



A Grateful Season

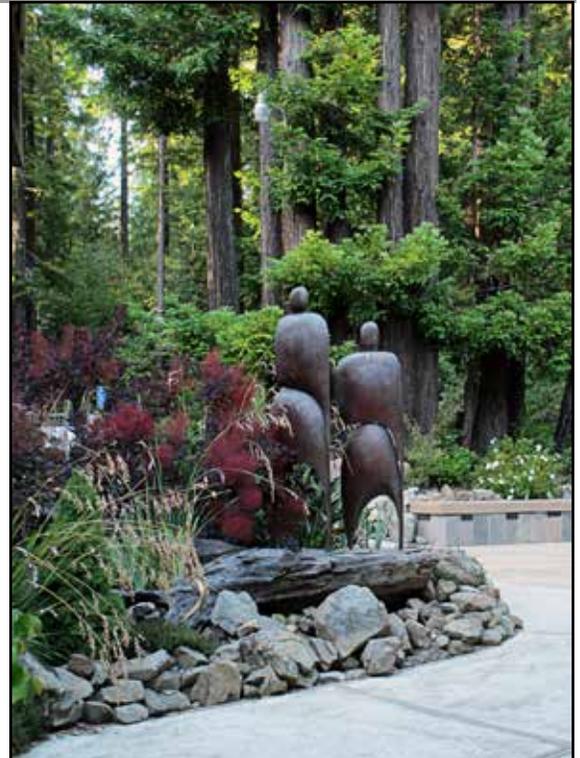
This time of year is always a special one for me; my wife Harmony and I begin our gratitude list. By New Year's Eve we will compile a list of 2013 items we are grateful for with the help of friends and family. It is truly amazing for us to articulate in list form how much there is to be grateful for and the positive feelings and thoughts this process brings. I would like to share with you a few items at the start of my list.

I am grateful for all the volunteers that have helped in the success of addressing some of the much-needed deferred maintenance, including at the top of the list, lighting the parking lot to help guide us safely to our vehicles.

I am grateful for every dollar raised. Your dollars go a long way to keep programs happening, doors open, staff paid and volunteers supplied with the materials and tools needed to keep our vision alive and thriving.

I am grateful for the amazing artistic talent that has graced the Gualala Arts stage this year. Just to name a few highlights: we were honored to host the U.S. debut of "Antidot" by Liquid Theater, a Russian experimental theater group, rare Earth Day concert by the KRONOS Quartet, great season of chamber music including a solo recital of Roy Bogas, internationally acclaimed Brazilian pianist/singer/composer Eliane Elias, and of course our local talent that produces high caliber theater, cabaret, and concerts to share with our wonderful community.

I am grateful for the creative spirit that is within each



and every one of us. It is very inspiring to see how the visual artists harness that energy and create works of art to share with the community. It never ceases to amaze me how when we work together, that creativity grows to a level that is heightened beyond our wildest imagination. Gualala Arts would not be the same without each and every artist.

I am truly honored, humbled and grateful to have played a role in the Fort Ross Kashaya delegation trip to Russia, commemorating the 200th anniversary of Fort Ross.

But most of all and at the top of the list again this year, I am grateful for my health, Harmony, the board of directors, staff and all of you, my support network that enables me to serve Gualala Arts and our community to the best of my ability to carry out our mission to promote public interest and participation in the arts. I am honored to help enrich our community.

THANK YOU!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sus" or "Susalla".

David 'Sus' Susalla
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