

Starting January 4, 2009

The Art Connection is designed to encourage all artist's in a supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Facilitator, Barbara Clark has been gathering with friends once a week to create art. She believes that artist's benefit from working together and learning from each other. All artists are welcome, no matter what your medium. Each individual is responsible for bringing their own supplies.

The group is free to all members of the Gualala Art Center and a nominal \$5.00 per week will be charged to those who are not members. For \$30, you can become a Gualala Art's member for an entire year. The Art Connection meets in the upstairs conference room of the Gualala Arts Center every Sunday, beginning January 4th, from 12pm until 4pm.

For more information, please contact Barbara Clark at (707) 884-1798 or bewitches13@aol.com. .

Letters from the Library

Have you visited our library recently? We now have a comfortable easy chair and ottoman for you relax in while you preview a few books to read. To make our little reading corner even more comfortable, we are looking for donations of a standing lamp and a small side table. If you have either of these items, please contact the Gualala Arts office or Sharon Nickodem, at 707-885-9611.

Thankful!

My wife Harmony and I have a tradition of bringing in the New Year by creating a list of things for which we are thankful. We started this process in 1999 by creating a list of 2000 things we are thankful for with friends and family at our home in El Sobrante. We now share this tradition with our community and new family here on the coast, which has grown into several days, emails, hikes, dinners and conversations to generate the list.

At a time when many arts organizations are down 25 - 75% in sales, membership, donations and attendance we have managed to stay very close to our budget in 2008. With a strong finish in our year-end donations campaign we may even meet or beat our current budget! We are examining our current operations and our budget for next year to ensure that we are managing our resources as efficiently and effectively as possible. We are maintaining our core commitment to providing the highest quality and most diverse arts experiences here on the coast but still managed to tighten our belt for the 2009 budget.

We need every single one of your good thoughts, donations, volunteer hours, artwork, membership renewal, ticket purchases, art sales, and attendance. YOU make a difference to Gualala Arts and keeping the arts alive in our community!

I am thankful and grateful for all the support our members, artists, volunteers, patrons, sponsors, Board of Directors, and staff gives to me and the spirit of Gualala Arts! We could not do what we do without you!!!

I think I could fill my own list of things to be thankful for here at Gualala Arts by listing each and everyone of you!

Thanks for a fantastic 2008 and hope for an equally impressive year ahead in 2009.

David Sus Susalla
Executive Director

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