

Helen Klembeck Volunteer of the Month

When asked what prompted her to assume the management position for the Dolphin Gallery and Shop, Helen Klembeck stated matter-of-factly, "I just jumped into the void." That unassuming response captures her commitment to Gualala Arts and reflects the attitude of the numerous volunteers that makes our community special.

What she left unsaid was a statement of the countless hours she has spent, assisted by her husband Frank, in renovating the gallery room and display space, installing new cases and lighting, and cleaning out many years of clutter.

In addition, Helen has organized the schedule for the 29, soon to be 30, current volunteers and involved them in the decision making process. Her "Adopt-a-Spot" program invites each volunteer to give special care to a certain area in the shop.

The result is a fresh open look with an inventory that is constantly being updated and revised so the consignment items for sale from about 100 artists meet the needs of the many visitors from around the globe who visit the convenient downtown location.

A native of Minnesota, Helen moved to the Bay Area while still a child. She attended San Jose State where she studied music. That interest continued in unusual ways. In addition to her busy work schedule as Human Resources Director, she was vocalist for a band led by George Liberace, brother of the slightly better known pianist and entertainer, Walter Valentino Liberace. She once performed for sixteen days at Harvey's Top of the Wheel in Tahoe with Liberace and his whole entourage in the audience for opening night.

Helen, who has just been elected to the Board of directors, started volunteering for Gualala Arts in 1999, both at the Dolphin and Art in the Redwoods, and has been Gallery Coordinator since 2001. She says, "Volunteering is a great way to know the community, make new friends, and feel good about making a contribution."

An Artic Evening with Steve Godal Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The ideal lecture for one of our windy May evenings will be Steve Godal's "Journey to the Land of the Ice Bear." This presentation of a trip last July to Svalbard, a remote archipelago above Norway, and about 600 miles from the North Pole, traces his voyage aboard the National Geographic ship *Endeavor* as it circumnavigated Spitzbergen Island.

The High Artic is one of the most amazing destinations on the planet and is full of paradoxes. Here there is no east or west, in summer the sun never sets, and in winter the sun disappears completely and the stars do not rise or set. This magic place is the major habitat for polar bears (or ice bears as the Norwegians say) as well as walrus, seals and vast colonies of nesting birds.

Deep fjords, mountains and massive sheets of ice dominate the landscape. During a summer of perpetual daylight, the tundra experiences a warm awakening and is carpeted with minute and beautiful wildflowers. Ice-peppered fjords ring with the thunderous crash of glacial ice breaking off and sliding into the sea. Walrus swim out to the small Zodiac boat filled with photographers to get a closer look at this rarely seen species. And everyone holds their breath as a polar bear is spotted and cameras click wildly.

A video set to music with the photos taken by Jeanne and Steve on their trip will conclude the evening so that when you return home you will feel as if you have been to another remote and beautiful place.



A Huge Thank-you to Everyone Who Participated in the Success of the Whale and Jazz Festival

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