

### Four Burnetts in the Burnett Gallery: Inspiration from Switzerland

**Opening Reception:**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Exhibit remains through August 3**

Gualala Arts will have a free exhibit titled "Four Burnetts in the Burnett Gallery: Inspiration from Switzerland" from the opening reception Saturday, July 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. through August 3. The exhibit will feature Charlotte Burnett and family showing photographs from their travels in Switzerland.

#### Charlotte Burnett

Charlotte tells us about the exhibit, "At the time I retired from a professional career in design, illustration and creative art with my husband Rex Burnett, also an artist (automotive and industrial), Gualala Arts was a small but enthusiastic organization offering many cultural opportunities for all. We became eager promoters for developing a new art center and participated in many ways. Working in the Dolphin off and on, through the years I had four shows there of my art and chaired the first building committee and fund raising activities. Travel was a favorite adventure for us, and I filled many sketch books, and we both took many photographs. Reviewing these convinced me that I wished to share strikingly unusual Swiss scenes, often only present during winter, as well as those remote from vacationing tourists."



#### John Burnett

As a very young child, John (Charlotte's son) opened up his own art world, using any media. He was handy with crayons, chalk, paint, clay; eventually he made a few movies, creating costumes and make-up for a few young cohorts and himself. Painting soon made him a captive. Visiting the Tate Gallery, the Louvre, the Swiss National Museum in Zurich, the Dali Museum in Spain, etc. when he was about 13 confirmed his inclination. Now living in Southern California, he has shown his paintings

in various galleries and at "Open Studio" events. Returning to Switzerland in 2006 stimulated his urge to capture some of the striking images most recently seen.

#### Ursula Hamilton

While traveling with John, Ursula (Charlotte's daughter-in-law) was reminded of her Swiss sight-seeing as a young student. On the trip in 2006 she had a more unique view of the Swiss Alps than most! Her camera went with her as she was "para-gliding" from the very high peaks above Thun and exploring small villages.

#### Kent Burnett

Taking what opportunities a demanding corporate career allowed, Kent (Charlotte's nephew) often joined Swiss Trek, if only for a few days. He took home with him numerous photographs highlighting cultural relics, contemporary scenes, and the rare special event involving family members