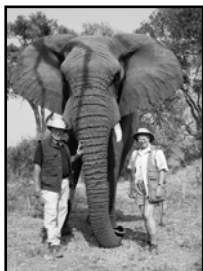


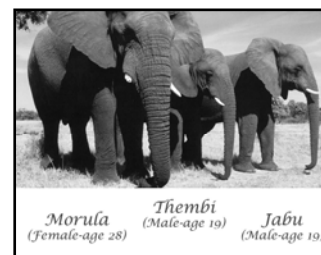
Climb the Impenetrable Forest of Uganda, Drive through Kenya or Walk the Bush in Botswana Monday June 12 at 7 p.m.



Please join Jim and Lynne Edwards as they share their experiences and photographs of a recent trip to Africa. They begin their journey in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of Western Uganda, which is home to about 300 Mountain Gorillas – roughly half of the world’s population. Their trip then takes them to Northern Kenya in Samburu and driving south, they travel through the Aberdare Mountains, into the Rift Valley, stopping at Lake Nakuru and then on to the Masai Mara. Leaving Kenya they travel to Victoria Falls in Zambia and finally into Botswana where one of their stops will be with Doug and Sandy Groves and their three very large “children” – Jabu, Morula, and Thembi – the beautiful elephants that the Groves saved from culling efforts and have lived with for over fifteen years. Jim and Lynne spent two days walking the bush with the Groves and “the children” and will share what it is

like to be up close and personal with three wild elephants.

Jim and Lynne have been full-time residents of Sea Ranch for the past five years and recently sold their business in Gualala – Artsea Gallery and Framing. They said, “We were working too hard and not traveling enough.” They love to travel, but truly enjoy coming back home to this beautiful coast. The Edwards’ take trips that allow them to be in the presence of nature and meet a variety of wildlife. Lynne is an avid wildlife photographer, while Jim enjoys capturing the moments on video. So together, they are able to tell a story about their travels and share in a way that allows other people to re-live their travels with them. You will enjoy seeing still photographs and video of their trip and a DVD that captures the incredible wildlife of Africa.



Audition Material Available For Art Center Theater’s Winter Show

If you were in the cast of a previous Art Center Theater winter show, you will remember the hard work and fun of building a theatrical family that creates an entertaining play. If you were in the audience, you may have wished you were on the stage! Now is your chance! Check out our winter 2006 production: *The Secret Garden*, a Tony Award winning musical by Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon. Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, it has hauntingly beautiful music and an intriguingly, life affirming tale.

Interested in auditioning? Here are the details:

- There are singing and non-singing roles for men, women, and children (age 9 and older). Previous experience is not required. Although the roles of Dickon and Martha are played by adults in the Broadway version, we will adapt them for portrayal by young people between the ages of approximately 12 to 15. The part of Dickon can be played by either a girl or a boy. The children’s roles are possibly the best we have ever offered!
- “The Secret Garden” will be performed on December 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17.
- Private coaching appointments for leads will be available in August.
- Music rehearsals begin in October.
- Production rehearsals start November 1.
- Auditions are scheduled for August 12 and 13 at 1 p.m. in the Coleman Auditorium. You will be asked to read from the script and, if auditioning for a singing role, to sing.
- If call backs are required, they will be August 14 at 5 p.m.
- Scripts/scores are ready for your review on June 1. We are making this media available early so that if you plan to try out for an adult lead role of Lily, Archibald and Dr. Craven or a child’s lead part of Mary Lennox, Colin, Dickon or Martha – you will have time to learn a song from the show for auditions. If you are interested in one of the adult roles call Don Krieger (785-2648), or for a children’s part – Sue Bohlin (884-5477 or 415-339-8809). They will be happy to help you prepare the assigned song(s) for auditions.

Art Center Theater winter productions take months of planning before we ever get to auditions, much less to rehearsals and performance. Although it is only June, we are gearing up! *The Secret Garden* is a fabulous show, with amazing music! It promises to be one of our best productions yet! You don’t want to miss being a part of it! To borrow a script/score or for more information, contact Lynne Atkins at 884-3838 or 884-1009.

SRJC’s Acting Class Recital Tuesday May 30 at 7 p.m.

The adult Beginning Acting Class, taught annually by Art Center Theater co-producer and director Kathye Hitt through Santa Rosa Junior College’s local outreach program, leads novice and experienced actors through the art and science of developing and creating a character onstage. At this public recital the students who have explored the craft of acting through a variety of exercises, improvisations, and explorations designed to inspire their creative spirit and heighten their understanding and re-creation of human emotions and reactions will show the results. Students in this spring’s class are veteran actors Paddy Batchelder, Savannah Power, Marlee Little, Jane Simmonds, Sherry Pringle, and Joel Crockett as well as stage newcomers Rob Elder, Karel Metcalf, Dolora Westrich, Jinx McCombs, and Pam Nelson.

So, if you are interested in finding out more about acting for yourself, or in watching and supporting new actors in our area, please join us for this recital. There is no admission fee, but contributions to Gualala Arts to defray costs of production will be gratefully accepted. Come celebrate another theater event in the growing program of our area.