

28 artists and artisans will showcase their wares and share their work at the Art in the Redwoods Festival starting Friday, Aug. 16 for the Champagne Preview and continuing through the weekend Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's artists will display everything from handmade jewelry to etched glass, Chinese Brushwork, knives and woodwork, bird houses, ceramics, fiber arts, botanicals for your face and skin and so much more!

Coastal jeweler Walt Rush, of Rush Studio, who can be found in Gualala on Thursdays at the Discovery Gallery for jewelry repairs, purchases, and special orders, will have his latest work and time-honored favorites on display both days, as will local jewelry artist Ling-Yen Jones, who works primarily with silver, semi-precious stones and pearls. The Ling-Yen Designs style ranges from traditional to modern. Rush takes much of his inspiration from his coastal surroundings and the metals and stones with which he works, allowing them to express themselves in unique and often whimsical forms.

Andrea Allen, of Brushstrokes by Andrea, who has a studio in Gualala, specializes in traditional Chinese brushwork. Allen has developed a unique style that combines the traditions of the Chinese masters with a subtle, contemporary flair. She studied with a Chinese master for six years and has been painting and teaching in this style for over twenty years. "With each ceramic piece, I mix my own colored under glazes and paint on the green ware, using a traditional Chinese calligraphy brush. The piece is then bisque fired to over 1900 degrees. I then paint on three coats of lustrous glaze and fire the piece again to 1900 degrees."

Many of this year's artists are traveling from throughout Northern California to take part in the festival, like Carol Bernau from Oakland, who owns "Adornable" jewelry; Roné Prinze, jewelry artist, from Morrow Bay; "Patti Wells Designs" from Carmel Valley with clothing and jewelry; Katie Wolff, a painter from Grass Valley; and Jerry and Fran Harr, also jewelry artists, from Millville.

Local hat maker and leather artisan Carol Frechette brings her "2NFrom" collection of carefully sourced and utilized belts, hats, wallets, bags, and other leather, wool, and "found materials" items. "I dedicated 20 years to designing, manufacturing, and selling hats all over the globe. I now carefully craft each article in my studio, using a diversity of sustainable and organic fabrics, upcycled and local leathers and hides, and other resources from our Northern California Fibershed," Frechette says.

Harald Nordvold's ceramics are always appreciated and admired for their vibrant colors and glazes, textures and shapes. His "Viking Pottery" brand is functional, handmade, stoneware and porcelain pottery high-fired in a natural gas kiln to 2400 degrees Fahrenheit. No lead or toxic materials are used in the manufacture of this pottery and the potter's wheel is used to hand throw each piece individually with a fullness of form and a sensitivity to function and durability for everyday use, Nordvold says.

Joining Art in the Redwoods for the first time is Amy McFarland of Point Arena, a local creator of Renegade Botanicals. She will be selling her new line of modern botanical products for face and body. Committed to the environment, Amy uses home grown and wild ingredients to formulate her product line. She states that she never used fillers, only certified therapeutic grade essential oils that are raw and unrefined, having beneficial properties for the skin.

On Community Lane visitors will find local interest groups and non-profits, Beads n' Beyond Arts Interest Group, representatives of the North Coast Artists' Guild, Coast Highway Art Collective and EduAct

Community Organization. .The Pacific Piecemaker's Quilt Guild will also have lots of handmade specialty items such as quilts, place mats, stuffed animals and more for sale.

The following is a complete list of participating artists:

Andrea Allen	Brushstrokes by Andrea Allen, Chinese brush art
Carol Bernau	Adornable, jewelry
Gregory Campbell	Mike & Greg's Fine Antiques Art and Jewelry
Donnalynn Chase	Soul Expressions Mixed Media Glass
Krista Flood	Krista Flood Glass
Carol Frechette	2NFrom, hats and accessories
Jane Gardner	Ceramics
Haiman Holly DeFount &	
Joshua Haiman	Forge and Fountain, jewelry
John Hanses	Photography
Jerry & Fran Harr	Jewelry
Sten Hoiland	Wire Sculpture
Ling Yen Jones	Ling Yen Designs, jewelry
Evan Kovasi	TEK Photography
Paul Maurer	Woodwork
Amy McFarland	Renegade Botanical Products
Harald Eric Nordvold	Viking Pottery, ceramics
Roné Prinz	Jewelry
Robert Rhoades	Creekwood Studios, mixed media
Walt Rush	Rush Studio, jewelry
Hillary Schneider	Pearls of Wisdom Design, jewelry
Barbara Sebastian	Ceramics
Fritzie Seidler	Bird houses
Athel Shemesh	Polymer Garden Jewelry

Patti Wells

Wells Designs Clothing and Jewelry

Katie & Jay Wolff

Paintings (Katie) and Knives (Jay)