



Sketches

Point Arena CityArt to Exhibit at Gualala Arts Center

- *Opening Reception: Saturday, February 21, 5 to 7 p.m.*

On Saturday, February 21, from 5–7 p.m., Gualala Arts meets CityArt in its Burnett Gallery opening. All are invited to share complimentary refreshments and conversation as we toast the local talents of Point Arena CityArt.

An array of artists will be featured in various media from clay sculpture and photography to inventive jewelry and oil painting. Familiar names like Diane Cochran, Ling-Yen Jones and Jane Reichhold are among this inspirational group.

Run solely by volunteers, CityArt, located at 248 Main Street in Point Arena, officially opened its gallery doors in October of 1997. The events calendar,



Sculpture by Diane Cochran

always packed with upcoming functions, has featured innovative shows like Trash Can Art, the Kite show and Art in the Dark. CityArt boasts a roster that includes the likes of Rosamond Gumpert, Willa Martin and Goija Post, in addition to numerous other talents.

Gualala Arts Center is very proud to host this CityArt exhibit from February 21 through March 22.

4tet San Francisco to Perform

- *Sunday, February 8, 4 p.m.*

Introduce your family to diverse and exciting music from Tchaikovsky to tango, Beethoven to Brubeck, and Stravinsky to swing during this lively performance on Sunday, February 8 at 4 p.m. Hear classical quartets along with favorites such as the Pink Panther, Toy Trumpet, Strange Meadowlark and Sir Duke performed as classical music. The music performed by these accomplished classical string musicians will enchant and delight all ages. Ideal for your first-time exposure to classical music or for your life-long love affair with music. Dynamic and classy performances by renowned string musicians Jeremy Cohen, Dawn Harms, Emily Onderdonk and Joel Cohen. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Gualala Arts Center and at the door. Visit quartettsanfrancisco.com for more information.



More Great Concerts Coming Your Way! Mark your Calendars!!

Sunday, March 14 at 4 p.m. – Paul Galbraith, Guitar Grammy nominee and internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Galbraith is expected to be a sell-out. Get your tickets early.

Sunday, April 4 at 4 p.m. – Tien Hsieh, pianist. Be surprised and delighted with this young pianist's brilliant performance in a varied program from Bach to Rachmaninoff.

Willson & McKee—Folk, Rock, Celtic and Irish Music

- *Friday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.*

On Friday, February 6, Gualala Arts Sea Tones Series invites you to spend an evening with musicians Willson and McKee. With folk, Celtic and Irish flavors, their musical style puts the “rock” in shamrock. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at Gualala Arts Center or the Dolphin Gallery. Children are admitted free. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

A dynamic duo for two decades, Kim McKee and Ken Willson are life partners that have both been involved in the world of music since childhood. A performer at age five, Kim's earliest focus was on the art of classical music. An interest in her family tree and the traditions stemming from within channeled Kim into the Celtic realm. Her passion and commitment in mastering the dulcimer crowned her National Dulcimer Champion of 2002.

Ken Willson has dabbled in numerous musical genres from bluegrass to good old rock-n-roll—acoustic folk being the constant. A self-taught artist, Ken has a flare for the guitar (whether it's the six-string, Irish Bouzouki or cardboard guitar). These instruments combined with many others make up the unique sound of Willson & McKee. Irish favorites such as hornpipes and jigs are brought to life with the Celtic harp, bodhran (drum), Appalachian dulcimer and the almighty squeeze box!

First and second place winners of the 2003 Milwaukee Irish Fest songwriting competition, the duo released their fifth CD “When the Notes Dance...” in December of 2002. Get ready for a foot tapping sing-along that any spry lad or lassie is sure to



At the Dolphin Gallery This Month

- *Opening Reception: Saturday, February 7, 5–7 p.m.*

Paper & book artist Jackie Gardener joins silver jewelry specialist Walt Rush in the February Dolphin Gallery exhibit. You are invited to share in this creative energy by meeting the artists and mingling with members of the community on Saturday, February 7 from 5–7 p.m. Admission is free and complimentary wine and appetizers will be served. The exhibit continues through March 3.

A former interior designer, Jackie Gardener blends over twenty years of design experience with a passion for paper art and collage. Schooled at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Jackie received a Bachelor of Arts in Art and later obtained a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design at San Jose State. She spent many years designing for medical facilities and later channeled her energies into paper & book art after her retirement in 1997.

Jackie's exhibit entitled "New Directions" is a reflection of the work that she has created within the last year- specifically collages. Comprised of varying types of paper (handmade, postcards, paste papers, etc.), her pieces are adorned with a spectrum of ornamentation—from feathers and buttons to ticket stubs and shells.



Artist Walt Rush combines years of experience as a gold and silversmith with a uniquely creative mind in his show "Love Actually is...Jewelry." Originally born in Northern California, Walt's earliest influences were his parents, both of whom were involved in the arts. After an eastern exodus, he found himself back on the West Coast in 2000 and has claimed Irish Beach his home.



Walt has worked with several metals including platinum, silver, white and yellow gold. His hands serve as the main tools for manipulating these metals in conjunction with carving waxes and forging. By adding precious gemstones to his pieces, Walt creates alluring jewelry and sculptures with an "organic look."

With thirty years experience as the owner of an eastern coast jewelry store, Rush has completed jobs ranging from antique restoration to custom jewelry design. He has a definite idea as to the purpose of his creations: "Jewelry should be an attribute to the human body as a painting is to a room or a sculpture is to that special place in a home, building or yard. My works-of-art in jewelry or treasured precious metal sculptures are for the discerning in taste."

2nd Annual Jazz & Whale Festival

- *Fri., Sat. and Sun., April 2, 3 and 4*

The Second Annual Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival (co-produced by Gualala Arts Center and the Redwood Coast Chamber of Commerce) will feature two concerts at Gualala Arts Center on Saturday, April 3, as part of this three-day event. At 1 p.m., along with a Seafood Chowder & Wine/Beer Tasting, there will be a free jazz concert featuring the Eric Shifrin Trio.

On Saturday night, at 7:30 p.m., (\$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door) renowned headliner jazz pianist virtuoso Larry Vuckovich will be playing along with a world-class sextet performing a tribute at Count Basi and Benny Goodman. Other Whale & Jazz Festival events include "Dinner & Jazz" at Arena Cove Bar & Grill, whale watching and other activities at Point Arena Lighthouse and "Brunch & Jazz" at the Sandpiper Restaurant. Visit redwoodcoastchamber.com for more information. Tickets will go on sale in March at Gualala Arts Center.



Gary Chilton Memorial Bench

In March 2003, shortly after Gary Chilton's death, Gary's wife Cynthia Chilton, Daryl Hadley, Charlie Hitt and Tony Green discussed the concept of a permanent memorial to Gary. Cynthia decided on having a memorial bench placed on a new trail at Gualala Arts Center. Many people contributed their time, materials, talent and money to create the unique and artistic bench and to prepare for a dedication ceremony: David Moessinger, Fred Owings, Phil Simon, Ray Jackman, Robert Holmes, Jackie Gardener, Jeri Taylor, Kathye Hitt and Ann Green. The bench was dedicated on November 28, 2003.

History of Gualala Arts Video Presentation at Annual Meeting

- *Wednesday, February 18*

Gualala Arts will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. to hold elections of new officers, review the 2003 financial report and to view part one of Sue Blair's DVD "Gualala Arts History Part One—The Early Years," which concludes with a hilarious discussion between Executive Director Karel Metcalf and then-secretary Dorothy Ruef!

Part Two will be shown as part of the Lecture Series on Monday, March 8. Charlotte and Rex Burnett are featured on this DVD as are Ollie Edmunds, Paul Styskal, the Building Committee, Alan Coleman and Lee Rye, Elaine Jacob, Karel Metcalf and a surprise ending. Many of you will see yourselves on this DVD, walking in the parade down Highway One, attending the Ground Breaking Day picnic and participating in fundraisers.

Sue Blair says: "In 2001, when Bob Hocker was Gualala Arts President, I served as a member of a Gualala Arts Vision Committee organized by former President Bill Darling. As we pondered the future of Gualala Arts, my thoughts turned back, and I began to think that a record of past plans and achievements might be valuable to newcomers who would lead Gualala Arts into the future. It seemed like a good idea to interview the "pioneers," and Bob Hocker approved the plan.

I had no idea how to do general editing or how to add titles and music, elevate sound, use transitions, or enhance color, but I knew that such a project would force me to learn. With encouragement and offers to help from Bill and Betty Jane Darling's children and grandchild who are professionals in the field of video productions, the years of trial and error began. The result is a history of Gualala Arts in 2 parts, each about

GROUPS & CLASSES AT GUALALA ARTS CENTER

All meetings take place at the Arts Center unless otherwise indicated

AEROBICS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 8 a.m. — Call Debbie Langwell at 884-5021.

BEGINNING MACHINE QUILTING

Wednesdays, February 11 & 18, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. — Learn about needles and batting, notions and binding, ditching and stippling. This class covers it all, the basic supplies and equipment, straight line quilting, free motion quilting and all aspects of finishing your quilt. For beginners and those who want to brush up on machine quilting skills while picking up new pointers. Lots of time to practice. Two-day class, sewing machine with walking foot and darning foot required. Fee: \$50 for the two days. Materials list will be supplied when the fee is paid.

BOOK DISCUSSION

New members are always welcome! The selection for February is *The Octopus* (an account of the exploitative history of the Southern Pacific Railroad) by Frank Norris. March's selection is *The Piano Shop on the Left Bank* by Thad Carhart.

Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday this month only—

Wednesday, February 11, 10 a.m. — Meeting at the home of Pat Ditzler. Please call 785-2513 if you plan to attend.

Thursday, February 19, 1 p.m. — Meeting at the home of Sue Blair. Please call 785-3422 if you plan to attend.

COOKING

Thursdays, February 5–26, 4–6 p.m. — Local chefs Ben Klagenberg, Jim Grenwelge, David "Sus" Susalla and David Ullrich will be teaching cooking and baking to 10 students on each Thursday in February. \$60 fee includes instruction and feasting on these delicious dinner creations. At press time there were two openings—so early registration is required. Please call 884-1138 to sign up.

DINNERS AT SIX

Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m. — Chairpersons for this dinner are Carol Tackett and Marilyn Limbaugh. Dinners At Six is open to all. It's a chance to have a good time, meet new people and help support Gualala Arts. Anyone interested in joining may call 884-1138.

HAIKU, POETRY, SHORT PROSE

Sunday, February 8, 2–4 p.m.

Second Sunday time, to express yourself in rhyme, free verse or Haiku.

Come and listen or critique, it's the new person whom we seek.

Call John at 785-3537 and be unique!

LIFE DRAWING

Wednesdays, 3–6 p.m. — At these informal sessions artists bring their own supplies, and a model is provided for a \$5 fee.

NORTH COAST MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS

Tuesdays, 4:15–5:15 p.m. — Martial arts for children, instructed by Lini Lieberman. Call 785-2288 for information.

NORTH COAST PHOTOGRAPHERS GROUP

Tuesday, February 10, 7–9 p.m. — This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This is a forum for photographers to exchange information about the capture, processing and distribution of photographic images. For more information call 785-9716 or visit the web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NCPG/>.

OIL PAINTING

Mondays & Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–noon — Ongoing classes taught by Connie Matz. Work at your own pace on subjects you choose. \$20/class, pay as you come. Call Connie at 884-4845 for more information.

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Friday, February 20, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. — Guild members will convene to replenish the Comfort Quilt Supply that was depleted during the holiday season. The Comfort Quilt inventory is down to two quilts and the Guild does not want to be short in its ability to offer these loving gifts to those in need. This work session replaces the previously advertised Freddie Moran workshop and lecture. Please note that the Guild will meet and work on February 20, **NOT** on February 19 as described in PPQG's *Bits and Pieces*.

PIANO GROUP

Monday, February 9, 2 p.m. — This group meets on the second Monday of each month at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in joining may call Ann Harriman at 785-2721.

READERS THEATRE

Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m. — The group will read *Candida* by G.B. Shaw. Contact Jim Littlejohn at 785-2514 for more information.

SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS INVESTING

Monday, February 23, 9 a.m.–noon — Learn how to easily invest in socially conscious bonds and stocks from area resident Vivian Green. \$30 for Gualala Arts members, \$35 non-members. Call Vivian at 884-4127 for a materials list.

TAI CHI CHUAN, BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE

Mondays, 5–6 p.m. & 6–7 p.m. — Instructed by Humphrey Blackburn. Call 785-3986 for more information.

WRITING

Interested in writing? Taught by local journalist and author Iris Lorenz-Fife, this class will meet in a monthly workshop format. Anyone interested in details of this new arrangement should contact Iris at 886-5030.

Navigating the Health Care System

- **Monday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Gualala Arts Lecture Series will present an informative lecture by Jean Duffy on Monday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Navigating the Health Care System." A \$5 donation is appreciated for admission.

Jean Macpherson Duffy is a graduate of Stanford University and has been a public health nurse and a professor of nursing. She was the first Registered Nurse to be elected to the California state assembly. While in office, she passed the nation's toughest drunk driving legislation. The Jean M. Duffy award for legislative initiative in that field is awarded annually in many states.

Twice a breast cancer survivor, Jean has written a book about her recent experiences with the health care system, with doctors and other health care workers, and with the many decisions she faced during her treatment. Her talk will focus on the necessity of every individual's responsibility for—and full participation in—their own health care decisions.

Volunteers Make It Happen!

The January *Sketches* mailing party consisted of these valuable volunteers: Helen Klembeck, Linda Warnock and Cheryl and Cassie Outlaw.

Arts Center and Dolphin docents, the Building Committee and the many committees and groups—Gualala Arts wouldn't be so successful and busy if it weren't for you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Now through February 16 – Members Show: "Fresh Start, New Art." RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRIES! And George-Ann Bowers artistic weavings.
- March 13 – "Recycle Your Art and Rummage Sale" Donations are now being gratefully accepted.
- April – Point Arena and Gualala Arts Poetry groups join to commemorate National Poetry Month. March 27–April 19: Poetry BroadSides exhibit. April 10: Open Mike Poetry Night.



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Call for Artists: “The Chair Affair” — Anything Goes!

- *Saturday, March 20*

Planning is underway for a dazzling fundraiser for the Gualala Arts Center, with Saturday, March 20 as the date set for a fun-filled gala & live auction. The focus of the evening will be the humble chair, elevated to works of art by members of the community. Do you have an unwanted chair that you could give a new lease on life by re-creating it as a work of art? Or do you have an idea for a new take on the chair theme? It could be a chair, bench, stool, rocker, etc. The only requirement would be that the finished piece must be able to support a person in a sitting position. The chairs could be stripped down, dressed up, beautiful, outrageous, humorous, tacky, wild or wacky. Anything goes, as long as you can sit on it!

The entire community will be invited to join us for “The Chair Affaire,” a gala evening of noshing and previewing the art chairs, followed by a raucous live auction. Each chair will be brought to the auction podium, and its creator will be invited to say a few words about the work of art, because art is more interesting when you know more about it. Then the bidding will begin (you can bid on your own work if you like) and bidding wars will be encouraged, with all the proceeds going to Gualala Arts.

We’ll also make direct contact with each school, church, service organization, and major business in the area, asking them to create chairs too, so that we get a broad representation from all sectors of our community. We hope that the chair theme may appeal to people who don’t usually consider



themselves artists, but may find this a fertile medium to express their talents. How about a Cowboy Chair, or a Quilt Bench, or maybe a Painted Lady, Musical Rocker, Construction Lift, Bird Perch, Food Fantasia, Armchair Explorer, Business Bar Stool, Stadium Seat, Hardware Hangout, or even the ubiquitous Committee Chairperson!!



There is one more key element that will be essential to the success of The Chair Affaire, and that is our Food Artists. We will be issuing a “Call to Artists” for those who create in the culinary medium, to donate sweet or savory finger foods for the Gala. Each dish will be presented as the work of art that it is, with a title card featuring the name of the creation, the artist’s name, and the key ingredients listed as the “medium.” We intend to eat them rather than sell them, but they will provide the energy boost that the party crowd will need to bid often and bid high at the auction!



If you would like to get in on the planning, please call the office at 884-1138 and we’ll put you on the committee, or sign you on as a helper in whatever way you’d like. If you are beginning to get some ideas about a chair creation, or food art, and have questions, we’ll be happy to hear from you.



The purpose of the fundraiser is threefold: to raise money, to increase the involvement of the larger community with GA, and to have as much fun as possible. Please don’t hesitate to pick up the phone, give us a call and volunteer—many hands will make the work light. We are looking forward to a rollicking good time and a sparkling success with The Chair Affaire!