



# FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT THE GUALALA ARTS CENTER

Following the form in which it has been offered each year since 1919 at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented again in the Gualala Arts Center auditorium this Christmas Eve. Local coast musicians will join together to provide special solos, ensemble selections as well as accompaniment for congregational singing of the carols. Vocal soloist Sita Milchev and pianist Don Krieger on the synthesizer / keyboard provide key musical leadership and direction for the evening service.

Past participating clergy and lay readers have represented several of the coast faith communities: Mary Star of the Sea and St. Aloysius Catholic Churches of Gualala and Point Arena; Light of the Coast - Science of Mind Center, Gualala; St. Paul's Community United Methodist Church, Point Arena; Starcross Community, Annapolis; Shepherd of the Sea Episcopal - Lutheran Mission, Gualala. In addition, several of our coast community children and youth lend their gifts of leadership to this well-loved tradition and celebration.

The seating at the Gualala Arts Center is limited and traditionally fills up to standing room only. You are encouraged to plan ahead, arrive early and bring

a flashlight for your safe walking to and from parking areas around the Arts Center.

Rev. Tina Ballagh and Sita Milchev are this year's coordinators of the event. Call for additional information, 882-2074 or 884-3384.

## GUALALA ARTS AWARDED GRANT DOLLARS

The California Arts Council/Department of Justice awarded a grant to Gualala Arts to cover the costs of our musical artists, the Mariachi Los Coporales de Santa Rosa and the Action Network Folkloric dancers, for the Day of the Dead Festivals in 2009 and 2010. Also, Gualala Arts received a grant from our local Westamerica Bank to help defer additional operational costs for the Day of the Dead event.

Thanks to Angela Marquez, owner of Variedades in Gualala, who coordinated the event as well as prepared authentic Mexican dishes with ingredients supplied by Surf Supermarket and Gualala Supermarket.

We thank the California Arts Council and Westamerica Bank for investing in Gualala Arts so that we can host this exciting musical and cultural event for our community.

These grants represent another avenue of fund-raising that Gualala Arts is pursuing through our Grant Writing Committee. We want to thank David Susalla, Sharon Nickodem, Paula Power and Christina Hoffman (who helped with Westamerica grant) for researching and writing the above grants.

If you are interested in helping Gualala Arts pursue additional grant funding, please contact the Grant Writing Committee chairman, David Bower, at [dbower16@aol.com](mailto:dbower16@aol.com) or 707-785-9725.



## GRANT WRITING

Gualala Arts has recently formed a committee to focus on matching grant opportunities to the needs of Gualala Arts. We are looking for some additional members for this committee. If you have **experience researching or writing grants**, and have a desire to help Gualala Arts find grant money for needed projects, please contact David Bower, the chair of this committee ([dbower16@aol.com](mailto:dbower16@aol.com) 707-785-9725) or Sharon Nickodem, the co-chair ([sharonnickodem@aol.com](mailto:sharonnickodem@aol.com) 707-884-9611).