

Hot New Changes on the Website

We are happy to announce our website, GualalaArts.org, has been completely remodeled. More interested in making the site faster to download and easier to navigate, the changes were much more than just cosmetic.

With the new simplified menu structure there is no need for pop-up menus, so visitors can quickly find exactly what they are looking for. There is a featured event with photo and information on the home page, and all the upcoming concerts, theatrical performances, lectures, workshops, and exhibit opening and dates are listed on the events page. If you do not see what you are looking for, the search page offers a Google-powered search of the website.

The archive files for *Sketches* have been redesigned with a table of contents for each issue. This allows the visitor to pick the needed page without having to wait for the whole issue to download. Members interested in saving trees, who would prefer to get their *Sketches* online, can call the office to make a request for the change from paper to pixels.

More and more people are recognizing the value of websites and learning how to use them. At the beginning of 2004, the Gualala Arts website was visited by an average of 26 people a day. Two years later we are getting almost 200 visitors a day! So one of these dreary, rainy days, brighten your hours by logging in to GualalaArts.org, and bookmark the site so you can easily return often.

Thanks to the Gualala Arts webmaster, Dave Jordan, for his efforts in improving our website.

Hide the Butt Contest

Though smoking is not encouraged, we do need a new way of disposing of the cigarette butts on the porch outside of the auditorium doors. A prize of \$100 is being offered for the best suggestion for such a container. It must be fireproof, easily emptied, stable in wind and rain, and hopefully, artistic enough to be an addition to the center and encourage its use.

Ideas, drawings, and proposals should be submitted to the office before May 30.



Rent the Arts Center for Your Event

Gualala Arts is an ideal location for your business meeting, seminar, workshop, wedding, anniversary, birthday celebration or fundraiser. Situated on 11 acres of redwoods, the 15,000 square foot Art Center has the right size room and amenities and aesthetics to fit your needs.

The outdoor BBQ, situated among the redwoods has a large permanent BBQ, eight picnic tables with adjacent water and electricity outlets. Wedding rates include the whole building for \$3,500.



The 62' x 40' wood-floored **Coleman Auditorium** can seat an audience of 300, can accommodate tables and chairs for a dinner of 200, cabaret-style seating for 200, has a classic bar, a 30' x 30' stage with theater lighting and superb sound system, and boasts a spacious double dressing room beneath the stage

Our complete, state of the art **Saville Kitchen** adjoins the auditorium with a 60-second dishwasher, 8 burner double-oven Wolf range, large commercial refrigerator, ice machine, and table service for 200. The 36' x 36' **Elaine Jacob Foyer** has slate flooring, bar, sink and expansive windows revealing over 60' tall redwoods.

Additional amenities for rent include: overhead projection, slide projection, digital projector, 16' wide screen, two portable screens at 6' wide, 45" TV, VCR, copy machine, facsimile, dry erase boards, flip chart easel, wired and cordless microphones, stage lighting, sound system and sound and lighting person, a 9' Yamaha Concert Grand piano, a 7' Mason and Hamlin Grand piano, table settings and wine glasses for 200, 50 cabaret-style tables, burgundy colored tablecloths, round and rectangular tables, chairs for 350, large coffee pots, four large chafing dishes, and complete cooking essentials.

Details and more photos are on the GualalaArts.org website or request a rental packet from the office.

Raffle Tickets for the Bike

You still have time to purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win the fabulous Sport Mesa Tandem Bicycle donated by Don Kemp. You can see the bike on display in the foyer. Tickets are \$2 for one, three for \$5 and seven for \$10. Orders for \$10 and up can be done by phone, using your credit card. All proceeds benefit the Art in the Schools program of Gualala Arts.

Tickets will remain on sale until the drawing during the Fabulous Blendos Magic Show on March 11. You do not need to be in attendance for the drawing, but how exciting to be here when your ticket is drawn and you wheel this super bike out the door. Now that will be real magic!