

## EDITORIAL

In the January 2007 *Sketches* editorial, Annie Brayer, the past Membership Chair extraordinaire, announced she would be handing over the reins to me in 2008. As is usually the case---that time has arrived! Annie is moving gracefully into her 'Emeritus' status, but has guaranteed to me and the committee that she remains available for a seamless transition.

I contemplate the post of Membership Chair with some seriousness. Serious because I know that membership is the heart and soul of Gualala Arts. Without the commitment and enthusiasm of our member volunteers, all of those wonderful ideas for performances, art, classes, and education would never come to fruition. But I say only *some* seriousness, as it is all our desire to continue having fun while members and staff work tirelessly to promote the Gualala Arts mission.

Membership in the Gualala Arts community is performance art! At any given moment, our membership constitutes the performers, the artists, the volunteers, and the audience. We have successfully raised the bar annually on both the quality and quantity of events in our coastal community. To continue to do so, we need to reach out and continue to increase our membership. If you have a friend or neighbor who is not a member, please encourage them to join. We need time, money, and visibility. Come on down and spread the word!

In 2008 not only do we hope to increase our membership, we plan to coordinate and reciprocate with other Mendonoma art communities.

*Betsi Carey*

Membership Committee Chair

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### **Update on Gualala Arts Officers and Board of Directors**

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All Executive members are willing to return for another year. We want to thank Carol Tackett, Annie Brayer, Bruce Jones, and Bob Nelson for their past service (have left or are leaving the board this year). We also give thanks to Don Krieger, Gerda Randolph, and Susan Sandoval who are willing to renew for a second term. And welcome to the new candidates, Sita Milchev, Nancy Kyle, Mike Turner and Dave Bower, whose terms (if elected) will begin February 20, after the vote at the Annual Members and Board of Directors Meeting.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**Annual Members and Board of Directors Meeting  
Coming Up!**

**Wednesday, February 20, 7 p.m.**

Come meet the Board Members, vote on the new members elect, and get more information on fundraising and other plans for 2008.

### **See's Chocolates are Now Available at the Art Center!**

Deadline for information in *Sketches*  
on events in **March** is  
**Monday, January 31.**