

Judith Greenleaf Exhibit at the Dolphin Gallery Opening Reception Saturday July 1, 5 – 7 p.m.



The title of the Judith Greenleaf's exciting new exhibit is *Celebrating Nature ~ Human and Otherwise*. The show will include a variety of media – watercolor, drawings, sculpture in ceramic, bronze, and cast stone. There will be both freestanding and wall pieces appropriate for living outdoors or for creating a unique focus in the garden, patio, or entry. Greenleaf will also have bins with unframed paintings and drawings, and there will be matted prints and blank greeting cards of Baja California paintings as well as those reflecting Northern California. As a teacher for many years in this area, Judith Greenleaf has been a positive influence and gentle mentor for so many beginning artists. Students, past and future, have this chance to see a grand overview of the range and expert mastering of her several media.

North Coast Artist Guild News

Susan Rush gave the treasurer's report. Good news: Wet Paint sponsors have donated over \$1,000 in prizes for the December 2006 show.

2006 Studio Tour: Walt gave a report from Marianne Baxter. All activities are apparently on track. It looks like there will be no opening or preview show at CityArt, although Tom is going to check with Nicole Ours to see if she would mind if he asks other studio tour artists if they would like to hang something at CityArt. We'll let everyone know ASAP if this changes.

CityArt December Show: This slot is now no longer available. However, there is an opening in October that NCAG can have. We asked Tom Eckles to secure this for us. It was discussed that perhaps we could have a show by the artists who participated in Artist to Artist. Details of this to be worked out and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Art Exchange: Tom explained the idea once again. It will be discussed at the Artist to Artist mixer to see how many are interested. There was a suggestion survey artists by e-mail.

New Business: Fund Raiser – Russ Hardy discussed the fact that Gualala Arts has just started on a 10 year fund-raising campaign and would like all its member organizations, including NCAG, to help. Russ asked that:

- NCAG encourages its members to donate.
- NCAG members who know art patrons who might donate funds were requested to give their names to him.
- NCAG members could support an art auction by donating a piece of their work. In order to encourage the artists to donate their best quality work, it was suggested that a yet-to-be determined percentage could be paid to the artists.

Also in regard to Gualala Arts and NCAG working together, Tom suggested that a survey should be sent to the artists asking what GA could do to help artists. Anyone else who has ideas for survey questions should get them to Bruce so he can make up the survey.

The next board meeting will be on **Thursday, July 27th at 2 p.m.** The Memorandum of Understanding with Gualala Arts will be up for discussion. **From 5 – 8 p.m.**, on the same day, will be the **Artist to Artist Meeting**. Bring one piece of your artwork to discuss. Food to share is always appreciated. Call Walt Rush at 882-2441.

Summer Saturday Art Fest July 1, 10 - 5

Summer is here and with it comes the joy of the outdoor markets. The Summer Saturday Art Fest, located in the meadow behind the Gualala Hotel, are part of a long Saturday tradition, which has expanded beyond the original small sidewalk fairs. These art fairs are a perfect chance to visit and support local arts and crafts. We are hoping to whet your appetite by introducing you to some of the artists and craftspeople who will be showing their work. This week the work of Jan Maria Chiappa is our focus.

Jan Maria works in a small pottery workshop off Fish Rock road. Pinniped Studio is the home to her Which Craft Workshop. Here she creates stoneware pieces for home and garden using a unique hand-mixed clay body. Jan Maria produces one-of-a-kind pieces in clay that range from a warm dark brown to a near black color. She hand builds bowls, birdhouses, bird feeders and baths, incense burners, shrines, oil diffusers and much more. There is something for everyone in this large body of work. Jan Maria brings years as a painter and graphic artist to her work in clay. Each piece is highly detailed. The forms are organic and graceful. To see more of Jan Maria's work visit her website at www.whichcraftworkshop.com.

Jan Maria has opened the Open Clay Studio downstairs at Gualala Arts every Wednesday morning in June and August. Clay tools and teaching support from Jan Maria are available. In September, she will be teaching a workshop, "Hand-built Clay Animals." Check out the pages of classes and workshops in this issue for more details.

Jan Maria brings an extensive array of ceramics to the Summer Saturday Art Fest along with her knitted scarves in exotic yarns. A variety of crafts and fine arts created by more than 20 artists will be available at the next fair on

Saturday, July 1. We hope that you will join us in celebrating and supporting our local arts and crafts community. There are a few spaces still available for additional craftspeople. If you have missed out before, but are still interested, please call Gualala Arts Center at 884-1138 about vendor applications.

