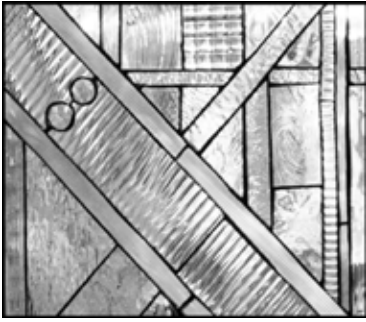


## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



*Thank you  
Volunteers & Patrons!*

As another year comes to a close and a new one approaches, it seems fitting to honor and express our gratitude to those individuals who ensure the success of the arts programming of our coastal area through Gualala Arts – our Patrons and Volunteers. Since the inception of Art in the Redwoods in 1961 and the opening of the Gualala Arts Center in 1998, our volunteers and patrons have been the backbone of the arts in our community.

Our volunteers serve us in many areas, from working on building projects and maintenance, taking tickets, poster distribution, newsletter mailings, sound and light tech, housing entertainers and artists, providing refreshments, hanging gallery exhibits, planning events and fundraisers, staffing the Dolphin Gallery & Gift Shop, acting in our productions, serving on various committees and board of directors. The list of volunteer opportunities and activities is endless.

Over the last half-century we have experienced many ups and downs, but we have persevered in our quest to provide visual and performing arts events for our community. As we approach our next 50 years, we do so with some trepidation as the financial state of the country puts the arts in peril. Last year your member donations were generous and enabled us to continue programming and keep the doors open 363 days in 2010. We would like to express our appreciation for YOUR continued financial and volunteer support. You secure the existence of Gualala Arts and enhance the quality of life in our community.

When asked how we have managed to survive over the years when so many other organizations have had to severely cut programs or close their doors during these stressful economic times, the answer has always been the same: dedicated volunteers combined with the generosity of our patrons' donations.

We thank you for your contribution in previous years and ask you to consider responding as generously as possible to this year's fundraising drive.

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David Sus Susalla  
Executive Director