



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for February



Hearts for the Arts Card Sale on February 2

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Hello Friends of the Arts,

I have just returned from a glorious two week vacation bird-watching in Panama, and felt comfortable that Karen and Pat and our volunteers would keep the Center alive and vibrant while we were gone. No problem! Thanks to all.

I am happy to report that after almost a year of working on it, we finally have the elevator functional again in the Center. I have been in many elevators, and never before fully realized when I simply pushed the button for what floor I wanted, how complicated and expensive it is to have an elevator!

Thanks to the Lion's Club grant, a generous personal donation, and other help from Otis Elevator, Mediacom and Lenny Hosey, we once again have a safe and functional elevator. Please tell those who have trouble with stairs that we now have a more comfortable route from our gallery floor to the performance space.

Hope to see you at one of our many events soon. Ride the elevator, just to make me feel good!

Carole

[Click here for Center Calendar](#)

Gallery hours: 1 – 4 pm, Thursday through Sunday

Special Exhibit

The beauty of Wisconsin has inspired many artists. Six of these creative folks are exhibiting works of art in our Special Exhibit Gallery this winter. Paintings, drawings, woodblock prints, and several styles of pottery are represented.



Northern Neighbors
Jan 25 - Mar 2, 2019

Galena Center for the Arts
219 Summit St

New Works by Painters & Potters from Wisconsin

Gallery Hours: Thurs - Sun 1-4 PM
Regional Artists Gallery
Artists Studios
Historic Photos

Richard Moninski

Brian McCormick

Mary Pratt

Rick Hintze

Mark Skudlarek

Gerit Grimm

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The poster features a central orange background with various art pieces. At the top left is a painting of green leaves and a grey owl by Richard Moninski. At the top right is a painting of a snowy winter scene by Brian McCormick. Below the title are images of a green ceramic vase by Mary Pratt, a wooden stoneware jar by Rick Hintze, a circular ceramic piece with a dark pattern by Mark Skudlarek, and a group of clay figurines by Gerit Grimm. The Galena Center for the Arts logo is in the bottom left, and contact information is at the bottom.

Regional Artists Gallery

Artists from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin exhibit their work in our gallery. They represent a diverse range of mediums and themes—realism, abstract, sculptural, photography, glass, metal, stone, clay. There are always unique and intriguing works of art to ponder and purchase.

[Click here for more information](#)

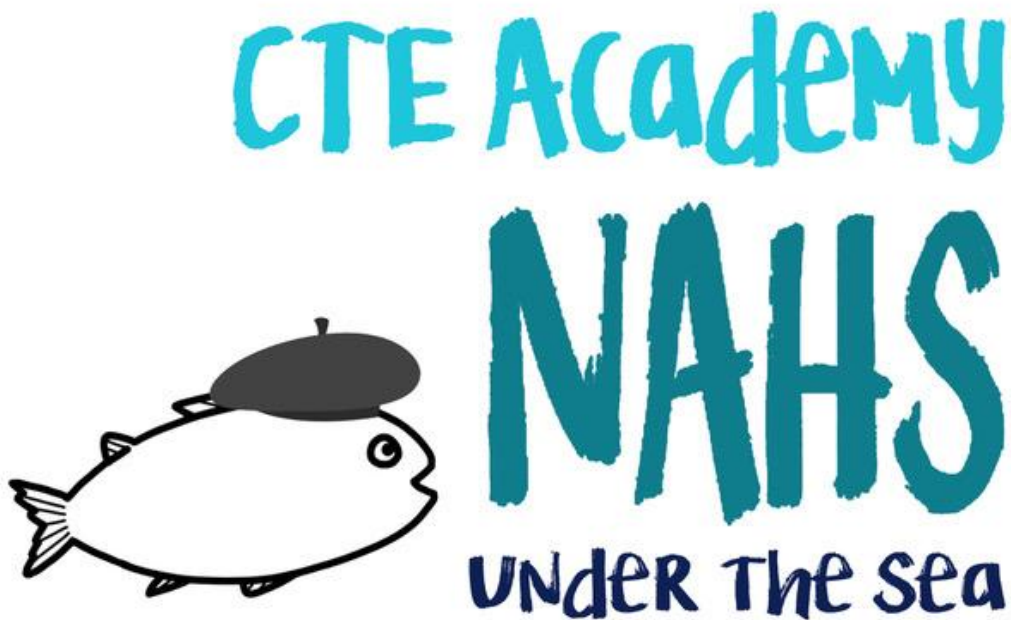


Feature Gallery

The CTE Academy National Art Honor Society Art Show is back! Members picked *Under the Sea* for their theme this year. Current students, former NAHS members, and chapter sponsors all made artwork around this topic and now have it ready to share with the world.

Chapter sponsors are Irene Thraen-Borowski (Graphics teacher at the CTE Academy), Dorothy Ramey (Stockton Art teacher), and Sara Wentz (Scales Mound Art teacher).

The exhibit will open February 7 and be available to view during our open gallery hours through the end of March.



Hearts for the Arts
Saturday, February 2, 1-4 pm
Lower level at the Galena Center for the Arts
Admission for adults is \$3

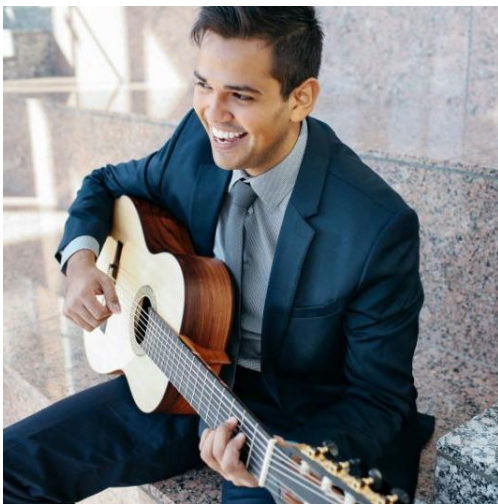
There will not only be beautiful Valentine and heart-themed cards, but also hand-made birthday cards, Galena winter scenes, photo cards, hand-painted flower cards, and more to purchase. Meet the artists and enjoy sweet treats. All profits will be donated to the Center to further our mission of elevating and celebrating the arts.

[Click here for more information on Hearts for the Arts](#)



Handmade cards and artwork for sale

Sunday Salon **February 10, 2 pm** featuring classical guitarist **Marcus DeJesus**



Marcus DeJesus is a young guitarist originally from Brazil and professor of guitar and general music at Clarke University and Loras College. For his third appearance at the Galena Center for the Arts, Marcus will perform a variety of styles: from Bach to Bossa Nova.

He will share the stage with Kristina Castaneda, who will join him on Brazilian songs. In addition, the concert will feature two of his private guitar students: Sam Moss and Luke Doyle on the guitar.

As a performer, Marcus has collaborated with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, Southern Illinois Symphony, Larry Busch Big Band, The Mistletones, Handphibians Samba, Hunter Fuerste Vintage Jazz Orchestra and many other ensembles. In addition, Marcus regularly tours around Brazil as a guitar performer and

educator. We are delighted that he can join us again!



February Table Reading
The Substance of Fire
by Jon Robin Baitz
Tuesday, February 12, 7 pm
Suggested donation \$8

In this compelling drama about family values, a man works all his life to build a highly respected publishing house for high quality books.

His son thinks "best-sellers" would be a better approach.

Follow the difficult tug of war between family, money and morals.



An Evening with Pulitzer Prize Winner Art Cullen
Friday, February 15
6 pm Book Signing - 7 pm Presentation
Wine Tasting and Social Hour
Before & After Presentation



Apple River Blues

Art Cullen, Editor of *The Storm Lake (Iowa) Times*, Pulitzer Prize recipient, and author of the book *Storm Lake*, will introduce his book, complimented by a sale/signing, and present a case study of his work at *The Storm Lake Times*. That newspaper reportage focused on water quality issues, and legal, political, and social, challenges related to agricultural pollution, bacteria, nitrates, and phosphates draining down river from the Des Moines River watershed.

This presentation is especially applicable, given a preliminary report published by the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and the U.S. Geological Survey: [Contamination of private ground water wells located in Southwest Wisconsin](#) .

Come celebrate Cullen's efforts to bring into view a critical issue: water quality, its relationship to public policy hurdles of concern to the Midwest and Driftless area communities.

For further information see:

- [An Interview with Art Cullen \(Voices from the Prairie – Fall 2018\)](#)
- [Humanities Iowa](#)

Songwriters Showcase
features
Frankie Joe Willderman
Thursday, February 21, 7 pm



Singer, Songwriter and Storyteller Frankie Joe Willderman is a Rock Island, Illinois native, with roots and family up and down the Mississippi River Valley.

Frankie Joe's writing styles are alive with a combination of Country Blues and Ragtime Swing, many times hinting at an undercurrent of Bluegrass. About his music he said, "These songs are life stories, bits and pieces taken from many colorful characters and happenings through the years. Each one is a little journey into another place and time."

Frankie Joe is a member of the band Kinfolk, who play a full calendar of live shows throughout the year.

**Songwriters Showcase is always the third Thursday of the month.
No charge for the concert, but donations are happily accepted .**

Workshops

**Figure Drawing
will take a winter break through the end of February.
The Spring sessions will start March 7.**

Embroidery Circle Wednesday, 1 - 3 pm

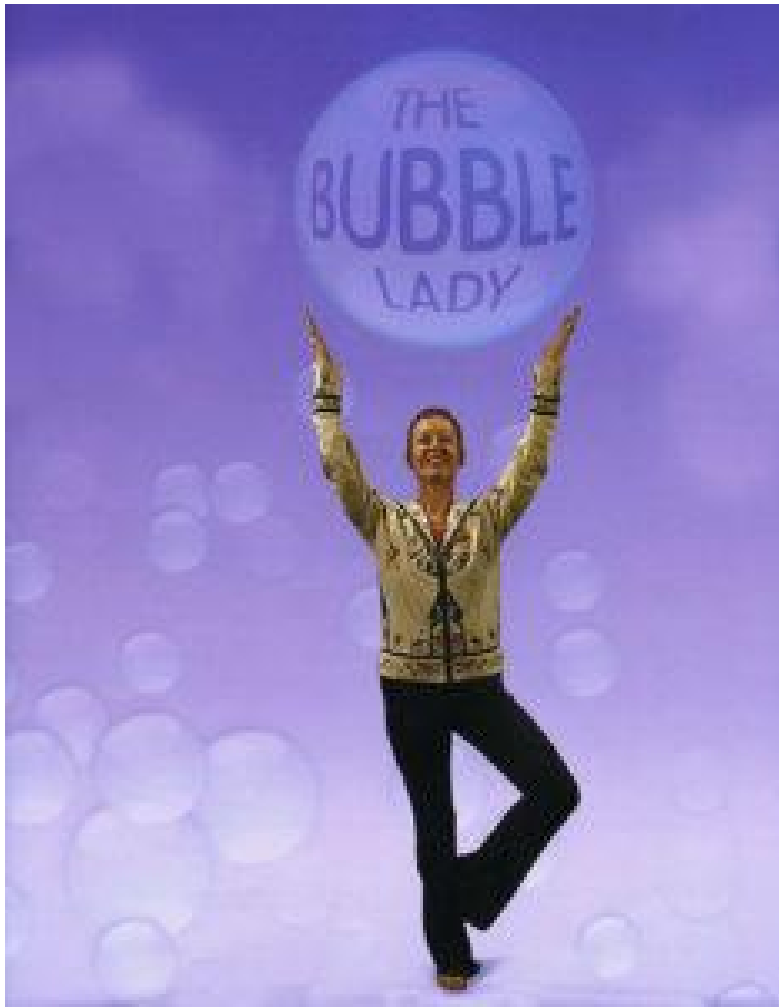
February is National Embroidery Month and a good time to celebrate this art form that dates back to 30,000 B.C., with origins in Asia and the Middle East. Please join us at our weekly stitching session where

we put needles and thread together to create various art forms. This group is open to all levels of hand embroiderers, including first-time stitchers!

For more information, call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) .



Class



**Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady
Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

[Click here to check the calendar](#) ---- [For more information click here](#)



SPOTLIGHT on **Trisha Wollam**



If you walk through the Galena Stauss Nursing Home on a particular day, you might be surprised to hear a “tap, tap, tappedy, tap” echoing down the hall. Following the sound, you would discover residents, seated on chairs, tap dancing with their feet. Leading them would be Trisha Wollam, volunteer at the home and Center for the Arts Board member.

Many-talented and enthusiastic, Trisha is a welcome addition to the Board. Her love of the arts began with her family—a grandmother who sang and danced professionally in St.

Louis and an aunt who was a jazz drummer.

Trisha, who played the piano as a child, remembers her grandmother tap dancing to music on the radio. So, it seemed natural for Trisha herself to start taking tap lessons four years ago when she and her husband Mark were living in Chicago. A full-time Galena resident since 2016, she is still learning and enjoys teaching dance steps to Galena seniors.



Music and dance are not her only loves in the arts. Her artistic eye is evident in the home she and Mark have extensively remodeled. She also enjoys landscape gardening and has many plans for their property. She is especially happy that the Center for the Arts offers such a variety of artistic disciplines. She comments, "You don't have to be an artist to appreciate art. Art makes you think about things differently, look at things from a different perspective. "

Asked about her hopes for the Center, she plans to work with Michael Crawford to encourage more youth involvement. And, not surprisingly, she would like to bring some tap dancing to the Center!

Looking Ahead

Plan for Broad Ideas in March!



Broad Ideas 2018 Opening Reception

Broad Ideas is coming back in March! This inclusive, month-long Arts show focuses on giving women (and those who support women) a space to tell their stories. Creating a place filled with support, solidarity, honesty, and humor, Broad Ideas uses the Arts to create a community. Purposely taking place during Women's History Month, multiple special events have already been scheduled.

See www.broadideas.org for details. Artist & Author submission forms are now live and can also be accessed through the website.

All artistic abilities are encouraged to be a part of this show. Last year, artists ranged from ages 5 to 95 with over 100 individuals contributing work. Over 700 guests attended the different events.

From the Opening to a special Table Reading to an all-woman Songwriters Showcase to a Spoken Word Closing, March 2019 is going to be exciting.



**Free childcare will be offered at all events.
Put Broad Ideas 2019 on your calendar today!**

Studio Space Available

Need a quiet space to create?

Want the camaraderie of other working artists?

Need a space to meet your customers to take special commissions?

We currently have one studio available with a sink and cabinet.



Chris Warner at work in her studio

Please call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261), or [Click here to email Pat](#) for a tour and more information



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. February ARRT tour dates are 1 and 2.

Thank You!

- Jenni Ackerman
- Glee Bilderback
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess
- David and Mary Bronson
- Stephanie Bussan
- Michael Crawford
- Donna Davis
- Michele Deiter
- Jay Dickerson
- Larissa Distler
- Cathy Dorwick
- Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier
- Janet Eggleston
- Al and Cathie Elsbree
- Terri Jackman
- Al Jirkovsky
- Rob Latousek
- Jim Lehnhardt
- Karen Lenstra
- Harry Lunde
- Robert Mahan
- Brian McCormick
- Joan McGrath
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Laurie Rische
- Larry Roemer
- Brian Schoenrock
- Mary Jane Schweih's
- Laura Scoles

- Sheila Haman
- Dick Harmet
- Richard Hess
- Sue Hillinger
- Jane Holland
- Lenny Wayne Hosey

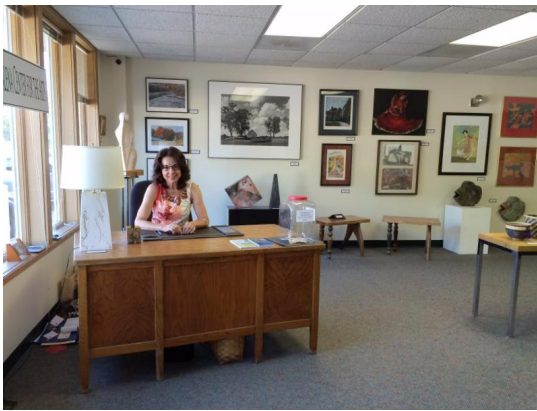
- Ronn Toebaas
- Chris Warner
- Mary Weck
- Sandy Winge
- Trisha Wollam
- Ginni Yarbrough

Wish List

- **Volunteers to help research available grants**

Click for the Center Website

Click for the Center Calendar



If you need help signing up, just call **779-214-0261** and we can assist you.

Sign up to volunteer

Gallery Volunteers

Volunteering is good for the soul, and it really helps us to keep the gallery open four days a week.

The gallery hours are 1-4 pm Thursday through Sunday. Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.

Don't forget to click the "Sign up to volunteer" button. Thanks for all your valuable time and talents to share artwork with our visitors.

Please forward our newsletter to your friends and relatives. They can click below to receive their own monthly update. Thanks for sharing our news with others!

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