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Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for January 2017



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Dear Dennis & Leslie,

Many thanks to all who shared your time, talent, and treasure with us in 2016!

The Center has grown so much in the last year, and we have big plans for 2017. We will continue with the programs you count on—Art Exhibits and Openings, Songwriters Showcases, Youth Arts Festival, Julien Dubuque International Film Festival, and Radio Plays. New offerings include Sunday Salon classical music programs, theatrical events, and more workshops and classes. We will also be re-designing our website to be more user friendly.

This is YOUR Center for the Arts. Please give us feedback on what you like and what you would like to experience here. We welcome your participation in every possible way. Whether you usher at a play, staff the gallery desk, wield a paintbrush, or give a lecture, we hope you will become an integral part of the Arts community.

Wishing you a meaningful, rewarding, Art-filled New Year!

Carole Sullivan

Executive Director

Small is Beautiful Continues thru Sunday January 22



Baskets by Toni Klingler



Oil Painting by Donna Gibson

Galena Center for the Arts Presents *Small is Beautiful* Artworks on a Smaller Scale

Unique Affordable Gifts
Created by Area Artists

Regular Hours
1-4 PM
Thurs - Sun

Open until 8 PM
on Jan 13 for the
Gallery Stroll

219 Summit St



For Information:
779-214-0261
www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com

For a few more weeks you can see tiny houses, small paintings, fine silk weaving, tiny driftwood chairs, metal sculptures that will sit on your windowsill, tiny baskets, and many more wonderful small works of art. Perhaps you have a small wall or tiny shelf that is waiting for just the perfect piece to compliment your room, inspire you, and celebrate a local artist.

Learn to Waltz! Jan 8, 15 and 22 from 4:30-5:45 PM.

Start off 2017 by learning the waltz at the Galena Center for the Arts. Elizabeth Boggess will be teaching a three-class session of the waltz for beginners on Sunday afternoons (January 8, 15 and 22) from 4:30-5:45 PM.

Elizabeth and her three older siblings grew up with their parents in Southern Illinois. Her mother, in an effort to create some "family fun", enrolled the entire family at the Arthur Murray Dancestudio in Paducah, Kentucky when Elizabeth was in first grade. The family took weekly lessons, earned medals in competitions and when Elizabeth was in third grade, she and her sister and dad performed on the Arthur Murray TV Show in New York City. The family danced and performed together for years and several of her siblings still teach classes in their communities. The family fun idea worked and Elizabeth is looking forward to the opportunity to share her enthusiasm for ballroom dancing here in Galena.



The classes will be casual and geared for anyone who would like to give some basic steps a try. The classes will be held downstairs at the Art Center and the fee for the three-class series is \$45/ couple. You will need a dancing partner, some dancing shoes and a willingness to have fun ballroom dancing during January. Just dance that cold weather away!

The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Please contact Elizabeth by phone at 512-971-2289 or email at ebog1249@gmail.com if you want to participate.

Remembering Old Galena on January 21 - 2 and 7 PM



The boom days of lead mining, the golden era of steamboating, the turmoil of the Civil War...all are part of the historic fabric of Old Galena. *Remembering Old Galena* offers a fascinating portrait of the town's colorful history in an original musical production written by Galenians Carole Sullivan and Ronn Toebaas. The cast for *Remembering Old Galena* includes Emily Painter, Deb Hyland, Jenni Ackerman and Carole Sullivan.

Remembering Old Galena will be presented in the performance space at the Center for the Arts. Seating is limited. Tickets (\$15 adults, \$6 children) may be purchased at the Center for the Arts during regular gallery hours (Thursday through Sunday, 1-4 PM), on-line at

www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com, or at the door.

Call for Heirloom Artwork!

Was your grandfather an artist? Or your Mom or Dad? Did they leave you treasured artwork when they passed on? Is it hiding in the attic? The Galena Center for the Arts' next exhibit, "Heirlooms", will focus on three artists who left a whole collection of original art to their children, and also will exhibit individual art pieces that were left as heirlooms to others in our region.

Art transcends time. A beautiful landscape or a portrait from many years ago is still beautiful today.

For this exhibit we seek visual art, two or three-dimensional, but not photographic art. For each work exhibited, we will include a brief biography of the artist. These works will not be for sale, unless the owner requests that. Pictures will need to be brought to the gallery ready to hang. The exhibit will start with an opening reception on Feb. 3 and be shown until March 26. If you have an artwork to offer, email info@GalenaCenterForTheArts.com,

or call 779-214-0261 and leave a message for with us on Feb 19 at 2 PM. Contact Carole at 815-Pat, or call Carole at 815-777-0410. 77-0410 for information about this event. Deadline to offer artwork is January 22.



Draft Horses Drinking a pastel created by

Grace Ryan (Carole Sullivan's mother)

We will also have a literary heirloom event, facilitated by poet Heather Swan, sharing poetry and prose that has been left to us. If you have poems or other written works (journal entries, written stories) from your families, share them with us on Feb 19 at 2 PM. Contact Carole at 815-777-0410 for information about this event.

Gallery Stroll - Friday Jan 13

For the Gallery Stroll, the second Friday of January, we will be open until 8 PM

Closed Jan 23 - Feb 2

The Center will be closed for business (except for yoga classes!) between Jan. 23 and Feb. 2 so we can do some upkeep on the building.

Galena 2nd Friday Gallery Stroll

Nov 11th ♦ Dec 9th ♦ Jan 13th ♦ Feb 10th ♦ March 10th ♦ April 14th

On the 2nd Friday of each month from 5-8pm
We're staying open late just for You!
Please join us for beautiful art and a different
tasty treat at each of these participating galleries.

Galena Center for the Arts 219 Summit Street 779-214-0261

Fine art gallery celebrating artists from Galena and the surrounding area. Be inspired & enriched by the magic of art.

Grace Episcopal Arts 309 Hill Street 815-777-2590

Exhibition by Diann Marsh and Al Elsbree, featuring computer generated whimsy, acrylics, pen & ink.

Hello Galena! Gallery and Gifts 121 N. Commerce Street 815-777-1448

Located next to the old Market House, we offer the works of over 60 area artists in one setting.

Janet Checker Studio (Showing at DeSoto House Hotel) 230 S. Main Street

Original works, which include oils, pastels and small paintings.

Maggie Black 116 S. Main Street 815-599-1724

Embrace your passion with our eclectic fusion of regional and national artists and artisans.

Mangelsen - Images of Nature Gallery 421 S. Main Street 800-281-4478

Limited edition photography by world-renowned wildlife and nature photographer Thomas D. Mangelsen.

Outside the Lines Gallery 101 S. Main Street 815-776-9166

Over 140 American artists specializing in local color.

River Bend Gallery 243 N. Main Street 331-701-6233

Fine art photography of Galena, the Midwest and Beyond - by Geoffrey Mikol.

Skidmore Art Gallery 319 S. Main Street 815-777-1500

Original artwork, watch & meet the artist.

Stone House Potters & Gallery 418 Spring Street 815-777-0354

Functional & decorative pottery, tiles, figurative bronzes, digital photos of birds and photo scans of flowers & plants.



Please join us! We'll have a Clean up, Fix up, Paint up day on January 28, starting at 9 AM. The reward is a homemade soup, bread and cookies lunch! (And of course, knowing that you have helped to improve the Center.) Please call to let us know you will be joining us. 815-777-0410.

**Lots of new work in the Regional Artists' Gallery
These and many others!**



Pottery by Ken Bischel, Megan Lindeman, Michael Schael

We love our volunteers, and you will be happy to know that we now have WiFi at the Center! Please consider signing up for one shift a month...it would be an incredible help for us to know that the gallery shifts will be covered. We need staffing from 1-4 PM Thursday through Sunday. We especially need help for Saturday and Sunday shifts. To volunteer call 779-214-0261 and leave a message for Pat to call you back to arrange a time.

Scroll down and see our Volunteer of the Month - Judith Wehrle

The monthly ARRT (All River Road Talent) tour will be Jan 7-8

Hop into your car and visit some of the many amazing artists in our area.

Check it out! [click here>>](#)



Songwriter's Showcase - Thursday Jan 19 - 7PM

The Galena Center for the Arts will feature Roy Schroedl at the first Songwriters Showcase of the year to be held at 7 PM on January 19 in the performance space at the Center. Roy Schroedl, who specializes in 12-string acoustic guitar, has delighted Showcase audiences with his songs in the past, and we're so happy that he will return in January to warm us up with his great sound. His genre is acoustic rock, the vocals are a cross between Tom Waits, Jimmy Buffett and Cat Stevens. Roy has written the vast majority of the music on four CD's with the acoustic band Okham's Razor. Roy loves to travel, and has performed in New Zealand and other countries including Canada, Australia, Japan and Europe.

The evening will be hosted by blues player Bruce Kort. Bruce is best known for his lifelong career in the blues field, in addition to his repertoire of old jazz and tin pan alley, hard country and bluegrass and anything else that is native to North America. Born in Elgin, Illinois, he grew up and spent most of his life in the Chicago area, soaking up the sounds of the then vibrant Chicago blues scene. Now a resident of the Driftless area of northwestern Illinois, he travels and plays throughout the tri-state region as well as other Midwest venues.



Songwriters Showcase

January 19th - 7 to 9pm

With
Roy Schroedl
And the night's guest host
Bruce Kort



Songwriters Showcase is the 3rd Thursday of each month
See what else we offer at
www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com
219 Summit St.

Your Opinion Matters



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

Wish List

- Some staunch supporter who lives in town who could shovel the snow away from the doorways and the outdoor steps at 219 Summit St. (The custodians at the Galena Stauss Senior Center do a great job with the parking lot and the longer sidewalk in front of the building.)
- Volunteers please call the Center, 779-214-0261, and leave a message for Pat to call you back to arrange a time.

Thank You!

- Donations in memory of Warren Jackman:



We mourn the loss of Warren Jackman, who along with his wife Levon, helped so many artists in this community.

We are grateful to those who have sent a donation to the Center in his memory.

These fifth grade students in Galena Girl Scout Troop 7270 are working on their Bronze Award this year, the highest honor Junior Girl Scouts can achieve. Their project is to create an art room at the Galena Center for the Arts. The girls are striving for a welcoming and fun environment where people can let their imaginations flow as they work on all sorts of different art projects. The Girl Scouts are currently in the process of designing a nature-themed mural that they will paint on one of the walls in the room. Galena Territory resident Al Elsbree, a retired art teacher who is one of the studio artists at the Center, is guiding the way.



Galena Girl Scout Troop 7270

Figure Drawing Thursday Feb 16 at 1:30-3:30 PM

Artists wanted! Drawing the figure from a live model is a fundamental skill for fine artists.

Come to the Center on Thursday, February 16th at 1:30-3:30 for an organizational meeting. Bring drawing/painting materials and your own easel. We will have tables, chairs, and a model. This first



Painting by Denise Faith

session will be free. We will discuss the best time, frequency, costs, and shared coordination to carry on.

We are hoping to recreate this opportunity that was started years ago by Zelma Clark and Charles Fach, and valued by so many artists. RSVP via e-mail:

info@galenacenterforthearts.com

Volunteer of the Month - Judith Wehrle

Judith Wehrle can look serious—an expression she undoubtedly needed as an eighth grade and high school teacher. But she also has a twinkle in her eye, a passion for learning and for the arts, and a kind heart, which made her students love her. These qualities, along with her organizational skills and dedication, also make her an ideal Chairperson of the Board for the Center for the Arts. Carole Sullivan says, “Judith brings great experience working with not-for-profits boards, which is so important for a growing organization like ours. She has a passion for the arts, especially music, and she has helped us reach out to new people with an interest in our mission.”

Judith's love of the arts began in childhood when she was constantly surrounded by great music. Her mother, a fine singer, introduced her to the classics, read and explained librettos to her, and, when she was eleven, took her to her first opera, “Cosi Fan Tutte.” Her stepfather was a singer, a voice professor, and a choral conductor. Besides her parents' influence, the family was often visited by musical greats like Robert Merrill and Roberta Peters. Through high school, Judith studied piano and was encouraged to be creative.



This creativity has been evident throughout her life. After serving in the Peace Corps in Nigeria, she spent 25 years teaching English and history to middle and high school students. The first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave at night, she constantly invented activities to hold their interest—no small feat with eighth graders. She had her students research and impersonate historical figures, compete in poetry recitations, study political cartoons, and make scrapbooks matching historical events to their families' histories.

Since she and her husband moved to Galena, Judith has been involved in various organizations and has served as chairperson for Riverview and JDCF as well as for the Center for the Arts. She is enthusiastic about the Arts Center and the many opportunities in Galena. "It is a place you can contribute," she says. "It has enriched my life immensely."

Volunteering is Good for You and Fun too!

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

We need staffing from 1-4 PM Thursday through Sunday. **We especially need help for Saturday and Sunday shifts.** Please volunteer to staff!

To volunteer call 779-214-0261 and leave a message for Pat to call you back to arrange a time.

Questions?

Contact the Center at 779-214-0261 or 815-777-0410 and go over the details.





January 2017 Galena Center for the Arts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Center Closed for NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	4	5 <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	6 <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	7 ARRT Tour <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM
8 ARRT Tour Waltz Classes, 4:30 PM <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	9	10 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	11	12 <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	13 For the Gallery Stroll the Center is open till 8 PM <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	14 <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM
15 Waltz Classes, 4:30 PM <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	16	17 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	18 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	19 Songwriter Showcase, 7 PM <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	20 <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	21 <i>Remembering Old Galena, 2 PM & 7 PM</i> <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM
22 Waltz Classes, 4:30 PM <i>Small is Beautiful</i> 1-4 PM	23	24 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	25 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	26 Center Closed	27 Center Closed	28 Clean up, Paint up, Fix up day, 9 AM Center Closed
29 Center Closed	30	31 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	1 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	2 Center Open, 1-4 PM	3 Center Open, 1-4 PM Opening Reception Heirlooms Exhibit, 5-8 PM	<i>Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM</i>



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