



New Opportunities...

February is a period of transition and honoring at Gualala Arts. It is a time when we have a change in our Board of Directors and Executive Committee. We honor our wonderful volunteers who have given exceptional dedication to the Center we all cherish.

This February we are also experiencing a transition in the office team. Meghan Diggins has resigned from the Business Manager position to pursue an entrepreneurial dream of offering our community her expertise in the Feng Shui Arts. Please join us in wishing her all success as she transitions to her new career path. Thank you for playing an important role in our successful 2013.

As one door closes, another one opens. We are looking for a new person to join our dynamic, fast-paced Gualala Arts office team. Ideal candidate **LOVES** numbers, has experience with QuickBooks (or other accounting software), non-profit bookkeeping, AP/AR, cash register balancing and financial reporting. If you, or someone you know, fits most or all of the above and would like to make a difference in the local arts, please send a letter of interest and resume to sus@gualalaarts.org. This position is a crucial part of the office team. The new person will work closely with me and report directly to me. I welcome your assistance in filling this important position.

Not to fear...the Finance Committee is here...

At a recent Finance Committee meeting, I polled 11 of our members about how long they have been involved with managing Gualala Arts finances. The answer was from 1 to 15 years. Together we have over 80 years of combined experience. Additionally, local Enrolled Agent Don Plenty has assisted with payroll, taxes, stints on board of directors and finance committees and other related accounting processes for over 25 years. We have completed 2 successful audits, 2 reviews and 4 years of taxes with Jerry Murphy, CPA out of Fort Bragg. With that breadth of institutional knowledge and fresh insight, Gualala Arts is positioned to continue its financial management stability into 2014 and beyond.

At the helm of our Finance Committee is Don Kemp. I am thrilled to welcome him to Gualala Arts' small, exclusive club of *Volunteers of the Year*. His depth of financial experience, commitment to financial prudence, ability to prioritize the organization's needs, and (to borrow one of Don's favorite phrases about others) "his unreasonable dedication" is a true inspiration.

With sincere gratitude to all...


David 'Sus' Susalla
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