A Year in Review

2021



2021 Artist Opportunities



Above: 2020 Hindsight by Jim Vickery

Promoting public interest and participation in the arts in the age of COVID-19

With concern for the safety of our members and the public, and in compliance with COVID-19 state and county regulations, we have had to discontinue our In-Person workshops and Interest Group meetings. That has not stopped us from coming up with new ways to engage the public in the arts. We have funneled our time, energy and resources into reimagining our events and exhibits to create a safe space that will continue to allow art and inspiration to continue to thrive.

Art in the Redwoods and the Gualala Salon & Salon des Refusés are now featured Onlinel and In Person allowing for them to be viewed by a larger audience and from the safety of home.

2021 saw the continuation of live concerts, including our highly anticipated Chamber Music Series and the Global Harmony Series, including Jason Vieaux, Grammy Winning Guitarist.

Winter Wonderland, our reimagined holiday craft fair, continues to be a smashing success, as does Art in the Redwoods and the Boxed Hat Dinner, our annual gala fundraiser transformed into take-out dinner to go.

2021 Events and Fundraisers

- Annual Meeting (our first ever zoom annual meeting)
- Frank Bell "A View from my Window" booksigning and mini exhibit of Jackie Gardener's original collage illustrations
- First Annual Shred in the Redwoods event to support local businesses and Gualala Arts with their shredding needs
- The new Dolphin Gallery and Gift Shop located in Cypress Village in Gualala (supporting well over a hundred local artists)
- 60th Annual Art in the Redwoods In-Person & Online! and Boxed Hat Dinner. (264 entries submitted, thousands of online visitors and 155 pickup dinners)
- Live concerts Pato Banton, Duo'Xplore, The Open Air & Jason Vieaux Grammy Award winning Guitarist (sold out shows attracting hundreds of attendees)
- Fifteen exhibits at the Gualala Arts Center and six at the Dolphin Gallery & Gift Shop (each exhibit attracting hundreds of visitors online and in person throughout the length of the exhibit)
- Live outdoor Chamber Music Concerts, including Roy Bogas, Trio Celeste and the Bay Area Chamber Players (Sold out concerts)
- Second Pumpkin Carving Competition and Trick or Treat Drive-Thru (several hundred children were able to participate in the drive-thru)
- Winter Wonderland, Mrs. Claus Bake Shop and Christmas Tree Decorating Competition with Silent Auction and 11 vendor booths (hundreds of visitors both in person and online were able to join us for their holiday retail shopping)

Images from top to bottom: Adam Marks and Jennifer Beattie from Artists at Albatross Reach, Tesha at the Collage Interest Group Meeting, Bob & Roxanne Claflin at Hats Off Dinner







Philanthropy

In 2021, the donors and artists supported Gualala Arts helping to insure the future of arts in our community. For the second year in a row, the need was extraordinary due to the virus and all the challenges that it brought.

YOU made a difference! We made it through 2020 & 2021 without having to layoff any staff members. With guidance from our Board of Directors, the staff and a handful of volunteers were able to "reimagine" our programming with Online Offerings and to finally reopen our galleries for retail sales with new safety regulations and guidelines.

General unrestricted donations through the years, including our year-end annual giving, we raised \$210K. When compared to \$268K in 2020, \$188K in 2019, \$183K in 2018, \$158K in 2017, it is a very nice trend. Membership, which currently numbers around 750 households, raised about \$25K just about even with 2020.

Examples of philanthropists in action in 2021:

Andrea A. Lunsford, a true Arts Angel. She continued to make generous gifts throughout the year including donations to the year-end campaign, Chamber Music, Global Harmony Series, and made a substantial gift in "Honor of Harmony and Sus" this year.

Jan & Dennis Carter, whose generous donations continue their devotion to and support of our general operations, theater programing, and timely covid needs.

Bob Rutemoeller and Mary Sue Ittner made a substantial donation to the operations fund in the name of Gualala Arts' hard working volunteers and dedicated staff. They also sponsor Art in the Redwoods and the Global Harmony Series.

Rich and Connie Schimbor made a generous contribution toward the annual fund drive and our inaugural "50 Year Members."

Jane & Wayne Novak, Susan Clark, and Harriet Wright, made generous contributions of appreciated securities throughout the year in times of need.

John & Christine Wall appreciate having such a wonderful community arts organization and committed to a substantial annual donation towards operations and towards our timely needs.

Gualala Arts has benefited from several direct IRA donations in 2021. Those who are over 71 may find they can benefit from direct IRA donations in their tax planning for 2021.

Surf Market is normally a sponsor for Annual Members Meeting, Chowder Challenge, Architectural Tour, Wine Tasting & Auction, Auto Show, Art in the Redwoods & Festival of Trees by giving us products. This year since so many events were cancelled they cut us a very generous check in honor of their 65th anniversary.

Karen Serratoni, Elizabeth Lane & Janet Pierucci & Adrian Adams, David Belk, Tina Kelly & Mark Quattrocchi, Mirka Knaster & Larry Jacobs realize the need for substantial financial support to keep the arts alive and thriving especially this year!

We are very proud to have applied for and received a grant from the "PPP2" and Cal-Relief towards our Staff retention in 2021.

The Donor Grove is a place to recognize cumulative donations. New to the grove this year by adding 2021 cash donations are: Barry & Kathryn Weiss, Beth Ann Steinberg, Catherine Dupree, Dr. Paul White, Frederick Fisher & Partners, Architects, Grace O'Malley & Tim Winterer, John Simon Burnett & Ursula Hamilton, Laura Cortright, Nancy Padgett & Michael Middleton, Sean Gaynor-Rousseau, Sumedha Khanna, The Sea Ranch Foundation.

Moving up to a medium-sized plaques are Bill & Mary-Louise Reinking, David Belk, Haddad & Sherwin LLP, Jane & Jon Raymond, Kaylor Yetto, and Susan Moore.

We are VERY honored to have Janet Pierucci & Adrian Adams, Jim & Mary Suhr, Mirka Knaster & Larry Jacobs and Wayne & Jane Novak joining the largest plaque size in our donor grove after years of sustained giving and supporting the arts in our community!

Many naming gifts "in honor of" and "in loving memory of" came in this year. Please see pages 7 & 8 for a full list of our generous donors. We are grateful for every dollar raised!!!

Gualala Arts is very grateful to all of our donors from a few dollars to tens of thousands.

YOU make a difference!

For further information about what becoming a sponsor entails, please contact the Fund Development Committee through the Gualala Arts office at 707-884-1138. The Executive Director David "Sus" Susalla or a board member will be happy to discuss the wide variety available at costs to fit any budget.

Community Support

Being a sponsor means easing the constant burden of finding monies to offset costs and helping to reduce the number of fundraisers that tax volunteers and the community.

In 2021, most Gualala Arts activities had to be postponed or "reimagined" into a safe way to fulfill our mission to our community.

Surviving the past year would not have been possible without our community's dedication and kind support. Thanks to the Surf Market, Woodenhead and many, many other business.

We moved the Dolphin into the Cypress Village with assistance from our generous new landlords Rich & Kristine Thomure who substantially discounted the rent. Sky fiber has been donating our Internet access at the New Dolphin since our move-in date. Thanks to all the community and all the business that support the arts center in this challenging year! We NEED your support! Please contact Sus if you would like to sponsor or volunteer at our wonderful Dolphin Members Gallery.

Our Wonderful Volunteers



Len Hiles being honored as Volunteer of the Year at Top Hat Dinner

Volunteers

Despite COVID-19 we still need you!

Volunteers are what make our programming happen even in these difficult times. Your efforts are what make Gualala Arts shine.

One of the key factors providing for the ongoing vibrancy and health of Gualala Arts, the Arts Center, and the Dolphin Gallery is our volunteer cadre who choose to spend their valuable time at our behest. These generous individuals ensure that Gualala Arts continues to serve both the local community and its membership around the country. The countless things our volunteers do for Gualala Arts are both obvious and subtle, but each and every valued contribution allows Gualala Arts to promote public interest and participation in the arts. The living-out of this mission results directly from every minute our volunteers donate to Gualala Arts and for that we are eternally grateful.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Please call (707) 884-1138 or stop by the Gualala Arts Center to sign up. Not only will you join a great team and help a good cause, you may even make some new friends!



Sus giving PD Serratoni his Heartbeat Award



Bruce & Sharon Jones doing take-in for Art in the Redwoods



Betty O'Neil Co-Founder of Art in the Redwoods

2021 Board of Directors & Officers
Eric Wilder President
Barry Weiss, President Emeritus
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Joan Wood, 2nd Vice President
Karen Tracy, Co-Secretary
Sheralyn Kirby, Co-Secretary
Bob Mitchell, Treasurer
David "Sus" Susalla, Executive Director
Davina Rose Allen Sue Bohlin
Karl Danskin Jon Handel
Paula Haymond Dennis Pedersen

2021	Gualala Arts Staff	
		Started
David "Sus" Susalla	Executive Director	1/2002
Andrea Allen	Sales Associate	9/2019
Scott Chieffo	Operations Manager	1/2008
David Steffen	Publicity Manager	10/2018
Kendra Stillman	Office Manager & Events Coordinator	7/2017

Message from the Executive Director

Plan

Adjust

See what the Day Brings

(try to get some rest)

Adjust AGAIN!

Turned out to be the theme for the last 2 years during this pandemic.

On Friday, March 13, 2020 we decided to close the doors to the arts center and cancel the Art in the Schools Exhibit Opening and the Yoga in the Redwoods workshop.

We soon realized we needed a Pandemic Policy and adopted a two-word policy that could be adapted to all situations: "Be Kind!"

Since then, we have all had to "adjust again" to the ever evolving current set of circumstances, regulations and data to create new guidelines and plans to keep our mission active and relevant to serve our community.

Our Gualala Arts Board, Committees, Volunteers, and Staff have risen to numerous occasions sailing these uncharted waters. We spent many, many sleepless nights trying to plan a safe opening, re-opening, reimagining, and adjusting again, with kindness and love as our guide.

I cannot thank the frontline staff: Kendra, Scott, David, and Andrea enough for stepping up and going above and

beyond in these extraordinary times. Truly, Gualala Arts would not be the same without each one of their individual efforts and accomplishments as a team for our Gualala Arts Family.

With support from the Board of Directors, Finance Committee, Grants and Donors, I am VERY proud to say that we did not have to layoff any staff during this pandemic.

As we maneuver through this 'next phase' with our "Be Kind" Policy close to the heart, we are planning a wonderful set of programing. We are bringing back some of your favorites and exploring new, exciting offerings. I look forward to spending time with you creating a wonderful 2022! With that said, my wife Harmony appropriately says, the new word of the year is "Perhaps."

We have learned a lot, survived and thrived while continuing our mission in the middle of this pandemic thanks to many! We will need to count on you again in this coming year and into the future.

THANK YOU AGAIN & AGAIN!!!

Remember, YOU make a difference!

With sincere gratitude,





Sus & Rich Schimbor at Top Hat Dinner

2021 Finances

Gualala Arts has a diverse mix of revenue streams including programs, donations, sponsorships, membership dues, facility rentals, grants, fund development events, and arts festivals.

On Friday, March 13, 2020 our "normal" programing, fund raising and volunteering, all came to a screeching halt as we shuttered our doors. Gualala Arts Board of Directors, Finance Committee and staff had emergency Zoom meetings to formulate plans to adjust to the pandemic. We all agreed it was time to "re-imagine" how we serve our community and formulated several plans to apply for grants, appeal to our members and community for donations and get to work on figuring out Art in the Redwoods - Online!

For 2021, our arts programing brought revenues of \$335,104 up from \$220,623 in 2020 (but, still down over 25% from our previous 2019 of \$444,000.) These program revenues usually cover about 66% of the expenses in "normal previous years." The overhead costs of "keeping the doors open" at Gualala Arts for 2021 is \$1,139 per day (down less than 10% from 2019 when it was \$1,214)

Thanks to our patrons and savvy planning by finance committee, staff, and Board of Directors, we were able to make up that difference with new fundraising ideas, grants, sponsors and donations to finish the year off without having to dip into our "rainy day funds" or layoff any staff members again in 2021.

Together we have re-imagined our arts offering to the community and are looking forward to another challenging year ahead with cautious optimism thanks to many, MANY people working together!

Gualala Arts continues to be a well-run and fiscally prudent organization guided by a visionary Board of Directors, long standing Finance Committee, and dedicated staff.

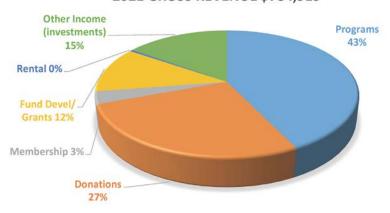
Cash (operations & interest groups) \$253,991
Other Current Assets \$15,407
Operations Reserve Fund \$195,289
Capital /Building Fund \$405,125
Endowment Fund (Permanently Restricted) \$679,290
Building, Land & Equipment \$1,132,040
Total Assets \$2,681,142

Liabilities \$111,538 Net Assets \$2<u>,569.604</u> Total Net Assets & Liabilities \$<u>2,681,142</u>

Thanks to our generous donors, volunteers and prudent board, Gualala Arts has never had to carry a mortgage or borrow funds to accomplish our building and program needs.

PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ARTS SINCE 1961

2021 GROSS REVENUE \$784,919



Honor Roll of Art Angels

Gualala Arts ongoing success is a direct result of the generosity of its "Art Angels" - donors who support its programs and fundraising events. We extend our deepest thanks to the many people who sustained our mission to promote public interest and participation in the arts over the past year. We sincerely thank you for your continued support in building an arts organization that promises to improve and enhance the future of the arts in our community. (Honor Roll of Art Angels recognizes amounts donated over the annual membership fee)

Angels (\$25,000 plus) Jan & Dennis Carter

Leaders (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Susan Clark Mary Sue Ittner & Bob Rutemoeller Andrea Lunsford Janet Pierucci & Adrian Adams Connie & Richard Schimbor Karen Serratoni Kaylor Yetto in honor of Harmony & Sus Staff & Volunteers

Benefactors (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Anonymous David Belk Catherine Dupree Tina Kelly & Mark Quattrocchi Mirka Knaster & Larry Jacobs Elizabeth Lane Wayne & Jane Novak Beth Ann Steinberg John & Christine Wall Frederick Fisher & Partners Architects Haddad & Sherwin LLP Surf Market

Champions (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Anonymous Lucienne & David Allen Jackie Baas Sue Blair Brennie & Larry Brackett John Simon Burnett & Ursula Hamilton Steve & Carol Chell Roxanne & Bob Claflin Lesley Clement Barbara Dunsmoor Christopher Foss Marilyn Green & Drew McCalley Katherine & Lance Gyorfi Randy & Bev Hawks Bill & Karen Hay Jane Head Jeanne Jackson Bruce Jones JoAnn Kahn & Tom Lyon

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Patron (\$500 - \$999)

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The Sea Ranch Foundation

Eric and Karen Wilder

Harmony Susalla's birthday

in honor of

Don Krieger

Jane Kelley

Alex Long Bob Loper Clay Yale

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Additional & In-Kind Contributors

Gary & Jo Ann Aiken James & Mary Alinder Violet & Debra Arana Steven Archer Virginia Burlage Caryl Carr Anna Chavez Katherine Conrad Stacy Cox Jackie Gardener Maynard Hale Lyndon & Lu Lyndon Mary Mobert Paul Pastina & Mary Banach Elizabeth Perillat Rozanne & Barry Rapozo Margery Tarp Renee Traud Lamar & Marjorie Van Gunten Shayla Workman & Ethan Widner Ginny Wyatt Bob & Judi Yeager Accents by the Sea CNA Metal Works, Inc. Further Reach Gualala Nursery & Trading Company Gualala Sport & Tackle Gualala Supermarket Jr's Home & Auto Center Lisa's Luscious Kitchen North Coast Brewing Company, Inc. Redwood Coast Humane Society Sea Ranch Supply, Inc. Sky Fiber

The Loft

The Ranch Café

The Tide Community Radio

Woodenhead Vintners

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Tali Pressman

Frank Minando &

Gray Kennedy

Randy Montesano

Jane Murphy

Holly Osman

Dot Porter

Kathleen Nangle

Greg & Betty Mognis

Leslie Moody Cresswell

Susan & John Moreschi

Stacie Nelson & Tony Semedo

Chris Pechal & Mike Crook

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Message from the President

Dear Members.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Board for the Gualala Arts. When I returned to the Kashaya Reservation after years of service to my tribe as the Tribal Chairman, and an exciting career as an Animator in the video game industry, I never forgot that my early career in art was supported by a scholarship from Gualala Arts. I liken it to dropping a pebble in water and watching the ripples spread. That gift kept me moving forward as an artist.

When I returned to the community, I wanted to give thanks to the Gualala Arts for playing, what I consider, a big part of helping me achieve my dream. I met with Executive Director, David Susalla, and expressed my desire to be a part of the art community here. He invited me to enter in the Art in the Redwoods Event, which I thought was for Fine Artists, and which I didn't think I was. I was assured that the Art Center supports and invites all artists regardless of experience or skill level. I nervously entered, sold my piece, and was honored with a recognition award as well.

Being involved with Gualala Arts has meant so much to me both personally and professionally. I married my wife here at the Arts Center and we both volunteer here when we can. I have participated as a vendor and artist at many shows, was supported through the Global Harmony Series to start the Native Arts Expo, provide storytelling annually at Art in the Redwoods, and somehow I ended up acting in the play, "La Cage Aux Folles!" and eventually found my way on to the Board of Directors.

It has been challenging to reimagine how to continue keeping public interest and participation in the arts with the limitations we now face, while also keeping everyone safe. I am very fortunate to sit alongside innovative and talented board members and staff who have risen above the challenges and made the Gualala Arts Center a place that offers visitors a wonderful and safe experience, and I have kept art thriving in this community.

We have seen success by utilizing online tools to offer events virtually as well as in person. In the past year it has been my goal to reintroduce the Gualala Art to the community. I want other artists out there to know this is, and will continue to be, a place for all artists. I also want people old and new to this community to know about everything the Gualala Arts has to offer.

We have had our share of greif, as everyone has, with the loss of dear friends and longtime supporters of Gualala Arts this past year. It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we honor their time and efforts supporting the arts in this community.

Thank you to the amazing artists, volunteers, donors and sponsors. We will continue to meet every challenge and adapt as we need to keep everyone safe. Lastly, thank you to the community. We could not do this without you.

Thank You

Eric Wilder,

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Board President, Gualala Arts

2022 Events and Fundraisers

Gualala Arts is actively seeking financial sponsors and underwriters for our programming

Some of the COVID-19 safe Events and physically distant

Fundraisers planned for 2022:

- 61st Annual Art in the Redwoods & Boxed Hat Dinner
- Inaugural Garden Tour, Wine Tasting & Auction
- 18th Whale & Jazz Festival and 18th Annual Chowder Challenge
- 17 Art exhibits in the Burnett Gallery, Jacob Foyer & Coleman Hall
- 12 Dolphin Gallery exhibits
- 5 Chamber Music Series concerts
- Workshops and Ongoing Classes
- Mendocino Dance Project performance
- Native Arts Expo
- 31st Annual Studio Discovery Tour
- Fine Arts Fair Winter Wonderland Arts & Crafts Fair
- Inaugural Plein Alr Affair-Paint Out, Dinner & Auction
- Global Harmony Events: Liz Redfield Memorial & Thugz Concert and Barnebey's Hot Four
- 2022 Young Artist Scholarship Award
- Brubeck Brothers Celebrate 100 Years of Dave Brubeck
- Sea Ranch Artist in Residency
- The Beautiful book release and exhibit



The Mendoconino Dance Project dancing from the trees during Art in the Redwoods

Working collaboratively with our sponsors, Gualala Arts believes that we have a bright future. Our goal is to grow and prosper, which includes showcasing the Gualala Arts Center as a great arts destination for not only the Sonoma and Mendocino coast. but online and for the world.

Hearts for the Arts

Gualala Arts' purpose is "to promote public interest and participation in the arts." This purpose, identified so many years ago by our founders, is authored and maintained by a company of dedicated volunteers. This cadre of involved and energetic individuals is the reason our doors are open 363 days per year. At the heart of Gualala Arts are the volunteers providing the foundational structures and relationships on which all of the Art Center's programs and events are built. Without such attributes being continually lived out, Gualala Arts could not function.

Group of the Year Gualala Arts Finance Committee

Business of the Year Woodenhead Vintners

Woodenhead

Gualala Arts Heartbeat Awards



Heartbeat Jr Roddy operating his crane during Art in the Redwoods for the Mendocino Dance Project



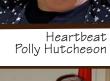
Volunteers of the Year Ling-Yen Jones & Jon Handel



Heartbeat Kathryn Weiss



Heartbeat Mark Moelter a member of the Tuesday Crew



Heartbeat Don Krieger is a member of the Finance

Committee



Ben & Wilma Klagenberg our beloved volunteers of the century

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