

Ken Reynoldson Lecture "Disaster Preparedness: How to Pack your Barrel" Monday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m.



Every time newscasters report another earthquake somewhere on the planet, here on the coast of Northern California, we all heave a sigh of thanks that we have been spared again. However, days later, when they are still reporting about the dire conditions in "areas not yet accessible," we know that when a big earthquake does occur on our fault line, those broadcasters will be saying the very same thing about us. Maybe, spurred on by this reality, you have gotten lists for a disaster packet off the web or from newspapers, but, do these lists include the items that we, who will be on our own much longer than others, will need?

To answer this, and your many other questions, will be our own local certified Train-The-Trainer instructor for the Community Emergency Response Team classes – Ken Reynoldson – with his talk titled, "Disaster Preparedness: How to pack your barrel."

Before moving to Gualala, Ken was a member of the Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department in Humboldt County, and received qualification as a Certified Firefighter from the State of California. He was an Emergency Medical Technician for several years, and during that time,

was an instructor for First Responder medical training.

Ken has been an Ham Radio Operator for over 40 years. He is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as an Extra Class licensee, the highest Amateur Radio license one can obtain. When the bridges collapse and phone lines are down and silent, Ken will be one of those who will be getting our information in and out of here.

Ken is also a Volunteer Examiner, which means he is authorized to administer Amateur Radio Examinations, and he also teaches introductory classes for people wishing to obtain an Amateur Radio License. There is an active local Radio Club that cooperates with sponsors of parades and large events, as Ken is doing in the photo at the July 4th Patriot Days in Gualala. Maybe now is the time for you to fulfill that adolescent dream of having your own radio license? It could be the best thing you do for your family and neighbors.

In addition Ken, who is the retired postmaster of Gualala, has completed over 20 on-line classes in disaster preparation and response from FEMA. He is also a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and is available for instructing CERT procedures to any interested individuals. Persons who have taken his CERT classes have not had the benefit of Ken's expertise on assembling the disaster barrel, so they are encouraged to attend this lecture. A \$5 donation will be accepted at the door.

Ken Reynoldson comes well-prepared to help you be ready when the big quake, or any other disaster, comes home to you. Don't be scared; be prepared.

Festival of Trees an Enormous Success!

Gualala Arts extends a special thanks for donations to this year's "Festival of Trees" from these area merchants: Accents by the Sea, Adventure Rents, Annapolis Winery, Aquascape Plus, Arena Cove Bar & Grill, Arff Feed & Pet Supply, Bed & Bone, Café LaLa, Celebrations, Celebration Connection, Clutterbug, Cypress Bar & Grill, Four-Eyed Frog Books, Gualala Community Center, Gualala Nursery & Trading Co., Gualala Sport & Tackle, Gualala Sea Spa & Wellness Center, Gualala Supermarket, Gualala Video, Independent Coast Observer, Jack's Gualala Pharmacy, Jay Baker True Value Hardware Store, Physical Gym, Rams Head Rentals, Red Stella, Redwood Grill, Rumors, Sea Ranch Golf Links, Sea Ranch Lodge Store, Smokehouse Grill, The Cotton Field, The Gualala Hotel Restaurant, Top of the Cliff, Twofish Baking Co., Trink's, Village Cobblery, and Violet's Boutique.

Thanks for refreshments for the reception go to the Culinary Arts Guild and Chairman Ben Klagenberg, with Paddy Batchelder, Susan and Jim Grenwelge, Paul Nordstrand, Chris Owings, Ann and Phil Graf, Kristin Carnes, Lynda O'Brien,



Judy Hardy, Pat Chaban, Marilyn Bess, Betsi Carey, Michelle Marshall, and Wilma Klagenberg.

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Stevenson, Marge Tarp, Sandy Bush, Liz Elstun, Susan Grenwelge.

Thanks also to the GAC Office staff Barbara Pratt, Liz Redfield, and to the Volunteers Harriet Wright, Jeff Pratt, Jean Brown, Pat Romeiro, Jane Reichhold, Marva Jacobs. Thanks too, to Wayne Harris for his music, and for all the schlepping.

This event was possible only through the will and the work of the Festival of Trees Committee Sus Susalla, Jan Harris, Susan Pollard, Bobbie Penney and Suzanne Hansen. Meetings will now be held monthly to plan for an even more extensive event next year. If you would like to be a part of this event, now is the time to let this group know of your ideas or suggestions.