



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Date:** December 4, 2006

**Contact:** Sally Arnot

**Phone:** 442-0278 Ext 203

**Email:** [sally@humboldtarts.org](mailto:sally@humboldtarts.org)

**Event: 2006 Outstanding Contribution to the Arts Award**

At the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ruby Gala Art Auction the Humboldt Arts Council honored long time arts supporters William and Elizabeth Pierson with their Outstanding Contributions to the Arts Award for 2006!

Bill and Liz have supported the arts in our community for many years beginning with the remodeled offices at the old Cultural Center at 422 First Street and assisted in the evolution of the Humboldt Cultural Center during its 30 year tenure in the Janssen Building.

They participated in the Capital Campaign for the restoration of the historic Carnegie building into the Morris Graves Museum of Art. They are the major underwriters for the Northwest Eye, a regional fine arts photography competition and exhibition open to photographers residing in the Pacific Northwest: Northern California (from Monterey Bay north), Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alaska. For over ten years they supported the Council's efforts to create award winning Humboldt County exhibits at the State Fair in Sacramento.

In 1995 Pierson Building Center entered into an agreement with the National Forest Service to fund and initiate the Bear Basin Butte Restoration Project with the goals to restore the historic lookout and to build a new cabin intended for public use so that this magnificent lookout site would be preserved and enjoyed by all. Artists are benefiting from this restoration project.

They are enthusiastic supporters of artists and arts organizations and institutions throughout Humboldt County, including the annual Jazz Festival and Blues By the Bay Festival, Center Arts at Humboldt State University, North Coast Rep Theatre, Ferndale Rep Theatre, Humboldt Light Opera, Redwood Art Association, Ink People Center for the Arts, Mateel Community Center and Reggae on the River, College of the Redwoods annual Wood Fair, Paddlefest, support for the catalogue for the First Street Gallery exhibit for Ingrid Nickelsen, support together with Suk Choo Kim, of the Piante Gallery Photo Gallery.

"This is a special community arts award to Bill and Liz Pierson for their outstanding support of the arts in our community", stated Sally Arnot, President / CEO of the Humboldt Arts Council.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

636 F Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

# # #  
t. 707.442.0278  
f. 707.442.2040

[thepalette.com](http://thepalette.com)  
[www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)