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## Dolphin Gallery & Gift Shop

-A NEW EXHIBIT IN SEPTEMBER FEATURING  
JUDITH FISHER AND PETER McCANN

## BAKU LIVE CONCERT ONLINE! ONLY.

- STREAMING LIVE AT [GUALALAARTS.ORG](http://GUALALAARTS.ORG)

## ART IN THE REDWOODS—ONLINE!

- EXHIBIT THRU SEPTEMBER 30 ONLINE!

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### Dream Big...or Stay Home?!

**I am very proud of what we accomplished** this spring and summer. We had 2 goals – move the Dolphin Gallery and host the 59th Annual Art in the Redwoods.

First up **we moved out of a spot the Dolphin was in for 40 years**, found a new home for the gallery, rehabbed the space, moved fixtures in, repopulated inventory of artists, created a COVID-19 safe retail space and set up 3 monthly gallery exhibits.

Next we needed to **reimagine Art in the Redwood into a COVID-19 safe event**. We envisioned an Online! exhibit and curbside pick-up fundraiser dinner. We secured a new website, sorted through dozens of online platforms, created new call to artists, created new judging criteria, assisted **120 artists to present 398 pieces of art**, secured judges and sponsors for awards, cut over \$5K in prize checks and sold over 10% of entries so far. We **served up 142 to-go fundraiser dinners** from St. Orres paired with wonderful Woodenhead wines. I am proud to say that **with a few more sales this month it looks like we may just make our regular anticipated financial Art in the Redwoods budget this year!**

**Now it is time to reimagine our fall and 2021.**

New Goals Re-imagined: **Re-open Gualala Arts galleries for retail sales, open commercial grade kitchen, host interactive workshops and simulcast live concerts.**



**When Holly Stiel proposed the exhibit in 2019 entitled “My Valuables What Matters,”** including sculpture, photography, poetry, short story, and music I was moved by the idea. It was the artists’ (Holly Stiel and Peg Videtta) response to the many wild fires in California. **Little did I know that when we chose the date for the show, (October of 2020) that it would be the uncannily synchronistic timing to re-open the Arts Center** with something as thought provoking, as re-assessing what is important to us during these many existential crises.



Since we have all been assessing and re-assessing these very thoughts, we are including a community collage that will be ever changing and will be up for the entire exhibit.

I don't know about you but I have had an awful lot of bizarre dreams these days.

**It is a delicate dance to dream big and executing safely.** Never before has it been such a challenge for me to walk that line of taking peoples’ visions and rallying volunteers and staff to execute these dreams to reality.

Together, we will continue to do our best **to create a platform for artists to share art, SAFELY!**

Handwritten signature of David 'Sus' Susalla.

David “Sus” Susalla  
Executive Director  
Gualala Arts

## GUALALA ARTS CENTER | **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The following is an update of our current situation as of today, Sept 3, 2020.**

The Arts Center doors are still closed to the public to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We have cancelled dozens of our events, workshops, fundraisers & exhibits starting March 16. **Some of the things that we ARE** currently planning and doing to further our mission to promote the arts include:

**WE LOVE OUR NEW DOLPHIN HOME in Cypress Village.** We are creating a new process for new and returning artists to apply to show their work at this wonderful new space. A jury of five will review applications quarterly for inclusion. A refreshing look will happen quarterly or more frequently.

**GREAT NEWS! 59th annual Art in the Redwoods-Online!** is a smashing success, and we have extended it through September 30th. To date we have sold over 30 pieces of art, awarded over \$5K in prize monies and the most popular award will go to the artist with the most positive entries in the comments section. **Thanks to our Art in the Redwoods' Sponsors,** we have secured funding to get our organization through the summer months. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

**BUT the time to celebrate our achievements is over and its time to reimagine this fall and 2021!**

**We have a plan to open the Gualala Arts Center doors for retail sales through our a gallery spaces starting Friday, October 2.** The goal at the moment is to reopen to the public 7 days a week from 11 am - 4 pm. We hope to start having revolving exhibits and selling art through our retail galleries with Global Harmony Sculpture Gardens open 7 days a week as well.

**Exhibit application deadline for 2021 is Sept 30,** and accepted proposals will be notified by October 31. The current plan is to have exhibits up for 2-month periods at the Dolphin and Burnett & Jacob Foyer Galleries at the Gualala Arts center. Openings will alternate months so that every month there will be an opening day the first Saturday of the month 11 - 7 pm. Then gallery hours will go back to 11 - 4 pm. The current plan for our large group exhibit will be a version of our successful Online! Exhibits and will remain up for 3 months for COVID-19 safety and county and state guidelines.

**Baku Online! Concert Sept 27, 4pm will be our first Gualala Arts simulcast.** Gualala Arts is experimenting bringing live entertainment back to the Gualala and on to your favorite device in the comfort and safety of your own home. Baku will help us close our Art in the Redwoods Online! the winner of the Peoples' Choice artist will be announced at the concert.

**Gualala Arts Saville Kitchen to reopen!** Gualala Arts is preparing to reopen our commercial grade kitchen. The Global Harmony Culinary Guild is planning a monthly drive by dinner with offerings from around the globe for curbside pick-ups. Check GualalaArts.org for details coming soon.

**Festival of Trees is being re-imagined "Holiday Retail Wonderland" and introduce COVID safe shopping!** A live tree is being picked out and plans to deck the halls are commencing. The ever-popular tree decorating competition will return, and artists are being invited to set up booths with their shopping offerings sans artists.

**Workshops Online! are being planned for 2021.** The Memorial Mezzanine Classroom is being converted to a digital classroom for our artist instructors. The plan is to create an interactive environment where teachers and students can focus on what is important to our teachers. Teaching and connecting with the students rather than just presenting digital demonstrations is our goal in bringing that spirit of exchange into the mix.

These are uncertain times for all of us to say the least. The board and finance committees are making prudent decisions with our Gualala Arts assets. **If you find that you are in a position to help with the loss of our revenue stream, it would be greatly appreciated.** We are looking to continue our mission – to promote public interest & participation in the arts since 1961 – well into the future.

WE make a difference with our choices.

## Paper & Wood Judith Fisher and Peter McCann September 5 - 27, 2020

Judith Fisher and Peter McCann have worked in concert for 25 years: designing and building a home, opening the Healing Arts Center, and developing a woodworking shop and art studio. In short, they've been living their lives as artists in every sense. The exhibit "Collage and Wood" opens at Dolphin Gallery and Gift Shop Saturday, September 5, 11 am to 7 pm.

For Peter McCann it seems so simple: "It all started with Mom. She lent me a carving knife when I was about five and admonished 'don't cut yourself'. I whittled and carved toys, airplanes and swords." He's played with wood his entire life, a passion he could not ignore. Clearly, he was born to build.

Now retired, McCann has returned to his childhood passion with a new twist. These days he fashions benches, altars and worktables from recycled woods including redwood and fir mixed with dark accents of aged black walnut, jarrah (eucalyptus), wenge (a tropical timber, heavy, hard and very dark in color) and mahogany.

Judith Fisher's childhood included a longing to become an artist, a dream that was realized when she chose weaving and fabric design as her college major. From east coast and west her interests blossomed into practical "production" arts. "Weaving and jewelry design, along with a 30-year profession as a massage therapist—the Healing Arts—fulfilled much of her passion for creativity. And yet another piece of her dream simmered away—writing. In 2014, her memoir, "Bookbinder's Daughter" was 'born'.



It should surprise no one that Fisher and McCann, two creative people, grew together as they shared a common love for imagining spaces in which to live and work. Finally, retirement opened up the space to imagine and create art without practical considerations, only "the manifesting of dreams".

The exhibit "Collage and Wood" continues at the Dolphin Gallery and Gift Shop through Sunday, September 27. The Dolphin is open Thursday through Monday, 11 am to 4 pm. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Opening Saturday,  
September 5.  
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## **BAKU in Concert A Special Live Music Event: An Online! Only Concert, Sunday, September 27, 4 pm.**

BAKU is the popular Mendonoman World-Fusion ensemble.

On Sunday, September 27 BAKU will be performing a special Global Harmony Online!-only concert, streamed live from the Amphitheater adjacent to the Art Center in Gualala. **No in-person audience, no tickets, just great music.**

BAKU will showcase its distinctive, captivating and self-styled musical hybrid, "Jambient Soundscapes," a fusion of jazz and Afro beat, drawing upon Cuban, Latin, Middle Eastern and other cultural influences and rhythms.



Everyone is invited to listen online at [GualalaArts.org](http://GualalaArts.org). And while you're listening, why not make a donation to Gualala Arts?

The talented members of BAKU are Harrison Goldberg, saxophones, percussion and Aerophone wind synthesizer, Chris Doering, 7-string guitar and synthesizer, Tim Mueller, 6-string guitar and guitar synthesizer, David French,

upright bass and percussion and Nancy Feehan, cajon and percussion. Fans know that each performance becomes both an opportunity for and a celebration of discovery as BAKU takes their audience on an unpredictable and unforgettable musical journey.

BAKU's most recent recording is "BAKU: Live at Sea Ranch Lodge". The album contains 10 tracks and listeners will be readily transported.

Make a donation to Gualala Arts now.

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# “My Valuables” What Really Matters? A New Exhibit, Opening October 2

“My Valuables” What Really Matters? is an exhibit that will strike a chord with almost everyone. Opening October 2, 2020, the exhibit will be held in the Elaine Jacob Foyer Gallery. This exhibition, curated by Holly Stiel, will combine a variety of Art Forms. The show will take you on an inspiring journey through the Artists’ ideas of what is valuable, via these disparate mediums, personal collections and recollections. In addition, there will be original music and lyrics by Holly Stiel and Jana Stanfield, Sculpture by Peg Videtta, Photography by Bill Apton, along with Short Story and Poetry by Holly Stiel.

Inspired by the devastating, destructive and distressing aftermaths of fires, floods and various catastrophes, the artists take a deep look at what matters, and what is ultimately valuable. The show explores the meaning we attach to our “stuff” through the memories and stories we attach to them. The sculptures, like a phoenix literally rising from the ashes, bring new life to what was lost.



**Original  
Music and Lyrics by  
Holly Stiel and  
Jana Stanfield,  
Sculpture by  
Peg Videtta,  
Photography by  
Bill Apton,  
Short Story and  
Poetry  
by Holly Stiel**

**In the  
Elaine Jacob Foyer  
Opening October 2**



The goal of the exhibit is for each person to embark on their own personal journey, imagining their own unique valuables. It is an opportunity to reflect on what is important in these times of ever-present climate caused adversities.

Leading this unique October exhibit is Gualala-resident Holly Stiel. She’s also a poet, performance artist, author, speaker and entrepreneur. Stiel brings a love of words, storytelling, and a deep

heartfelt connection to relationships on all levels that has allowed this show to come to fruition.

Joining the effort is Peg Videtta, whose sculptures are inspired by the figure. Her spatial awareness and love of form stem from decades of ballet, modern dance and the study of physics. In this exhibit Ms. Videtta has taken loss and given it new meaning and new life. Like a phoenix rising she has transformed what was burnt into something new sparking hope and contemplation.

Exhibit continues through Sunday, October 25.

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Open everyday,  
11 am to 4 pm  
(beginning October 2)

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Events

#### BAKU Live in Concert

An Online! Only Concert

Sunday September 27, 4 pm

No Ticket Sales! No in-person audience!

Watch the Concert ONLY via a link at [GualalaArts.Org](http://GualalaArts.Org)  
and Donate to Gualala Arts

### Exhibits

#### Paper and Wood

An Exhibit at the Dolphin

Featuring the Collages of Judith Fisher and  
the Woodwork of Peter McCann

Opening Saturday, September 5, 11 am to 7 pm

Exhibit Continues through September 27

#### "My Valuables" What Really Matters

An Exhibit at Gualala Arts

Featuring the efforts of Holly Stiel,  
Jana Stanfield, Peg Videtta, Bill Apton

Opening Friday, October 2, 11 am to 7 pm

Exhibit Continues through October 25

Check [GualalaArts.org](http://GualalaArts.org) for Update

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