



## 2012 GUALALA ARTS VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

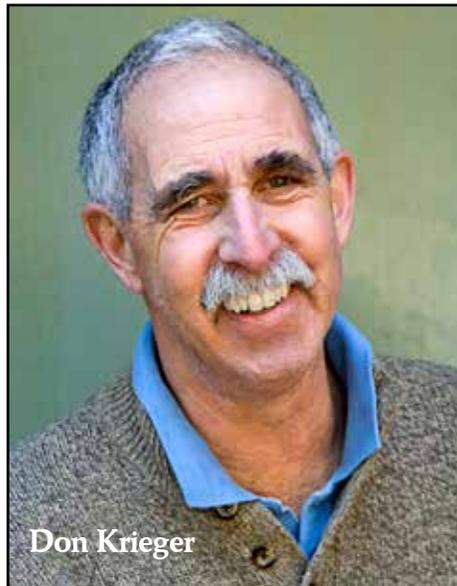
# *Hearts for the Arts*

Gualala Arts could not exist without its volunteers, who are truly the heart of our organization. For 2012, Gualala Arts has decided to expand its volunteer awards to celebrate all of our many volunteers' contributions – big or small, obvious or behind the scenes, monetary or hours or skills, they all matter and make a difference. We are still recognizing our Volunteer of the Year as we have done in the past, but this year we have created two new award categories – Group Volunteers Award and Heart Beat Awards.

These new awards were created out of our recognition that there are literally hundreds of ways in which our volunteers insure the success of Gualala Arts and its mission to promote public interest and participation in the arts. We want to recognize these varied forms of volunteerism and celebrate the contribution they make to Gualala Arts and its members.

### **Volunteer of the Year** Don Krieger

Gualala Arts is delighted to celebrate Don Krieger as its 2012 Volunteer of the Year. One of the most familiar faces at the Gualala Arts Center, Don has been a member of Gualala Arts since 2002 and first joined the Board of Directors in 2005, serving two terms initially and returning for his current term in 2012. Don has sat on the Executive Committee as Treasurer, 2nd Vice President and continues on the Finance Committee. He chairs the popular "Local Eyes" program, which showcases local musicians and performers at the Center. His virtuoso piano playing is a fixture at many events, Radio Theater shows and



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as keyboard accompanist to the talented singers that appear in various Local Eyes shows. Don also serves as the musical director for Art Center Theater and is the head of the lighting team for its performances. When he saw a need for a scissor lift to help the lighting team, he funded the purchase. He also is leading the charge for the auditorium chair replacement. He is truly an example of the complete volunteer, giving his time and talents

both at the Center and in his own home, where he conducts music rehearsals with theater leads in his home studio. Gualala Arts is grateful to Don for his many and important contributions over the years, and is particularly proud to recognize him as its 2012 Volunteer of the Year.

### **Group Volunteers Award** Dolphin Gallery Volunteers

Groups of volunteers with common interests are another key part of the success of Gualala Arts, and for the first time this year we are recognizing a specific group of volunteers for their contributions. The volunteers that keep the Dolphin Gallery open and staffed are the well deserving winners of the inaugural Group Volunteers Award. The Dolphin Gallery is more than a gallery, it is truly the public face of Gualala Arts in downtown Gualala. It supports Gualala Arts, the community and visitors by offering