

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I walked into the Arts Center today, Papa Doodle Bug, our resident Raven, was walking the grounds having breakfast. He loves it when we have the kids here for summer art camp and he especially enjoys the accidental buffet from the bounty of morning camp snack time.

Every month, Papa peers through the Jacob Foyer windows supervising the installation of a new exhibit. For important meetings, he hangs out on the back deck, looking in on the Howell Conference Room. When I am sitting at my computer too long and struggling with the ongoing catch-up, he beckons me to step out my back door for some fresh air and a conversation.

Like so many of us in this community, Papa has found his way here, decided to call it home, and complements our environment. My grandfather always said he would return as a raven. His kind, generous, thoughtful, resourceful, creative and honest spirit lives on through me and our resident raven.

Speaking of local spirits that complement our environment...

I could not be more pleased to be honoring **St. Orres** through our Top Hat Dinner this year. **Rosemary Campiformio** and **Eric Black** have been so generous to our community, sharing their creative spirits with us. Every time I go into St. Orres, Rosemary and Eric create an sanctuary of loving devotion to the coastal environment and the lifestyle we are fortunate to embrace. From every detailed piece of repurposed wood trim, to the crackling local fire wood, to the wild mushrooms gathered by hand, to the artfully decorated plates coming out of your magical laboratory, you embody the spirit that draws us all here.

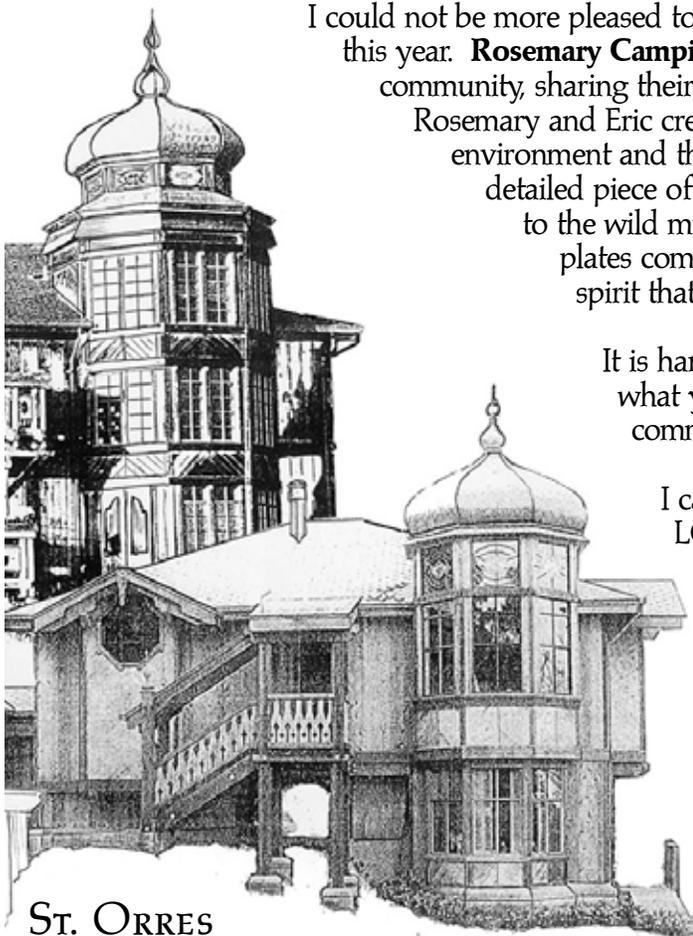
It is hard to put words to the admiration that I have for what you have been able to accomplish and share with our community.

I can only think of one word that seems appropriate....  
LOVE

With sincere gratitude I look forward to celebrating St. Orres and Art in the Redwoods with two of the most creative, hard working and generous coastal spirits here on the coast!

Caw Caw....

David 'Sus' Susalla  
Executive Director  
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ST. ORRES