

The production of "The Diary of Anne Frank," currently onstage, is a milestone for the Gualala Arts Center Theater group. It is the tenth locally produced show since the group was formed by Lynne Atkins and myself in the spring of 2003. Art Center Theater is the theatrical production arm of Gualala Arts. Its mission is to promote quality theater on the coast. Over the years it has successfully fulfilled that goal.

Productions ranging from Neil Simon comedies to moving dramas like last year's "Park Your Car in Harvard Yard," to enchanting musicals like "The Secret Garden," have stretched and challenged local actors, technicians, designers, and craftsmen with their varied requirements. New faces have made their onstage and backstage debuts and discovered hidden talents here at Art Center Theater. It takes a great deal of creativity and perspiration to put on each show. We need builders, painters, seamstresses, and technicians as well as performers for every production. Art Center Theater's local shows are entirely produced by volunteer labor. Without all of those hundreds of people's efforts, Art Center Theater would not exist.

In addition to locally produced shows, Art Center Theater has been responsible for sponsoring talented traveling theatrical entertainment as well. Touring groups from Santa Fe and San Francisco have brought shows ranging from "Vita and Virginia" to "An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan" to the coast.

Art Center Theater profits are used to enhance your theatrical experience by improving technical aspects related to the performing arts. Profits to date have purchased front- and mid-drapes, stage lighting equipment, a rear projection screen, and a portable stage thrust for the auditorium. These improvements enhance the use of the auditorium for other purposes as well.

Lynne and I remain committed to providing local talent an outlet for their art. Our theatrical family is always looking for new members. So, if you have ever been interested in getting involved with the theater, either on or backstage, please give one of us a call. Working on a show is a great deal of fun and extremely rewarding. Come join us and see how much!

Kathye Hitt

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GUIDELINES FOR THE NEW TOOL ROOM

The Gualala Arts Building Committee and landscape crew have been organizing tools, lumber, and hardware supplies on hand. These are available for in-house projects by all Gualala Arts Interest Groups.

A tool room exists downstairs near the back classroom. Hardware presently in the crawl space will be reorganized into the tool room. A lumber storage rack exists under the back deck.

We ask any user to observe basic courtesies, while practicing good conservation: **Renew / Reuse/ Recycle and Save Money!**

1. Return all tools and unused material to their appropriate storage area.
2. Clean any soiled tools.
3. "Sticker" long pieces of lumber to maintain air circulation and keep piles as neat as possible.
4. Use smallest/shortest materials that will serve your needs. Pieces shorter than 16" will be firewood.
5. Clean up your project area each day before you leave. The Arts Center is always on display.

We gladly accept donations of usable materials and tools. Contact the office for donations. Thanks for your cooperation.

Ben and Art

NEW TORII GATE INSTALLED

The Japanese-styled *torii* gate, made by Michael Anderson and shown in the Japanese show last summer, has been donated to Gualala Arts through the generosity of Elaine Jacob. The twelve-foot tall spiritual gate has been given its place on the trail just east of the Arts Center. You can get on the trail by going through the picnic area. If you are lucky, the Prayer Flag installation, done by the Susalla Family for the Collaborative Exhibit, will still be on display. The gentle loop of the trail is perfect for a short walk among the redwoods and ferns.



See's Candy is now available at the Gualala Arts Center. With the addition of the sleek new merchandise counter, and the cooler conditions in the redwood forest, it is now possible for you to pick up fresh supplies of pound-boxes of chews and nuts, or assorted chocolates, and half-pound boxes of those yummy See's truffles any day of the week. Attend a concert! See a show! Support Gualala Arts and satisfy your craving for chocolate.

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