

CALL TO ARTISTS

Get all the details and entry forms online at GualalaArts.org or at the Gualala Arts office.

☞ Registration deadline – January 25 ☞

Gualala Arts Interest Groups Exhibit

Gualala Arts is having a free art exhibit from members of their Interest Groups in the Burnett Gallery with an opening on February 9, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. through March 2. The Interest Groups of Gualala Arts play a unique role in the community by providing the opportunity for people with similar interests to get together to enjoy and support the arts.

☞ Registration deadline – February 22 ☞

PPQG Quilt Challenge

The theme for this year's Quilt Challenge is "I found it in the library." Entries, from Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild members only, will be on display from March 8 to April 6, in the Burnett Gallery. Registration entry forms, including entry rules, are now available at the art center or online at www.GualalaArts.org. Send your entry form(s) with correct fees, payable to Gualala Arts, postmarked no later than Friday, February 22 to Gualala Arts, P.O. Box 244, Gualala, Ca. 95445.

As a secondary challenge, eight quilts from the PPQG Show will be submitted, as a group, to the American Quilters Society Ultimate Guild Challenge. To be considered for this part of the challenge, quilts must be between 30 and 60 inches wide and 30 and 60 inches long, original in design, clearly represent the theme, and have been completed since May 1, 2005. The eight quilts will be selected by a vote of the PPQG members, photos submitted to AQS, and, if accepted, these PPQG quilts will be displayed at the AQS Quilt Expo in Nashville, Tennessee in August 2008.

☞ Registration deadline – February 29 ☞

A Garden for Poetry Exhibit

Artists and poet-artists are invited to participate in an exhibit of art and poetry to be held in the Elaine Jacob Foyer from March 8 to April 6. Each artist may submit up to two framed pieces for the walls for this non-juried show. Send a completed registration form with \$5 for each work by February 29 to Poetry Exhibit 2008, Gualala Arts, P.O. Box 244, Gualala, CA 95445. Bring the pictures, ready to hang, to the Gualala Arts Center on Wednesday, March 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The opening reception is on Saturday, March 8 from 5 – 7 p.m. Pickup of unsold works is Monday, April 7 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

☞ Submission deadline – May 1 ☞

Creative Writing Poetry Contest 2008

This contest is open to all full- or part-time coastal residents from Elk to Timber Cove who have not previously had their poetry published in a book or national periodical. Local and school publications are exempt. Each contestant may enter up to three poems of no more than 100 lines each. Submission deadline is May 1, 2008. Entry forms available at the office of Gualala Arts Center, Dolphin Gallery in Gualala, and at the Coast Community Library in Point Arena, or online at www.GualalaArts.org. Winners will be invited to read their poems at the Awards Ceremony on

Wednesday June 4, 7 p.m. at Gualala Arts. Prizes in both Adult and Youth (13 – 17 years) Divisions: FIRST PRIZE – \$250 and publication in *The Redwood Coast Review*, SECOND PRIZE – \$150, THIRD PRIZE – \$100.

☞ Application deadline – April 30 ☞

Art in the Redwoods Vendor Booths

During this 47th annual three-day festival, held August 15 – 17, artists and crafts persons are invited to sell their unique handmade items. For the event 10 x 10 ft. tents and booths are set up outdoors under the redwoods. Gualala Arts commission is 10% of gross sales. Applications and further details will be available in February. The deadline for application is April 30. Approximately fifty vendors will be accepted. Set-up is on Friday August 15 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. when the gates will be open to visitors for a preview until 6 p.m. Gates are open on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Art in the Redwoods Fine Art Exhibit

Applications for this annual exhibit that is scheduled to open August 15 will be available in February. Look for them in a future issue of *Sketches*, at the office window or on the web. Categories for works in this show are oil & acrylics; water media; prints & graphics; sculpture; monochromatic photography; color photography; digital art; pastels & drawings; woodworking; glass; jewelry & ornamentation; clay & mosaic; fiber, textiles & soft sculpture; quilts; collage; and mixed media & 2-d assemblage. There is a limit of only 420 pieces so plan to get your registration in as early as possible.

Summer Saturday Art Fests

On the Saturdays of the two holiday weekends, May 24, and July 5, artists are invited to participate in an outdoor art fair in downtown Gualala, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a mixture of available spaces as well as defined places for 10 x 10 ft booths or tents. No electricity is available or allowed. Applications and details will be available in February. There is no final date for registrations, but acceptance will be decided, and notification made, as the forms are received. When a category is filled, no more vendors will be accepted with those items.

Open your Studio to Visitors

The Studio Discovery Tour dates for 2008 are again the Labor Day weekend – August 30, 31, September 1 – and the following weekend – September 6 and 7. As was the case in 2007, being open on Labor Day Monday – September 1 – is optional. The Tour will be managed by Gualala Arts. The application and fee of \$175 must be received by **January 15** to get this low rate. After that date, the application fee becomes \$250 until the final deadline of February 15.