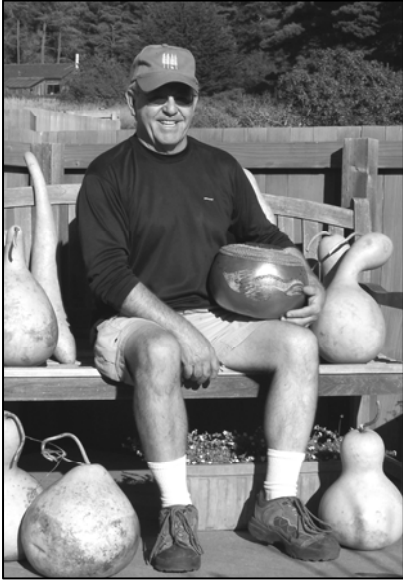


EDITORIAL



As we enter into a new year I would like to thank the Gualala Arts Office Staff.

They are always on the forefront of everything that goes on at our very busy arts center. Most people have no idea of the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.

The office staff plans and schedules every event, gallery show, meeting, workshop, and class.

The Arts Center runs on a master calendar that coordinated over 1,700 events last year and will probably have more this year.

The talented staff who will make it all happen are Scott Chieffo, Events Coordinator; Dave Jordan, Webmaster; Barbara Pratt, Publicity Coordinator; Jane Reichhold, *Sketches* Editor; Liz Redfield, Accountant; Linda Weinstein, Office Assistant, and “Sus” Susalla, our Executive Director.

It is more than luck or karma that we have such talented people all in one spot. I think it is the result of careful planning and picking just the right person for each position so that they fit together like a well-oiled machine.

I'd like to thank them all once again and wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Jim Grenwelge

President of Gualala Arts

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Thanks to all the **children pictured on page 2** and to their parents for bringing them to the Festival of Trees.



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Festival of Trees a Huge Success!

The Festival of Trees Steering Committee & Gualala Arts Staff wish to thank the amazing volunteers, sponsors, and donors who made the 4th Annual Festival of Trees a resounding success! And yes...it does take a village! Thanks to the festival volunteers; bakers for Mrs. Claus Bake Shop & Confectionery; the Elves Workshop Ornament Makers; Fantasy Forest Tree Decorators; Cookhouse and Saloon Keepers, Gingerbread House Contestants & Judges; The Magical Gingerbread House Elven Crew; The Festival Crew & Staff. Our gratitude also goes to all the visitors who shared this wonderful event with us.

India Beckons

Be on the lookout! The next issue of *Sketches* will include a flyer with all of the tempting details of the upcoming trip to India. Those interested should check their calendars for the trip dates: **November 2 - 18, 2008**. This is one of those group, with extraordinary accommodations and an elegant dinner in an Indian home. The land price is \$3750, and includes all hotels, most meals, all entry fees, all transportation within India, and many deluxe features. International air transportation is still being negotiated, but should be around \$1000. Extensions to Kerala, Nepal, Bhutan are possible. If you want to begin anticipating in advance with a full rundown, call Phil Graf at 785-9213.

Gualala Arts Chorus Open House Thursday, January 17 from 5 – 7 p.m.

The newly reorganized Gualala Arts Chorus will welcome prospective new members with a chance to get acquainted over refreshments. Singers in all ranges are welcome to meet Director Renata Yardumian, and the other chorus members, to discuss plans for the 2008 spring concerts. The first rehearsal of the season will follow the open house at 7 p.m.

Errors in December Issue:

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was never performed in The Sea Ranch and the name of the church in Gualala is Mary Star of the Sea.

**Deadline for information in *Sketches*
on events in February is
Monday, December 31.**

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the new calendar holds
our un-lived lives

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