

Fine Arts Fair: 2008**Gualala Arts Center****Saturday, May 24, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.****Sunday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Gualala Arts will have a Fine Arts Fair at the Gualala Arts Center Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend May 24 & 25, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Fine Arts Fair is an intimate two-day art festival held in the small Northern California coastal town of Gualala, overlooking the Pacific at the junction of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. This unique fair has grown out of what were the very popular Summer Saturday Art Festivals. Based on numerous requests from patrons and artists alike, it was decided to transform SSAF into a multi-day event on a single weekend. This three-day holiday weekend is typically a time when tourists flock to our area of the North Coast to unofficially kick off their summer.

Artist spaces will be tastefully scattered along the periphery of the 15,000 sq. ft. Gualala Arts Center. The Center is located approximately a half-mile inland from the coast. In addition to selling work



covering a wide variety of artistic media, several artists will be "in action," demonstrating the creation of their craft during the festival.

Artist Application

There is no specific deadline for applications; however, it is advised to apply as early as possible, since jurying will occur on an on-

going basis, and will end when all available spaces have been filled in each category. The Fine Arts Fair application form is available online at GualalaArts.org, and the Gualala Arts Center.

**Gualala Arts Lecture Series presents:
Travel to China, Tibet, and Cambodia
with Lynne and Jim Edwards**

Gualala Arts Center**Monday, May 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m.****\$5 donation requested**

Please join Jim and Lynne Edwards on May 5, 2008, at the Gualala Arts Center, as they share their experiences and photographs of their month long trip throughout China, Tibet, and Cambodia. The Edwards, previously from Sea Ranch, traveled with Len and Sharon Hiles of Sea Ranch.

They first visited the city of Shanghai. They toured the famous Bund and Yu Gardens that date back to the early 1500's. Another day found them in the 2,500 year old city of Suzhou where they walked the streets and admired the ancient Chinese handicrafts of wood-block prints and silk embroidery.

They visited Beijing, the political center of Mainland China. The day was spent walking through the Forbidden City with its 9000 room maze of courtyards, palaces, and ceremonial halls; and the massive Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world with over 100 acres. No one can stand on this massive square without thinking back to the tragic 1989 student demonstrations.

Another magnificent sight was the engineering feat of the Great



Wall of China. The Great Wall was begun in 403-221 BC, during China's first Qin emperor and once spanned 6200 miles through 16 provinces.

They cruised the Yangtze River, one of the world's longest rivers. The sights ranged from beautiful misty mountains, industrial ports, to thousand-year old cities being rebuilt on higher ground. They walked the ridges of the

Three Gorges Dam. Upon completion, the Dam Project will have 632 square miles of inundated terrain that includes 13 cities, 140 towns, 1,352 villages, 657 factories, and 66,000 acres of cultivated land.

The capital of Tibet, Lhasa, was their next stop. At over 12,000 feet, the air is thin and the terrain is exhilarating. The country has existed since the 7th century as a remote mountain theocracy based on the tenets of Lamaism. In spite of the hardships that the Tibetan culture has endured, especially since the Chinese Cultural Revolution, they have thrived under the stewardship of the exiled Dalai Lama.

Another wonderful highlight was a visit to the Chengdu Giant Panda Sanctuary. They spent several hours watching and photographing the docile and cuddly panda bears. Lynne and Sharon were able to actually hold a 9 month old panda. What a thrill!