

ART NEWS

\$1,000 in Prizes for the *Best of Wet Paint 2005*

- **Opening Reception Saturday, Dec. 10th 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Iris Lorenz-Fife

The *Wet Paint 2005* exhibition will open with a gala reception on Saturday, December 10, with the awarding of \$1,000 in prizes. To make this year's event even more appealing, we will be awarding five separate "best of" awards in different media.

The first juried show open to all media to be held at Gualala Arts – *Wet Paint 2004* – was so successful that it will become an annual event. As last year, the jurors will make their selections from the actual pieces of art, minimizing the time between the jurying and hanging the show. The jurors will also choose five pieces that meet their criteria for excellence of execution and vision. Finally, they will be challenged with the task of presenting a beautiful exhibition in the Gualala Arts' Burnett Gallery.

This week the North Coast Artists Guild signed-up two eminent jurors – Don Bishop and Tamsen Donner – both experienced artists in a variety of artistic media; and both currently showing at the Quercia gallery in Duncan Mills through October 30.

Entries must be delivered to Gualala Arts Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, and artists must return on Friday, December 9, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to retrieve any non-accepted pieces. The exhibition will close on Sunday, January 8, with pickup of unsold art from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 9.

Be sure to join us for the opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th for the awards ceremony and to view the *Best of 2005*.

December in the Foyer

For the holidays, the display of quilts, from the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild will remain in the Arts Center foyer. Many of these beautiful art quilts are still for sale so you have the opportunity of bringing their color and brightness to your own home in this season of gray skies and occasional rains.

To continue the spirit of the season, decorated trees from the Festival of the Trees will also be on display through Christmas.

Christmas is the time that many persons will be entertaining guests from out-of-town, so please think of bringing them to see the lovely Arts Center and its holiday exhibits.



Christmas rain
giving the pine tree
its sparkle

haikujane

Shopping at the Dolphin



A reminder that the Dolphin, Gualala Arts gift shop and gallery, behind the post office in downtown Gualala, is fully stocked with hand-made gifts by local artists and crafts persons. In addition to the regular items available year 'round, in the gallery this month is the Dolphin's Holiday Boutique. This show, open to members and non-members, features gift items not usually available in the shop.

Here is your chance to see the most unusual ideas for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. Many of the gifts have especially low prices (as a smaller than usual percentage goes to support Gualala Arts) so you can make the most of your shopping dollars. In addition you get the good feeling of knowing you are supporting your neighbors and local art scene with your purchases. Have you any idea of how happy you will make someone with the idea that you liked what they made enough to buy it for yourself or for a gift?