

Meet the New Candidates for the Board of Gualala Arts

Gualala Arts had a Board of Directors vacancy in September. On the Nominating Committee's recommendation, the Board voted unanimously to ask Susan Sandoval to join and she did so in November. Two other long-time Board members will "term out" after six years of service in January and the Nominating Committee recommended Betsi Carey and Marty Linker to fill their seats.

Susan Sandoval has degrees in psychology, biology, counseling and law, plus a couple of decades of work experience. She worked as a school psychologist and president of the California Association of School Psychologists and then she started a statewide union for school psychologists and social workers. She worked on why kids didn't fit into California's educational systems and what programs might work for educating them: special ed, gifted and behavior improvement programs. She eventually got her law degree at UC Davis to extend her problem-solving approaches and ability to do legal research – expanding her scope in labor and disability related law. Susan is currently working on a rewrite of Gualala Arts' Human Resources Policy, plus continuing to work on the Gualala Arts Library and at the Dolphin gallery. Her interest in fiber arts results in projects in process on her three looms plus some in basketry. She is on the Point Arena School Board and a Soroptimist.

Betsi Carey's education and work experience centered on sociology and psychology until she became a nurse practitioner and began working in the San Mateo County Jails. She lives on a rotating cycle of nine days here and then five days in San Mateo. Betsi is involved in local disaster preparation, gardening at the posh squash, knitting, sewing, and back-strap weaving. Like Susan Sandoval, her passion is textiles. Both women have studied weaving with Jacquetta Nisbet. Betsi participates in several groups at Gualala Arts: Culinary Arts, Lecture Committee, and the Membership Committee.

Marty Linker grew up in New York, where he became an accountant and lawyer. He worked for the US Treasury Department for several years, then for Ernst & Young concentrating on international tax law, and then performed both attorney and financial management functions for a large financial conglomerate. After semi-retiring in mid-1990, and dabbling in tax consulting and fast food businesses, he moved to upstate New York, and started different roles including Ski Patrol and volunteer medic. This led to larger mountains as he and his wife moved to Vail, Colorado, until skiing injuries and a grandchild being born in Point Arena brought them to our coast. Marty and his wife got involved in Hikes for Health and the Culinary Arts Guild and were amazed how much there was to do here. Marty's wife, Maria, does water color painting and stained glass.

The nominations for Board Officers for 2007 are Jim Grenwelge as President, Michele Marshall as Vice President, Paddy Batchelder as Secretary, and Don Kemp as Treasurer. The February 21 meeting will present financial and membership accounting from 2006, followed by a brief summary of other major program results. Then the nominations for both new Board Members and Officers will be presented and nominations may be made from the floor. The meeting will conclude with the elections: first of new board members, then of officers.

With Gratitude to These Members

Life Members:

Bill & Sylvia Ackermann, Matt Adams, Trudy Armer, Marie Baker, Richard & Marilyn Balch, Paul & Paddy Batchelder, Barbara Boynton, Michael & Annie Brayer, Charlotte Burnett, Betty Clark, Jim Coleman, Alan & Janet Coleman, Phil & Fran Conley, Martin & Betty Covington, Betty Darling, Charles & Margaret DePrima, Don Donaldson, Richard & Marie Duncan, Dr. & Mrs. J. O. Edmunds, Rich & Robin Edwards, Robert L. Elder, Nancy Fairhurst, Margaret Feldstein, Owen & Mary Ann Fiore, Dave & Kathleen Fulenwider, Shelly Gerstein, Vivian Green, Wally Haehl, Patrick & Marcia Haworth, Ronald & Carolyn Herman, Rosemarie Hocker, Frederic & Barbara Ilfeld Jr., Bob Rutemoeller & Mary Sue Ittner, Frank & Susan Jackson, Elaine Jacob, Jim & Donna Yates-Johnson, Jim & Joan Jordan, Donald & Françoise Kemp, Frank & Helen Klembeck, Don & Carrie Krieger, Nick & Barbara Makris, Dennis & Nancy Marks, Don & Pat Mcadam, Steve McLaughlin, Karel Metcalf, Peter B. Mohr, Bryan Morse & Tara Burkhardt, Mike & Joan Mortensson, Bob & Pam Nelson, Betty O'Neil, Richard & Fionna Perkins, Bill Perry & Dorothy Ruef, Ted & Beth Peterson, James Powell,

Warren & Georgia Radford, Bill & Mary Retzer, David Robertson & Margaret Crosby, Jack & Lee Rye, Richard Skidmore, Janann Strand, James & Mary Suhr, Robert & Roberta Sundstrom, David Moessinger & Jeri Taylor, Ruth Thomas, R.C. & Tina Vasavada, Kent Wallace, Barry & Kathryn Weiss, Clay & Laura Yale, Emma Jo York, Dorothy King Young.

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Brennie Brackett, Barbara Carlson, Merit & Kim Herman, Robert & Edith Holmes, Barbara B. Hoover & Laura L. Senteney, Ben & Wilma Klagenberg, Scott & Toni Matthews, David Allen & Sita Milchev, Irena Morgan, Charles Murphy & Kathleen Sandidge.

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Howard & Sue Blair, Tom & Gail Blalock, Derek & Roz Bray, Walt & Nancy Custer, Barbara Dunsmoor, John & Nancy Fox, Len & Sharon Hiles, Alexander & Anne Long, Andrea A. Lunsford, Bill & Mary Ann McKee, Bill Nichols & Sally Kopac, Michael & Connie Russell, Wilfried & Eva Zimmerman.