

Gualala Arts • November 2020

# SKETCHES

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## WINTER WONDERLAND AT GUALALA ARTS

THE 2020  
WINTER  
WONDERLAND  
BRINGS  
HOLIDAY SPIRIT  
plus . . .



. . . TREES,  
A SILENT AUCTION,  
TREE DECORATING  
COMPETITION, PIES  
GIFTS, MUSIC AND  
MORE!

VISIT THE DOLPHIN GALLERY & GIFT SHOP. SEE THE CURRENT EXHIBIT  
“TEXTILES, DRAWINGS AND CLAY” AND EXPLORE THE PAINTINGS, PRINTS,  
SCULPTURES, WOODWORK, TEXTILES, JEWELRY, GIFTS & SEES CANDIES.

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**The New Dolphin Gallery  
& Gift Shop.**  
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**Dolphin Hours**  
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**Promoting public interest  
and participation in  
the arts since 1961**

Together  
we give.



December 1, 2020

In this time of uncertainty, there's a  
fundamental truth that gives us hope  
- that together we can do  
extraordinary things.

We believe in our mission statement:

***Promoting public interest and  
participation in the arts since 1961.***

Join us on #GivingTuesday  
and let's rally to support  
Gualala Arts.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Fall back?!

This time of year is always a hard one for me...

Days are getting shorter...I mean really short! It seems way too early for the sun to set at 5pm. Technically, the sun set at 5:13 on Nov 1 but it seemed like it was getting dark around 4pm at Gualala Arts.

One of my goals this year has been to leave the arts center in daylight....this has been much more achievable with no events...but this daylight savings thing has thrown a real wrench in that plan.

This is just another example of letting go and adjusting to your surroundings. If my goal is really to leave in the daylight hours, I just need figure out a way and do it. I need to realize I am not in control of this change, accept it, adapt to the new set of circumstances and plan accordingly.

Our Arts Center is nestled into a redwood forest, but our volunteer landscapers planted some donated non-native coniferous trees. I am glad they did as this is always a reminder that we must take the beauty and knowledge that those leaves have given us over the past several months and plan for the winter and following year. With leaves changing colors and falling all around us it is not only a metaphor but a physical reminder of the cycles in life that we need to recognize, embrace, adapt to our new surroundings and plan for what the future may (or not) have in store for us.

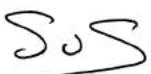


YUP...You guessed it...it's budget time at Gualala Arts (October & November.) My education and professional career was Accounting before Gualala Arts so I usually feel pretty comfortable with the process. However, 2020 into 2021 is a real game changer for me...and everyone else in the world.

I am really proud of our board of directors for not crawling under a rock and hiding to wait the storm out. With some savvy planning, creative reimagining and to the generosity our donors, sponsors and membership, we have come up with some new program offerings and learned a lot while doing so. We have taken that experience and have budgeted for 2021 and are planning for a productive fall, winter and next year!

I hope you will join us in this changing season and take time to stop and appreciate your surroundings, access what you are in control of (or not), adjust to our new situation, embrace the next season and find a way for you to make a difference!

With sincere love, gratitude, appreciation and cautious optimism,



David "Sus" Susalla  
Executive Director  
Gualala Arts

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

The following is an update of our current situation as of today, November 4, 2020.

• **GREAT NEWS! Gualala Arts Center doors have been open for a month!** We have opened the galleries for retail sales for the past month 7 days a week (11am to 4pm). The Global Harmony Sculpture Gardens will be open 7 days a week as well. **Thanks to the staff, artists and volunteers for creating a safe environment to embrace our challenges and rising to this occasion!**

• **Thanks to BAKU for a live simulcast concert in the Jami Amphitheater!** This concert was enjoyed in person by Sus documenting for social, Allen documenting on video, the ravens, our redwoods trees, critters in the woods, enjoyed live by many on Facebook, Instagram and our local radio station live KTDE 100.5 fm and will live on in perpetuity on the internet social sites. Thank You BAKU a magical afternoon!!!!

• **Thanks to our new friends and partners, MCRPD, Mendocino Coast Recs and Parks District we hosted a safe "Halloween Trick or Treat Drive Through."** We combined this event with our inaugural pumpkin carving contest and it turned out to be a smashing success! (Literally in some cases 😊)

• **Thanks to our chamber music series, Adam Marks and sponsorship from Yamaha Pianos, we are presenting our first zoom chamber concert Sunday, November, 8 at 4 pm.** Thanks to our sponsors and donors we are able to offer this first concert up for free. I hope you will join us for this exciting new venture into our zoom hall for an afternoon of music and dialogue with Adam, Margie Hagen and hopefully you! Check our website, sketches, and social media for the link and invitation to join us.

• **Festival of Trees is being re-imagined into a "Winter Wonderland"** for a fun, family friendly, safe shopping experience that will be open for 5 weeks instead of 2 days! The ever-popular tree decorating competition and silent auction is on with cash prizes, your favorite artists are being invited to set up booths with their arts and crafts offerings sans artists, Mrs. Claus is firing up the oven for handmade pies, candy and cookies for purchase, decadent raffle baskets are being created and lots of varieties of trees are here for you to purchase and decorate your home for the holidays.

• **The current plan for 2021 is to have exhibits up for 1-2-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 Second Saturday of the month from 11am to 7pm. Then gallery hours will go back to 11 to 4pm. The current plan for our large group exhibits is to be held in person and also to be a version of our successful Online! Exhibits. **We are starting something new this year and having a "Garts Members Only Preview" of the gallery exhibits on the Friday before opening to the public.**

• **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. Teaching and connecting with the students rather than just presenting digital demonstrations is our goal in bringing that spirit of exchange into the mix.

• **Our annual fundraising letter has hit the mail.** The initial turn out is fantastic with large donations from Rich & Connie Schimbor and Andrea Lunsford, appreciated securities and many, many, many others checks received in the past couple of weeks! YOU all truly make a difference and we are already half way to our budget of our current "2020 annual yearend campaign." **Please continue remember us with your yearend contributions. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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 our revenue stream loss, 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.

## **“Textiles, Drawings and Clay” Jennie Henderson and Mike Henderson Now Through November 30**

The Dolphin Gallery and Gift Shop presents two artists and longtime residents, Mike and Jennie Henderson. The exhibit, “Textiles, Drawing and Clay, continues from 11 am to 4 pm at the new Dolphin Gallery in Cypress Village, Gualala. The show continues through Nov. 30.

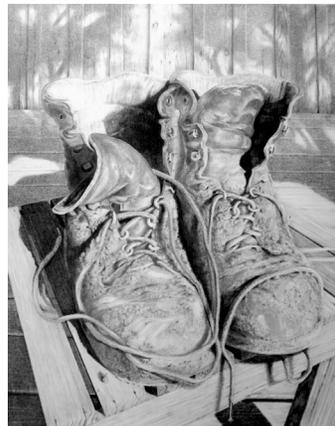


Local residents since 1977, Mike Henderson (drawings and clay) and Jennie Henderson (textiles) will be showing a wide sampling of the art they have created in their three-studio home in Point Arena. While this will be Jennie’s fourth Dolphin exhibit, it will be their

second Dolphin showing together since 2014.

In their upcoming October/November show, Jennie will feature a breadth of textile arts including hand-spun, hand-woven rugs and throws along with ice-dyed napkin sets, dishtowels, and silk scarves. And for the first time, she will be showing large, “transparent weave” pieces.

Michael will be showing several new works from his drawing studio that combine abstraction and realism in a developing “Sticks and Stones” series, along with a few of his favorites, and a few oldies from his collection that have never been shown. There will be pottery pieces as well, both black-fired and pit-fired ceramics in several sizes.



Many area artists missed the annual Studio Discovery Tour, which invites visitors into the artists’ studios and homes. Mike Henderson added “Since we truly missed our Studio Discovery Tour loyal visitors, Jennie and I hope that they will visit the Dolphin Gallery exhibit and see ‘the real stuff.’”

The Dolphin Gallery is at 39114 Ocean Drive, Cypress Village, Gualala. Open Thursday through Monday, 11 am to 4 pm. Information is at 707-884-3896 and at [GualalaArts.org/dolphin-gallery](http://GualalaArts.org/dolphin-gallery).

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## Chamber Music Series Returns With A Virtual Performance Featuring Adam Marks Sunday, November 8

**An Online!  
Virtual Concert**

Sunday,  
November 8, 4 pm.



Gualala Arts announces the return of the Chamber Music Series for 2020-2021. **The first concert, featuring composer and pianist Adam Marks, will be a virtual concert on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** The concert will be available to all with a link at [GualalaArts.org](http://GualalaArts.org). (Find the concert link at [GualalaArts.org](http://GualalaArts.org) in early November).

Originally scheduled for an in-person piano recital on November 8, Adam Marks will be coming to chamber-music fans live from New York via Zoom. He will perform a short recital that includes a fantasy based on a Chopin Mazurka, and then engage in a question-and-answer session with the on-line audience. Marjie Van Gunten, who has offered Gualala Chamber Music Series Pre-concert talks, will introduce the session and guide the Q&A. Marks is an engaging conversationalist as well as performer. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the real life of a performing artist in the middle of a pandemic. This chamber music event will last approximately 45 minutes.



As part of Albatross (his duo with vocalist Jennifer Beattie), Marks serves as the founding co-director of Artists at Albatross Reach, an arts residency/incubator in Gualala, California. There he has helped to craft a unique collaborative process to champion the development of new multidisciplinary works and experimentation, as well as a rich environment for curious community members and local artists to explore and participate in the art-making. Marks' other programming ventures include

serving as the first non-local curator for the San Francisco Center for New Music, presenting innovative soloists and ensembles from across the country. And he's been praised by the New York Times as an "excellent pianist" with "titanic force".

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Because Gualala Arts Center remains closed for public events due to COVID-19, the previously announced Chamber Concert Series for 2020-2021 has been cancelled and the artists will be re-scheduled for future dates. Van Gunten added "The safety of our audience and our performers is paramount. However, that doesn't mean we can't have chamber music performances in another format." Watch for announcements of additional virtual concerts being planned for 2020-21.

# GUALALA ARTS WINTER WONDERLAND

## Gualala Arts Re-Imagines the Annual Holiday Event with Gifts, Trees, Music, Pies, Santa Claus, Decorations, The North Pole Mailbox, Silent Auction, and Much More.

Gualala Arts welcomes the community back to Gualala Arts for the Holidays. Winter Wonderland is a our holiday celebration re-imagined for 2020. There will be much to see and do, inside the Arts Center and on the grounds of Gualala Arts.



Once again there will be gifts, decorations, a silent auction, food, a fundraising raffle and, of course, trees. Gualala Arts will have plain and undecorated trees for sale, and the Tree Decorating Competition returns with local individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations competing for bragging rights, and prizes. And all of it benefits Gualala Arts.

Santa Claus will make a visit, along with recorded music filling the halls and public spaces throughout Gualala Arts to get everyone into the spirit of the season. The red, dedicated mail box returns for children to mail their Christmas and Holiday wish list to Santa at the North Pole.

This kickoff to the holiday season opens on Monday, November 23 and will continue through the end of December. Come see and purchase one of the decorated trees, or purchase a tree to decorate at home. Either way, your home and the season will be brighter.

**Masks are required and physical distancing will be maintained. We want your visit to be safe, fun and full of memories. Open 11 am to 4 pm every day except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. November 23 - December 30.**

**November 23  
thru  
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# GUALALA ARTS WINTER WONDERLAND

## —So Much To See & Do • Get Into a Holiday Mood—

- Fundraising Raffle
- Decorated trees competition
- Silent Auction Christmas Trees (all sizes) for sale
- Undecorated Christmas Trees (all sizes) for sale
- Fundraising Raffle
- Leather goods, Pottery, Fabrics, Ceramics, Quilts, Ornaments
- Sandwiches to go (Pre-order available)
- Soups to go:
  - Chili
  - Chowder
- Mrs. Claus' Sweet Shop will have
  - Cookies (Full dozen, half dozen)
  - Whole Pies: Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin (Pre-order your favorite)
  - Slices to go.
- Jams, Mustards, Olive Oil and more.
- Persimmons
- Santa's Mailbox, accepting childrens' letters to Santa.
- Pre-recorded Holiday music to help with the holiday spirit



Proper social distancing will be maintained, and masks will be required. We want your visit to be safe, fun and full of memories. Open 11 am to 4 pm every day (except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day) from November 23 to December 30.

# GUALALA ARTS WINTER WONDERLAND

## The 2020 Annual Christmas Tree Competition is Here Support Gualala Arts and Have Fun Doing It!

For many, Christmas memories include family time decorating the tree. Once again this year you're encouraged to take up the challenge and decorate a tree as part of Gualala Arts' annual Christmas Tree Competition. Using a tree supplied by Gualala Arts (or one of your own choosing) use the tree as a blank canvas and let your artistic tree-trimming ideas take hold.



In years past, trees have been decorated with traditional elements including lights, ornaments and tinsel to evoke fond memories. At the same time, many have taken to decorating the trees with themes that use food (include edibles hanging from the tree), a nautical motif (with toy boats, life preservers), plastic sea creatures of all types including one tree

with a faux starfish on top. The beauty of the competition is to use your imagination and have fun.

Join in the fun. Call 707.884.1138 and get more information or fill out the registration form on the website at [GualalaArts.org](http://GualalaArts.org). Claim your tree and get to work. A variety of sizes are available on a first come first serve basis, or you can provide your own tree. Please remember that **entry forms are due by the pickup day of the blank trees. All**



**trees should be received at Gualala Arts Monday or Tuesday, November 16 or 17, 11 am - 4 pm.** Check-in at the front desk to register your tree.

Select a small table-top tree, a room's centerpiece or something in-between. The trees will be displayed as part of the Winter Wonderland, and in turn be available for purchase by members of the community to help with Gualala Arts' holiday fundraising effort.

**Join the competition for the bragging rights, for the three cash prizes—\$150, \$75, \$50—or join just for the fun of it.** The effort can be your own,

or with a club, workshop or artists' group. Bring your Christmas Tree-decorating "A-game" and get into the spirit of the season.

All trees, including decorations, will be considered donations to Gualala Arts and will be made available for sale during the festival as part of the fund development. The tree designer will receive a donation form for tax purposes.

- Registration form is due November 13.

- Registration forms must be complete & entered before tree pickup.

- Check in with the front desk to collect your trees by November 13.

- A variety of trees sizes and types are available.

- Deliver your tree(s) on Monday, November 16, or Tuesday, November 17, 11 am to 4 pm at the Gualala Arts Center.

- Check in with the front desk; call 707.884.1138 to set up an appointment.

- Winter Wonderland is open to the public beginning Monday, November 23.

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# Halloween At Gualala Arts 2020 Pumpkin Carving Competition A lot of Fun, Some Great Creative Work!

In lieu of traditional Trick or Treating, on the afternoon of October 31, south coast residents, visitors, families and friends were encouraged to drive through the grounds of Gualala Arts. As they drove through they discovered Halloween sights including a "graveyard", "Pumpkin Lane" and of course, candy stands with treats for all. In addition, the winners of Gualala Arts' Pumpkin Carving Challenge were announced, and their works were on display for all to see.

## 2020 Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners



Grand Prize - Gail Jackson **Forest Pumpkin**



### 7 & Under

1st Place - Amethyst Widner **Untitled Pumpkin #1**

### 18 & Up

1st Place - Andrea Allen **Halloween Beauty Queen**

2nd Place - Charlotte Pollock **Full Moon**

3rd Place - Harmony Susalla **COVID Pumpkin**

3rd Place - Shayla Workman **"Starry, Starry Fright"**



### 8-17

1st Place - Lochlann O'Connell **Bad Aim**

2nd Place - Aoife O'Connell **Child Eater**

3rd Place - Odin Jackson **Perfect Pick**

3rd Place - Hugh Jackson **Solid Slicer**

3rd Place - Caitlin Huse **Untitled Pumpkin #2**



### Other Awards

Best Birds - Jane Head **Moonlit Serenade**

Most Inspiring - Jane Seck **Love**