

## Carole McQuarrie Lecture with Photographs on Chile

? **Monday, November 7th at 7:30 p.m.**

As part of the Gualala Arts Lecture Series, Carole McQuarrie will give a talk using her photographs to illustrate the remarkable geography of Chile with its mountains, deserts, fertile valleys, and fjords and glaciers in the south regions. She will begin with a brief history of Chile using many of these photographs. The second part of the program will consist of a photographic travelogue of the couple's adventures in Chile.

In 2003, Carole McQuarrie moved to Santiago, Chile, accompanying her husband, Donald, who had been invited to inaugurate a Ph.D. program at the University of Andres Bello. Retired from her own field of avian sciences studying nerve and muscle development in tissue culture, Carole began to study the history of Chile and to photograph the journeys the couple made to Chilean Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

### Fond Farewell to Diana

Diana Schmidt, who came to work for Gualala Arts late in 1996, is now leaving to spend more time with her family. Diana says she came to GAC because, "From the time that I was five or six, I always wanted to work in an office setting. I loved the rustling of paper and dressing up in high heels. I actually remember playing "paperwork!""

When Diana began working for GAC, the office was based in the hanger facility of the airport on the ridge. She commented in a recent interview, "I remember days when there was nothing to do but dust the office. If you come into the office nowadays, you will notice that it's pretty dusty! Moving into the new Arts Center opened up a whole new world – it's mind-boggling how many events are held here each year.

In answering to the question of why she is leaving, Diana said, "It was a very hard decision to leave. I have grown so attached to the people! But my children need me at home more. Gualala Arts has been so good to me and my family – I've always made it clear that my family came first – and that was never a problem. Now I'll have time to attend more Gualala Arts events because I won't be here working!

Diana, who did so many jobs, was now handling the publicity. She has worked to make her leaving as easy as possible, and to assure that the same great job she had been doing continues.

### Festival of Trees 2005

? **Gala Opening November 19th 5 – 7**



The Elaine Jacob Foyer will be transformed into a winter wonderland this year. This year's festival will include decorated trees, Christmas gift baskets, greens and baked goods. A gala opening is being held on November 19 from 5-7 serving spiced cider/wine and goodies. The show will remain on display through Christmas. We will have several trees and wonderful gift baskets up for silent auction. These silent auction items will have "minimum bid" and "buy it now" options and will close Saturday, November 26th. Thanks to the following merchants who have committed to the 2005 Festival of the Trees silent auction: Annapolis Winery, Two Fish Baking Company, Gualala Nursery and Trading Company, The Sea Ranch Village Store, Jay Baker True Value, Four Eyed Frog Books Inc., Rams Head Reality, Gualala Sea Spa and Wellness Center, and Adventure Rents Canoes and Kayaks. If you or your business would be interested in participating in this year's Gualala Arts Fund Raiser Festival or in 2006 Festival please contact Jan Harris, 884-1080, or Sue Pollard, 785-3972, or Gualala Arts Center at 884-1138.

### Thanksgiving Art Fest

? **November 25th & 26th, 10 – 5 p.m.**

You are invited to enjoy the two major Christmas shopping days, Friday and Saturday, after Thanksgiving, at the local Thanksgiving Art Fest in the auditorium of the Art Center. From 10 – 5 there will be about fifteen vendors offering their own handmade items to help you cross those hard-to-get-for names off your list. Talk to the artist who made the special gift, get new ideas for that gift you may never have thought of giving. There will be a demonstration of a glass blower making lampwork beads right before your very eyes.

Other beaded and precious stones jewelry will be offered in a range of prices to fit every pocketbook. There will be mosaic and raku pottery, orchid plants, dream-catchers, handmade soaps and body lotions, along with hammocks – how is that for a combination? Watercolors by Grace McMasters, also in various sizes, will be available.

Enjoy the spirit of market day in the mountains with the comfort of being indoors among friends. To participate or get more information, call Cheri Snyder at 884-5437.