

The Art of the Bouquet, a Gala Spring Event Friday, March 30, 10 a.m.

Gualala Arts Center will be showcasing spring with the first ever spring garden event – The Art of the Bouquet. Spring will fill the air as the foyer and auditorium are transformed into garden and floral landscapes.

Candace Moore, long-time coastal resident, will be the vivacious mistress of ceremonies for this gala, fundraising event. Candace will introduce Marsha Heckman, well known Marin floral designer and author. Marsha will captivate the audience by creating six floral arrangements utilizing traditional blooms and plant materials available in the springtime on the North Coast as well as branches and bulbs from the garden and commercial cut flowers. Marsha will provide plenty of inspiration and information to help you to create your own unique designs!

Candace will offer commentary on the latest spring fashions worn by local models featuring clothing in a variety of fibers, wonderful jewelry, and one of a kind "wearable arts" at affordable prices from The Cotton Field. The Cotton Field, celebrating its ninth year in Gualala, is owned by partners, Peggy Sundstrom, Barbara Kraft, and Lou Anne Fredrickson – a real family affair.

The buying focus for The Cotton Field from the fashion world is to include a coastal look. Lou Anne and Barbara just returned from the San Francisco January market which they said showed a lot of seersucker in trousers and jackets. You will enjoy the fashion show as you dine on a luscious luncheon with dessert, while sipping mimosas. The mimosas will be served by a few of our handsome coastal gentlemen.

Win a prize by fashioning an original floral or humorous chapeau. See photo of Diana Bower modeling a creation featuring giant flowers, a butterfly, and a bunny rabbit. Win a raffle prize which includes Marsha's floral arrangements, table top decor and a special Easter wheelbarrow overflowing with live plants and Easter décor. Space is limited. Reserve your seats early. Enjoy our early bird special of \$45 per ticket by March 1. After March 1, the price is \$50. The charge at the door will be \$55. Reservations prior to March 16 are desirable. Call in your reservation today to 884-1138; Visa and MC accepted.

Whale and Jazz Festival Tote Bag \$15 each Call for S&H with phone

orders A bag to make your life easier. The generous, gusseted body is 17 inches wide extended and 12 x 5 inches when stuffed. The depth of 12 inches securely holds what you need without becoming your mother's suitcase. On one side is a Velcro-closeable flap over a 10 x 2 bag that has

sewn-in pockets for easy-to-reach credit or business cards, and elastic loops for a pen and pencil. A depth of 10 inches will hold all those little things that would normally go in a purse or in your case, maybe a paint box or lunch. On both sides are snug, deep pockets for water bottles, paintbrushes, rulers or flutes. Inside the bag is water-repellent so when you set the bag down in the wet grass, everything inside stays dry. Easy to wipe clean inside and out. Strong, secure webbed straps are adjustable for grip or shoulder carrying. Classy black nylon fabric with gray interior. Printed on the side in white is the message that you support, and maybe have been to, the Redwood Coast Whale and Jazz Festival. You advertise our festival, and we give you a tote bag worth far more than you've paid for it. Now how jazzy can that be?

Art in the Redwoods Timeline Changes

As the Art in the Redwoods Festival continues to grow, more days had to be added on for all the activities. The gala opening dinner, held in the Coleman Auditorium has now been set up to Thursday night, August 16 at 6 p.m. Guest Chef James Romeo of the Sea Ranch Lodge will be in charge of the scrumptious dinner with paired wines. Diners

will also get a peek preview at the Fine Art Exhibit even before it is judged. Only one hundred tickets are available for this evening of evenings. Tickets go on sale May 1 at \$150 each. They will go out fast, so reserve yours early.



Timeline for this year's festival is: Thursday, August 16 – "Top Hat!" Gala Dinner 6 p.m. Friday, August 17 – Champagne Opening of the Art Exhibit and Judges' Critique from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Saturday, August 18 – open to artists' vendor booths, live music, food, and art show from 10 – 5 p.m. Sunday, August 19 – open to vendor booths, art show,

and specializing in local live music from 10 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 26 – Thank-You Dinner for all AIR Volunteers