

EDITORIAL

Carpe Diem – Seize the Day

Since Christmas our weather has been so sunny it is almost as if our spring began in December. But perhaps for you personally there have heavy days of disappointment or grief, the stormy weather of illness or becalmed seas of incapacitation. Now as the months have flown by and you are getting better, you sense a budding within yourself. A new dream has appeared on your inner horizon. Maybe it is still as hazy as a wish or occasional urge, but something is there that wants to call forth an action.

As you explore this new desire, remember that Gualala Arts is here to help you make almost any dream a reality. Maybe there is a class or a group that awakened some long-denied interest upon which you have never acted. Perhaps a workshop is being offered and when you read about it you think, "I wonder if I would enjoy that?" Or have you wanted to be on the stage – just once in your life! Try out for the part, or if you think you are too shy, join that chorus group and thrill to hearing your voice join that of others' uplifted in song.

Do something completely different and out of the ordinary. Surprise yourself by trying something you have always told yourself you couldn't do. Load a paintbrush with a joyous color and see how your own hand lays it down on a sheet of pure white paper. And then add another, and another.

Have you always been a neatnik? Make a turnaround and get your hands really dirty with clay as you delight in the sensuousness of squeezing and rolling mud in a timeless occupation of making pots.

As you try out each new skill, and maybe even begin to become quite, and surprisingly to you, good at it, Gualala Arts is the place for you to share this new-found talent with others. Maybe your talents lie with working with people. Volunteer! Get out of the house and meet new people. We've got a very special community here just waiting to get better acquainted with you. Become a member today and see how quickly you are drawn into new activities.

This is May – the month of yes! you may.
Jane Reichhold

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MEMORIAL CONCERT & RECEPTION HONORING - BILL DARLING Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for a memorial concert featuring pianists Lara Downs and Rebecca Bogart and some personal recollections of Bill Darling's many involvements' in the cultural activities and events of our community. The costs have been underwritten by donors in his memory, and Betty Jane Darling and members of her family look forward to welcoming you at this event at the Art Center, which will be followed by a reception.

A Life of Grace – 1923-2006 Sunday, June 10, at 1 p.m.

Join us in a celebration of the life of Grace McMaster. Please bring your memories and stories of your life with Grace for a time for all of us to share. There will be a show and sale of Grace's artwork in the auditorium prior to the event. Proceeds from the sales will go to fund a scholarship endowment in Grace's name for local young people pursuing careers in the arts.

Grace left detailed instructions and willed: "a party with lots of food and drink and happiness for anyone in the community who wish to attend, and friends and family." Her daughter, Bippy, and the family intend to honor Grace's request and give her the send-off that befits the shooting star that she was.

Corrections

Last month, in listing and thanking the donors in 2006, we neglected to add the contributions made by the **Swiss Trekkers: Paul and Paddy Batchelder, Jim and Lynne Edwards, Barbara Gomes, Walt and Barbara Gruber, Marlene Holmes, John and Katy Horn, Richard and Nancy Killian, Ben and Wilma Klagenberg, Richard and Judy Knarr, Don and Carrie Krieger, Jim Littlejohn, Iris Lorenz-Fife, Karel Metcalf, Fred and Patty Owings, Bill and Mary Retzer, Ted and Cora Lee Seale.**

Names in bold type increased their donation.



Summer Saturday Art Festivals

May 26 • July 7 • October 6
10 to 5 pm
Behind the Gualala Hotel

Deadline for information in *Sketches*
on events in **June** is
Saturday, April 30.