

Newsletter for December 2017



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Season's greetings!

For me, the holidays bring back so many memories. One of mine is that when I was a kid, I always looked forward to seeing my brother's Lionel train set up, with trains running in and out of the legs of the grand piano in the living room.

We anticipate that many memories will be revived with our "Catch the Train in Galena" exhibit, and invite you to bring your kids and grandkids to experience the fun of model trains. And when you are here, bring them through the upstairs gallery as well, to enjoy other kinds of art. You (and they!) will be glad you did. There are lots of activities associated with this exhibit...including readings of "Polar Express", and an opportunity for the kids to run the trains, with Unposed Photography there to catch the moment. Check out the schedule!

Wishing you a beautiful holiday, filled with love and warm moments to remember.

Carole Sullivan
Executive Director

Click here for Center Calendar

The Center will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, so our staff and volunteers can celebrate with their families.

A Feast for the Eye, Food in the Arts

Continues through February 4, 2018

Tis the season of food and festivities. Our special exhibit includes photos of scallops and noodles, a delicate watercolor painting of roots and shoots in the garden, a bold painting of party goers on opening night, a rusted plate of pasta, a basket for gathering potatoes, and so much more. Come check it out through February 4, and pick up some gifts for your family and yourself—calorie free food!

The gallery is open 1-4pm, Thursday through Sunday.



A Family Event: Catch the Train in Galena!
The First Three Weeks in December

For complete schedule click here

ALL ABOARD

Catch Trains in Galena

OPENING RECEPTION DEC. 1, 4-7PM

GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

219 SUMMIT ST

Exhibit open each week with running trains from 1-4 PM, Thursdays through Sundays, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 17



The Galena Center for the Arts will offer a family holiday celebration of model trains the first three weekends in December. Train enthusiast Philip Jackman will display his N Scale operating trains at the Center for three weekends of running trains. The 32' by 16' display features scenes from across the country including towns, cities, deserts, canyons, oceans and more, with up to three trains running at a time.

Dec. 1: 4-7 PM. Opening reception, with trains running and refreshments.

Dec. 7: 7 PM Railroad themed movie night showing the thriller "Unstoppable", about a runaway train. The film will be shown on the 5 by 8 ft. screen in the performance space of the Galena Center for the Arts.

Dec. 8: 7 PM. Presentation by Philip Jackman about research for making models.

Date Dec. 3, Dec 10, Dec. 17: 2 PM Story Time Reading of "Polar Express."

Dec. 15: 7 PM. Presentation on Train Chasing and railroad history by Philip and Terri Jackman.



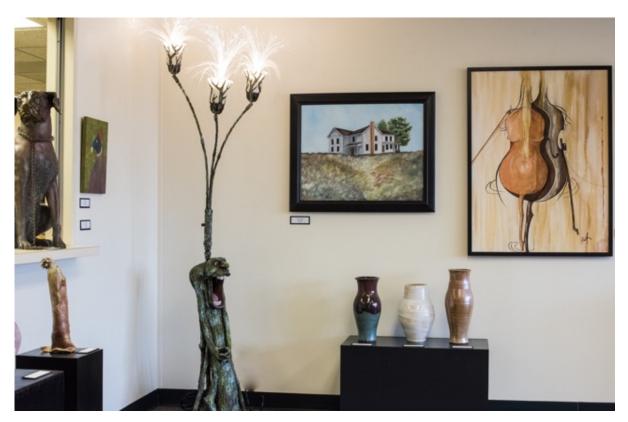
Dec. 16: Grown-up kids get the opportunity to operate the trains. 6-9 $\mbox{PM}.$

Dec 17: 1-4 PM. Kids (under supervision) get the opportunity to operate the trains. Unposed Photography will be there to take photos of the kids as engineers.

ADMIT ONE



Regional Artists Gallery



Artwork in the Regional Artists Gallery



The Perfect Holiday Gift

many generous Our artists, cooks, and writers have created a cookbook, Feeding the Arts, to celebrate the arts and the art of cooking, You will find over 100 recipes for appetizers, sweets, salads, soups, and beverages-all which have been served at our gallery receptions, Songwriters Showcases, and theatrical events. Give the gift of a taste of the Center and food inspired art. \$18, with all profits to benefit **Galena Center for the Arts.**

It is available in our gallery gift shop, Prairie Ridge Gallery, The Grateful Gourmet, Whispering Winds at Midwest Medical Center, Piggly Wiggly, and Galena River Wine and Cheese. *Miracle on 34th Street* radio play was a great success. We are already reading radio plays to determine our Spring mystery show!





Many thanks to our sponsors, the DeSoto House Hotel, Exact Pest Solutions, and US Bank, for their support for this event.

Prairie Ridge Gallery

We have a new gallery! The new senior living apartment community has invited us to fill their gallery. Many of our local artists are represented to enhance the facility for the residents and their guests. And of course, they are available to purchase. The exhibit will be revolving every couple months.



Jean Dregne and Carole Sullivan assisting Tom Szynkowski hanging the artwork

Upcoming Events

Call for for Valentine Art - December 2

A Valentine celebration is being planned for Saturday afternoon, February 3, featuring handmade **Valentine** and spring cards along with heart-themed art items, all donated for event. This exciting new event will be open to the public where folks can shop for Valentine cards, romantic art, and gifts, while enjoying some sweet treats and get into the Valentine and spring mode.



On Saturday afternoon, December 2, at 1:00, a meeting will be held at The Galena Center for The Arts for anyone wanting more information about this event and what they can do to contribute. Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier and Glee Bilderback will be on hand to discuss this fun project and offer suggestions for everyone's creative endeavors – from painting to sculpture to textiles, pottery, photography, jewelry... anything creative! For those who want to make cards, quality cardstock will be provided in three sizes. Envelopes will also be provided.

Winter is coming and what a great time to cozy up with your tea cups and crank out some creativity to nourish your winter-weary January soul! It's going to be fun, fun, fun!!

A name is needed for this event! Please submit your suggestions.

For more details, thoughts or questions, contact Linda at <u>815-777-9500</u> and at <u>info@GalenaHomes.com</u>, or Glee at <u>815-777-2935</u>, or gleefulgreeting@icloud.com.

Thank you, Poopsie's!

Poopsie's has offered us a great opportunity for fundraising this Holiday season. If you shop at Poopsie's between Dec. 3 and 16, and either bring your card (available at the Center) or just ask for the donation, they will give 20 % of your purchase price to the Center for the Arts!



December 3rd - 16th

Shop 'til You Drop!

Take a photo of this flyer and bring it to Poopsie's between December 3rd and December 16th to give 20% back to The Galena Center for the Arts.

Need to shop online? Head to www.POOPSIES.com. Use the coupon code **Arts** when you check out to credit their fundraiser!

402 S. Main St. Galena, IL

Cannot be combined with other offers or promotions.

Living Windows at Poopsie's

On the evening of December 9 Galena is magical when over 5000 candles light up the sidewalks and riverfront. At the same time Main Street is alive with more than 30 shops entertaining us with "Living Windows". Please stop by Poopsie's, 4-6 pm, where you will find our own studio artist, Chris Warner. She will be painting a large canvas in her famous vibrant acrylics.



All River Road Talent hosts a monthly art drive the first weekend of each month. All River Road Talent is a synergy of artists building a cultural and visitor awareness of artistic talent in the Galena region of NW IL. December ARRT tour dates are 2 & 3.

Your Opinion Matters

Please consider sending a review of a performance or exhibit that you have attended to:





or to any other of the travel guides.

We need your help to let guests to Galena know that we're here, and to plan on visiting us.



Artists Studio

Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Workshops



Sketch by Janet Zehr

Figure Drawing Thursday Afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm at the Center

Sketching from a live model not only improves your figural drawing, but your prospective in landscapes and abstract work as well.

Join the group on Thursday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 at the Center. \$10 per session. No need to register—just show up! December 21st will be the last session of the year, and we'll be taking a winter break thereafter.

Poetry Workshop January 11, 18, 25 & February 1

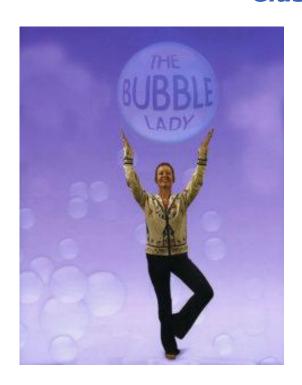
Gamboling through words
like lambs
springing
in new grass.
Tasting a tempting smorgasbord
of poetic structures.
Seeking
where your own
song lives.
Unwrapping
the joyous gift
of
poetry...



Cathie Elsbree will open the world of poetry to you-learning the structures and choosing the perfect words to tell your stories.

Four sessions, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1. 1:00-2:30pm, \$40. Please call to register 779-214-0261. We have a limit of 12 students.

Classes



Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady Will return in the New Year Click here to check the calendar



Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller Will return in the New Year

This ongoing class integrates mindfulness with yoga and breath-work.

Participants are guided in basic Hatha Yoga postures to their capacity while maintaining moment to moment awareness, utilizing the breath to enhance flexibility, exploring boundaries and limits in a gentle and caring way. Each class ends with deep relaxation.

Tie-Dye Tea Towels



Laura Scoles will teach the ancient art of shibori, interpreted into the modern-day art of Tie-Dye.

She will guide you through the process to make two tea towels using professional dyes and methods for colorfast results. Saturday, January 20th, 10am-noon, \$28.50. Please call to register by January 13th, 779-214-0261. We have a maximum of 12 students.

Click here for more information

Volunteer of the Month - Philip Jackman

When you think of the arts, trains model mav immediately come to mind. But when you look at the elaborate, incredibly detailed layouts created by Philip Jackman (and helped by his wife Terri), it's clear that there is artistry here. It's tempting to just watch the tiny N scale trains wind over the bridges and snake past the gorges Phil has designed. But wander around, admiring the little villages, the towns, the historic scenes, and the varied, realistic landscapes, and you will see that great patience and love of American history were needed for these remarkable sets.

A retired attorney, Phil has been in love with trains most of his life. A very fond memory is of visiting his grandfather, who worked as a telegrapher in the 1900's and who would tell railroad stories and show him





Since building his first model in 1985, Phil has created many more, but he can rarely display them all at one time. He and Terri often take one or two layout sections to a show and then connect them other N scale models. This requires careful planning and meticulous work since the tracks on everyone's layouts have to line up exactly. The more you look

pictures. Phil's first memory of riding on a train was at age going from five or six, Deerfield to Springfield to visit his grandparents. The delight of that trip has never left him, and he still loves traveling by train. He and Terri have taken railroad journeys all over America and can tell fascinating stories of their adventures. Some of their trips, such as along Route 66, are reflected in the model layouts.

When they aren't traveling for fun, Phil is working on the models or they are going to train shows around the country.

at all the remarkable details and see how the layouts fit together, the more impressive Philip's skill and artistry is.

The many presentations and activities of "Catch the Train in Galena" are listed elsewhere in the Newsletter and in the Gazette. Among them will be a presentation on Dec. 15 by Phil and Terri on train chasing and railroad history. Don't miss it! It's sure to be a treat.

Heads-up for Events in the Works

Open Studio Night and a new show for our Feature Gallery - January 9

On January 9 from 5–7 meet our studio artists, see the studios where they create, and view and purchase their work, which will fill the Artists Circle. Chris Warner will have large figural paintings in vibrant colors, Cathy Dorwick will exhibit paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor, Kris Doyle's baskets include traditional designs, round reed, and Choctaw style baskets, Karen Wilson will show her various forms of embroidery, and Courtney Lomax will display the art of framing your art.

The artwork of Sally and Dwight Bischel will be in our Feature Gallery. Sally was an art director for various advertising firms in Chicago, and ran her own graphics design firm in Evanston and Galena. Upon retirement she enjoyed painting the Galena countryside. She passed away in September of this year.

Kicking off the fourth year of the Songwriters Showcase, River Breitbach will be featured on January 18.

Magical "Masquer-Aid" Ball - January 20

More good news! The first "Guide-Me Event", brought to you by <u>GalenaGuide.com</u>, will be a Magical "Masquer-Aid" Ball as a fundraiser for the Galena Center for the Arts, on January 20. Limited tickets available, so make your reservations soon. For more info, and tickets, go to <u>galenaguide.com/galena-guide-me-events/</u>



Sixty Days of Stitching at the Royal School of Needlework - January 21

On Sunday January 21 at 2 pm Karen Wilson will present a program about her experience studying in England to learn the gentle art of needlework.

Her work includes appliqué, blackwork embroidery, crewel embroidery, goldwork embroidery, needlepoint canvaswork, silk shaded thread painting, and whitework embroidery.

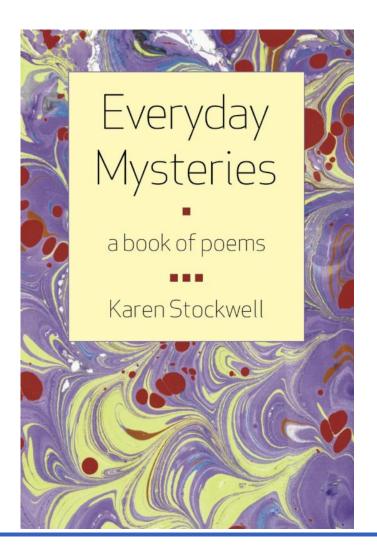


Poetry Reading and Book Signing - January 27

Karen Stockwell will do a poetry reading and book signing of her new release, Everyday Mysteries on Jan. 27 at 2pm.

What are everyday mysteries? In the context of this volume they are the things we all ponder: the nature of love, making sense of a violent world, how nurture ourselves and our families. solving the large and small mysteries we encounter every day, we are able discover ourselves and the meaning of our lives.

Click here for more information



Art Wanted for Broad Ideas! Six week show opening March 2, 2018



Broad Ideas is an Art Show that celebrates women! Join us for this dynamic exhibit and the exciting related events. For more info, visit <u>BroadIdeas.org</u>.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we give special thanks for the individuals and businesses who helped us in November.

- Bob and Millie Glick
- Potosi Foundation
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- Tara and Blake Roddick
- Philip and Terri
 Jackman
- Howard Fiedler
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- Whispering Winds Gift Shop
- Galena River Wine and Cheese
- Steve Lundgren
- John Palmer
- Rich Tickner

Wish List!

· We wish we had a working elevator!

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Click for the Center Calendar



Remember our hours have now changed to 1-4 pm, with only one shift per day. If you need help signing up, just call 779-214-0261 and we can assist you.

Gallery Volunteers

We are so grateful for all the wonderful volunteers who assist our visitors and are ambassadors for the arts in Galena.

We still have a few shifts to fill in the very busy holiday season of December. If you can spare three hours, please follow the link to sign up. January dates are also available, Thank you!

Sign up to Volunteer

Please forward our newsletter to your friends and relatives, so that they can sign up to receive their own monthly update. Thanks for sharing our news with others!

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