

EDITORIAL

Spring is in the air!

How can I tell? Besides the soft, fresh new light green growth on the redwoods, rhododendrons blossoming, wildflowers blooming, and seal pups being born, we have just completed the first festival of the year – the Whale & Jazz Festival! In fact this was the 5th Whale & Jazz Festival to welcome us into the spring. Traditionally it is held on the first weekend in April. Many people commented that this was the best Whale & Jazz Festival to date!

I personally would have to agree! We had four days of fantastic music, art, food, and whales! Many thanks to each and every one who helped make this first festival of 2007 for Gualala Arts such a HUGE success!

We have a great season of art festivals coming up. We are going to try some new things and repeat some of your favorites so look out for: **Summer Saturday Art Festivals** – Saturdays, May 26, July 7, October 6, **Summer Chamber Music Weekend** – July 7-8, **Art in the Redwoods** – August 16-19, **Studio Discovery Tour** – September 1-3, & 8-9, and **Festival of Trees** – Friday & Saturday, November 23 & 24. You can check out our website, GualalaArts.org to get all the details of these exciting upcoming events to see how you can participate!

Many volunteers, local business, sponsors, patrons, and a dedicated hard-working staff come together to make these festivals happen. The truth of the adage, “the power is working collectively rather than individually” is never more apparent to me than it is during these festivals. The sum is definitely greater than the parts. I have never experienced a more powerful spirit than volunteerism. It is a rare win-win situation!

If you would like to get involved this year, please call the office 884-1138, email info@GualalaArts.org, or stop by the office and sign up!

Looking forward to having fun with you this f-e-s-t-i-v-a-l season!

David “Sus” Susalla
Executive Director



Kashia Reservation School Children enjoyed several days of working in clay with Jan Maria Chiappa at the Gualala Arts Clay Studio. Ten students with teachers and parents came down from Annapolis to take a hands-on, and getting muddy, workshop.

One day three boys, on their return from the restroom, peeked into the Burnett Gallery. From the office Sharon Nickodem heard one hushed voice saying, “Oh look! A whole roomful of art!” She took the opportunity to show them around with a mini-introduction to art. Jan Maria will also be teaching in the Summer Art Program for Youth in July.

Fan Mail

My wife and I had a great time visiting Gualala last week, her playing piano in the Whale & Jazz Festival and me taking pictures. I have posted pictures of the concert on the internet and they can be seen at <http://ergohand.com/galleries/gualala>. I hope you enjoy them. Thanks again for the hospitality.

Stuart Nafey

Learn to use the Gualala Arts Library by attending their open house, upstairs in the Mohr Mezzanine, on June 9 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Behind the Gualala Hotel in downtown Gualala

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

summer saturday



festivals



May 26 ❖ July 7 ❖ October 6

Deadline for information in *Sketches* on events in July is Thursday, May 31.

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