

City Songs Redo: Other Images of California

with Dave Bess

Monday, March 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$5



Following up on last year's well received talk on California booster songs, Dave Bess returns to the Gualala Arts Center for his March 21, 2011 talk on other images of California represented by an all new selection of songs. As an added bonus Bess will lead the audience in an amusing sing-along.

The 2010 talk focused on booster songs created to paint communities across the state in a positive light to attract people. In contrast, this year Bess concentrates on local venues such as Gualala and Point Arena, some of which may be more irreverent. He may throw in a real estate song for Clear Lake Highlands in neighboring Lake County.

Some older residents who attended the Dixieland

Band concerts sponsored by the local Lions Club may remember the rousing tune about the fictional world famous Gualala Falls located north and east or south of town. In a similar vein the 2011 song sheet will include tunes that may cause disapproval of the Chamber of Commerce.

The evening will feature several well-known local vocalists to sing colorful examples. One song's sentiment may strike a familiar chord with some xenophobic attendees. The refrain is

*"There's a town I'm proud to call my own
And I'll say it, "Tourist Go Home!"*

Now retired, Bess, a college professor with a sense of humor, started gathering songs over thirty years ago. He taught at Cal Poly Pomona where he was Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Introducing songs into the curriculum spiced up his classes. His collection now numbers over 250.



what washed up on Kehoe Beach at the Point Reyes National Seashore and to reshape it into art. Judith was amazed at the amount of materials collected - over 600 disposable lighters, over 200 disposable cheese spreaders from Kraft Handi-Snacks, over 3,000 pounds of plastic - all from one beach.

To convey what was happening in the ocean, Judith and her companion Richard Lang decided to use the transformational power of art instead of the usual harangue.

It was a decision that led her eventually to the ongoing beach plastic project. Now married, the couple combine their love of nature with their interest in science to produce art works about the oceans and the environment.

More information about Judith's work is available at beachplastic.com and at plasticforever.blogspot.com.

NEW GUALALA ARTS WOODCARVING GROUP

Saturday, February 19, 2011
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m



The first meeting of the new Gualala Arts Woodcarving Group will be Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.. Anyone who is, or might be, interested in joining the group is invited to attend. Beginners as well as more experienced carvers are welcome. Wood and tools will be provided for the first few sessions. The permanent monthly meeting time will depend on the schedule of the participants.