

INTEREST GROUPS

All group meetings are at Gualala Arts Center unless indicated otherwise.
Check out the GualalaArts.org website for more details.

BASKETMAKERS

Second Thursday, January 11 from 10 - 1 p.m.

Gerda Randolph: 785-2206

Gualala Arts Basketmakers (GAB) began in 2005 with a class in pine needle basket making. Shortly afterwards this group formed to work on projects, get input and help from others, and share new ideas. It is an exciting, eclectic, and energizing group of artists.

BEAD GROUP

Third Saturday, January 20 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Jane Reichhold: 884-1853

Starting a new group for persons interested in beading. Try to come to this first meeting to let us know how this group can meet your beading needs. Be prepared to teach and learn the brick stitch. Materials will be supplied.

GRAF TREKS

Grafs: 785-9213 or graphil@bigplanet.com.

Gualala Arts is sponsoring a two week adventure on April 23 - May 7 to Machu Picchu. Cuzco, and the Galapagos. Phil and Ann Graf – Swisstrek leaders – are escorting this custom tour, limited to 24 people. It highlights Lima, El Valle Sagrado, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Ecuador's capital Quito, followed by 4 nights aboard the yacht *M/YCoral I* to visit the Galapagos Islands. The cost is \$4599 per person, and includes air fare from SFO, domestic airfare in Peru and Ecuador, all hotels (3 and 4 star), transfers, portorage, some meals and sightseeing and entrance fees and the four- night Galapagos cruise. See the insert in this issue of *Sketches* for details.

GUALALA ARTS BOOK CLUB

Tina Vasavada: 785-3681

Morning Session: Wednesday January 3 at 10 a.m. at the home of Peggy Mee in Sea Ranch. Call 785-3008 if you plan to attend.

Afternoon Session: Thursday, January 18 at 1 p.m. at the home of Roz Bray in Sea Ranch. Call 785-2694. January selection is *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. The book selection for February is *The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich.

GUALALA ARTS SINGERS

Call for information. Jan Curl: 785-1098

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUPS

Wildlife: First Sunday at 1 p.m.

Forum: Second Thursday at 7 – 9 p.m.

Barbara Pratt: bp@mcn.org

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Friday, January 19, 12:30 Social time,

1 p.m. Business meeting and lecture

Paula Osborne: 785-3844

Leslie Rego, internationally acclaimed quilt artist, brings her passion for color and cloth to her lecture, "My Love Affair with Guatemala" which explores her intimate connection to that country, its arts, culture, and people. Leslie Rego's quilts have received high honors in America's most prestigious juried quilt festivals.

PLEIN AIRE GROUP

Mondays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bruce Jones: 884-3381

Artists of all skill-levels, who use any media, are invited to meet to paint on location. No fees. Just show up and be prepared to paint. Call to check on exact locations, conditions, and car-pooling.

MENDONOMA WOODWORKERS

Second Thursday, January 11 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Jim Tackett: 785-1024; Dave Windsor: 785-9324

NORTH COAST ARTISTS' GUILD

Thursday, January 25, 5 – 7 p.m.

An Artist-to-Artist mixer will be held following the board meeting. This is an opportunity to get an informal evaluation, or helpful comments, from other artists on one or two pieces of your work. Check the NCAG website at www.northcoastartistsguild.com for more information.

WOODCARVERS

are now organizing a group that will meet on Thursday afternoons from 2 – 4 p.m. on the weeks there is no woodworkers meeting – 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 2 – 4 p.m. on a drop-in basis. Call Jim or Dave for more information.

READER'S THEATER

Tuesday, January 2 at 7 p.m.

We will be reading "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. This gentle comedy set in 1950 is about a woman who wants to give away the fortune left to her by her late husband to ordinary people so they can realize their hopes and dreams. She is placed in a sanatorium by her greedy adult step-children who hope to bring her to her senses. In the home she meets an eccentric group of social misfits who find it difficult to adjust to life in the real world, but who become her friends and help her lead her step-children on a merry chase to find the money. For more information please contact Mary Sue Ittner at 884-4824.