

# Gualala Arts' Summer Art Program for Youth



Registration is already in progress and closes June 16 or when full. Call the office at 884-1138 to see if openings are still available. There are still a couple of the \$75 scholarships available for those who qualify. A written application for scholarship can be submitted with the registration.

The dates are **Wednesday through Friday, July 5 through July 7, and Monday through Friday, July 10-14 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** at the Gualala Arts Center. Cost per child is \$125.

All coastal children are invited to participate in this year's program sponsored by Gualala Arts. This program has been extremely popular in its past fifteen years.

Children must be signed in and out every day. Children should arrive at Gualala Arts Center at 9:30 a.m. (9:15 a.m. the first day). They are supervised from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and must be picked up promptly at 12:30 p.m. Each child should bring a snack with his/her name on the container each day.

Pre-School Ages 3, 4, 5 will be given Art and Physical Education taught by Lena Bullamore. This self-contained class, with indoor and outdoor activities, is directed by a fine teacher who is well-known on our coast for her many years of working with young children. In this 3-hour program, children will participate in movement, drama, games, music, and visual art, all in a safe environment that encourages creativity in art and body awareness in movement.

Children in grades 1 – 2 – 3, and grades 4 – 5 – 6 are offered two 1½-hour classes, for a total of three hours each day and choosing among:

**Ceramics** ~ taught by Darshan Hodges. Darshan will help students create marine animals in clay, plates, mugs, mobiles and other creations with slab work on balloons. Students will experience glazing techniques with Darshan's home-created glazes.

**Drama** ~ taught by Anna Dobbins. Students will learn about acting in a safe supportive atmosphere. This year's group will work toward a small production of their own with personal monologs and or stories.

**Creative Arts and Crafts** ~ taught by Gerda Randolph. Students in this class will explore a variety of craft projects including felting, weaving, rock-painting and the making of puppets, beads, sculptures, mazes, picture wheels and thaumatropes. Activities will be designed to encourage the unique creativity of each child.

**Environmental Art** ~ taught by Nicole Ponseler In this class, students will dig-in to fun, hands-on experiences using natural materials and "found objects" from the environment. Appreciation for natural resources while creating from the heart will be our theme. We'll make paper, cast assemblages, mobiles, and kites, while discovering more about nature's gifts.

**Culinary Art** ~ taught by David 'Sus' Susalla & the Culinary Arts Guild. Students will learn the art of basic kitchen health and safety, how to set a table, create a menu, prepare and serve it. For their grand finale, the children will prepare delicacies for their parents and guests to enjoy.

**Drawing and Painting- Practice Techniques of Famous Artists** ~ taught by Barbara Ward-Clark. Each day, become a famous artist and practice a technique that made you famous. Become Michelangelo and paint a "ceiling." Paint a wall mural like Diego Rivera...or paint beautiful close-up detail of a flower like Georgia O'Keefe.

## About The Instructors. . .

**Lena Bullamore** has been involved in teaching young children since 1966. She has teaching experience in public school as well as serving as director of the Point Arena Little School for six years, which provided a creative, dynamically diverse curriculum for 4- and 5-year-olds. Recently she has held "Fairytale Workshops" for kids ages 3 through 7.

**Darshan Hodges** is an award-winning children's ceramic teacher. She has been involved in ceramics for many years, has taught here on the Mendocino Coast for 13 years, including 5 years for the Gualala Arts' Summer Art program.

**Anna Dobbins** has been involved in local theatre since 1983, studied acting with Leslie Lindborg and participated in many acting workshops with other accomplished drama coaches. She has acted in several stage productions, directed several productions of the ARC Light and Talent Show. Coaching and encouraging young performers has been a special delight for many years.

**Gerda Randolph** is an experienced teacher. She enjoys using arts and crafts to support learning and inspire creativity. She is pleased to be involved with Gualala Arts Summer Arts Program again this year.

**David 'Sus' Susalla** has been cooking since the age of 4, when he asked his mother for an easy-bake-oven and she replied, "Oh honey, I'll teach you to use the real thing!" He has been cooking ever since. In the early 1990's he was responsible for weekly cooking programs for 5-12 year olds.

**Nicole Ponseler** is an experienced teacher and Artist. Nicole taught art for the Pacific Coast Community Charter School grades 2 – 12 for the 2004-06 school years. Nicole mentored the Rural Mural Projects for the past 3 years. She has a BFA in Painting and a BA in Art History from Indiana University.

**Barbara Ward-Clark** is interested in combining the elements of abstraction and realism to create unique and unusual pictorial forms. Her studies of Kurt Schwitters, Picasso, Robert Rauschenberg, Mark Rothko, and especially Joseph Cornell has had a profound affect on her work.