

EDITORIAL – Let's Party!

This year marks the 45th year of the Art in the Redwoods. Surely one of the reasons for the longevity of this event is the fact that from the very beginning it has been more than just an art show. Even when the paintings were hung on nails in the trunks of actual redwood trees, out in the August fogs, the Art in the Redwoods festival was an occasion for a community party.

Every month needs a party and in August we party to celebrate art. Yes, the fine art show is the biggest one on the coast and it alone is reason enough to come to Gualala Arts Center. However, the urge to sit down with friends and neighbors to enjoy great food, wine, and music is also a part of the event.

Therefore, Art in the Redwoods opens on Friday August 18 with a champagne preview of the art. This is the first chance for artists and art patrons to get acquainted and to check out who is doing what and how good it is. Buyers get first dibs on the pieces most interesting to them, and artists get the thrill of watching those red dots go up on the labels. Art patrons love to meet the makers of the work they admire, and it is good for artists, always a solitary profession, to get some praise and feedback from their public. Judges will give their critiques and the artists can pick up their prizes in the Jami Amphitheater from 6 – 7 p.m.

Afterwards, on Friday night at 7:30, is the gala Dinner with wine by the Savory Coast Catering Company, served with style and panache in the Coleman Auditorium. Tickets, \$50, are usually completely sold out in advance so call today to make sure you are included.

The partying continues on Saturday and Sunday with a rotating schedule of live music events. Many performing groups enjoy our event so much they come back year after year. In the barbecue area there will be hot dogs, chicken, salmon, hamburgers, beer and wine, gourmet salads and Panini's chowder served on picnic tables under the trees where small groups of friends and neighbors can gather. Plan now to meet someone special at this event.

Yes, parties take work, but many hands make the job light; the laughter and joy of the event have their own rewards. Make sure you get the most out of this three-day party by volunteering your talents and expertise. Call the office at 884-1138 so Spencer can help you find the job that fits you.

And do come to party!

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Results of the Poll

The people wishing to change the times for evening events at Gualala Arts Center have been heard. The overwhelming majority were in favor of changing the meeting times from 7:30 p.m. to 7. It will take some time to work this out with previously scheduled events, but we will do our best to get them all happening when you want them.

Special Thanks

Thank you to Tom Ameral for the weed whacking around the Arts Center!

Thanks for Supporting Art and Artists

One of the ways to further art education is to sponsor scholarships for the workshops. Craig Gilliland, of the Spindrift Gallery, and an anonymous donor gave scholarships to the Karen Bowers Workshop on June 3. This enabled two high school students, Amelia Davies and Rhiannon Radtkey, to take part in these valuable classes.

Memorial for Christina Smith-Owings

On Thursday, July 6, there will be a Memorial and Celebration of the Life of Christina Smith-Owings held in the Coleman Auditorium and Metcalf Terrace from 3 – 5 p.m.

Deadline for information for *Sketches* on events in August is
Friday, June 30.