

# LOS HILOS DE LA VIDA THREADS OF LIFE

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 13, 2010, 5:00 p.m.  
Exhibit remains through April 4  
Gualala Arts Center

An exhibit of pictorial quilts by the Los Hilos de la Vida group opens Saturday, March 13, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The exhibit is up through April 4, 2010.

Molly Johnson Martinez, Bilingual Parent Educator of Anderson Valley's Even Start program, teamed up with Susan Kerr, a Behavior Specialist and a member of the Mendocino Quilt Artist Guild, to introduce story-quilting techniques into a parenting class.

What began as a class to enrich women's lives emerged as a business bringing needed income into the lives of the artists and their communities. Participating in the cooperative helps the women learn English. Quilting is work that can be done while the women are at home and caring for their children.

Los Hilos de la Vida (The Threads of Life), a cooperative quilt group, has quietly been making pictorial quilts for the past four years. Their quilts depict scenes of family life, border crossings, life in

Mexico, dreams, and reverence for the natural and spiritual

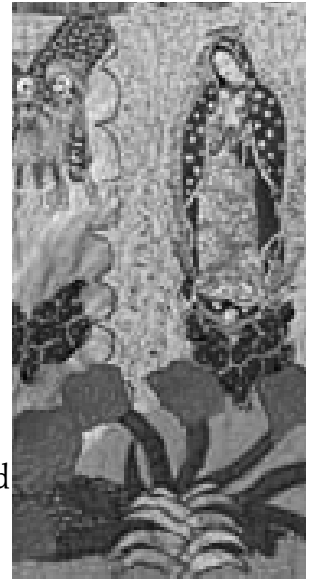
worlds. The universal themes of home, hardship and struggle are rendered with authenticity and straightforward directness.

Vibrant with color, the quilts make an immediate impact on the viewer as they unselfconsciously capture the pure essence of the women's stories. Even more impressive, the women have little or no previous experience creating art of quilts."

*- from an article written by Karen Musgrave, the chair of Quilters' S.O.S (Save our Stories)*

In 2008, the Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago opened an exhibit called, "A Declaration of Immigration." It featured several quilts by the Los Hilos artists.

For more information on Los Hilos de la Vida (The Threads of Life), please visit [www.hilosquilts.com](http://www.hilosquilts.com) or [loshilosdelavida.blogspot.com](http://loshilosdelavida.blogspot.com).



## ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS YOUNG CREATIVE MINDS

TUESDAY, MARCH 2 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010  
GUALALA ARTS CENTER

The Mendocino / Sonoma "Arts in the Schools" program represents over 600 students from Ft. Ross, Kashia, Horicon, Arena, Pt. Arena High School, Home Study, Pacific Community Charter School and Manchester schools.

Each year Gualala Arts features artwork created through-out the year in these local elementary and high schools. The students work is always fun to see and very creative.

This is just one more way that Gualala Arts supports and promotes public interest and participation in the arts.

