

**EDITORIAL**

Fall is the time of year when I am thankful and grateful. I make a concerted effort to be aware of what I have and to focus on all the bounty that life has given to me. The universe is so generous in so many ways.

As an example this year, we have had a wonderful crop of apples and pears. Friends, neighbors, and local farms are sharing their healthy harvest. After the fruit has been shared, then the elixirs of baked, dried, and canned goods that have been created from the generosity of the chefs are created, shared, and consumed.

It seems to me that the cycle of giving, and life, is an endless one that keeps fueling itself. Some have phrased it “pay it forward” or “the more you give the more you shall receive.” I am a firm believer in this philosophy in all aspects of my life. I am thankful for this job that brings me into contact with so many interesting people and I am overwhelmed at their generosity. In return I am inspired to give 150% to my family, friends, neighbors, volunteers, artists, coworkers, patrons, board members, tourists, and strangers.

We all have a choice in this go around and I choose to be helping, caring, and as generous as possible.

Each day I am aware that this Gualala Arts Center would not be here without the generosity of each and every one of you! And for it to continue, our working together is a vital component of our partnership.

Indeed, I am very “Thankful” this time of year!

*David “Sus” Susalla*  
Executive Director

**A New Order of See’s Chocolates**

See’s Mixed Chocolates, Nuts & Chews, Dark Chocolates, and Truffles have been ordered and will go on sale after the Festival of Trees for your Christmas giving. As a special for stocking stuffers or sweet little gifts for friends and neighbors is the miniature box of mixed chocolates for \$5. When you buy See’s Chocolates at the Gualala Arts Center office or at the Dolphin, you are not only helping to support the arts but also giving the very best chocolates.

**Art in the Redwoods Art Exhibit  
Winners’ Calendars on Sale!**

The Gualala Arts calendars, the newest fund-raising endeavor, go on sale for \$15 during the Festival of Trees. Each month has a full-color photograph taken by Ron Bolander of the artwork that took first place in each category in last summer’s Art in the Redwoods. The calendar, designed by Janet Windsor, is just in time for holiday gift-giving. If you were a winner, what a way to advertise by giving calendars to friends and family! If you didn’t win last year, imagine what contemplating the winners will do for you next year! Stop by the office, or the Dolphin, to purchase several copies and feel good about giving your support to next year’s Art in the Redwoods while checking off names on that gift list.

**Thank You**

A heart-felt thanks to Janet Windsor and the crew of volunteers who sorted and priced the largest amount of donations ever given to the Recycle Art and Yard Sale. Their many hands truly made the work light. Thank you, also, to the people who donated their marvelous items. A special thanks to David Wayne Floyd and Jim Yager for their outstanding contributions. The event raised over \$3,700.

**Wish List**

- We still need a volunteer to take publicity materials around to inns and outlets once a week.
- Could you donate a multi-disk DVD player?
- We need a laptop computer for accounting and membership tracking and one for the library with Windows 98.
- We need for a historian to bring some order to the archived materials for the organization.

Deadline for information in *Sketches*  
on events in **January** is  
**Friday, November 30.**

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