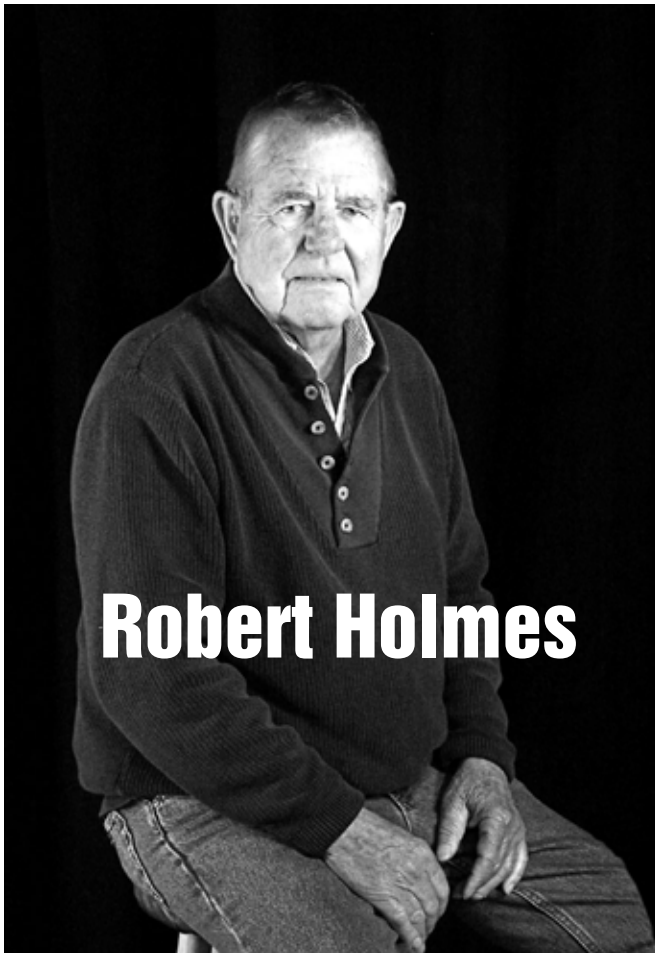




Art in the Redwoods Top Hat Dinner 2010



Robert Holmes

HONORING ROBERT HOLMES

In partnership with his wife, Edith, Robert Holmes has built a career as a sculptor with an international reputation and has visions of helping build an equally well-known sculpture garden at the Gualala Arts Center. His recognized talent and longtime association with Gualala Arts makes him a fitting honoree at the year's Art in the Redwoods Top Hat dinner on Thursday, August 19.

After graduating from college he worked in the San Francisco area and then returned to his hometown of Phoenix becoming involved as the general contractor in numerous construction projects for over twenty years, but he always kept sculpting in concrete,



fabricated metals, and wood.

In 1978 the Feingarten Gallery, the gallery that brought Rodin to the United States, accepted him provided he would work in bronze, the medium for which he is now best known. His life changed dramatically in 1980 when he decided to devote his life fulltime to his art. In 1981 he

and Edith moved to The Sea Ranch where they found the perfect studio-home to rent for \$ 500.00 a month.

Holmes quickly points out that Edith, born on Long Island, has played an important role in promoting his work. She handles the marketing and business matters freeing him to explore his ideas.

The neighbor next door to the Holmes rental was a Gualala Arts Board member who talked Holmes into entering his first Art in the Redwoods show. His photograph won first prize, but he did not feel comfortable winning because he thought the show should nurture local talent over professionals.

His current passion is to create a sculpture garden at Gualala Arts similar to those he has seen elsewhere. The concept is to integrate the juried pieces of sculpture with the landscape. The garden becomes an outdoor gallery where the pieces



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