

THANK YOU!



Helen Klembeck

On April 13, the volunteers of The Dolphin Gallery held a luncheon at St. Orres to thank Helen Klembeck for her many contributions as manager of The Dolphin. During the lunch, David ("Sus") Susalla awarded Helen a plaque and a carved dolphin sculpture as tokens of our gratitude for her Dolphin services. Helen has created a wonderful environment at the gallery, where artists are welcomed, and the volunteers have been given the opportunity to participate in the growth and evolution of what is now a very successful consignment shop and gallery in mid-town Gualala. Helen has been the driving force behind The Dolphin since 2005, but she was also part of the team, and we will miss her leadership, support and friendship in this role. However, the time has come for Helen to stretch her wings, travel and work on her own art...but we suspect we'll see her now and then around The Dolphin.

As of April, the management of The Dolphin is shared among several volunteers, with Carol Chell providing overall continuity as volunteer Manager.

A Word from Our New Dolphin Manager, Carol Chell

My husband Steve and I moved to Gualala in 2006. We immediately joined Gualala Arts and both signed on as volunteers at the Dolphin Gallery. It has been a great way to meet people while contributing our efforts to support Gualala Arts at the same time. We are both artists as well and our work is on display at the Dolphin. I was an Art / Interior Design major at San Jose State. Initially an interior designer, I spent the last 11 years before moving to Gualala in sales and marketing for the Terraces of Los Gatos, a luxury continuing care retirement community.

While raising our two daughters and working, I found little time to paint but knew that I would eventually get back to it. My Dad had a bluff top vacation home in Anchor Bay during the years the girls were growing up. We loved spending time on the coast, so when we were renting for a few days

at Sea Ranch we saw a home we couldn't resist and seized the opportunity. I took up watercolor again and love the time spent painting.

When asked to replace Helen Klembeck as the manager of the Dolphin, I was a little overwhelmed as she has done a wonderful job creating a truly special gallery featuring our local artists. I now am enjoying arranging the art, meeting artists, and getting to know the other volunteers who work there. They have been invaluable, always offering to help in any way they can. Harriet Wright has taken on the most difficult part of all in keeping an accurate inventory of all that we have. We are already receiving many compliments and hope everyone will visit often to check out our collection of beautiful pieces of art. We offer a wide range and hope to add new artists and their work. The Dolphin is unique in that it focuses on the incredible creative talents of artists in this area.

-- Carol Chell

ART (AND MORE!) OFF THE WALL

Saturday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The preview starts May 22! An on-line catalog of featured items is on **GualalaArts.org**