power and Courage*

**What to send and where to send it:**

**4 copies of form, plus a cover letter** (via mail, not FAX) to:

AAGT Peer Review  
c/o Effie Bastas  
5026 Copley Rd.  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

**1 copy of your cover letter only to:**

Cynthia Cook  
23 Nelson Ave.  
Provincetown, MA 02657

**1 copy of your cover letter only to:**

Philip Brownell  
315 Golf Course Rd., #1806  
Morganton, NC 28655

Include in your cover letter the title of your presentation, your name, highest degree, your complete address, telephone number, FAX, and e-mail address, and (if applicable) the same for all co-presenters.

DO NOT put any identifying information on your presentation proposal form. You will be notified when to send the other information.

Please type (all sections must be completed in order to be considered; expand the sections as needed and/or use additional sheets as necessary)

1. Gestalt Experience Level Suggested for Participants:

- Experienced  
 Novice  
 No Limitations

2. Format (prioritize categories and elements that apply; 1=highest)

- Didactic Category  
 Based on a formal paper (have copies available)  
 Based on a research project  
 Based on work experiences  
 Based on theory  
 Experiential Category  
 Demonstration  
 Panel  
 Discussion  
 Experimental participation  
 Video/multi-media Presentation



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Join Gestalt therapists from around the world for:

**Plenary Sessions • Two-hour Workshops • Process Groups • Community Building Activities • Interest Group Meetings • Special Events • Continuing Education Credits**

### CONFERENCE FEES\*:

**AAGT Member** (see opportunity to join included in this registration announcement):

- Early Registration (postmarked before February 28th, 2002) - \$340
- Normal Registration (postmarked between March 1st & June 30, 2002) - \$370
- Late Registration (postmarked between July 1st & September 30th) - \$400
- "At the Door" Registration (postmarked after September 30th or accomplished on site) - \$450

**Non-Member:**

- Early Registration (postmarked before February 28th, 2002) - \$390
- Normal Registration (postmarked between March 1st & June 30, 2002) - \$420
- Late Registration (postmarked between July 1st & September 30th) - \$450
- "At the Door" Registration (postmarked after September 30th or accomplished on site) - \$500

**Student** (defined as full-time enrollment in an academic program):

Students have a choice to make. They can opt for complete conference attendance, which affords them access to all the breakfasts, luncheons, workshops, plenaries, community building activities, special events, and participation in process groups (all of which is recommended), or they can choose to purchase day passes (offered as an outreach incentive), to attend workshops, community building activities, and plenary sessions, and to pay for their own food (day passes do not include participation in process groups). Those students choosing full conference participation should contact the scholarship committee to inquire about work-study and other possibilities that might offset expenses.

- Student, full conference fee (early, normal, and late registration) - \$200
- Student, full conference fee ("at the door" registration) - \$250
- Day Passes - \$25/day.

\*Confirmation will be mailed to you. There will be a \$25 processing fee for all cancellations. No refunds will be granted after October 15, 2002.

**Make checks payable to: AAGT Conference (checks must be drawn on US banks in US nds)**

Please fill out the following information and indicate whether or not you are

- joining the AAGT at this time or are
- a current, paid up member:

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## FINDING SPRING

(AAGT Community Meeting, April 2001)  
by Cynthia Cook

Where I come from, spring is a promise  
Roses are memories, bare arching spines  
Pierced with tips of sharp green blades.  
Now on this train, I am riding into spring  
Finding a world speckled and foaming  
Sparse and feathery, nubby and fringed.  
Forsythias fling themselves over hills.  
Willows are waterfalls fixed in the wind.  
I am moved by these trees, in attitudes  
Upreaching, extending fingertips  
Tingling red, arms heavy and clotted with lace  
Like wires containing the memory and the promise  
Waiting for the current to flow again  
Expanding and extending them.

Here in Philadelphia, the fruit-heavy blossoms  
Of magnolia have already fallen to the ground  
The first burst of spring's flowering already past.  
Walking the warm evening streets, lawns are lush  
Cherry blossoms soft and heavy overhead.  
The world feels expanded and full  
And so much still on the verge.

I return, heading north, into the incandescent green  
Feeling as though I am carrying  
The deepening and continuing spring.  
I am like these deep red blushing trees  
Berries poured into their outreaching arms.  
It is said that we become what we behold, and I believe  
In these dry dunes cresting with seafoam and rubies  
In cherry blossoms bursting pink from green gold  
And the promise of lilacs still to come.



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