

## Tibetan Monks Visit

- Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

December 4th will be a "Day for Tibet" at the Gualala Arts Center featuring a group of Tibetan monks on a world tour from the Gaden Shartse monastery in Southern India. These monks, from the Dalai Lama's tradition, visited our area last year and touched many people with their peaceful presence and many talents. They performed for local schools, counseled individuals and families, and conducted "empowerment" ceremonies. Last year's venues included the Gualala Arts Center, Point Arena Theater, Oz Farm, and the Pacific Community Charter School.

Sunday, December 4th at the Gualala Arts Center will feature an afternoon performance at 1 p.m. of traditional Tibetan music, dance, and theater pieces. Intermission will provide an opportunity to purchase handmade Tibetan artifacts, clothing, and books. Admission will be sliding scale (\$10 and up) with no one turned away for lack of funds. All money goes directly to help support the survival of the Tibetan culture in exile.

The performance will be followed by a community potluck with plenty of time to socialize, walk the grounds, and relax with the monks.

At 6 p.m. the monks will conduct an "empowerment" ceremony known as *Chenrenzig*, the Buddha of Compassion. The blessing of *Chenrenzig* is highly sought after as it helps one to become more peaceful and compassionate despite current events. There will be a separate donation (\$20 and up) requested for this ceremony, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. The "Day for Tibet" will conclude around 8 p.m.

Please plan on attending and invite your friends for a special event with some very special people. For further information contact Jef Schultz at 884-3607.



the coast have been anchored by the founding of Gualala Arts in 1964, and the realization of the Point Arena Coast Community Library in 2004. Please join us as we pay tribute to this remarkable couple and listen to their stories, observations, and selected poems. A \$5 donation at the door is appreciated.

## Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at Kings College in Cambridge, England. Now it has become a favorite feature of the coastal holiday season. It was led for many years by Episcopal priests Peter Farmer and Gillett Bechtel. Since their retirement, Rev. Christina Ballaugh has organized and directed the service.

The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, on Christmas Eve 1880. The program was arranged from ancient sources for a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various persons. Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928 and it is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide, including those to Radio Four in the United Kingdom.

In our community, from Timber Cove to Elk, the service is performed by young and old. The Recorder Group, as well as The Earnest Bloch Bell Ringers, and members of the Anchor Bay Children's Choir will add their talents to the presentation. Don Krieger will be on the keyboards, and Sita Milchev will sing along with other members.

A second service will be held on Christmas Eve from 11 – 12 p.m. at St. Paul's Community United Methodist Church on Highway One in Point Arena.

*I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat,  
Of 'Peace on earth, good will to men!'*

## Fionna and Rich Perkins Lecture "A Sky Full of Stars"

- Monday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

The Gualala Arts Lecture Committee is proud to again present two founding members of Gualala Arts, Fionna and Rich Perkins, in a reminiscence and poetry reading. They will talk about what it was like on the coast before the buildup of The Sea Ranch and what changes they have witnessed in the Gualala/Point Arena communities since the early 1960's. Mr. Perkins is an architect (he created early designs for the Arts Center) and Mrs. Perkins is a nationally known poet. Both have extensively participated in our coastal community. After opening the first bookstore in Mendocino in 1960, they moved to their home on 13 acres in Gualala. Their activities on

