

Panama 2008
with Bill Perry and Dorothy Ruef
Monday, October 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Gualala Arts Center

On Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. the Gualala Arts lecture series offers a slide presentation with live commentary entitled "Panama 2008." It features 160 new images taken this year by Bill Perry and Dorothy Ruef, long-time coast residents who led Swiss Treks for Gualala Arts in the 1990s.

They will share scenes from their recent month-long visit on foot, by boat, and by bus. "Panama 2008" includes images of the Panama Canal, the capitol city, the indigenous people, the tropical jungles, the palm-lined beaches, the wild life and much more,

Once a gateway to California for the forty-niners and later a strategic territory carved out of Columbia, Panama is today a booming and independent democracy unfettered by colonial status or oppressive dictatorships. However, there still remains a taste of international intrigue and corruption fed by cash infusions from Colombian drug lords, ex-pat Americans seeking a tax haven, and fat cat South American refugees.

This evening promises to be entertaining and informative with some candid commentary and a lively question and answer session. Tickets are not required, but a \$5 donation will be accepted at the door

