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Galena Center for the Arts



Newsletter for December



Catch the Train in Galena

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Dear friends,

How lucky we are to live in the beautiful driftless area. While we may not be enthusiastic about driving through ice and snow, we can look forward to glorious "Winter Wonderland" scenes, viewed simply by looking out our windows. And we can participate in so many holiday festivities, from Luminaria and Living Windows to musical concerts, caroling, and even fireworks! We hope we will see you at our Holiday Gathering on December 17. And of course the "Catch the Train in Galena" exhibit brings back holiday memories for many of us. Please be sure to stop by the Center, to find one-of-a-kind holiday gifts and take some time to enjoy the wonderful art our regional artists create.

And as was stated in "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge," from all of us to all of you, we wish you a wonderful holiday season, and hope you will keep the spirit of caring and generosity in your heart all year long.

Happy Holidays!
Carole

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The Art of Paul Chase **Through January 4, 2020**

The gallery is filled with the diversity of Paul's work—sculptures in marble, wood, copper, soapstone; paintings in acrylic, oil, and watercolor; and digital prints on canvas. So much to see and appreciate. Subject matter includes houses and landscapes of the Galena countryside and cityscape, often reconfigured to amaze and delight. Guitars are a dominant subject, which Paul has been creating for many years, having a show in Nashville, Tennessee in 2013, included over sixty sculptures.

A giant Paul Chase self portrait will welcome you into the Center. Don't miss the glint in his eyes!

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Regional Artists Gallery

Explore the paintings of fall and winter scenes. We have new photographers exhibiting for the first time with us, capturing the local landscape. There are also clay houses with tiny windows, metal dancing figures, a giant ceramic instrument, functional pottery that is a delight to use, all surrounding the abstracted marble and limestone women sculptures.

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Catch the Train in Galena with trains running **November 29 - December 15**

All Aboard!!! “Catch the Train in Galena” returns to the Center for a holiday celebration from 1-4 pm, Thursdays through Sundays from November 29 through December 15. The opening reception will be on Friday, November 29 from 5-7 pm in the lower level performance space of the Center.



Railway enthusiast Philip Jackman will display his N Scale operating trains for three weekends of running trains, including modules created by other train lovers. The large display features a variety of topography, with up to three trains running at a time. There will be long freight trains snaking around the layout, sleek streamliners from the golden age of train travel, steam trains from a bygone era and modern Amtrak passenger trains. New this year will be a module showing the train in East Dubuque, and another module showing a Wisconsin scene in all four seasons.

The walls of the Center will be covered with railroad memorabilia, and an old-fashioned Christmas tree encircled by a train is sure to bring back holiday memories.



photo by UnPosed Photography

Additional activities include:

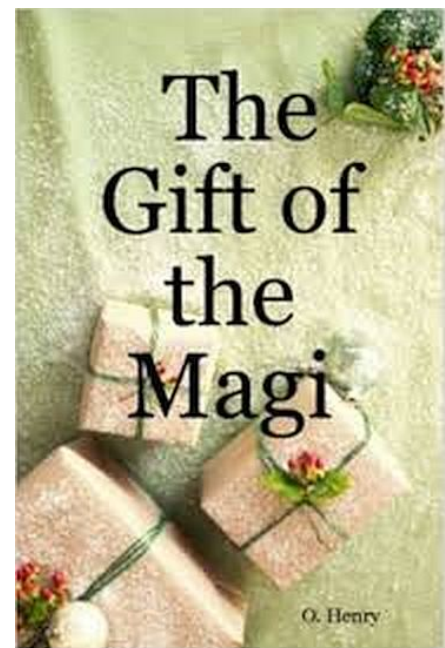
- **Sunday afternoons at 2 pm:** Actors reading "Polar Express"
- **Saturday, December 7 at 4 pm:** Presentation by Phil Jackman about the new East Dubuque module
- **Sunday, December 8, 1-4 pm:** Kids run the trains (with UnPosed Photography taking pictures)
- **Friday, December 13, 7 pm:** Presentation by Phil Jackman about the restoration of the "Big Boy" steam locomotive.

**Children 12 and under are free, adults \$5.
(No charge for repeat visits)**

[More information](#)

You are invited to our Holiday Gathering

Please join us at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 17 for holiday cheer. First, Carole Sullivan will share with us a reading of the moving story of "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. We'll then join voices on some Christmas carols led by Kent Parry, with a song or two by the Fevre River Voices, followed by hot cider, treats and social time.



Summit Street Singers



Summit Street Singers - Fevre River Voices



On Wednesday, December 4, Summit Street Singers will make their debut singing at the Galena Community Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church. Fevre River Voices, a smaller group who are all a part of the Summit Street Singers, will also be singing. We hope you will come to hear them and all the other fine choirs from Galena.

[More information](#)

Holiday Shopping at the Center

Lots of great affordable one-of-a-kind artwork can be found in our gift shop, and also in the feature gallery in December. There are still a few of the Small Art—Big Impact event pieces available for \$30, and a variety of books, cards, pottery, wood crafted pens, cutting boards, and bowls.

For a truly Galena gift: The DVD, *Alfie's Legacy*, is back in stock—historic photos of our fair city, narrated by Alfie Mueller. *Artful Awakening*, our own private label brand of coffee—a blend of Sumatra and Guatemalan beans roasted by Galena Roasters, is the perfect gift for the coffee lovers on your list. And for the cook in your life, we have our own cookbook, *Feeding the Arts*, featuring recipes for appetizers and sweets that have been enjoyed at our gallery receptions.



WORKSHOP

Figure Drawing Thursdays 1:30–3:30 pm

Bring your own sketching materials and practice the art of drawing the human figure. The opportunity to draw from life offers a challenge beyond photos. With just a few lines you can establish balance, unity and rhythm. Shading develops movement and form.

\$10 per session. The program runs through December 19, after which there will be a winter break, resuming in March.

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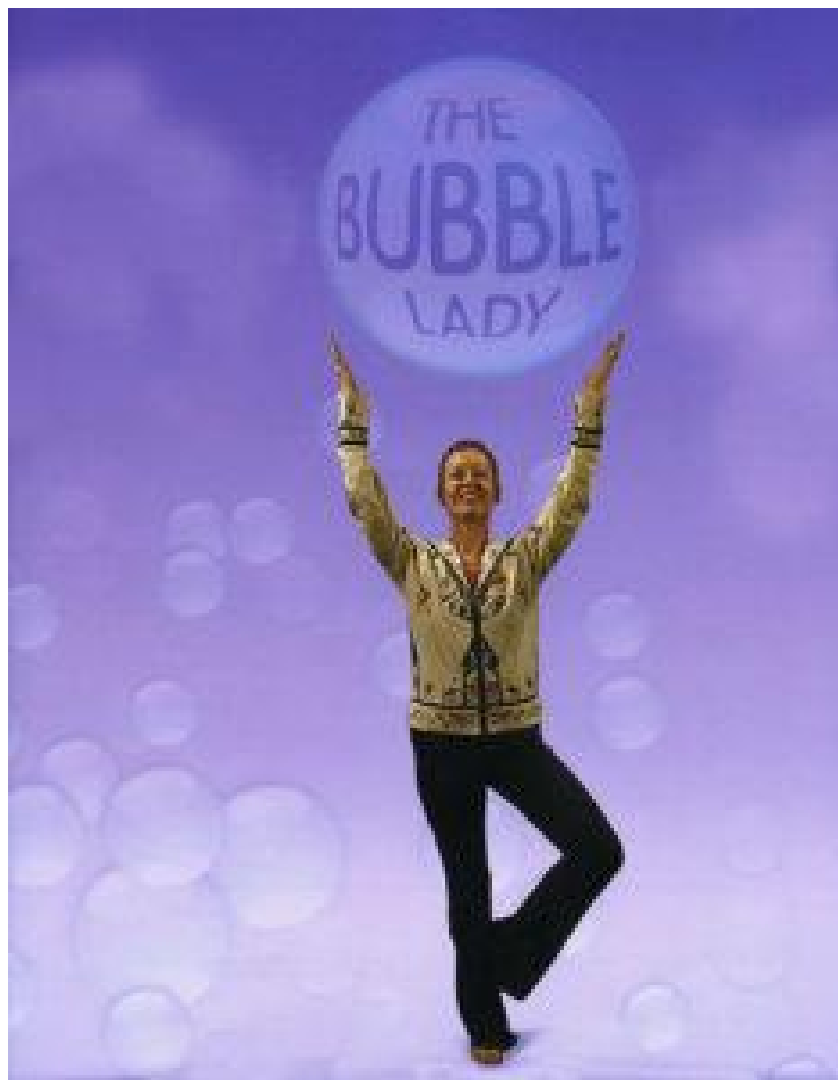
Sketch by Janet Zehr

CLASS

Yoga with Marion "*The Bubble Lady*"
Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am
December 10 and 17 Only, \$12 each class

This is the final month for Yoga with Marion "The Bubble Lady" at the Center. Marion's classes will be offered in Stockton, IL beginning in January 2020.

Thank you, Marion, for your years of teaching yoga at our venue.



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Volunteer of the Month **Charlotte Kennedy**

Char Kennedy is a woman known for both her artistic and culinary talents. Her multiple interests and activities have included sewing, weaving, quilting, playing tennis (and receiving many trophies), cooking, writing poetry, and painting. Both as an artist and a volunteer, she has been a part of the Center for the Arts from its beginnings.

By visitors and other volunteers at the Center, Char is probably best known for her fiber art and her paintings. She learned to sew as a child, even winning a Singer Sewing Contest. She did loom weaving for many years, and she is an expert quilter. Her beautiful pillows pieced from neckties show her skill and artistic eye. She began painting in the early 1990s when she was given some old canvases and paints. Today, she enjoys working in both oils and

acrylics.

Besides exhibiting her work at the Center, Char can be counted on to supply yummy treats for opening nights. Cooking has long been one of her accomplishments. A home economics major in college, she taught "home ec" for many years in the Chicago suburbs of Villa Park and Highland Park. Her honors have included being a Fulbright Scholar and Teacher of the Year for Illinois—all while raising four children! Her joy in teaching and interest in healthy food have continued into her retirement. She has taught nutrition for Earth Day and recently gave a class in "flexitarian" cooking at Grace Episcopal Church. "Flexitarian," she explains, means healthy eating that includes very small portions of meat.



One of Char's personal goals and activities is preserving family history for her grandchildren. Her own background is Polish. She grew up in the Polish neighborhood of Humboldt Park in Chicago; she speaks Polish, and has visited Poland three times. So that her grandchildren will know about their heritage and family, she has created "Heritage Boxes," which contain keepsakes, a family tree, and a copy of "Relative Reflections," a collection of family stories she wrote in her poetry group.

At this point in her life, Char wants to continue to pass along her knowledge and skills. She loves the idea of being a mentor and a teacher. "I want to share what I love and know with others," she says. Her enthusiasm, talent, and many skills make her a mentor anyone would be lucky to have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Artistic Diversity
Elevating and Celebrating Regional Artists
January 10, opening reception, 5-7 pm
Exhibit: January 10—March 7

We live in the midst of amazingly talented artists in all fields of the

arts. We will be exhibiting the best of their new work, along with *oldies but goodies*. Surrounding yourself with artwork in the cold and snowy winter will warm your heart!

More in January

- **January 16 – Songwriters Showcase featuring Americana Songwriter Chad Elliott.**
 - **January 19 – 2 pm, Sunday Salon featuring piano duets by Sharon Jenson and Elisa Cooper**
 - **January 21 – Table Reading**
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Recent Activities at the Center

The Art of Paul Chase



Opening reception



Paul Chase Art

The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge



The Cast

**Front row - Cindy Tegtmeyer, Cindy Caraway, Susan Barg.
Back row - Cathy Harms, Carole Sullivan, Matt Blaum, Mark Haman,
Dan Harms, Michael Crawford, Brian Schoenrock, David Resnick, Jay
Dickerson.**



The magic lantern - Dan Harms, Jay Dickerson, Matt Blaum



Brian Schoenrock - The judge



David Resnick playing the Theremin



Dan Harms, Matt Blaum



Cindy Tegtmeyer, Susan Barg, Cindy Caraway



Mark Haman, Michael Crawford

Celebrating 5 years of Songwriters Showcase



Lenny Wayne, Ginni Yarbrough, Carole Sullivan, Elizabeth Bogges



Ardy Michaels - photo by Don Greenwood



Medicinal Purposes

Studio Space Available

We now have one studio immediately available to rent for \$100 a month. A dedicated space may be just the thing you need to get back to your creative expression. Join a group of like-minded studio artists, be inspired by the regional artists who display work in our galleries, and display your art on the adjacent wall in the Artists Circle.



Please call **779-214-0261** or [email Patricia](mailto:patricia@allriverroadtalent.com), our Gallery Manager, for a tour and information about renting studio space.



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 Northwest Illinois. The next ARRT tour is December 7 & 8.

THANK YOU!

- Bryan and Jenni Ackerman
- Keith Ahlvin
- Susan and Steve Barg
- Carol Bell
- Big Bill's
- Emma and Zoe Blaum
- Matt Blaum
- Blaum Bros. Distilling Co.
- Elizabeth Boggess and Richard Hess
- Stephanie Bussan
- Cindy Caraway
- John Cox
- Michael Crawford
- Candy Crossley
- Donna Davis
- Michelle Deiter
- Jay Dickerson
- Cathy Dorwick
- Carolyn Dregne
- Susie Droessler
- Dubuque 365
- Janet Eggleston
- Julie Eggleston
- Cathie Elsbree
- First Community Bank of Galena
- The Flash
- Galena Gazette
- Vicky Gehling
- Illinois Bank & Trust
- Terri Jackman
- Char Kennedy
- Bonnielynn Kreiser
- Kim Kreiser
- Judy Lange
- Patricia Lehnhardt
- Karen Lenstra
- Kathy Leonard
- Mary Jo Losey
- Douglas Mahan
- Marie McDonough
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Macklan Murphy
- Gregg and Emily Painter
- Kathy Pearson
- David Resnick
- Doug Reynolds
- Brian Schoenrock
- Faye Smith
- Sullivan Lavacek Enterprises
- Cindy Tegtmeyer
- Telegraph Herald
- Jac Tilton and Chris Chapin-Tilton
- Dennis and Leslie Waltman
- Connie Warnsing
- Andy Willis
- Sandy Winge
- Trisha and Mark Wollam

- Meg Gibbs
- Lynn Giles
- Mark and Sheila Haman
- Dan and Cathy Harms

- Ginni Yarbrough
- Jesse Yowell
- Janet Zehr

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We Wish
YOU
Happy Holidays!



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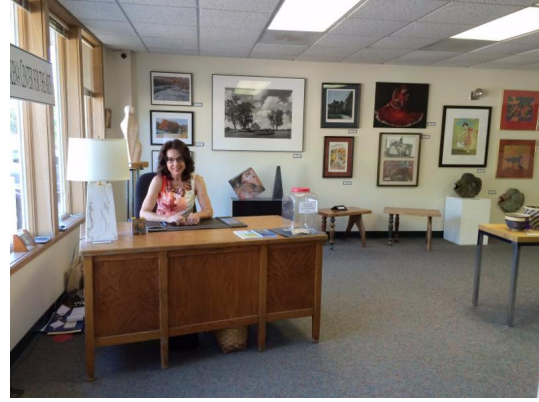
Volunteering is good for the soul, and it really helps us to keep the gallery

open four days a week.

Gallery hours are 1-4 pm for the fall and winter seasons.

Our desk volunteers greet visitors, provide an introduction to the Center, accept payments for art and gift shop items (involves writing receipts, calculating tax, and processing online credit card transactions), and answer phone calls.

Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.



After you fill in the form be sure to click the "Sign up to volunteer" button at the bottom before you leave.

Thanks for all your valuable time and talents to share artwork with our visitors.

If you need help signing up, just call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) and we can assist you.

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