

Plan now to take part in the Festival of Trees in November



Gualala Arts Third Annual Festival of Trees is certain to be a marvelous holiday celebration, bringing with it a wave of joyous Christmas spirit and activities for all ages. Special attractions will include a Santa's Greenhouse, the Merry Mantel, Albert's Ale House, Community "Christmas on the Coast" exhibit, The Magical Gingerbread House for children, Tabitha Tubney's

Tearoom, Kringles' Craft Village, The Fantasy Forest, and Gingerbread Lane with live musical entertainment to add to your holiday cheer.

There will be many opportunities for Gualala Arts members, community businesses, and coast residents to participate. You are invited to pick from the ideas below:

- **Volunteer, of course!** Help set up and work at the festival, join a workshop, bake goodies, decorate trees, make a gingerbread house, have fun & join a team. Please call Jan Harris to get more details at 884-4231.
- **Be a Festival Sponsor!** Pick your level of support: Tinsel: \$250; Ornaments: \$500; Garlands \$1000; Twinkling Lights: \$1500; Christmas Angel: \$3000. Sponsors will help underwrite several aspects of the event, including the Magical Gingerbread House activities for children, and musical entertainment. Sponsors will receive acknowledgement and ads in the festival program. Please make checks payable to: "Gualala Arts / FoT" mail to P.O. Box 244, Gualala, CA 95445.

- **Attend a Workshop!** Pick from Gingerbread House Decorating, the Elves' Workshop, Theme Tree Decorating Workshops, or Tabletop Trees & Ornaments. See the workshops listed on pages 8 and 9 for all the details.
- **Donate a Gift Certificate** to the Shopper's Extravaganza Raffle Tree to advertise your business.
- **Bid on the Silent Auction of Decorated Trees and Gingerbread Houses, and Shop!**

Raffle tickets are now available (see the ones inserted into this issue of *Sketches*) for the Shopper's Extravaganza – a tree covered with gift certificates to stores and shops throughout the Redwood Coast community. Valued at \$500 plus! Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 and 15 for \$20. A book of 15 tickets is included with a return envelope for your convenience. Drawing will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 26. You need not be present to win.

On **Saturday, November 11**, 5 – 8 p.m. will be the opening reception of the Community "Christmas on the Coast" Show in the Burnett Gallery – a unique exhibit representing Mendonoma Coast galleries and merchants that will run through December 4. **Wednesday, November 22**, is the Sponsors' Invitational Gala Champagne Reception and Auction Preview from 5 – 7 p.m. **Friday, November 24**, Festival of Trees Marketplace is open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Saturday, November 25**, Festival of Trees Marketplace Day 2 is open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Sunday, November 26**, Festival of Trees Marketplace Day 3 is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Silent Auction closes at 1 p.m. and pickup is from 2 – 4 p.m.

Dedication of the Karel Metcalf Garden Terrace Wednesday, October 25 from 5 – 6 p.m.

It is finished. It is gorgeous. Now is the time to celebrate everyone who worked on the Karel Metcalf Garden Terrace that creates a marvelous new entrance to the center and a gracious space for outdoor entertaining.

First on the evening's agenda will be a formal thank-you to Karel Metcalf for her donation that started this project. Another thank-you will go to Art Dreyer who designed and directed the work, and another to all the volunteers who spent over a year on the job.

Come join in an evening of lifting the filled glass with cheers and toasts. There may also be some "roasts." Rumor has it that plans are brewing, lyrics are being written to Tom Lehrer songs, and ideas abound on how to make this a very special event.

Following this celebration, at 6 p.m., will be a Dinners at Six event hosted by Sita Milchev and Team Five. Make your evening complete by reserving a ticket for \$20, for this very special dinner with your friends and guests. Call Sita Milchev, at 884-3386, to place your reservations before October 15.

