

Newsletter for October 2017



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Greetings!

September was a wonderful month for the Center for the Arts, including the addition of many new Corporate memberships, regular and family memberships, and additional gifts, including a surprise \$1000 anonymous donation. It's inspiring and humbling to see so much support and enthusiasm for the Arts. We will do our best to make you proud. Thank you!

So much is happening in the next few months...starting with Carl Johnson's presentation about Painting on Location on Sunday October 1, to a new exhibit *A Feast for the Eye,* leading up to the holiday radio show *Miracle on 34th Street* and then *Catch the Train in Galena*. Stay tuned! Read more details about these and other activities below.

Join us whenever you can to enjoy this beautiful October with Art and Music.

Carole Sullivan Executive Director

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We Love our Corporate Members!

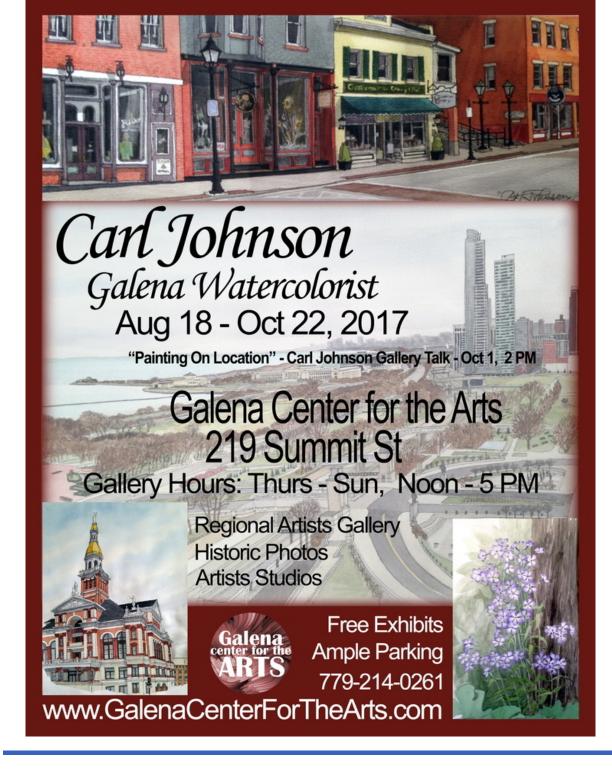
Thank you!

2017-2018 Corporate Members

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Carl Johnson, *Galena Watercolorist* Gallery Talk: Painting on Location, October 1, 2 pm

The current exhibit of Carl Johnson, *Galena Watercolorist* will continue in the gallery through October 22. On Sunday, October 1 at 2 pm Carl will be in the gallery to talk about his work. Please join us to hear about his adventures in painting on location in various spots around the world, including the streets of Galena. He's had a long and successful career that continues to this day. He told us that artists do not retire, and he's a perfect example. If you haven't seen the show yet, be sure to stop by. It includes some early work from the sixties and seventies, architecture of Galena, Chicago, and Athens; and several floral watercolors from the Spring of 2017. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, noon to five each day.



Regional Artists Gallery



Many interesting and different pieces of art in the Regional Artists Gallery

A Feast for the Eye, Food in the Arts Starts October 27, 5-8 pm

We are celebrating art and food with our next special exhibit. On October 27, 5-8 pm, at the opening reception, you can view many works of art and craft revolving around one of our daily consumptions—food! The appetizers and sweets served will all be made from recipes in our new cookbook, *Feeding the Arts,* which will also be debuted that evening.

Food has been the subject of art since the beginning of history. It can be found in depictions on cave walls of the hunter's bounty, Renaissance paintings of extravagant dinner parties, Norman Rockwell's Thanksgiving dinner, or Andy Warhol's soup cans, for examples. We will exhibit not only paintings, drawings, and photographs, but also artisan crafts that are involved in the process of eating or cooking—pottery, linens, woodenware, and a hand-crafted table. Come for the community, feast with your eyes, and enjoy a taste from our new cookbook.



Feeding the Arts

We are launching a new project at the opening reception of A Feast for the Eye, Food in the Arts on October 27. A cookbook! We have amazingly creative volunteers who have donated delicious appetizers, sweets, soups, salads, and beverages our receptions, to Songwriters Showcases, theatrical performances, and other events. They have also generously contributed the recipes, which we now present for you to "make it yourself," along with delightful artwork contributed by many of our regional artists.

Hope you will come to the reception and sample a taste from the cookbook, and

buy a copy or three to support our Center. Perfect holiday gifts! The cookbook will be available in our gift shops and other shops around town.





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. October ARRT tour dates are 7 & 8.

Feature Gallery C. Glen Richardson

We are pleased to announce a new exhibit in our Feature Gallery by C. Glen Richardson. He is one of our neighbors, residing with his wife Joan at Galena Stauss Senior Care Community.

For more than fifty years Mr. Richardson has been a commercial designer in various fields. He redesigned churches, which included painting murals in many of them, had his own lamp company, did free-lance design work for many companies, and also was chief designer for Haeger Potteries for many years.

Throughout his life he also found time for fine art, which has rarely been seen outside his family and circle of friends. We are so pleased that we can display his work.

Stop in to see the diversity of his interests, styles, and abilities.



Feature Gallery - C. Glen Richardson

Upcoming Events

Songwriters Showcase features the Parrishes

October 19, 7 pm

Catherine and Ted Parrish, performing as the Parrishes, will be the featured musicians at the October Songwriters Showcase. The Parrishes are an acoustic duo from Viroqua Wisconsin. Their original songs cross the bridge between folk and blues, using musical knowledge honed through decades of performing, recording, and teaching. Catherine's soaring vocals are the focal point of all the songs, with their multi-instrumental skills deployed on whichever instruments each song requires, whether guitar, ukulele, mandolin, banjo, or flute.

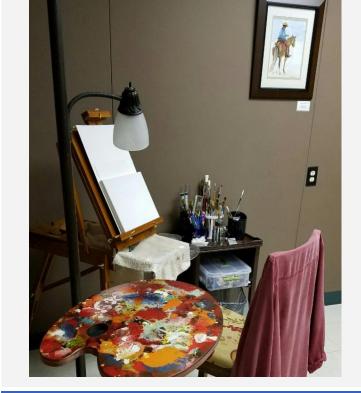
There is never a cover charge for the Songwriters Showcase.



One Artist Studio available!

We rearranged our storage space so we could offer one more Artist Studio at the Center!

Let us know if you are interested.



Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Workshop

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

Come Thursday afternoons to hone your drawing skills. 1:30– 3:30 pm, \$10 per session.

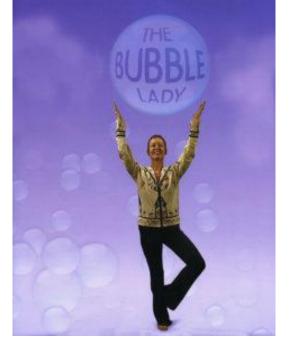
We provide the model. Bring your art supplies and join the group. Working together has the advantage of learning from other artists as well. Everyone brings different skills to the paper.



Watercolor sketch by James Lehnhardt

Classes





Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady Tuesdays at 10:00 - 11:30 am Lower level of the Center

Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller Wednesday at 4:30 - 5:30 pm Lower level of the Center

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.

Volunteer of the Month -- Christine Warner

If you are driving down Summit when the Center for the Arts is open, you are now greeted by a colorful, cheerful sign proclaiming "Gallery." It is the work of Christine Warner, who donated her time and talent to create it for the Center. Go on in, and you can meet Christine in person. The door to her studio is always open.

Walking into Christine's studio at the Center for the Arts is like being transported into a fiesta, all bright colors and a feeling of movement. Her paintings and their inspiration cover the walls and even the cupboards. But when you look more closely at her art, there is also a darker, mysterious side that balances the brilliance. Christine's work is both figurative and expressionistic, drawing you in and then making you think about it.



Christine hasn't always been a full time artist. Her professional career was in economics and finance, climbing the corporate ladder. But even then she managed to attend art school, and, since retiring at fifty-five, has followed her passion for painting. "I love paint," she says. "I enjoy layering it. I blend it on the canvas, building up the surface." She likes to use color to create tension. Not surprisingly, she

admires the work of the Expressionists and the Chicago Imagists like Ed Paschke.

Asked what she likes most about the Center for the Arts, without hesitation she says, "The comaraderie. The artists are very vital. I love it!" Friendly and thoughtful, Christine certainly contributes to the Center's welcoming atmosphere.

Heads-up for Events in the Works

Holiday Radio Show - Miracle on 34th Street (Tickets will be available October 1)

The Galena Center for the Arts celebrates the holidays with the live radio play *Miracle* on 34th Street, a heartwarming holiday classic retold in the tradition of a live 1940's era radio broadcast, complete with vintage styled commercials, vintage costumes, and the magic of live sound effects and musical underscoring. Adapted from the 1947 Lux Radio Hour Broadcast, *Miracle on 34th Street* is a beloved story that will melt even the most cynical of hearts.

Tickets go on sale for Members on October 1; and on sale for everyone else starting October 9.

Click here to purchase tickets





Sweet & Saucy Stories from Galena November 5, 2 pm

On November 5, 2 pm several members of the Galena Artists Writers Guild will be reading excerpts from Sweet and Saucy Stories from Galena, which fourteen authors self published as an anthology. It's all about food: eating it, cooking it, or sharing it around the table.

Books will be available to purchase and have signed by the authors. Tea and cake will be served.

Create a Needle Felted Ornament

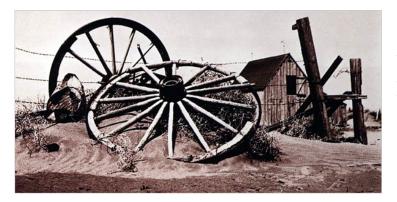
November 11, 10 am–noon

On November 11, 10 am-noon Larissa Distler will teach a workshop to make a holiday decoration. She will guide you through the process of making a ball shape, and adding colored wool fibers to incorporate them with punch needles. She will bring all the supplies necessary. The cost is \$30 per person, \$20 for the class and \$10 for materials. This is a class for beginning or intermediate felters. Please stop in to the Center or call to sign up and pay for this class by November 4. <u>779-214-0261</u>



Needle Felted Ornament

When Art Informs Public Policy: The Dust Bowl, a Metaphor for Contemporary Farming Challenges November 15, 7 pm



On November 15, 2017, 7:00 pm, Galena Center for the Arts will screen *The Plow that Broke the Plains*. Paired with the film, Mr. Tim Youngquist, Farmer Liaison, Iowa State University, will discuss STRIPS, Science-Based Trials of Row Crops Integrated with Prairie Strips.

The Plow that Broke the

Plains, a black & white 1936 cinematic exploration, was directed/produced by Pare Lorentz, Father of American Documentary Film. Funded through the Farm Security Administration/WPA the film, poignantly photographed is accompanied by a poetic musical score, Virgil Thompson the composer.

Edible Holiday Decor November 18, 10 am-noon

Join us in the gallery on November 18 from 10 am-noon, to string popcorn and cranberries or decorate gingerbread cookies to adorn trees and swags. To complete the A Feast for the Eye, Food in the Arts exhibit, edible holiday decorations will be the theme this year. This is a free event. Everything will be provided.

We will nibble on a couple cookies as we work, and then hang the rest as decorations to enhance our Center. RSVP to <u>779-214-0261</u>.

A Family Event: Catch the Train in Galena!

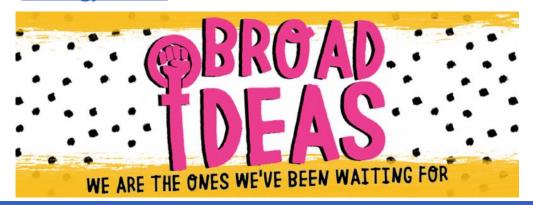
The Galena Center for the Arts will offer a family holiday celebration of model trains, *Catch the Train in Galena*, the first three weekends in December, sponsored by BNSF Railway. Train enthusiast Philip Jackman will display his N Scale operating trains at the Center for three weekends of running trains. The walls of the performance space will be covered with railroad themed artwork and historic photos of trains and regional depots. All the details and schedules of events will be in next month's newsletter.



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

Your ideas and artwork are wanted for Broad Ideas, an art show that is an inclusive celebration of women and those who support women. This six-week show, opening March 2, will highlight the range of experiences, feelings and realities of those who identify as female. There will be additional events though-out the show, including a special Songwriters Showcase, yoga and a spoken word event, a poet-laureate visit and more.

This is not a juried exhibit. People of all ages and levels of artistry are encouraged to participate. There is no charge to submit work, including two and three-dimensional and video work. Each visual artist may submit up to three projects. Artists may choose to sell their pieces, but don't have to. Local/regional artists will be given submission priority.



For artwork submission forms and written/spoken word information, email irenectb@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

- Don Shine
- Janet Checker
- Adrienne Seagraves
- Marge Cooke
- Karen and Greg Serwich
- Chuck Horton
- Christine Warner
- Helen Kilgore
- Laura Scoles
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Patricia Lehnhardt
- Janet Zehr
- Sheila Haman
- Andy Willis

Wish List!

- Small step ladder
- Paper for copy machine
- Display rack for art prints

Click for the Center Website

Click for the Center Calendar



Please Volunteer at the Center

Volunteering is good for the soul, it's good for the community, and it's good for art. We strive to keep the gallery open four days a week, welcome folks to Songwriters Showcase with a light meal, and celebrate at gallery openings with food and drink. It all depends on volunteers. There are many events and jobs around the Center you can help with—just ask! Give us a call a t 779-214-0261, or sign up online to assist visitors in the galleries.

Thanks to all our volunteers we have almost all the shifts filled for October and November. If you have not signed up, please go to the website and follow the links to chose a shift and enter your information, and don't forget to click the button at the bottom. We will also be needing ushers and tickets sales people for the radio show. Call <u>779-214-0261</u> to sign up for a time.

We had an amazing response to the orientation in September. If you were not able to attend, please give us a call and we'll arrange a time to go over the information we now have in a Volunteer Handbook, and give you a copy. It's a wonderful atmosphere to be surrounded by art for a few hours, and fun to welcome our visitors and tell them about our gallery and upcoming events.

Sign Up to Volunteer

Don't forget to "Like" the Galena Center for the Arts on <u>Facebook</u> Have a preferred e-mail address? Please let us know. Thanks so much for your support of the Galena Center for the Arts! Galena Center for the Arts <u>www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com</u> 779-214-0261 Contact us by e-mail--<u>info@GalenaCenterfortheArts.com</u> Newsletter produced by Dennis Waltman

