

# Charlotte Burnett

## Retrospective

Opening Reception: Friday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m.  
Exhibit remains through March 27, 2011  
Gualala Arts Center  
Burnett Gallery and Elaine Jacob Foyer

The Charlotte Burnett Retrospective exhibit showcases local artist Charlotte Burnett's creative work spanning more than seven decades. Charlotte is an accomplished painter and computer digital artist, as well as architectural designer and retired industrial/commercial artist.

Some examples of Charlotte's work presented in this exhibit will be: early drawings and paintings, fashion design drawings from college days, a late 1940s illustration that advanced her reputation as an architectural designer, illustrations for industrial metal casting techniques, a cutaway drawing of a rivet inserter, landscape and abstract paintings, and digital art created on her computer.

### About Charlotte Burnett

Charlotte Burnett was born in 1919. Her father was a Lutheran minister and her mother was a Montessori school teacher. Charlotte's first solo art show at age 17 was a fundraiser to buy a pipe organ for her father's church. As president of the Pasadena City College Art Club in California, she invited Millard Sheets to be a guest lecturer. In 1942 she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at UCLA.



After graduation, Charlotte turned down an offer to teach art at that university in favor of working as an architectural designer in an engineering firm. While working for that firm, her first residential design job was to create a hip, modernistic bachelor pad for the Hollywood actor Robert Arthur (Gunsmoke, Hellcats of The Navy) using surplus material from World War II. The actor had seen her drawings in the newspaper.

In 1950 Charlotte changed careers and began work as an industrial and commercial artist in the aerospace industry where she met her future husband, Rex Burnett.

Notwithstanding her industry job, and also her job as a mother raising five children in a blended family, Charlotte managed to produce many paintings and drawings inspired by travel and imagination. After her 1977 retirement to Gualala and The Sea Ranch, she produced a large number of digital art pictures on the computer.

The 90-plus year old artist is one of the senior founders of Gualala Arts and has previously shown her work at the Dolphin Gallery and the Gualala Arts Center.



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