



Spotlight On: Michele Marshall our Volunteer of the Month

Michele and George moved to the coast in 2004. They started attending events at Gualala Arts Center, and it wasn't long before they were inspired to get involved. Michele recognized GAC's place in our area. "GAC is the cultural center of our local coast. It is a place of learning: classes taught by experts, classes from Santa Rosa College, the Monday night lecture series. Art forms of all types are practiced including but not limited to photography, painting: water colors, acrylics, oils, plein air, theatre, poetry, writing classes, clay studio, music: extensive chamber music series, jazz, Mendonoma Idol, Local Eyes." By 2005, she was asked to join the Board of Directors. Michele is currently Gualala Art's Vice President.

Michele regularly commits her time and expertise to many of the events at the GAC, including the Culinary Guild, Festival of Trees, and as co-chair for the Garden Guild Fashion Show. The thing she enjoys most in working with the interesting cast of characters these events bring together. "They are a fun, energetic group of people that stimulate thought", she said. "I love volunteering at GAC because we are very fortunate to have so

many world class artists. I don't have an artistic bone in my body. So If I can do anything to help support these gifted artists have a place to display their art, whatever form, makes me happy."

Michele and George are integral in taking Gualala Arts to the next level. *We have a very dynamic Board of Directors that is striving to make GAC a cultural destination by putting on world class entertainment. I look forward to the day when the landscaping is completed to show off the natural surroundings that surround the center. I appreciate the hard work done by everyone to maintain the center. We are planning a GAC Beautification weekend so that the center can be a shining jewel along the coast. We will be asking every member or group who uses the center to come and help out, enjoy the camaraderie, while sprucing the place up for Art In the Redwoods.*

"When I retired I wanted to be involved with the community. I wanted to participate in an organization that focuses on the positive, has fun, is entertaining, and I could meet people and learn new things. I found a new home."

Committee of the Month: Garden Guild

A special thanks to the Garden Guild for all of the hard work that went into making the second annual Garden Guild Luncheon and Fashion Show a huge success. From the enchanted transformation of the Jacob Foyer to the coordination of the fashions and models, this event was no small undertaking. That it came off seamlessly is a testament to all those worked so hard to make it happen. We can't wait to see what you have for us next.

