



DECEMBER 2009 SKETCHES

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OLIVER!



FESTIVAL OF TREES



Gualala Arts' Sixth Annual Festival of Trees will be held Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and November 28 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.), kicking off the Holiday Season on the Mendonoma Coast.

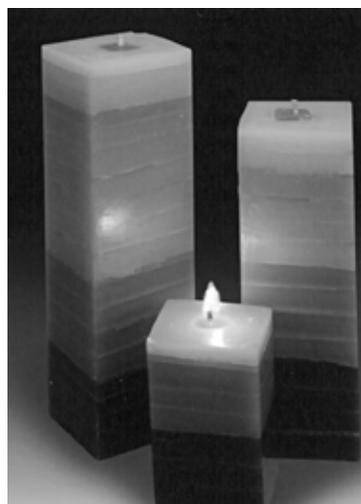
The entire Arts Center will be transformed into mid-19th Century Gualala.



Joan Rhine

the Burnett Gallery with a wonderful display of crafts handmade by our own Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild, Fiber Arts Group, Woodcarvers and Woodworkers groups, Basket Makers and Beads n' Beyond.

In the Coleman Auditorium visitors will discover several artists offering their beautiful crafts, including Joan Rhine Designs jewelry, Jennie



Barbara Tocher

Highlights include festively decorated booths displaying handcrafted wares and demonstrations in both the Coleman Auditorium and the Burnett Gallery. The Gualala Arts Interest Groups will again fill

Henderson's Fancy Fibers, Jan Maria Chiappa's Which Craft Workshop pottery, Shirley Egerlund of Caz Gal Soaps, Bill and Sue Halderman's Birdhouses, Patrick Alessandri's regimental Colors toys, Barbara Tocher's candles, and Walt Rush Studio's jewelry.



Rush Studio

Upstairs, The Magical Gingerbread House offers activities and crafts for children. And, throughout the Festival, visitors will enjoy live musical entertainment, fanciful decorated holiday trees and décor, as well as daily visits from Santa Claus, along with other surprises.



Mama Bird

Holiday cookies, breads, puddings, fruitcake and an assortment of confections will be available for sale at Mrs. Claus' Bake Shoppe & Confectionery. Local bakers and candy makers donate goods from their favorite holiday recipes (many handed down through the generations) to this appetizing shop.



SHOP LOCALLY!

In addition, Festival-goers will be greeted in the foyer by the Old Gualala Mill Cookhouse serving hearty homemade vegetarian chili with hot cornbread, award-winning clam chowder with real sourdough, as well as fresh coffee, hot chocolate, chilled apple juice, and hot-spiced apple cider.



UNIQUE GIFTS!



Joan Rhine

The Gualala Arts foyer will be transformed with Environmental Fantasies magic! Welcome back David Wayne Floyd and Jim Yeager! We have missed you both.

Many thanks to our Festival Sponsor!

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Jan Maria Chiappa

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ARTIST'S COLLECTIVE IN ELK

Exhibit December 4 through January 3, 2010

Artists' Reception:

Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Burnett Gallery

Cloud
Craig Hathaway
James Dahl
Jaye Alison
Jim Ellison
Keith Middlesworth

Jim Vickery
Julia Terr
Bruce Jones
Kathy Edelbrock
Rabbani Kenyon
Sharon Garner
Shirley Washburn

Sophia Sutherland
Tami Cookson



Gualala Arts will host an exhibit featuring artists from the Artist's Collective in Elk from Friday, December 4 through January 3, 2010, with an artists' reception on Saturday, December 12, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Collective is a group of 18 artists spanning from Ft. Bragg to the north, Sea Ranch to the south and Cloverdale to the east, all gathered together in the sweet town of Elk, California. They offer a vast variety of original fine art, which includes photography, paintings, drawings, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, redwood furniture and textiles.

Their mission is to provide original art at affordable prices, so they charge their artists no commission fees. This benefits both the artist and the client.

The Artist's Collective is run by Craig Hathaway and Lu Vickery. Craig has lived in Elk for quite some time makes beautiful redwood furniture. Lu Vickery makes pine-needle baskets.

Lu Vickery believes, "We believe that we have just a little bit of heaven in our gallery."



HOLIDAY HOURS GUALALA ARTS CENTER GALLERY AND OFFICE

Wednesday, December 23 - Sunday, January 10
Gualala Arts Center is open to the public
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Closed December 25 and January 1st.

NEW YEARS EVE Rhythm and Blues Extravaganza at The Gualala Arts Center

\$45 Tickets (available soon)
Includes Roadhouse Finger food Buffet & Sushi Bar,
Champagne Toast and party favors plus Surprises!
No Host Bar

Jackie Payne, Rhythm and Blues



DOLPHIN GALLERY HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, November 24
through December 28, 2009

Open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily,
except November 26 & December 25



Fall and winter are exciting times on the north coast! As if the whale migration and our spectacular sunsets were not exciting enough, the Dolphin Gallery Holiday Boutique opens just before Thanksgiving!

The Boutique just keeps getting better each year and this year promises to continue that tradition as we welcome a wide variety of wonderful handcrafted pieces such as jewelry, home décor, seasonal baubles, knitted or stitched accessories, small art works, and numerous other items.

The Dolphin Boutique is a unique place to bring your gift list (or your wish list!) and spend some time shopping and chatting with the friends and neighbors you will probably find there. Since other items are frequently brought in to replace those that have sold, you may want to drop in on a regular basis to make sure you don't miss that "perfect" gift!

The Dolphin Gallery Holiday Boutique will be

ready for shoppers on Tuesday of Thanksgiving Week, that's November 24, and will continue up to December 28. We will be closed on November 26 and December 25 so that our all-volunteer staff may enjoy these

special days with their families. Hours on all other days are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

We hope to see you this holiday season!

DOLPHIN GALLERY
39225 Highway One in Gualala, CA
(behind the post office on the south side)
Call (707) 884-3896 for more information.

THE 2009 MENDOCINO COUNTY ART CHAMPION AWARDS

HELEN KLEMBECK

IN THE CATEGORY OF INDIVIDUAL PATRON

We are proud to have one of our own, Helen Klembeck, recognized by The Arts Council of Mendocino County as the Individual Champion for the Arts 2009. Helen's tireless work as both a volunteer and employee of Gualala Arts, Inc. has benefitted both our local arts community and the community at large. In 1999, Helen began as a volunteer at the Dolphin Gallery and has served as

manager of the Dolphin Gallery and Gift Shop since 2001. She also has served on the board of directors for Gualala Arts since 2006. Helen's efforts have generously supported gallery members and gallery artists, which prompted her to be chosen as the Gualala Arts Volunteer of the Year in 2008.

Thank you Helen!

Kudos to you for well earned recognition.



THE ERNEST BLOCH BELL RINGERS
PRESENT

A HOLIDAY CONCERT FOR THE COAST!

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
VOCALISTS SITA MILCHEV AND THE ALLEN SISTERS,
PIANIST GLORIA WOOD AND KARL YOUNG ON SHAKUHACHI

Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
Gualala Arts Center

Tickets are \$10 in advance,
\$5 more on the day of the performance.
Children 12 and under are free.

Local Eyes will present "A Holiday Concert for the Coast" featuring the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers on Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m.

This year the Melodic Bells will be joined by internationally acclaimed vocalist Sita Milchev, along with her granddaughters, the Allen Sisters.

As usual, there will be a sing-along as part of the program. Audience members are invited to bring their Messiah songbooks and sing with the bells on the Hallelujah Chorus.

A brief history of the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers

Our Mendonoma Coast had been without bells for a time when Sita Milchev's mother, artist, Lucienne Bloch Dimitroff, suggested to Sita that the family purchase a set of English Hand Bells using funds from the estate of Sita's grandfather, the composer, Ernest Bloch. Sita and her family, along with other early enthusiasts, kept the bells ringing for many years, to the delight of coast residents.

In its current incarnation, the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers began playing in 1998, starting out with just four ringers - Sita, Jeanne Jackson, Gloria Brown and Bea Acosta. The group quickly grew and the bells once again rang out on the coast, including the '98 Pt. Arena 4th of July parade where the group won the Grand Prize.

Since then, the bell ringers have performed regularly at Art in the Redwoods, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, and at various concerts and functions. Each year the bell ringers have performed to benefit various community groups. Meeting every Monday at the home of Richard and Jeanne Jackson, this group

delights in playing a wide range of music.

Our local bell ringers ring 4½ octaves of beautiful English Hand Bells and this concert is not to be missed. For more information, contact Jeanne Jackson at jackson2@mcn.org.

WORKSHOP PLANNING

The workshop committee is planning future workshops and would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

1. Would you be interested in a beginning oil painting workshop with materials included in the cost?
2. Are you interested in any other specific workshops?

Please contact Gerda Randolph at 785-2206

BAKERS NEEDED!

Cook up coffee cake, muffins, or cookies (in our kitchen or yours on Mondays) to treat our Tuesday morning volunteer maintenance crew on their coffee/tea break. This crew does hard labor and needs sustenance to work throughout the morning. Depending on how many bakers we have, your turn may only be once every one or two months. Dig out your recipes! Fill the air with sweet aromas and make our volunteer crew very happy. Contact Karen at the Gualala Arts Center at 707-884-1138 or Karen@GualalaArts.org.



"OLIVER!" BY LIONEL BART

Gualala Arts Center Coleman Auditorium
Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 youth (12 & under) in advance;
\$5 more day of performance.



Art Center Theater is proud to announce the cast of its winter musical production - Lionel Bart's OLIVER! Based on the classic Charles Dickens novel Oliver Twist, this show takes the stage for eight performances in December - just in time for the Holidays.

Directed by Lynne Atkins, with musical direction by Don Krieger, OLIVER! follows young Oliver Twist (Gavin Malik) from the toils of a workhouse through the tough streets of London, and finally to the safe arms of long lost family. Along the way, he meets a host of exciting, dancing and singing characters!

Phil Atkins is the choral director. Lucinda Weaver will choreograph.. Kathye Hitt and Karen Simon-Peterson are designing the sets and costumes, respectively. Linda Warnock will assistant direct. Donna Yates-Johnson is production coordinator, with Carrie Krieger as stage manager. With such a terrific cast and crew, this is a "Must See" Holiday Event! So buy your tickets now! This production is sure to sell out early!

Thu, December 10, 7:00 p.m.
Fri, December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Sun, December 13, 2:00 p.m.

Thu, December 17, 7:00 p.m.
Fri, December 18, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, December 19, 7:00 p.m.
Sun, December 20, 2:00 p.m.

Oliver! cast in alphabetical order



Remi Alexander
Markus Allard
Phil Atkins
Shayla Buechner
Phil Graf
Olivia Harrison
Dard Hunter
Jasper Hillier
Ann Green
Spencer Langwell
Laura Leigh
Claire McPhee
Shawn McPhee
Claire McPherson
Ethan Pack
Henry Power
Paula Power
Paullina Power
Denise Otterson
Jim Riley
David Skibbins
Marla Skibbins
Mike Turner
Tina Vasavada
Sabina Walla

Charlotte Sowerberry & Ensemble
John, book delivery boy & Ensemble
Fagin
Bitsy & Ensemble
Mr. Bumble & Ensemble
Bet & Ensemble
Dr. Grimwig & Ensemble
Dodger & Ensemble
Old Annie & Ensemble
Noah Claypole & Ensemble
Widow Corney & Ensemble
Jane & Ensemble
Dottie & Ensemble
Old Sally
Danny & Ensemble
Charlie Bates & Ensemble
Ensemble
Kitty & Ensemble
Ensemble
Mr. Brownlow & Ensemble
Bill Sykes
Nancy
Mr. Sowerberry & Ensemble
Mrs. Bedwin & Ensemble
Mrs. Sowerberry & Ensemble



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.
AT THE GUALALA ARTS CENTER

Following the form in which it has been offered each year since 1919 at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented again in the Gualala Arts Center auditorium this Christmas Eve. Local coast musicians will join together to provide special solos, ensemble selections as well as accompaniment for congregational singing of the carols. Vocal soloist Sita Milchev and pianist Don Krieger on the synthesizer / keyboard provide key musical leadership and direction for the evening service.

Past participating clergy and lay readers have represented several of the coast faith communities: Mary Star of the Sea and St. Aloysius Catholic Churches of Gualala and Point Arena; Light of the Coast - Science of Mind Center, Gualala; St. Paul's Community United Methodist Church, Point Arena; Starcross Community, Annapolis; Shepherd of the Sea Episcopal - Lutheran Mission, Gualala. In addition, several of our coast community children and youth lend their gifts of leadership to this well-loved tradition and celebration.

The seating at the Gualala Arts Center is limited and traditionally fills up to standing room only. You are encouraged to plan ahead, arrive early and bring

a flashlight for your safe walking to and from parking areas around the Arts Center.

Rev. Tina Ballagh and Sita Milchev are this year's coordinators of the event. Call for additional information, 882-2074 or 884-3384.

GUALALA ARTS AWARDED GRANT DOLLARS

The California Arts Council/Department of Justice awarded a grant to Gualala Arts to cover the costs of our musical artists, the Mariachi Los Coporales de Santa Rosa and the Action Network Folkloric dancers, for the Day of the Dead Festivals in 2009 and 2010. Also, Gualala Arts received a grant from our local Westamerica Bank to help defer additional operational costs for the Day of the Dead event.

Thanks to Angela Marquez, owner of Variedades in Gualala, who coordinated the event as well as prepared authentic Mexican dishes with ingredients supplied by Surf Supermarket and Gualala Supermarket.

We thank the California Arts Council and Westamerica Bank for investing in Gualala Arts so that we can host this exciting musical and cultural event for our community.

These grants represent another avenue of fund-raising that Gualala Arts is pursuing through our Grant Writing Committee. We want to thank David Susalla, Sharon Nickodem, Paula Power and Christina Hoffman (who helped with Westamerica grant) for researching and writing the above grants.

If you are interested in helping Gualala Arts pursue additional grant funding, please contact the Grant Writing Committee chairman, David Bower, at dbower16@aol.com or 707-785-9725.



GRANT WRITING

Gualala Arts has recently formed a committee to focus on matching grant opportunities to the needs of Gualala Arts. We are looking for some additional members for this committee. If you have **experience researching or writing grants**, and have a desire to help Gualala Arts find grant money for needed projects, please contact David Bower, the chair of this committee (dbower16@aol.com 707-785-9725) or Sharon Nickodem, the co-chair (sharonnickodem@aol.com 707-884-9611).

Local
eyes

COASTAL SINGERS WINTER CONCERT

Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Gualala Arts Center



Gualala Arts will host the Coastal Singers for their Winter Concert on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. They will perform music set to traditional melodies and texts from around the globe. Selections will range from Eastern Europe to music set to Japanese and Chinese poetry.

There will also be a traditional carol sing immediately following their Winter Concert, complete with yuletide punch. Tickets are \$15 advance, \$5 more day of event; youth 7-17 free.

The Coastal Singers are a community based choral

group with membership extending from Sea Ranch to Elk. They provide an opportunity for members of the community to enjoy singing of a variety of genres culminating in two yearly concerts, one in December, the other in May. The group does not limit itself to any particular repertoire. Since its beginning in 2007, the group has performed music from the classical, jazz, Appalachian, Renaissance and Broadway traditions.

Additional performances will be at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Point Arena. For additional information please call 707-884-3722 or 707-884-9193.



At The Sea Ranch Lodge Front Gallery:

BEATRICE ACOSTA & JAN FOGEL

Monday November 20, 2009 to January 11, 2020
Sponsored in association with Gualala Arts.

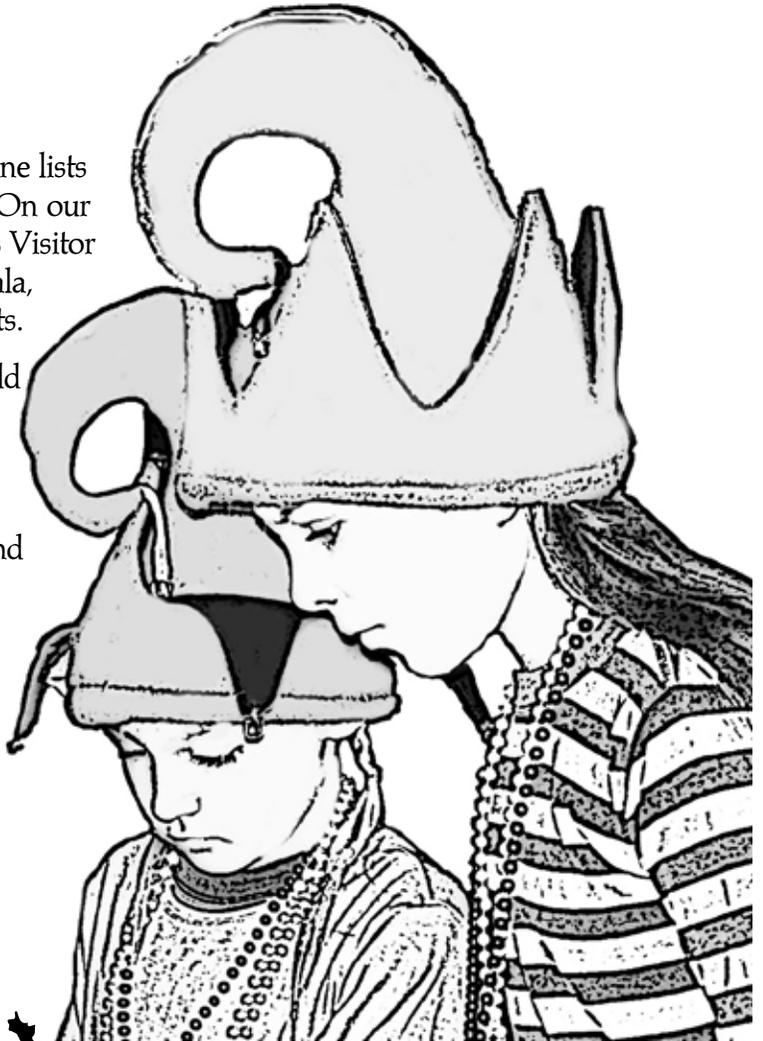
HAVING GUESTS?

CHECK OUT GUALALA ARTS VISITOR INFO

If you are having out of town guests, there are online lists that might make planning their visit a little easier. On our website, **GualalaArts.org**, on the left menu is Visitor Info. This webpage lists Lodging, Food near Gualala, Beaches & Parks, Art Galleries and Info on the Arts.

We try our best to keep this page current, but would appreciate notice to the Gualala Arts office if you spot needed updates.

The Info on the Arts will take you to information not only about our local area, but will cover arts and more areas of interest in Mendocino and Sonoma County plus the Arts Council of California site covers art events in all of California.



UPCOMING DEADLINES:



- January's Sketches Articles due Saturday, December 30, 2009.
- 2011 Exhibit Proposals due March 31, 2010

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Interest Groups

Groups meet at Gualala Arts Center unless indicated.
Details are on the website GualalaArts.org/Groups or contact the people listed.



Basket Makers

2nd Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Gerda Randolph, 785-2206

Beads n' Beyond

3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Suzanne Hansen, 785-9302

Chamber Music Series Committee

1st Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Joan Jordan, 785-2549

Coastal Singers

Mon 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Thu 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Steve McLaughlin, 884-3722

Culinary Arts Guild

Ben Klagenberg, 785-3530

Dinner At Six Fundraiser for Gualala Arts Kitchen

Ben Klagenberg, 785-3530

Fiber Arts Group

1st Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - noon Jennie Henderson, 882-2270

Gualala Arts Book Club

Wednesday, December 9, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Gualala Arts Center. Bring an unwrapped children's book for Project Santa. RSVP Zdena Price, 785-2726.
** Current Book: *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry

Gualala Arts Library in the

Mohr Mezzanine Sharon Nickodem, 884-9611

Kitchen Cabinet

Manages the Gualala Arts Center kitchen; group needs volunteers. Wilma Klagenberg, 785-3530

Life Drawing

Wednesdays, **New time: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm.** Upstairs at GAC. Model's fee shared by attendees

(usually \$8 to \$10). Models needed. \$20 Hour. Mike Mee at 785-3008

North Coast Artists' Guild

(NCAG) Walt Rush, 882-2441
info@northcoastartistsguild.com

North Coast Photographers Group

(NCPG) Wildlife photography: *1st Sundays, 1:00 p.m. Craig Tooley, theruffians1@mac.com

Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild

3rd Friday monthly at 12:30 p.m. Jan Carter 785-1966

Poetry and Short Prose

Meets monthly Frank Healy, 884-3728

Readers Theater

Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00 p.m., at the GAC. Instead of a play, we will have individual readings by members and a pot luck. New members and visitors are always welcome. Sandra Brewer at 785-9333.

Woodworkers & Woodcarvers

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Woodworkers contact Jim Tackett, 785-1024 Woodcarvers contact Dave Windsor, 785-9324

Landscape Group

Tuesdays, 9:00 p.m. - noon Art Dreyer, 785-3580

The Landscape Group has been developing the grounds of the Gualala Arts Center since it's inception in 1995. A Landscape Design was approved in 1996 and includes roads, parking, trails, amphitheater, meditation circle, walks, terraces and signage. Plantings have been installed and irrigated regularly. A casual stroll through the Arts Center grounds will show off the talent and dedication of this interest group.

We need fresh talent and skills — people who enjoy outdoor creative facilities construction, landscape maintenance and planting and good camaraderie. Come when you can and work with a congenial crew. Coffee and "goodies" are shared mid-morning. We also have things to do if you prefer working by yourself on Tuesday or other days, if that is more convenient for your schedule.

We like to think of our art media as dirt, bushes, concrete, slate, wire, pipe and lights. A benefit is honest exercise!

DOLPHIN GALLERY **Holiday Boutique Take In**

Take in your handcrafted items for the consignment Holiday Boutique

Sunday, November 22, between noon and 4:00 p.m., or
Monday, November 23, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Dolphin Gallery

39225 Highway One, Gualala, CA
Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(707) 884-3896

Don't FORGET!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Saturday	5	Concert	A Holiday Concert for the Coast, Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers with Sita Milchev and Allen Sisters
Thursday - Sunday	10-13	Theater	Oliver!
Saturday	12	Exhibit	Artist's Collective in Elk Opening Reception
Monday	14	Concert	Coastal Singers Winter Concert
Thursday - Sunday	17-20	Theater	Oliver!
Thursday	24	Festival	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday	25	Closed	Gualala Arts Center closed for the Holiday
Friday	25	Closed	Dolphin Gallery closed for the Holiday
Thursday	31	Concert	New Year's Eve Rythm & Blues Extravaganza

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

Saturday	2	Exhibit	Reception: Geoffrey Bolt, Baskets & Jan Kronic, Paintings
Saturday	9	Exhibit	You Be The Judge
Monday	11	Lecture	Birding and Unrivaled Game Watching in Southern Africa
Sunday	17	Concert	Peter Wyrick, cello, and Roy Bogas, piano
Monday	18	Lecture	The Aging Eye with Bob Nelson
Saturday	23	Concert	Larry Vuckovich International Sextet with Valeriana Quevedo
Sunday	31	Concert	Renata Yardumian piano recital: The music of Richard Yardumian

Gualala Arts Center is open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. weekdays, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. weekends
 Open December 24 until 4:00 p.m. Closed November 26, December 25 and January 1.
 Special Holiday Hours: 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. December 23 - January 10

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