



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for January 2019



Carl Johnson, " Winter in Galena "

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New Year's Greetings!

It's a new year now, and we're off and running! We'll close upstairs for a few days in January for our annual "clean-up, fix-up, paint-up" time, and be spruced up by January 25 for our opening reception for *Northern Neighbors* . I'm eagerly reading new scripts for our Table Reading series (if you have suggestions for small cast, text-oriented plays...please share with me!) and scheduling Sunday Salons and other presentations. Broad Ideas will again be downstairs in March, the ChalkFest in June, Scarecrows in the fall, and we will be presenting another model train exhibit in December. This as well as our usual Showcases, Radio Plays, Table Readings, and more.

We have grown in many ways. We now have 310 members, many of whom are also volunteers at the Center. We love to see you; we love to have you be involved in the arts. Share with us what you would like to see, and how you would like to be involved, as we continue to grow.

As most of you know, we are planning to buy the building at 219 Summit Street that we now lease from Midwest Medical. My hope for 2019 is that we can buy it, and begin the work needed to be able to create better exhibits as well as more fully produced theatrical performances.

Thanks for all your support and encouragement. We look forward to bringing you art, in many forms, in 2019.

Carole

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MEMORIES OF 2018



**Gallery hours: 1 – 4 pm, Thursday through Sunday
Gallery Closed January 14 - 23**

Current Exhibit and Forthcoming Exhibit

Art of the Native Peoples exhibit will continue through January 13. It's been a delight to have such meaningful and beautiful artwork exclusive of this cultural group. A few of the pieces in the show include: handmade jewelry in sterling silver and turquoise; framed birch bark biting — unique and amazingly created; paintings in traditional themes with modern influences; and framed poetry in conjunction with photographs.



January 25th will be the opening of our next exhibit, ***Northern Neighbors*** . It is a small group invitational show with two painters and four potters from Wisconsin. Brian McCormick delights us with watercolor paintings and woodcut prints with a sense of place. Richard Moninski combines the natural world and cultural history in unique and interesting ways with the influence of textile design. The four potters with diverse styles are Gerit Grimm, Rick Hintze, Mary Pratt, and Mark Skudlarek.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, January 25, 5 - 7 pm.



Watercolor by Brian McCormick, *Stonehouse Winter*

Regional Artists Gallery

If you have not seen the current exhibit, now's the time. New work will be shown at the reception on the 25th. Pottery and paintings, glass and sculpture, colorful and subdued. Lots to enjoy and hopefully fit into that special spot in your home. Living with art brings beauty to every day.

[Click here for more information](#)



Feature Gallery

The Al Miller feature gallery is now open. Check out the work of this talented artist. We have a display of oil portraits, ink cartoons, and pencil sketches. The portraits are works he did of his fellow Galenians in the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. Can you identify them?

For more information about Al Miller [Click for Albert Miller's webpage](#)

For more of his artwork [Click for Albert Miller's Facebook page](#)



Work by Albert W. Miller

Nature Writing: Discovering Your Personal Landscape Workshop

January 12, 8:30 am – Noon

Dr. Kevin Koch will teach a free workshop that blends recollective memory exercises, on-the-spot composing, and advice on writing style to enhance your ability to describe the places important to you.

Please click below to register:

[*Fifth Annual Galena LitFest: Nature Writing: Discovering Your Personal Landscape Workshop*](#)

This workshop is a part of the Fifth Annual Galena LitFest in association with the Galena Public Library. It will be held in the performance space of the Center.



Songwriters Showcase

features

Jim Post and Scott Guthrie

January 17, 7 pm



Jim Post won an all-school talent show contest when he was 5 years old, and has been singing ever since.

He has enjoyed a long musical career, with international acclaim as songwriter, folk and pop singer, and for his one-man musical shows, including "Mark Twain and the Laughing River."

Known for the hit song, "Reach Out of the Darkness" which made the Billboard Top Ten Pop Charts in 1968, Jim will be performing some of the songs from his plays, and promises to surprise us with some other theatrics.

Scott Kerry Guthrie is a songwriter/vocalist/guitarist who has spearheaded many projects around the country over the last 30 years.

A songwriter whose style ranges anywhere from blues and rock to bluegrass and ballads, Scott's heartfelt tunes capture unique moments and emotions.

He and Pearl Breitbach have joined forces to create "Medicinal Purposes," whose music is original and fresh.

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

Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Day **January 18, from 10 am - 4 pm**

We're having our annual "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Day" on Friday January 18, from 10 am - 4 pm. Please join us, even if you can only come for an hour or two. Lunch will be provided.

We'll have ladders, paint brushes, etc, although if you have a favorite brush, bring it along. We also have some spaces that need cleaning and reorganization, cabinets that need labels, and other tasks that we've saved for this occasion.



We always have a good time, and always get so much accomplished!

If you know you can come, please give us a call at [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) so we can plan the work schedule and lunch.

If you just happen to find the time that day, come on over!

Thanks in advance!

January 22, 7 pm Table Reading *The Lion in Winter* by James Goldman

It is 1183 and an aging Henry II of England has assembled his family for the Christmas holidays. Much is at stake. His three sons, Richard, Geoffrey and John all are vying to succeed their father to the throne.

Adding to the mix, Henry has brought his estranged wife Eleanor of Aquitaine out of exile for the holidays. Henry's mistress Alais Capet is a half-sister to young King Philip of France, who has been invited for the holiday to resolve the issue of her pending arranged marriage to Richard.

Critic Cecil Smith describes the play as "a growling, snarling, skin-piercing, skull-rattling exhibit couched in marvelously articulate language, with humor that bristles and burns."



Portrait by Jim Lehnhardt
Created in Figure Drawing Workshop

Directed by Ronn Toebaas
Assisted by Jenni Ackerman

Cast:

Henry II.....Ronn Toebaas
Eleanor of Aquitaine.....Joan McGrath
Richard.....Brian Schoenrock
Geoffrey.....Michael Crawford
John.....Jay Dickerson
Alais Capet.....Stephanie Bussan
Philip, King of France.....Robert Mahan

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

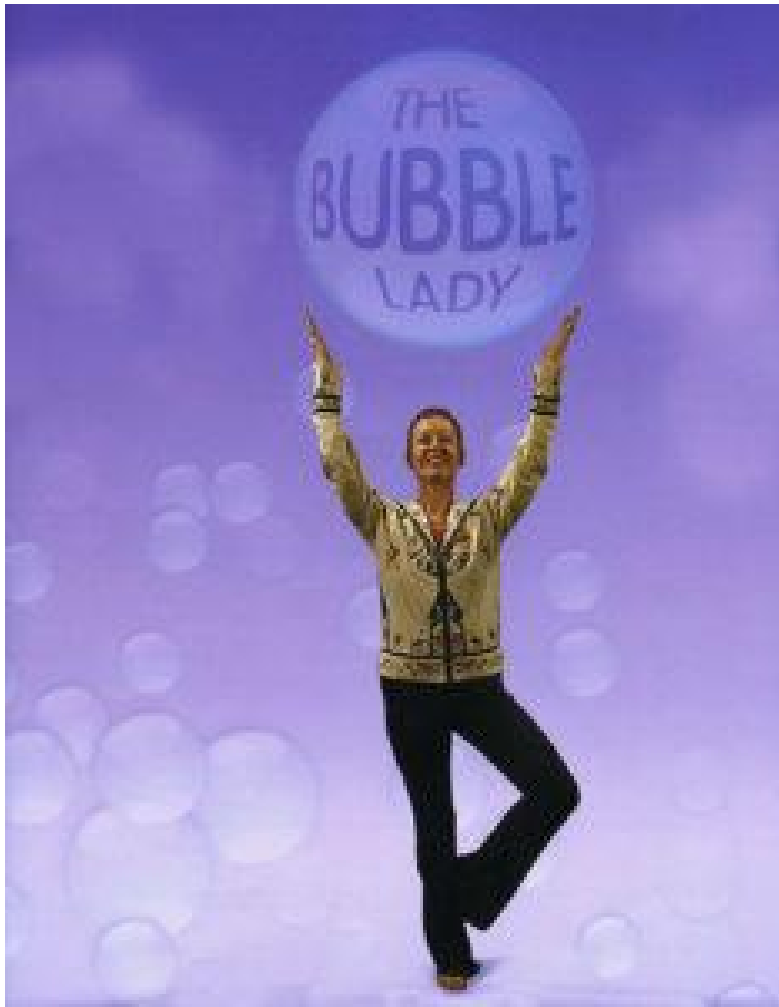
If your New Year's resolution is to create an art form with needle and thread, bring your project to our weekly Embroidery Circle activity. This group is open to all levels of hand embroiderers, including first-time stitchers.

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



Embroidery by Patricia Lehnhardt

Class



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

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SPOTLIGHT on **Michael Crawford**

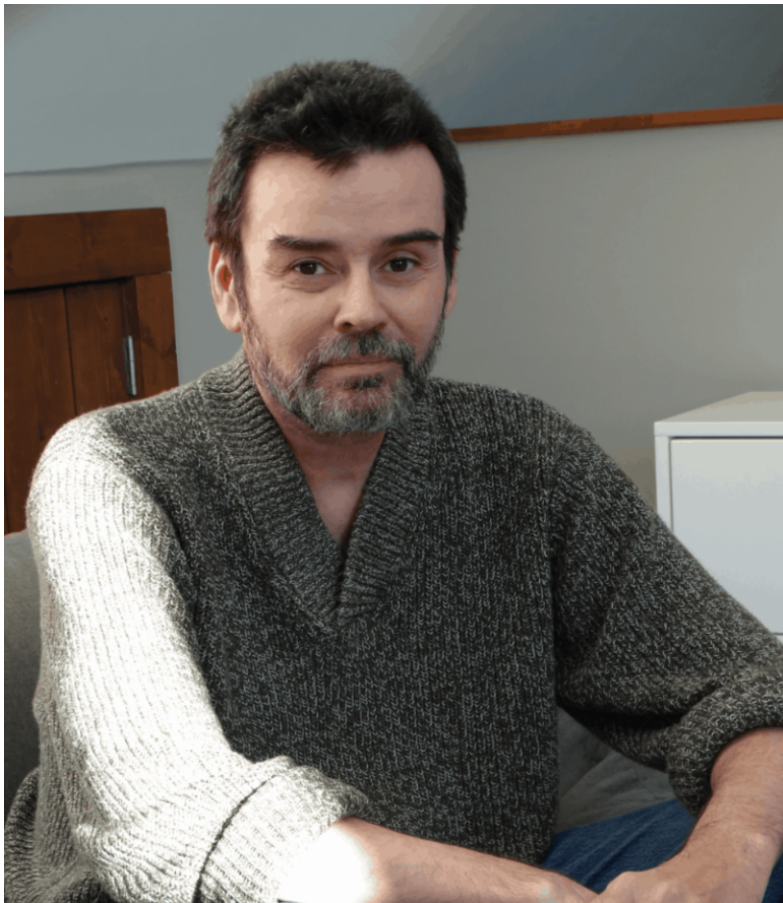


Michael Crawford, one of the Center for the Arts' newest Board members, was in his first play when he was in the third grade. He missed his eighth grade graduation to play Peter Pan, and, at 12 or 13, he was Macduff's son in "Macbeth." After playing various parts throughout high school, he left his home in Connecticut to study in the renowned theater department at Western Illinois University.

Jump ahead a few years to 2014, past a career working with various aspects of pinball machines and

electronic games for Williams Electronic, doing voice-overs for Mortal Kombat games, and testing software. Having married, discovered Galena, and moved to the Territory, Michael met Carole Sullivan, was introduced to the Center for the Arts, and happily began acting again.

At the Center, he has appeared in two radio shows, "Another Thin Man" and "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" and read for "Two Rooms."



For the January reading of "Lion in Winter," he will appear as Geoffrey, Henry and Eleanor's second son. Asked if he enjoyed playing a character he describes as "conniving" and "snake-like," Michael replied that "acting is playing someone antithetical to who you are." In other words, it's fun!

Michael is excited about being on the Center's Board, and is particularly hoping to get children and young people involved in acting and other aspects of the theater. He has a number of ideas, such as having them perform scenes from Shakespeare's plays along with the same scenes in modern language. From his own experience, he knows that even young children can get hooked on theater and have that love enrich the rest of their lives.

Looking Ahead

Hearts for the Arts
February 2, 1 - 4 pm
Admission for adults is \$3

With cold, snowy days ahead, start thinking about nourishing your winter-weary soul with creative endeavors. Last year 23 creative people made contributions of art, greeting cards, unique gift items, and several baked sweet treats for the first event at the Galena Center

for the Arts. All creative folks, including bakers, are invited to participate to donate items!

The concept is simple: artists donate their creations and all profits from their sale go to The Galena Center for the Arts. We will provide blank card stock to interested card makers (donations needed by February 1). We also need volunteers to work the day of the event, with sales, pricing and displaying artwork and cards, and helping with the food.

Please call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261), or [Click here to email Pat.](#)



Cards by Laura Scoles

Mark your calendars! Marcus DeJesus February 10, 2 pm

Marcus DeJesus will return for a Sunday Salon concert at 2 pm on February 10. This year, it will be a classical guitar performance and then Brazilian music, featuring vocalist Kristina Castaneda.

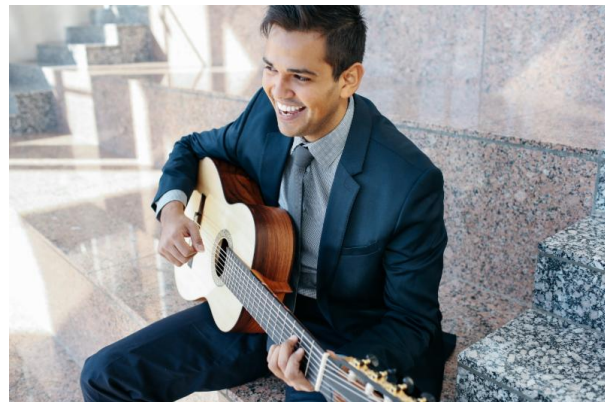


Table Reading *The Substance of Fire* by Jon Robin Baitz February 12

A compelling drama about a tug of war between family, money and morals.



Songwriters Showcase February 21

features

Frankie Joe Willderman



Calling All Artists & Authors!

Broad Ideas is coming back in March! This inclusive, month-long arts show, held at the Galena Center for the Arts, focuses on giving women (and those that 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.

See www.broadideas.org for details. Artist and 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 five to ninety-five with over one hundred individuals contributing work.

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 two studios available, both with sinks and cabinets.



Larissa Distler's studio, fiberartist

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. January ARRT tour dates are 5 and 6.

Thank You!

- Elizabeth Boggess
- Cathy Carlson
- Cathy Dorwick
- Janet Eggleston
- Sheila Haman
- Joan Harmet
- Chuck Horton
- Terri Jackman
- Kathy Johnson
- Jim Lehnhardt
- Chris Ludescher
- Charissa McAuliff
- Joan Raymond
- Chris and Rob Warner
- Janet Zehr
- Karen Zehr

We give special thanks for gifts and grants in 2018 including the following organizations and committees

- Beck Legacy Fund
- Best of Galena (Bed & Breakfast Innkeepers)
- Freeport Art Museum
- Galena Lions Club
- Galena Territory Association Holiday Housewalk

- Hearts for the Arts
- GalenaGuide, Masquer-Aid Ball
- Potosi Foundation
- Scout (The Magazine), Play It Forward Golf Outing
- Woodbine Bend, Play It Forward Golf Outing
- Woodin Family Charitable Fund

Wish List

- Volunteer for Data Entry Work (3 hours per week)

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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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