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# The Galena Center for the Arts

## Newsletter for December 2015



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Dear Dennis & Leslie,

**Season's Greetings from Executive Director Carole Sullivan:**

This has been a busy year for the Galena Center for the Arts. Now, with our first beautiful (and deep!) snowstorm, we need to slow down a bit and enjoy the meaning of the Holiday Season. We wish you and your family and friends a warm and memorable December, and look forward to many other exciting Arts events in 2016.

**NEW EXHIBIT OPENS SOON!**

When the winter winds are blowing, warm up with hot cider and cookies at the opening reception for "The Art of Craft" exhibit on Friday December 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Galena Center for the Arts. If you are looking for Holiday Gifts, you will find lots of choices ranging from stocking stuffers to thoughtful one-of-a-kind gifts all created by area artisans. Artists at the Center will welcome visitors to their studios on Friday night.

Well-crafted handmade objects are examples of their maker's artistic expression as well as skill. Knitting, woven rugs, quilted objects, candles, soap, and up-cycled jewelry are just a few of the offerings. In addition, the Center for the Arts continues to exhibit fine art in the Regional Artist's Gallery including work by favorite and new artists from our three corners of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Larissa Distler will teach two felting workshops that will help you explore your own creativity. Read details in the **LOOKING AHEAD** section of this newsletter.

The exhibit will continue through January 24. Hours are from 1:00 to 7:00 Thursday through Sunday in December.

Winter hours beginning January 7 will be from 1:00 to 4:00 Thursday through Sunday.

The Center is located at 219 Summit Street in Galena, with plenty of parking. There is no admission fee to the opening or exhibit.

The Center for the Arts will be closed for the Holidays December 24-25, December 31 and January 1

## Galena Center for the Arts

Presents

# The Art of Craft

Dec 5th, 2015 -  
Jan 24th

219 Summit St,  
Galena

Opening Reception:  
Friday, Dec 4th, 5-8 PM  
Plus Open Studios

Hand Crafted Gifts  
by  
Regional Artisans

Gallery Hours:  
Thurs - Sun  
Dec: 1-7 PM  
Jan: 1-4 PM



Ongoing: • Regional Artists Gallery  
• Alfie Mueller Historic Photos

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**Our volunteers are so important to us! Scroll down to read about**

**Dennis Waltman, Newsletter Editor**

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**Winter Galena Market and Craft Fair**

**December 9, 4 to 6 PM**



NOVEMBER 11  
 DECEMBER 9  
 JANUARY 13  
 FEBRUARY 10  
 MARCH 9  
 APRIL 13

**4-6**



**Yoga Classes with Marion continue Tue mornings at 10 AM and Thu evenings at 5:30 PM (except Dec 24 and 31)**

**Amanda is on Winter Break-Belly Dance classes will resume on Tue Feb 02 2016**

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Felting Workshops, Jan 9 and 23 at 10 AM

#### Select Crafts

Cure your cabin fever by creating wonderful and warm felted objects at the Galena Center for the Arts. In conjunction with "The Art of Craft" exhibit showing at the Center through January 24, Larissa Distler will teach two felting workshops that will help you explore your own creativity.

On Saturday, January 9, make a one-of-a-kind scarf to take home at our family friendly Nuno Felting Workshop. Larissa will teach this felting technique and offer a tiny bit of background on why it works. It is entirely done with wet felting and requires fewer supplies than needle felting. A silk chiffon scarf, roller, and color choices of roving will be provided. The cost of this workshop will be \$10 for each scarf made.

On Saturday, January 23, brighten up your winter at our DIY Felted Flowers Workshop. This technique combines wet felting and needle felting to create fun flowers that the



**Craft work by artisan Larissa Distler**

can be turned into broaches or incorporated into other projects. The fee for this workshop is \$20. You will receive a kit with three felting needles, needle felting foam, wet felting mat, and a choice of roving colors as well as handouts.

Both workshops will be held at the Center for the Arts at 10:00 a.m.

Registration is needed by Monday, December 21. Contact Larissa Distler by phone at 563-581-5663 or email [larissadistler@gmail.com](mailto:larissadistler@gmail.com) for more information and to register.



Karen Zehr weaves rag rugs on her mother's Union loom

### Volunteer of the month: Dennis Waltman

When we look at this newsletter, we look at the pictures (anyone we know?), check out the upcoming events, and read the articles. We are unlikely to think about how all the pictures and prose were put together into an attractive and coherent whole. But that's exactly what Dennis Waltman, our December Volunteer of the Month, thinks about, because he's the person who does the job.

As he points out, Denny doesn't write the articles or take the pictures, but he is the one who compiles and organizes them electronically, spending many hours working on arrangement and spacing and deciding on the little touches (blue lines or black between articles?) The job can be frustrating when the pieces don't fit together well or the computer programs aren't cooperating, but he finds it very satisfying when the newsletter finally takes shape and is sent out to the over 800 subscribers.



A self-admitted geek, Denny is a retired mechanical engineer who loves computers, gadgets, pens, New Zealand, and Texas. (The order may change on any given day.) At Fluor Engineers in Houston, he was one of the first people to work on "Knowledge Online," a project which allowed employees to share information and methods electronically. He was also an active member of Hal-PC, a computer group in Houston, so he was a natural to work on the newsletter for the Center for the Arts.

Now, as Denny figures out how and where to work this article and photo into the December newsletter, we say, "Thanks for all the hours and work!"

### Volunteering is Good for You and Fun too!

often as you like at the Center's reception table welcoming and helping visitors. Spend an afternoon or early evening once a week, every other week, or as

Shifts are Thursday through Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 4:00 to 7:00 PM. You can access our schedule app by clicking on this link

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password is [volunteer](#).The magic

questions? Contact Carole at 815-777-0410 and go over the details.Have



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| Sun                             | Mon | Tue                                                                            | Wed                                            | Thu                                                      | Fri                                               | Sat                             |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 29                              | 30  | 01<br>Yoga w/Marion 10 AM<br>Belly Dance class w/Amanda returns Tue Feb 2 2016 | 02                                             | 03<br>Yoga w/Marion 5:30 PM                              | 04<br>"The Art of Craft" Opening Reception 5-8 PM | 05<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM |
| 06<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM | 07  | 08<br>Yoga w/Marion 10 AM                                                      | 09<br>Galena Winter Market & Craft Fair 4-6 PM | 10<br>Yoga w/Marion 5:30 PM<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM | 11<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM                   | 12<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM |
| 13<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM | 14  | 15<br>Yoga w/Marion 10 AM                                                      | 16                                             | 17<br>Yoga w/Marion 5:30 PM<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM | 18<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM                   | 19<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM |
| 20<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM | 21  | 22<br>Yoga w/Marion 10 AM                                                      | 23                                             | 24<br>CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS                               | 25<br>CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS                        | 26<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM |
| 27<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM | 28  | 29<br>Yoga w/Marion 10 AM                                                      | 30                                             | 31<br>CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR                                | 01<br>CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR                         | 02<br>"The Art of Craft" 1-7 PM |



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