

CLASSES

All classes are at Gualala Arts Center unless indicated otherwise.
Check out the GualalaArts.org website for more details.

Aerobics

NO CLASSES FROM AUGUST 10 – 18

Debbie Langwell: 884-5021

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, at 8 a.m. Classes are \$8 each on a drop-in basis, or you can purchase a multiple-pass at a discount.

On Mondays and Fridays there are forty-five minutes of cardio, with a half-hour of stability training. On Wednesdays and Saturdays the classes consist of aerobic and strength training.

Karate Classes for Children

NO CLASSES IN AUGUST

Lini Lieberman-Erich: 785-2288

Classes will resume in September on Tuesdays 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Cost \$40 per month.

Tang Soo Do Martial Arts classes are for kids five years and up. Here they will learn discipline, respect, coordination, and gain self esteem.

Life Drawing

NO MEETING ON AUGUST 15

Tom Warnock: 785-3668

Wednesdays, 3 – 6 p.m.

At these informal sessions artists bring their own supplies, and a model is provided for a small fee.

Ceramic Open Studio

NO CLASSES ON AUGUST 15 & 16

Jan Maria Chiappa: 884-3825

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursdays 6 – 9 p.m. Drop-In-Open Enrollment.

Members' Single Session \$20, or 6-Session Card for \$100. Non-members' Single Session: \$28.

Maximum: 8 students.

Clay, tools, and teaching support will be available. Try out that clay project you have wanted to make. Come with a friend for fun and laughter. All skill levels are invited. Bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Call the office at 884-1138 to confirm the class.

Ralph Schwartz

Ralph Schwartz, a retired docent at The Dolphin and Gualala Arts has made his final transition. He leaves an adventure story that includes surviving the Great Depression and fighting in World War II. Eventually, he settled on the calm shores of the Pacific in Gualala.

While touring along the coast in 1989, Ralph and his wife Grace met another guest at their Bodega Bay lodging who told them about the South Redwood Coast. They fell in love with the area and shortly thereafter left their hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana. They bought a house in Sea Ranch, and found jobs at Jay Baker's for Grace, and at the recycling center for Ralph.

Shortly thereafter, the couple started volunteering at the Dolphin, a relationship that lasted for the next sixteen years. Ralph was guest of honor at the Dolphin on October 3, 2006, as a tribute to his faithful Sunday morning stint at the store, often followed in the last few years by a shift at the Gualala Arts Center.

Schwartz loved meeting the public from all over the world – from Tasmania to Iceland. The job suited his extensive experience in retail sales and his personal, understated charm. After the war, he had returned to the furniture business, specializing in baby furniture and clothing. He was instrumental in founding an association of independent nursery furniture retailers with 100 members and a trade magazine.

Ralph also had volunteered as secretary for the Lions Club and Point Arena Mason Blue Lodge, both for nine years. He even helped lay flooring in Coleman Auditorium and helped wire the Arts Center building.

Tribute to The Modern Jazz Quartet Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

A tribute to The Modern Jazz Quartet (MJQ) featuring Larry Vuckovich, piano, and Noel Jewkes, reeds, (co-leaders), Tommy Kesecker and Herb Gibson, vibes, Josh Workman, guitar; Eric Golub, violin, Buca Necak, bass, and Akira Tana, drums will perform the rich and gorgeous compositions associated with the MJQ in a world premier performance.

For over four decades, since the 1950's, the elegant MJQ reigned supreme in the jazz world, filling major concert halls around the globe. All of its members – John Lewis, piano, Milt Jackson, vibes, Percy Heath, bass and Connie Kay, drums – are now deceased. They ranked, along with the Duke Ellington and Count Basie Orchestras, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, and the Miles Davis, Stan Getz, and Louis Armstrong groups, as one of the most successful jazz ensembles in history for performances and record sales.

This outstanding program is part of the Jazz Series, in association with Fred Adler, of KTDE 100.5 FM local radio, and Gualala Arts. Tickets are now on sale for \$30 each. Price goes to \$35 on the day of the performance.

