



SKETCHES

December 2014



Gualala Arts Railway Holiday Express Timetable

Departs	Track	Destination
November 28, 29	Gualala Arts Center	Festival of Trees
November 30	Coleman Auditorium	Songs to Shorten Winter's Sadness - Mendonoma Chamber Chorus
Daily starting November 22	Dolphin Gallery	Dolphin Volunteers Holiday Exhibit
Daily starting December 5	Gualala Arts Center	Shameless! Art Exhibit
December 13	Coleman Auditorium	Holiday Concert for the Coast
December 19, 20, 21	Coleman Auditorium	Readers Theater presents "Miracle on 34 th Street"
December 24	Coleman Auditorium	Nine Lessons and Carols

Gualala Arts Exhibit



If the 2013 Gualala Arts Center exhibit Art for Art's Sake was all about the excellence in art itself, regardless of salability, SHAMELESS! is all about art as a product, a commodity, a thing that can be sold. Artists will step away from the idea that art is some special human endeavor that should not be tainted by the market place and to embrace the idea that artists want to produce work that people are willing to pay for to possess.

The exhibit is expected to feature innovative new work, breakthroughs in concept and design, pieces that explore the idea of art as a salable product that satisfies some basic human need. That's our serious explanation for what the theme of this show is all about. But feel free, as always, to interpret it any way you like.

Artists could, for example, forget the "PURITY" of their artistic statement and get in touch with their COMMERCIAL side - the secret side that delights

when anything they've made actually sells, that WANTS to appeal to the masses, THAT WANTS TO SELL!

Or, they could embrace the aesthetic of what appeals to the broadest audience, whether that's Norman Rockwell, Walter Keane or Charlie Schultz.

Or artists could dabble in questionable media normally forbidden to serious artists, like painting on black velvet, or plaster cast wall decorations like those plaster keys, or functional ceramics.

Or, they may cast all sensibility aside, and SHAMELESSLY dive directly into KITSCH! Find the kewpie doll in the artistic soul and exploit it mercilessly to the masses for fame and profit! Dogs playing poker! Pink flamingos! Elvis doing anything! The possibilities are endless!

Whether the artists are serious or tongue in cheek in their approach to this show, come and see what they've got! This show is all about the artists and what THEY think is or is not ART!

Opening Reception is
Friday, December 5 from
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Exhibit remains through
December 28

And what more serious judge to separate the quick and the dead, the sheep and the goats, or the artists from the pretenders, than Don Endemann, the owner of Mendocino County's longest continuously running gallery - The Stewart Kummer Gallery - now in its 32nd year?



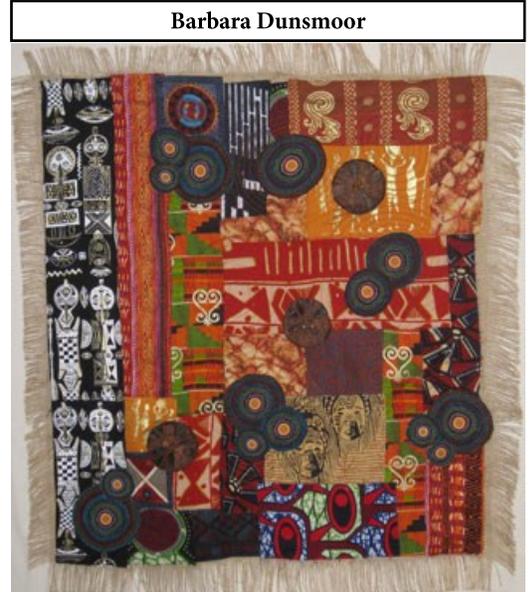
Dolphin Gallery Volunteers present The Holiday Exhibit



Larain Matheson



Walt Rush



Barbara Dunsmoor



Nancy Kyle



Tom Eckles



Paul Brewer



Steve Chell

The Holiday Exhibit at the Dolphin Gallery continues in December. This very special exhibit features 14 artists that also serve as volunteer sales persons at the Dolphin. The artists included in the show are Cece Case, Carol Chell, Steve Chell, Barbara Dunsmoor, Tom Eckles, Joyce George, Nancy Kyle, Larain Matheson, Arna Means, Charity Mulford, Sharon Nickodem, Paul Brewer, Walt Rush and Susan Sandoval. The artistic media include photography, ceramics, fiber, jewelry, watercolor, oil painting, encaustic, print making and mixed media. Come *Shop Local* for holiday gifts that are *Made Local* by some very dedicated artists that the Dolphin couldn't do without!



Carol Chell

OPENING RECEPTION:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

EXHIBIT REMAINS THROUGH DECEMBER 29. ADMISSION IS FREE



Dolphin Gallery
39225 Highway One
Gualala CA
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Holiday Concert for the Coast

Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers and Friends

Saturday, December 13, 3 p.m.



The sound of four and a half octaves of handbells and chimes will fill the Coleman Auditorium with beautiful holiday music. Under the direction of Jeanne Jackson, the bell ringers will perform some of your favorite holiday pieces.

Singing is an important part of every bell ringing performance. Remi Alexander will sing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Karl Young will join in on his shakuhachi. Linda Bostwick and Rachel Kritz will sing the first verse of "Angels We Have Heard on High" in two-part harmony and the audience will be invited to join

them for the next two verses. Catherine Miller will lead an all sing on "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Cyndy Solomon joins the bells on her recorder for "Pat-a-Pan."

Two not-to-be missed performances will be Eric Kritz on clarinet playing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and Sita Milchev and Cassy Grossman singing "Mary, Did You Know?" all accompanied by the bell choir.

The Coastal Singers will add their beautiful voices and four-part harmonies to this concert, performing three pieces and joining the bells on "Winter Wonderland."

This concert is sure to put you in the holiday spirit!

Nine Lessons and Carols

Community Event - Donations Welcome

Wednesday, December 24, 5 p.m.

Following the form in which it has been offered each year since 1919 at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, the Nine Lessons and Carols will again be presented at the Gualala Arts Center Coleman Auditorium this Christmas Eve. 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; Shepherd of the Sea Episcopal - Lutheran Mission, Gualala; Christian Science Community, Gualala and Sea Ranch; Starcross Community, Annapolis. In addition, several of our coast community children and youth will lend their gifts of leadership to this well-loved tradition and celebration. Seating is limited and traditionally fills up to standing room only. You are encouraged to arrive early and bring a flashlight for safe walking to and from the Gualala Arts Center parking areas.



Readers Theater Holiday Presentation

Miracle On 34th St.



Friday & Saturday, December 19 & 20, 7 p.m.
Sunday, December 21, 2 p.m.

In 1947 20th Century Fox released the film “Miracle on 34th Street.” It went on to win three Academy awards and become a Christmas favorite for decades to come. This holiday season Readers Theater is proud to present the next in the series of their holiday productions, a performance of “Miracle on 34th Street.”

It is a heartwarming tale of a man who believes he is Santa Claus, and how, over time, he turns all the unbelievers in New York City into believers. In the course of their transformation they come to discover the true, generous meaning of this holiday. This version has been adapted for Readers Theater by David Skibbins from the play adaptation written by the Mountain Community Theater and presented with the permission of Dramatic Publishing. The cast will include many members of the Readers Theater group. As in previous years live music will be performed by Don Krieger and live sound effects will be created by Sabina Walla.

Upcoming 2015 Workshops



Yoga In the Redwoods

Instructor: Janet MacLeod

Friday - Sunday, January 9 - 11

Sign-up by December 17; after that, check availability

The classes during this workshop will be taught in the tradition of B. K. S. Iyengar and all levels are welcome.

Nuno Felted Vests

Instructor: Carin Engen

Saturday & Sunday, January 24 & 25

Sign-up by January 17; after that, check availability

Learn more about the technique of Nuno felting; you will leave the workshop with a vest that fits.



The Art of Palm Reading

Instructor: Cyndi Stubbs

Tuesday & Thursday, February 3 & 5

Sign-up by January 30; after that, check availability

Palm Reading is an ancient art of reading the lines on the palm. During this class, you will learn how to read the lines in your own palm.

A Turning Point in European History: The French Revolution and Napoleon 1789 - 1815

Instructor: Kosta P'Manolis

Tuesdays, February 17 - March 24

Sign-up by first day of workshop

One of the major time periods of European history will be the focus of this class.



How to Register

Sign-up in person at the Gualala Arts Center Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekends noon - 4 p.m. or by phone at (707) 884-1138. Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted. Classes must be paid in full at sign-up. Payments can be refunded (minus a \$25 non-refundable fee) until the "Sign-up By" date. After that date, no refunds will be provided. If the class does not fill, you will receive a full refund.

DETAILED INFO ON THESE AND OTHER CLASSES, AND [SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING WORKSHOPS](#), IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT GUALALAARTS.ORG

Present a Workshop or Help an Instructor

The Workshop Committee is also always looking for new workshop ideas and for volunteer docents to assist our instructors during their visits, so if you would like to instruct a workshop or volunteer please contact Lynn Bailey at lbailey2@aol.com or (707) 684-0475.

Ongoing Classes & Workshops

<u>CLAY STUDIO</u> with Doric Jemison-Ball	Monday - Friday
<u>MARTIAL ARTS</u> with Lini Lieberman-Erich	Mondays & Wednesdays
<u>DRAWING & PAINTING</u> with Genny Wilson	Tuesdays & Thursdays
<u>LIFE DRAWING</u>	Wednesdays
<u>AEROBICS</u> with Debbie Langwell	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturday



GUALALA ARTS CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS & DOLPHIN GALLERY WINTER HOURS



The Gualala Arts Center will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, and will be on Holiday hours of noon to 4 p.m. starting December 22 and continuing through January 4. The Dolphin Gallery will begin its Winter hours schedule in 2015 when it will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31.

Call to Artist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS TO SHOW THEIR WORK

DEADLINE

Dec. 14, 2014

January 23, 2015

March 31, 2015

EXHIBIT/EVENT

[RCLC's Public Access](#)

[Small Works](#)

[2016 Exhibit Proposals](#)

DEADLINE

April 1, 2015

April 15, 2015

Open

EXHIBIT/EVENT

[Celebration of Home](#)

[The Portrait Project](#)

[Aerial Exhibit](#)

For more information, including registration forms, visit GualalaArts.org Call to Artist page



Gualala Arts Groups

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Readers Theater

See Page 5 for details on the Readers Theater Holiday presentation of "Miracle on 34th Street"

Gualala Arts

Book Club

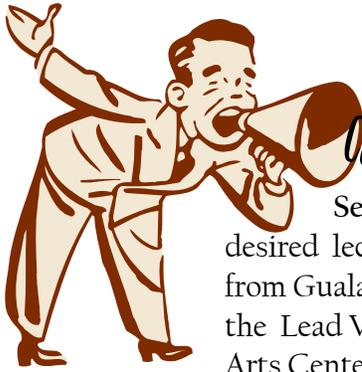
No December Selection

Holiday Party

Bring a dish to share and a children's book to donate! More info @ (707) 785-3843

Volunteers Needed

Lecture Series Needs a Lead Volunteer



Now is the chance to put to use those organizational and communication skills you have honed so well over the years and help Gualala Arts pull off even more interesting and different events for our community. The Lecture Series is in need of an on-going Lead Volunteer to gather referrals for desired lectures to present at Gualala Arts and then secure the speakers. There is support from Gualala Arts staff available in scheduling and publicizing the lectures but our missing link is the Lead Volunteer to establish the lecture schedule and secure the speakers. Contact Susan at the Arts Center office on (707) 884-1138 to volunteer or for more details.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT THE DOLPHIN GALLERY

The Dolphin Gallery is always looking for volunteers to staff this important showcase for local artists and retail arm of Gualala Arts. No experience needed, we will train you. If you love talking to visitors about the beautiful North Coast and our great arts community then please contact Carol Chell at (707) 884-9757. You can also stop by the Dolphin Gallery and talk to the docent on duty.

MYSTERY DINNER EVENT NEEDS LEAD VOLUNTEER(S)

Gualala Arts is considering offering a Mystery Dinner Theatre Event on Saturday, February 7. We would really like this one-time event to happen but we have to have a Lead Volunteer (or pair of volunteers). We are seeking someone to become the Key Contact for the event, including working with an outside vendor involved in its production. Contact Susan on (707) 884-1138 to volunteer or for more details.



A CREATIVE WAY TO DONATE TO GUALALA ARTS AND GET YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT LIST CHECKED OFF!

Looking for that unique, special and multi-purpose gift for that special someone for the Holidays? Consider the gift of Gualala Arts! There are many gift options available to you, including:

- ◇ Gualala Arts Gift Certificate in any amount (good at Gualala Arts and the Dolphin Gallery)
- ◇ Cash donation to Gualala Arts in honor of the recipient
- ◇ Gift membership to Gualala Arts, individual or family
- ◇ Donate to the "Rock Solid" fund in honor of the recipient or purchase one of the Rock Solid boulders, benches or tables and donate it in their name
- ◇ Tickets to upcoming performances
- ◇ Membership in the Friends of the Pizza Oven (FOPO) group
- ◇ Sign them up for a workshop
- ◇ Gift of Clay Studio sessions



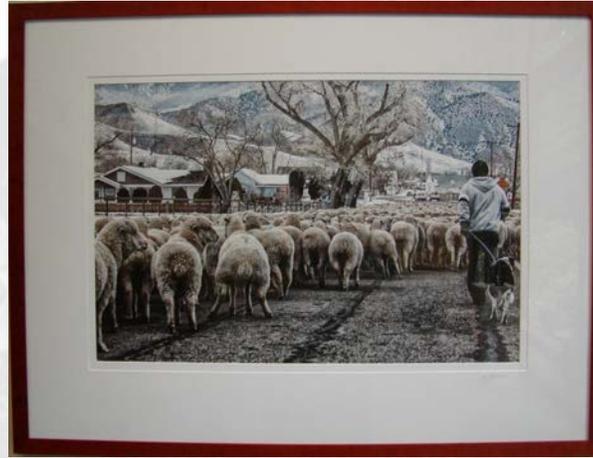
Gualala Arts is a 501(c)(3) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code, tax ID 94-6121872 and some gifts may be tax deductible as well, check with your tax advisor. Please visit Gualala Arts Center to purchase any of these great gifts, or call (707) 884-1138 for more information.

Gualala Salon des Refusés Winners

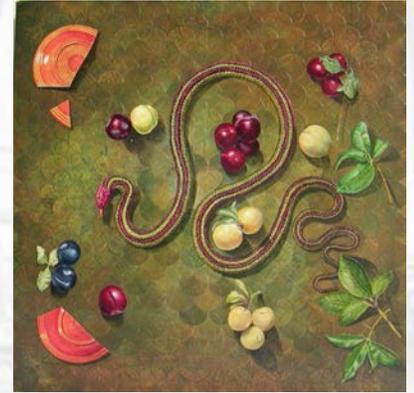
The People's Choice winners in the *Salon des Refusés* gallery were awarded on October 31 after over 200 visitors to the Gualala Salon & *Salon des Refusés* voted on the "rejected" works they liked the best in the Jacob Foyer. Thanks to all the Salon artists and to the voters that took the time to select their favorite. Artists, start planning your 2015 entries to the Salon exhibit, which will open on Friday, December 4, 2015.



2nd Place - Sunny Fransan
"Mist, Mendocino Coast"



1st Place Winner - Ron Bolander
"Unsheepish"



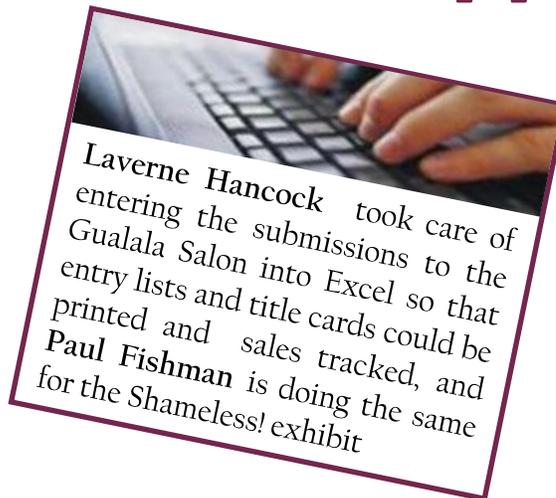
3rd Place - Roberta Tewes
"Snake and Plums"

Random Acts of Support



The Sea Ranch Golf Links came to the rescue of the Gualala Salon exhibit by donating pencils for visitors to the exhibit to use to vote for the People's Choice awards

Thanks to Larry Thomas for taking on the challenging task of jurying and judging the Gualala Salon exhibit



Laverne Hancock took care of entering the submissions to the Gualala Salon into Excel so that entry lists and title cards could be printed and sales tracked, and Paul Fishman is doing the same for the Shameless! exhibit



JoAnn Aiken stepped up to become the Chairperson for Festival of Trees and did a GREAT job!



The Tuesday Crew cleaned the gutters in advance of the first rains



And P.D. Serraton continues to exemplify Gualala Arts volunteerism, being part of the Tuesday Crew and a helper at almost all exhibit openings, performances and fund raising events - he never says no to a request for help!

Judy Sembach helps in the office so Susan can focus on important tasks without distraction from the front window

A Message from the Executive Director . . .

THE HOLIDAYS - A GOOD TIME FOR PRESENCE...

Yes, pun intended!

The holidays are a time for giving presents, but I think, more importantly it is a time for giving presence.

The holiday season can seem to be overwhelming with all these wonderful plans we are making: family visiting, checking Santa's list (twice), preparing for Hanukkah, purchasing tickets for the Gualala Arts events before they sellout, attending cocktail parties, making dinner reservations, stacking wood, honoring that special someone by a donation to Gualala Arts their own name to help "Bridge the Gap" before year's end, entering the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy art exhibit in January, deciding yes or no to the annual polar bear dip in the ocean. Well you know, we could go on and on and fill this entire issue of Sketches with all the wonderful things we have planned - in fact we did!

While you are sitting in the audience at the annual Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers concert, or Mendonoma Chamber Chorus performance you might be thinking about purchasing the Readers Theater Radio tickets, did I take the ham out of the oven before I left, I really need to stop at the store and purchase more yams (they are so delicious this year!), how am I going to get to the airport to pick-up arriving family, etc. Next thing you know...they are breaking for intermission and you don't even know what songs they played.

We have a calendar a good friend gave us that offers a new affirmation for each day. I carry this one with me and I pull it out when I need a reminder: "I am in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing." Part of doing the right thing in my mind is staying present with your surroundings and enjoying the moment.

Every minute is a gift. We have the options to stay present with it, slip in to memories of the past or planning for the future, or worse yet, worry about something you have no control over.

I challenge you this holiday season to give yourself what I believe to be the best gift of all - being present with your surroundings in every precious moment.

Enjoy reading Sketches, enjoy your family (yes, even Aunt so & so with all her quirks), enjoy the concert, enjoy planning that menu, enjoy vacuuming the guest room, enjoy right now, this very minute...it is indeed all we really ever have.

Wishing you all the presence this wonderful world has to offer us and that we are creating and manifesting together this holiday season!!!

With very sincere gratitude...right now!



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EXPECTING OUT OF TOWN GUESTS? VISITING HERE YOURSELF?

If you are hosting out of town guests, or you happened to pick this up at the Gualala Arts Center or Dolphin Gallery while visiting our beautiful coast, the [Visitor Info](#) link at GualalaArts.org can help with the following:

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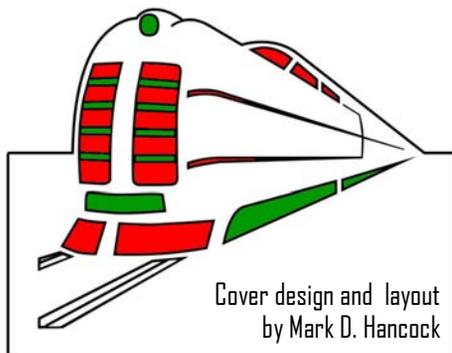
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GUALALA ARTS LOOKS FORWARD TO 2015

As 2014 comes to a close, the Gualala Arts Staff wants to thank all of the members, volunteers, donors, performers, artists and visitors that keep this marvelous organization, the Gualala Arts Center and the Dolphin Gallery, alive and vibrant. We had a 2014 filled with an incredibly diverse, entertaining and thought-provoking slate of productions, festivals, events and exhibits and are excited to look ahead to what 2015 will bring. Thank you all for making our jobs so wonderful!

Sus, Susan, Mark, Sara, Scott

- The Gualala Arts Staff



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN JANUARY

Up to date event listings are always available at GUALALAARTS.ORG!

Sunday	1/4	Performance	David McCarroll & Roy Bogas - Special Chamber Music Series Concert
Friday	1/9	Exhibit	Opening reception of Coastal Synaesthesia - exhibit thru Feb. 1
Friday	1/9	Exhibit	Opening reception of An Artistic Celebration of RCLC's Public Access - exhibit thru Feb. 1
Saturday	1/10	Exhibit	Opening reception of Fast & Kyle, Dolphin Gallery - exhibit thru Feb. 3
Sunday	1/18	Performance	Chamber Music Series presents Cypress String Quartet
Thursday	1/22	Lecture	Japanese and Korean Gardens by Shirley Freriks
Thursday	1/29	Lecture	Under Antarctic Ice by Henry Kaiser
Saturday	1/31	Performance	Violin Virtuosos - Jazz & Classical: Violinists Mads Tolling & Emma Steele

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