

## Exhibit: "6 Blue Eyes"

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Donna Fay Allen, Susan L-Nikel, Judy Yemma

Reception September 13, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Exhibit through October 5

Gualala Arts Center: Burnett Gallery

The show is a collection of photographic images, which utilize innovative and historic techniques such as Cyanotype, Van Dyke Brown and Kallitype. The three women photographers demonstrate a collaboration of effort and love for handcrafted art while maintaining an independence of vision. The images are all unique due to the nature of the process and some are truly one of a kind.

### More about Donna Fay Allen

Donna Fay Allen is a Northern California photographer whose work has been recognized by being accepted into the 73rd Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition in 2002; being juried into the California Fine Arts Competition in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006 receiving three Awards of Merit and two Awards of Excellence; by receiving First Place Color Photography award from the Roseville Arts Center in 1999; and by being juried into the KVIE Art Auction in 2003, 2004 and 2005, receiving 2 Honorable Mention Awards.

She has exhibited her photographs at galleries and museums throughout northern California, and her work has been published in two books and explored on an episode of "California Chronicles" on Sacramento's Public Television station KVIE.

### More about Judy Yemma

Judy Yemma says, "The visual arts have always been part of my life. I credit my mother, who was an accomplished painter and sculptor, with opening my eyes and my mind to seeing and thinking in creative ways. I chose to continue my creative exploration through college,



Donna Fay Allen



Judy Yemma



Susan L-Nikel

earning a degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis in painting and ceramics.'

Photography is now my medium of choice. Often, for me image capture is a celebration of artistic potential. I am particularly attracted to curved lines and shapes, to the restful and serene, to the emotion of an image, and to the potential of putting my own twist on an image. The subjects in my images, like my interests, are varied but lean strongly to the organic. I find inspiration in both simple and complex compositions - sometimes manipulating these compositions, or not.'

### More about Susan L-Nikel

Susan L-Nikel is an award winning fine art photographer whose favorite traveling partner is her camera. It all started on her first trip to Europe at the impressionable age of 12; a mind opening experience to lives, habits & views of other people. She came home with many life-changing memories and a blue ribbon winning photo of a Scottish Highland Cow standing in the ruins of a stone cottage.

A little over 10 years ago Susan got serious about photography by methodically learning the craft of the fine B&W print. She has won an Award of Excellence at the California State Fair and her work has been shown in multiple exhibits in and around the Sacramento Valley.