Alzheimer Artists – Lecture by S. Micheal Pope
Monday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.

Gualala Arts and Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB) will provide an opportunity to learn about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in a lecture by S. Micheal Pope in conjunction with the exhibit of the Alzheimer Artists in the Elaine Jacob Foyer.

S. Micheal Pope is the Deputy Director of Development & Operations of the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. The ASEB was incorporated in 1988 and in 1989 opened its first facility that could handle about fifteen patients a day. In 1991, an additional facility in San Leandro, they increased the patient load to thirty-five patients a day. With moves and a further expansion of facilities, the ASEB is now caring for over eighty patients at a time. ASEB offers Adult Day Health Care along with an extensive training and education program for staffers and families. The organization has thirteen full-time and twenty-four part-time staffers as well as forty-eight volunteers who contribute over 225 hours a month.

To learn more about the work of ASEB, and its services for both the victims of Alzheimer's and for their caregivers, access their website – www.aseb.org**.** A $5 donation is requested at the lecture.

Lecture Series "Magic in Malaysia," with Diane Wickstrom
Monday, October 30 from 7 – 9 p.m.

Diane Wickstrom's interest in magic, sorcery and possession, and her major paper written in graduate school about a particular possession phenomenon in Malaysia, awakened in her a need to visit the people she had studied.

As she writes: "I had an opportunity to spend about five weeks with a Malaysian middle-class Muslim family outside of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital, several years ago. They knew I was an anthropologist, would return to California to share their information with my students, and yet they opened their homes, hearts and beliefs to me so that I could try to understand their culture in such a short time. I will always be grateful for their friendship, openness, and guidance."

The lecture will include tales of magic, sorcery, and possession from the family's and from an outsider's perspective. Wickstrom attended weddings, engagement ceremonies (very major in their lives), the birth of a child, and just everyday events – many of which had magical connections. Perhaps the most telling story will be a very personal one involving, in our terms, blackmail and death threats over an (then) unborn child. During the trip Wickstrom also had the opportunity to attend a *Thaipusum* ceremony, a major annual event at Batuk Caves just outside of Kuala Lumpur.

Diane has taught anthropology for thirty-three years at College of Marin in Kentfield, retiring in 2001. While at the college, she traveled extensively in Asia and Southeast Asia learning as much as possible about the various cultures, then bringing back her experiences and knowledge to give her students an opportunity to appreciate the differences and similarities between cultures. Her primary interests have been magic, religion, sorcery, and witchcraft. Diane received her B.A. from Willamette University, her M.A. from the University of Washington, and did Ph.D studies at UC Berkeley. She has lived in the Gualala area since 2002. A $5 donation is requested.