

Short Story Contest Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

7:00 p.m.

at the Gualala Arts Center

Gualala Arts, The Sea Ranch Foundation and the Gualala Rotary Club sponsor a short story writing contest that is open to any full-time or part-time resident living between Elk and Timber Cove who has not published in a book or national periodical. Local or school publications are exempt.

Writers in either the Adult or Youth (13-17 years) category may submit up to three short stories of no more than 1,200 words each. To insure impartiality judges will not know the authorship. Deadline for all submissions and information on manuscript preparation can be found in the entry form or at the Gualala Arts office.

Winning entries will be read and prizes distributed at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Gualala Arts Center. The two first place winners will receive \$250 and have their stories published in the Redwood Coast Review, an award-winning quarterly supplement in the Independent Coast Observer that is sponsored by the Coast Community Library. Second prize is \$150 and third prize is \$100 for each category.

Chester Case was the 2006 winner with a story entitled "The Topic." The Youth Category 2006 winner was Nicholas Radkey who wrote "13 But Not Teen." Frank Healy's story "Old Man Wheeler" won the first contest held in 2003, which did not have a youth category. Other winners in past years include Katherine Cox, Natalie Cox, Brady Klopfer, David Robertson and Jo Rouse. The short story contest alternates in a three-year cycle with poetry and non-fiction contests sponsored by the same organizations.

Matrix of Change and Gualala Arts present:

Earth Day Mendonoma

Saturday, April 25, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

at the Gualala Arts Center

Saturday, April 25 will be a day of celebration - of our own coastal strip of Earth!

Matrix of Change and Gualala Arts are co-sponsoring this Earth Day Mendonoma from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Gualala Arts Center. Admission is \$5 for each adult, \$5 more the day of the event; youth 12 and under free.

The theme for 2009 is "Our Coastal Earth: An Update," which will draw presenters from inside and outside our community.

See what the future holds for us environmentally, including what's new in automobile technology, energy technology, land conservancy, food production and the spirit of sustainability right here at home. Participate by adding your own ideas and views, extending the dialogue about what we can do to secure an environmentally sound future here on the coast.

Families are encouraged with storybook reading and a free puppet show for children. Lunch will be available for purchase. Mexican food will be served along with Jim Grenwelge's famous soup, salad and organic French bread.

There will be a cooking demonstration by chefs Ariel Ross and Elizabeth Schmidt whose new cookbook, "The Abundant Table," includes their favorite recipes from twenty years of guest food preparation at The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg.

There are many more exciting speakers and booths being planned, so check back often for updates. Join with your community at this year's Earth Day! Participate and learn!