

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



**Once in a while  
you feel like  
you're on the right road...**



I had one of those days a couple of weeks ago that felt like we do make a difference. Our Scholarship Committee was interviewing graduating seniors who plan on attending college and majoring in the Arts. We have four wonderful students that applied and are receiving scholarships funded by the PPQG Art in the Redwoods Quilt Raffle (tickets enclosed). One of those students' story really touched my heart and made me feel that what we do does matter.

Iliana Frida Clarissa Sanchez's dream is to become an Art Teacher. She attended the Gualala Arts Summer Art Camp when she was 6 and every year thereafter. When she was too old to attend as a camper, she became a youth leader and found that her passion in life is teaching young children. She was awarded the MVP Group Leader Award at the 2012 Art Camp. She also loves performing in the theater arts and performed in many local productions. She plans to attend City College of San Francisco.

One of the bars of measuring success of our Summer Art Program is when our previous camp attendees prefer to come back as assistants rather than go off and do teenage stuff. Iliana has just raised the bar and surpassed any expectation I had for our program. My Mom, Aunt and Grandma were all Art Teachers. I cannot think of a more important role to take on than influencing our next generation by educating through the arts. Hats off to you, Iliana, and the rest of our

graduating seniors. Keep following your passions and create a wonderful next chapter for us all!

Our Summer Art Program for Youth is teaming up with the Global Harmony Series this summer to create the "Summer Adventure Camp – Destination Africa!" Last year we had 30 requests for scholarships. Thanks to the generous donations we have never turned away a child. So far our sponsors for 2013 are: Randy Owings in memory of Christina Smith Owings, Westamerica Bank, Good Buy Clothes, plus the generosity of the guests of the Sea Ranch Lodge through participation in the Good Night Foundation and other individuals' donations.

The Summer Art Program for Youth is the 2 weeks after Fourth of July weekend and we are always seeking additional financial support.

Thanks for sharing the road and helping make a difference for generations to come!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sus" in a stylized, cursive font.

David 'Sus' Susalla  
Executive Director  
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