

Local Artists Are Prepared for
This Year's Studio Discovery Tour
Saturdays & Sundays
on September 2 - 3 & 9 - 10

The North Coast Artists' Guild will sponsor the Fourteenth Annual Studio Discovery Tour on the first two weekends in September. This year forty artists will open their private working studios to the public, answer questions, provide demonstrations, and offer their original creative artwork for sale. Every studio is different; each stop is unique. The 32-page color brochure, with a detailed map, will be available at Gualala Arts Center and Spindrifft Gallery.

This is a free, self-guided tour along Highway 1, to be enjoyed at your own leisurely pace. In the brochure is a description of each artist and a photo of a sample of their work. Since it will be difficult to see everything and everyone, you can choose which artists are on your "must see" list and plan your route. Yellow directional signs on the roads will lead you to each studio and the brochure's detailed map make it a cinch to find the artists you will most want to see. The map in the brochure is a must to visit Sea Ranch artists since signage there is limited.

Here is your opportunity to meet our local artists in person and view a wide array of original paintings, ceramics, sculptures, jewelry, fountains, iron works, weavings, glass art, textiles, photography, and paper works. Studios will be open from Kruse Ranch through Sea Ranch, Gualala, Anchor Bay, Point Arena, Albion and Little River. The artists will have their studios open each Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and many will be offering refreshments.

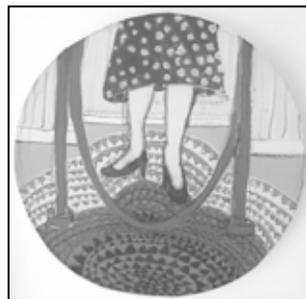
To preview the artists showing this year and get a glimpse in the brochure, go to www.studio-tours.com



Artist Barbara Kelley will be demonstrating her printing press during the tour.

Kibbe and Jones Reflections of Silk and Metal Show
at the Dolphin Gallery
Reception Saturday, August 5 from 5 - 7

Reflections of Silk and Metal will be the second time Ling-Yen Jones and Madeline Kibbe have exhibited together. Once again they will present works – Ling Yen in metal and Madeline in silk. The theme describes the duality and balance between two things and their artwork.



For Madeline, the idea from the first show developed into a series of centipede kites built from silk, rattan and bamboo, which depict persons caught in a moment of reverie or glancing in a mirror. In these pieces, mirrors are "the other" and the reflection is its response. She is also creating sculptures using the same materials as the kites which will play with ideas of positive and negative spaces as well as contrasting design elements on the silk to portray the simultaneous clash and coalescence that is balance.

Ling-Yen Jones is a Mendocino County jeweler working in silver, semi-precious stones, and pearls. Her style ranges from the traditional to the modern, and is completely unique. All of the pieces are handmade, and are one-of-a-kind or in small series with repeating motifs. Earrings, coming in pairs, conjoin with the theme of reflections quite nicely. One earring is often a mirror reflection of the other. In the Gossips series, one face is reflecting with facial expression what the other face is saying. This work brings together her own interest in the expressive power of faces, while exploring the serenity and grace of the everyday in present time. The Windows of Opportunity series is a three dimensional box and represents moments of opportunities. Both the Unmentionables and Windows of Opportunity lines will be available in earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and pins. Windows often have a literal and metaphorical quality, and the geometric earrings sometimes reflect each other and sometimes show the exact opposite.



Ling-Yen defines jewelry as creations which are useful, artistic, symbolic, identifying, and an expression of personal ideas. Ling-Yen trained with David Laplantz at Humboldt State University, at Monterey Peninsula College, and at various Mendocino Art Center workshops and assistantships. More about Ling-Yen's work is available on her website at www.ling-yendesigns.com.

The show is open through August 31.