

## A summer to remember and something for everyone!

Gualala Arts is greeting this summer with a wide range of new programs along with some of our time-honored favorites.

When many arts organizations are scaling back and making cuts Gualala Arts is putting the peddle to the metal and gearing up for a great summer of “promoting public interest and participation in the arts,” something we have had the honor of doing since 1961.

It is a personal mission of mine to make everyone feel welcome and represented at our wonderful Arts Center. We are casting our nets as wide as possible and have created a summer of programs that will span a wide spectrum of arts.

We are in full swing planning of some the annual events you have grown to count on such the 48th annual Art in the Redwoods Festival, Summer Arts Camp for Youth, Chamber Music Weekend, Art Center Theater summer production, Studio Discover Tour, and Mendonoma Idol.

In addition to these favorites we have cooked up a few new ideas to cast the seeds of arts as wide as possible! In July taiko drummers and shakuhachi flutes will echo the redwood canopy in the JAMI Amphitheater. Rolling sculptures will roar onto the grounds - including a 1969 dragster that when fired up will create music like no other instrument played on the coast! By far the most ambitious new event for the summer is in August, the Art in the Redwoods Headline Concert on Saturday evening. We shot for the stars and are graced by having KRONOS Quartet visit the coast after a world tour to perform not once but twice for us!

In the spirit of attracting new audience and new art forms, we decided to celebrate the summer solstice by hosting the 10-year anniversary of Surfing for Life. The Coleman Auditorium was transformed into a surfer’s paradise adorning surfing art including paintings, prints, decks, boards, live music, Hawaiian shirts, and puupuus (appetizers)! We were honored to have Roy Earnest, film producer, in attendance. The evening couldn’t have happened without the hard work of the Anchor Bay Kahunas! We were super stoked to have talented and generous Trink’s Café Chefs Ross & Dionely preparing all the scrumptious puupuus, and to put the cherry on the upside down pineapple cake, they donated all their time and ingredients!!! WOW! What a way to kick off the summer!

The success of Gualala Arts would not be possible without the hard work and generosity of our community, members, patrons, staff, artists, business partners and volunteers! I am a firm believer that it is not the time to pull back but to think creatively and expand our arts and audiences. We are looking forward to a fantastic summer in the arts!

David Sus Susalla  
Executive Director



The front entrance of Gualala Arts is under construction pouring the foundation for the DePrima Terrace. This new terrace is in honor of Charles and Margaret DePrima, long time supporters and Patrons of Gualala Arts.