Gualala Arts Lecture Series

A Graceful Farewell with Maggie Watson

Although the thought of dying is not a pleasant one, Maggie Watson's talk, on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. can ease the trauma associated with this difficult topic. Knowing one's intentions for possessions are organized and planned can provide peace of mind and comfort.

Drawing on her book and accompanying CD, "A Graceful Farewell," Maggie can help you prepare for the eventuality of someone passing. She will cover the information an executor will need, such as insurance, medical, financial, and household details.

She will discuss writing wills, trusts, advanced directives, and power of attorney documents. On a more personal level she has helpful ways to convey specific instructions and tools to encourage communication among family members and even ideas on how one can plan his or her own funeral. Facing the eventuality of death when one can think clearly eases the process for the individual as well as



Monday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5

for the family and friends, provided there has been proper planning. Maggie will outline the necessary steps in a format easy to understand and follow. Ten years ago she learned first hand what could happen when someone dies without leaving clear and organized instructions.

The author lives in Little River. In 2005, Cypress House in Fort Bragg

first published her book and accompanying CD. She has worked as a professional organizer since 1985 and currently specializes with the elderly and infirm. More information can be found at her web site - www. agracefulfarewell.com.

The Mendonoma coast is home to many retirees for whom this information is invaluable and this talk is an opportunity to deal with the difficult subject without the stresses that inevitably accompany a terminal illness. It is especially important if one's family is not in the area.

The Festival of Trees 2010

A sampling of the vendor booths showcasing local artists.







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