

Gualala Celebrates 50 Years of Art

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The Gualala Arts Coleman Auditorium will come to life New Year's Eve for a fabulous evening of dinner, music, dancing and art. The evening will conclude Gualala Arts year-long celebration of 50 years of Art in the Redwoods.

According to David Susalla, Gualala Arts Executive Director: "Our New York New Year's Eve Party has grown into another great tradition here on the coast that fits our lifestyle perfectly. I could not think of a better way to end our year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of Art in the Redwoods, than by celebrating with great people, food, drink, art and entertainment."

The fun starts at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. The buffet style dining is catered by the Gualala Arts Culinary Guild which will provide a variety of mouth-watering dishes. Guests should definitely leave room for dessert because the infamous



Bryn Elizan Harris will help bring in the new year.

Fun Facts About Gualala:

- In the 1950's there were four sawmills, a general store and about 300 people.
- After the sawmills closed in the 1960s, many artistic people were drawn by the natural beauty of the area.
- It is now recognized as a center for individuals who enjoy many forms of the arts.
- Gualala Arts (formed in 1961) gives annual scholarships to local high school seniors.
- Gualala Arts offers year-round programs of art, music, theater and education.

Gualala Gelato will be served.

Friends and fans will have the chance to watch one of the Young Artist Scholarship winners living her dream.

Bryn Elizan Harris, Point Arena High School graduate, was chosen as one of the first recipients of a Young Artists' Scholarship given out by Gualala Arts. She recently graduated from University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

This is a popular event for couples and big parties.

Ticket sales go to support Gualala Art and can be purchased at the door or in advance. Brown Paper Tickets: (800) 838-3006. To purchase in person, visit the Gualala Arts Center, located at 46501 Gualala Road. ☎

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