

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



A wonderful person...

This is a time to honor and celebrate what we have accomplished and to look ahead into the bright future.

At the annual meeting on February 14, we are celebrating the "Volunteer of the Year" - Sus salute times two to you, Don! Cherishing our "Heart Beats." I will always have a place in my heart for you Kristin, Ginny, Alice and yes even you Mike. The beat goes on thanks to all of you. And of course our wonderful team of Dolphin volunteers. You rose to the occasion and took on the challenge of the new cash register!

Of course leading that battle was our very own "Lizzard." Gualala Arts Board of Directors and myself are very grateful for your eight and a half years of dedicated service in the accounting department and "other duties as assigned." Gualala Supermarket is lucky to have such a capable, responsible and honest person joining their team. You will be sorely missed, more than you will ever know! There are not enough words to express my gratitude for all that you have done for Gualala Arts.

As in all transitions there is a new beginning. We welcome Meghan Diggins as the new Business Manager, Mark Hancock as the new Publicity Coordinator, and continuing on is Susan King - Office Manager, Scott Chieffo - Operations Manager, Dave Jordan - Webmaster, PT Nunn - Sketches Art Director, Frank Healy - Ghost writer and Harriet Wright - Dolphin Inventory Manager. You all play a very important role in our new "Dream Team" to take Gualala Arts into the next year and beyond.

Special thanks goes out to our retiring board members Paddy Batchelder, Barbara Dunsmoor and Mike Mee. Dave Bower has done a wonderful job at the helm of the board as President leading the ship. It has been a pleasure to work with you for the past two years.



You should be very proud of everything that we accomplished. I look forward to carrying on our work with new president nominee Richard Schimbor. We welcome with open arms to our nominees Rosemary Campiformio, Karen Hay and Richard Pfeifer. Our entire board is very hardworking and deserves a big round of applause. Thank you!

But we have not mentioned a very important person in our family. They pick up Sketches when it arrives and read it start to finish; they volunteer when asked at every possible event; they give very generously even beyond their budget at times; they show up to most events, art openings and fundraisers; they haven't missed an Art In The Redwoods in years; have sat on many committees over time, they create art and magic with passion like no other; helps out other organizations on our coast; they embrace Gualala Arts diverse programming with enthusiasm; they wake up with a positive outlook for Gualala Arts and beyond! Yup you guessed we could not do all the we do with this very important member. We are very grateful for you! Look into the mirror and know that you make a difference every day with every action and conversation.

It has been a great year and we look forward to making a great future. As always, we will do it together. Congratulations to US!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Sus" followed by a stylized flourish.

David 'Sus' Susalla
Executive Director
Gualala Arts, Inc.