

**Photography and Fused Glass Exhibit at the Dolphin
Opening Reception Saturday, October 7 from 5 – 7 p.m.**

Photos and fused glass. Even the names of the media of these two artists go together. These East Bay Area artists have shown their work together before at the Dolphin – in 2002.

Thus, it is with particular pleasure that Meris Emory and Elizabeth Shepherd come back again for a show together in October. As they did then, they will again be showing some of their collaborations – Elizabeth Shepherd’s photos in fused glass frames made by Meris Emory.

However, this time Meris will also be bringing a large array of platters using new, unique shapes, sizes and forms. In addition she is including many old favorites like her fun and colorful diachronic jewelry, elegantly simple flower holders, and sophisticated smaller frames for that very special photo.



She has been doing glass art that is fused, slumped, and sandblasted for about twenty years, focusing mainly on pieces that are functional, as well as decorative. After ten years of taking classes and learning her trade, she established Meris Emory Enterprises in 1996. Her elegant abstract forms and the exciting glow of colors are unique to her style.



As Meris says, “Opening the kiln after a twenty-hour process of fusing or slumping still feels like Christmas morning, many years, and many firings later.” Her passion and strong love of glass is evident in every piece.

Elizabeth “Liz” Shepherd cannot remember a time when she did not think of herself as a photographer. Even as a child with her first Brownie, she knew she wanted to work only with natural light in settings to depict images to which the average person would be able to relate. She loves finding the uncommon in the common.

For her show at the Dolphin, Liz will include some of her photos with a new theme. Since concentrating on close-up, or macro photography, she has discovered the abstract images and natural occurring patterns that nature creates are great for her photographic expression. As Liz said, “It is all about going inward into the center of the subject. I think of it as the Zen of photography. By doing this I find the way to the center of myself. I love this collection of photographs and what they represent to me. Hopefully they will move you or transcend you to a peaceful place.”

Both women pursue their art as much as possible around their day jobs in the medical profession. Ms. Emory is an x-ray technician and Ms. Shepherd is a physical therapist. This show is being held over until November 11 so visitors to the Dolphin Gallery will have an extra week in which to enjoy and make purchases from this beautiful collection.

Don’t Miss out on the Final 2006 Summer Art Fest!

If you, or your guests, will be here over the Columbus Day three-day weekend, be sure to get to Gualala on Saturday for this special event! Artists and artisans will have booths set up behind the Gualala Hotel with their handmade wares for sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 7. Get a jump-start on your Christmas list and meet the artist who made the gift you will give with such pride, while supporting your friends and neighbors who depend on you to appreciate their work. Make three people happy with one gift – shop at the Summer Saturday Art Fest.

Show off our local artists to your friends and family. Make a memorable trip to Gualala to see the sights. Amazing people, stupendous views, charming gifts, new ideas – what is there not to like? See you there!



**Logo Contest for the Jazz Series
Won by Drew Fagan**

Congratulations and thanks to Drew Fagan for his winning design. He has been awarded two free tickets to all the Jazz events in 2007. This is the second logo Drew has designed for Gualala Arts. His entry in the contest for the Local Eyes was also a winner.

