

# Hga

Gather and Play

Fall 2020

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- Resources
- Board Members
- Fall activities
- Book Review
- Grants/Scholarships
- Gather & Play

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Greetings GT Supporters! Its been a long few months with all us battling Covid and keeping our sanity but, a last we have persevered in 2020 never to let up to the politics, strong arm nor mandates to find our seat at the table. Our theme for this year, "Gather and Play" has a profound yet coincidental effect In 2020 that little that we knew 2020 would be so restraining sand controlling of our day to day lives and livelihood while safeguarding us from the unknown.

Columbia College Calgary wrote a recent article about the importance to Balance Studies and Play. They noted that "it is important to maintain the balance of studies and play, and to remember that studying is just one activity of life. Ignoring play for studies will make your life dull and sedentary. Health is critical even to perform optimally in academics." they noted the following assets to Play are Relaxation, well being, more social interaction amongst

peers, less time for digital distractions. All this provides you to "achieve success and creates optimal harmony in your life" So "Gather and Play" be you and strive for your success in life! Join us as we gather and play with Hga looking forward to taking a chance in 2021 and playing the odds, good or bad WE WIN again! Don't forget to Gather & Grow with us In 2020-21. see details pg.4 or <http://higifted.info>

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## NAGC UPCOMING Reimagined Virtual Conference

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## Featured Web Master and Media Coordinator 2020

Noticed our new look on the website??? Thanks to Malcolm Mekura and Michael Matsushita.

Hga has upgraded its website and also added archived gallery shows and newsletters to reference back on.

Malcolm worked with the transition of moving Hga over from our original site to a word-press doc and slowly

developed the site with Michael who is interning with Malcolm is a recent graduate of Metropolitan State University of Denver with a BA in Fine Arts in Communication Design.

Thank you again to Patrick Nishimura who put together the recent "Gather and Play" slideshow. It became quite a feat as we tried to present the slideshow

amidst the pandemic as we unexpectedly watched COVID evolve. So of course "gather" and "play" became a bit restraining in conveying the original message that we had planned for! Little did we know there wouldn't be too much of that by summer! We hope we did get the message across however, that the comradely and lasting friendships and rela-



## Resources, Grants, Scholarships

**Hga Scholarship 2020 will resume in 2021. Submit by 10/1/2021**

**New Resources:**      [Naa.org](http://Naa.org), [Alceducation.org](http://Alceducation.org)

[Playtherapycenterhi.com](http://Playtherapycenterhi.com), [musicianshawaii.com](http://musicianshawaii.com)

[NetworkforGood.com](http://NetworkforGood.com) , [AretelLabs.com](http://AretelLabs.com)

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Miles Davis,  
jazz trumpeter, bandleader, composer

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## Play Therapy Resource

What is Play Therapy you ask?

It is a form of therapy primarily used for children. This is due to the fact that children may not be able to process their own emotions or articulate problems to parents or other adults. For a child in Play Therapy it allows the Therapist to observe, assess and assist a child to relate unresolved trauma or explore underlying emotions not readily expressed. Each child handles trauma or issues differently, Play Therapy is just one other

way to resolve these unsettled issues.

The Association for Play Therapy offers specialized training programs and advanced credentials for professionals, counselors and school psychologists. Over 71% of children referred to Play Therapy may experience positive change by developing coping skills, alleviate anxiety, build empathy, and respect for others

A local resource includes :  
The Play Therapy & Counseling  
Center of Hawaii, LLC  
www.playtherapycenterhi.com



And Hawaii Association for Play  
Therapy  
www.hawaiiplaytherapy.net

"Creativizers" -- those who can spot and exploit unique possibilities within the ordinary -- have cultivated the ability to connect incongruous dots and can stay open to inspiration at all times, writes Jeff DeGraff. "Creativity requires a growth mindset and a wide array of associated skills that can be learned and applied everywhere, every day, by everyone to make innovation happen," he writes.

Full story: [Smart Brief/Leadership 10/1](#)

## Book Reviews and Recommended Reading list by Deb Aiken



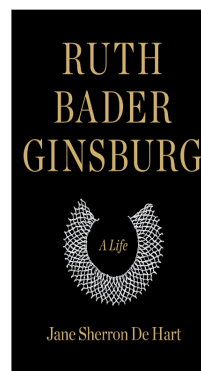
Hga Welcomes Debb Aiken's Literary Book Review Column as she brings a list of recommended readings to this newsletter's Fall edition. Debb is a current Hga Board Member and graduate student. Her insight from an educational perspective provides curricula, methodology and teaching techniques to bring to the classroom. Her selected listings include: **Total Participation Techniques; Making Every Student an Active Learner, 2nd Edition** by Persida and William Himmele, and **Where the Sidewalk Ends** by Shel Silverstein. Is considered a children's book with lots of poems and many drawings. It contains a variety of poems that reach people of all ages

\*\*Read more of her comments at [higifted.info](http://higifted.info) or NEW WEBSITE [higifted.wordpress.com](http://higifted.wordpress.com).!!!



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"The greatest dissents do become court opinions and gradually over time their views become the dominant view. So that's the dissenter's hope: that they are writing not for today, but for tomorrow."  
- ruth bader ginsburg



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Mahalo to Malcolm for creating &  
maintaining our NEW WEBSITE!!!

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The Hawaii gifted association is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit whose mission is to enrich the lives of the gifted and talented learners, educators, parents and communities. Hga was first established in 1976 and found its roots with the MENSA organization. During this period the MENSA group offered direct services and outreach through their membership. Some years later, Hga has evolved into a resource and referral source for the gifted and talented offering consultation, assessment. Workshops and advocacy support.

Hga Scholarships are awarded annually every fall to select individuals who demonstrate and support excellence in their academic interest. We are governed by voluntary members of the Hga Board of Directors which contributes to the mission and purpose of the association. Hga is an Affiliate of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). More information is available online at <http://higifted.info> or email Hga at [higifted@aol.com](mailto:higifted@aol.com)

## ADVOCACY EFFORTS; Keep Knocking on the Door for the GIFTED AND TALENTED

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### Gather and Play; Legislative Update

A prelude to Covid 2020 this year's theme for Hga, we found it so ironic that it coincided with the COVID Pandemic currently effecting the Education System across the Nation. in such a pivotal political year both Local and National . The upcoming NAGC Virtual Convention in mid November will be the meeting grounds for Affiliates to gather online with discussion on current Federal and Local Advocacy efforts. Advocates , Members and Friends are welcome to register for the Virtual Convention online at [NAGC.org](http://NAGC.org) to learn from the best and brightest Leaders across the country who bring their expertise to you online. Hga will be representing the Creativity Network on 11/12/2020, 7:30 pm EST. as well as joining in on NAGC Legislative Network Advocacy Meeting that evening. We plan to bring comments and action steps back to you on Hga website!

States are scrambling daily to alerts on hotspots, third waves, additional activities for unoccupied learning hours, free meal programs, laptop, fee waivers, educators learning platforms, emotional support for those at risk. Our schools are becoming a social service resource all in one! Monies are slowly being meshed together but let's make sure they are being used effectively with the results we want. Criteria to qualify for these "services" should be strategically planned and services disseminated upon need and priority. Should there be a minimum of services allotted per family, student, household with a rotation of services? Comments welcome!






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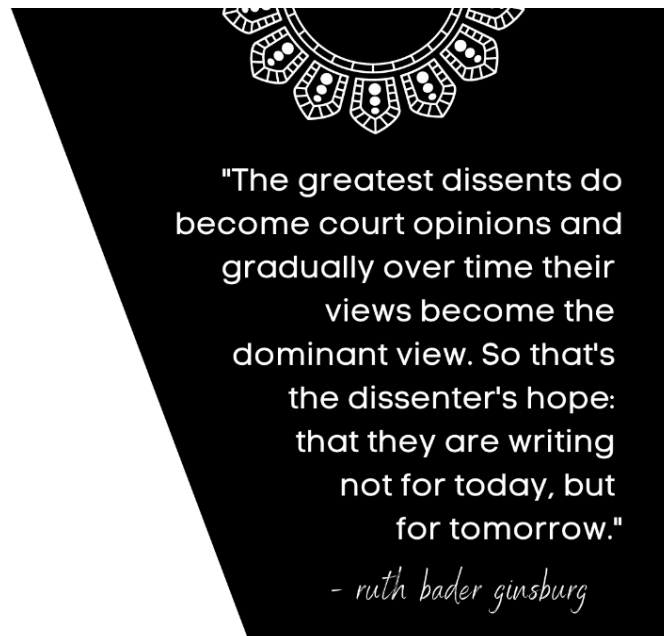
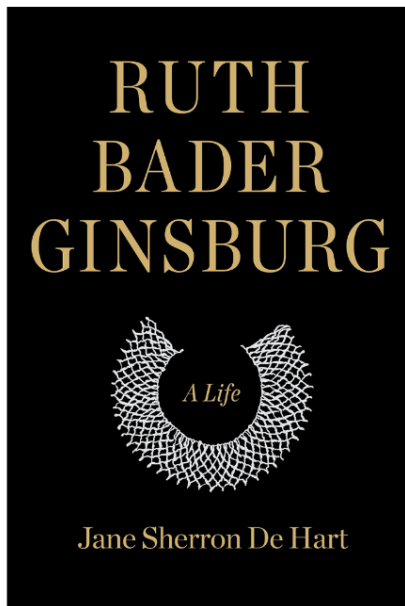


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