



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for July



Art Supply Resale, July 7, 8, and 9

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Dear Friends,

We are beyond excited about the prospect of buying the building where we have made our home since 2014, and hope to sign the purchase agreement with Midwest Medical soon. Somehow contemplating that leap into ownership makes our annual membership drive even more important. You should expect to receive mail from us in July, requesting that you renew your membership, or that you become a member of the Center for the first time. If you don't want to wait for the mail, you can click [HERE](#) for information about becoming a member.

We have big plans for the future, and buying the building is a giant step. We can't wait to start fixing it up!

Please join us in our mission to elevate and celebrate the arts and artists of the Tri-State area. We need you, your ideas, your energy, your love of the arts.

Onward!

Carole

Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday

11 am – 4 pm

Closed on the 4th of July

Dylan in Dubuque Thursday, June 27, 7 pm

Were you there in 1996?

Plan to attend the presentation "Bob Dylan's Legendary Dubuque Concert" by Cory Ritterbusch. Cory is a veteran of 92 Bob Dylan concerts, including the notorious Dubuque show. He recently wrote a feature article about the concert for a British magazine, and will present for us anecdotes and visuals, and explain the show's long-term influence.



Nobel and Pulitzer prize winner Bob Dylan is one of the world's most popular and influential musicians. His 1996 concert in Dubuque is recognized among Dylan fans around the world as one of the wildest in history, although its reputation is mostly unknown locally. Over 3,400 fans saw Dylan at Five Flags on a Tuesday night and those who attended left seeing a spectacle they would never forget, including fans climbing onto the stage, and even exchanging kisses with Dylan.

If you were at the concert, we'd love to hear your stories about it too!

Teenage fans dive into Dylan concert

Stage antics: Older crowd grimaces as evening turns raucous for energetic youth

By JIM SWENSON
TH features editor

Dylan did Dubuque Tuesday night and didn't disappoint the kids.

As for the adults, that's a different story. Rock 'n' roll icon Bob Dylan performed before more than 3,400 fans at the Five Flags Center and might have made more of them angry than pleased.

By the time he sang his third song on the 15-song playlist, "All Along the Watchtower," young fans were crawling onto the stage and sharing it with a 54-year-old artist who seemed to orchestrate the scene with non-chalance.

Some of the parents of those youngsters



Bob Dylan
Shared the stage

didn't have as much fun.

"I grew up with Dylan and saw him in Washington, D.C. when I was 17," said 47-year-old Christine Conlon, of Dubuque. "We sat down and we listened."

Sandy Woods, 41, of Dubuque was "very disappointed" by the event.

"I feel the children are going to get hurt," she said. "Those kids were just flying off the stage."

It's called "stage diving," according to 15-year-old Jessie Eberhart, of Dubuque, who climbed up on stage several times.

"For this kind of concert, it didn't really get carried away," she said. "I got on stage and danced a little. He's a really nice guy. He's letting everybody do it."

From near the stage, but far enough away not to get picked up and body-passed, it did appear that Dylan, clad in a white cowboy hat, dark blazer and silver pants, was enjoying it.

During a lively rendition of "Silvio" he received the first of many kisses as one young lady, dressed like Stevie Nicks, of Fleetwood Mac, floated around the stage a la Ms. Nicks.

At times, there were four or five fans, mostly teenagers, taking bows and diving headlong into the mass of upraised hands.

Promoter Ron Matthews confirmed that Dylan enjoyed the atmosphere.

"We had a meeting before the concert and he said there would be a lot of kids coming onto stage and that we weren't supposed to try and stop them," Matthews said. "He said if it got too bad, he'd let us know."

"This is less than typical of most of his concerts. The only people complaining are over

Dylan/Please turn to Page 2A

Source: The Telegraph Herald, November, 1996

Art in Bloom

The flowers will be blooming in the gallery for a few more days. The end of the show will be **Saturday, July 6**, so come by over the holiday weekend to purchase one of these beautiful pieces before they move on. It has been a delight to enjoy all these bright and colorful works of art this spring and early summer.

[More information](#)



Paintings by Mary Jo Hinds

Outta the Park

New Works by John Martinson

Reception Friday, July 12, 4:30–7 pm

Exhibit July 12–September 7

John Martinson, a long-time resident and artist in Galena, will have a solo exhibit from July 12 through September 7. With his wonderful sense of humor and artistic eye, he collects pieces of scrap iron and steel and interesting mechanisms. He then welds them together to create a truly unique piece of art.

The reception on July 12 is starting a little earlier this time, so you can come and enjoy the art, have a glass of wine and appetizers and still have time to attend Galena Festival of the Performing Arts. The performance that evening is *You've Got a Friend: Music of the Brill Building*.

[More information](#)

In the Park will be a special opportunity to speak with John in his West Street Sculpture Park on August 17, 10-3pm. 620 S. West Street, Galena.

[*More information*](#)



Regional Artists Gallery

We receive so many compliments from our visitors about the high quality of artwork exhibited in our gallery. We have to agree. It's a pleasure to elevate and celebrate these talented artists we call friends.

[*More information*](#)



Newly Donated Artwork



We have been the recipient of several pieces of artwork from the estate of Sidney and Albert Miller. They lived in Galena for many years when Al did portraits of residents. This large portrait of Edson Page has recently arrived and is on display at the Center. Al Miller was a very accomplished artist, represented by galleries of national acclaim. We are very honored to display his work.

[More information](#)

Art Supply Resale

July 7, 8, and 9th - 11am to 4pm

Galena Center for the Arts is having a sale of used, and partially used, art supplies that have been donated to us. There are many frames, glass, mat boards, watercolor and drawing paper, stretched canvases, paints, brushes, and pastels. There are two mat cutters, portfolios, and art magazines for sale, and much more. Come to purchase things you can use at ridiculously low prices and benefit the Center at the same

time.



Glee Bilderback shopping for brushes

Songwriters Showcase
features
Martin Koop
Thursday, July 18, 7-9 pm

Martin Koop is a singer, songwriter and guitar-picker, whose contagious songs are the reason Funcoast magazine said Koop is "proof that folk music is alive and well."

When it gets down to gritty, groovy, soulful songs about life, broken hearts, dirty laundry, trains, and best friends, nobody in Americana music today does it the way Koop does it.



After a thirty year career of festivals, pubs, coffee shops, campuses, wineries, house concerts, and little theaters, Koop is emerging as a national touring artist, where his relentless pursuit of grit and tone and well crafted lyrics is suddenly finding its way to audiences in the nooks and crannies of America.

[More information](#)

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

Sunday Salon featuring Megan Gloss Sunday, July 28, 2 pm

Join us to hear Dubuque-based soprano Megan Gloss's recital, "Back to Before: The Crossroads of Classical & Contemporary."

Enjoy an auditory potpourri of music including repertoire from the operatic canon, as well as jazz, contemporary musical theater and a new selection, "Sure on this Shining Night," penned for Gloss by native Dubuque composer Adam O'Dell.



Accompanied by Jill Klinebriel on piano, Gloss also will be joined by mezzo-soprano Mandy Diercks, of Kieler, Wis., on two duets: The popular "Flower Duet," from Delibes' opera "Lakme" and "Mira, o Norma," from Bellini's "Norma."

Other musical highlights will include "Casta Diva," from "Norma"; "O Mio Babbino Caro," from Gianni Schicchi"; "Summertime," from "Porgy and Bess"; "Stars and the Moon," from "Songs for a New World"; "Back to Before," from "Ragtime"; and more!

Summit Street Singers begins August 19

The Galena Center for the Arts is excited to be starting a Community Chorus in Galena. The "Summit Street

Singers” will meet every 2 weeks on Monday evenings. No audition is required. Adults and students interested in singing are welcome to join us. Even beginning singers are welcome.

The first rehearsal will be on Monday, August 19th at 7:00 PM and we will normally practice every other Monday. However, to get started we will meet, Monday, August 19th, 26th, and then September 9th.

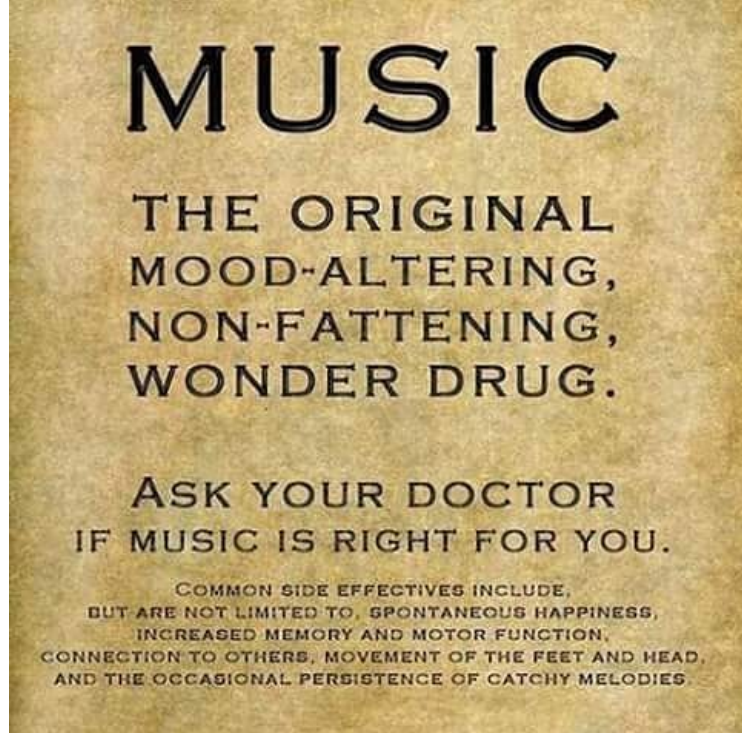
The choir will be directed by Kent Parry, who received his bachelor’s in Music Education from Western Illinois University and his masters of Music Education from Northern Illinois University. Kent was a High School Choral Director for 36 years. The accompanist will be Susan Lipnick.

If you have interest, please fill out this brief survey form ([click here to take our survey](#)) to help us know what you would most enjoy.

Artful Awakening

Our own brand of coffee has arrived! Earl Thompson of Galena Roasters has been brewing up a new blend especially for us. With the artwork of Paul Chase on the label, and a tasty blend of Sumatran and Guatemalan beans, your mornings will be brighter and more creative! At least we think so. It is available at the gift shop of the Center and also at The Grateful Gourmet, 204 N. Main, Galena.

We wish to thank Kimberly and Earl Thompson for their generous offer to work with us on this adventure. Cupping coffee on Sunday mornings has been enlightening!





Terri Jackman, our first coffee customer, and Earl Thompson, the roaster

CLASSES

New! *Yomassage at the Center*

Relax in Restorative Positions while receiving hands on massage therapy with Susan Barg, L.M.T. Wednesdays, June 26, July 31, August 21, 5-6:15 pm

Yomassage combines restorative positions with relaxation "hands on" massage and breathwork. The client remains fully clothed in a safe environment with everything provided for you so there is no need to bring anything.

The "yo" in Yomassage is based on the principles of yoga: focus on the breath (pranayama) and the yogic philosophy of looking within. The combination of touch, gentle stretch, and mindfulness provide an avenue for relaxation and healing.

You do not need to sign up for all three classes, choose to attend any one class or all three. Yoga wear or comfortable clothes that can be layered are best.

Yomassage is a wonderful way to provide "self care" while relaxing and receiving therapeutic massage.

Relax in Restorative Positions while
Receiving Hands on Massage Therapy
with Susan Barg, L.M.T.

Yomassage
Galena Center for the Arts
\$40/pp

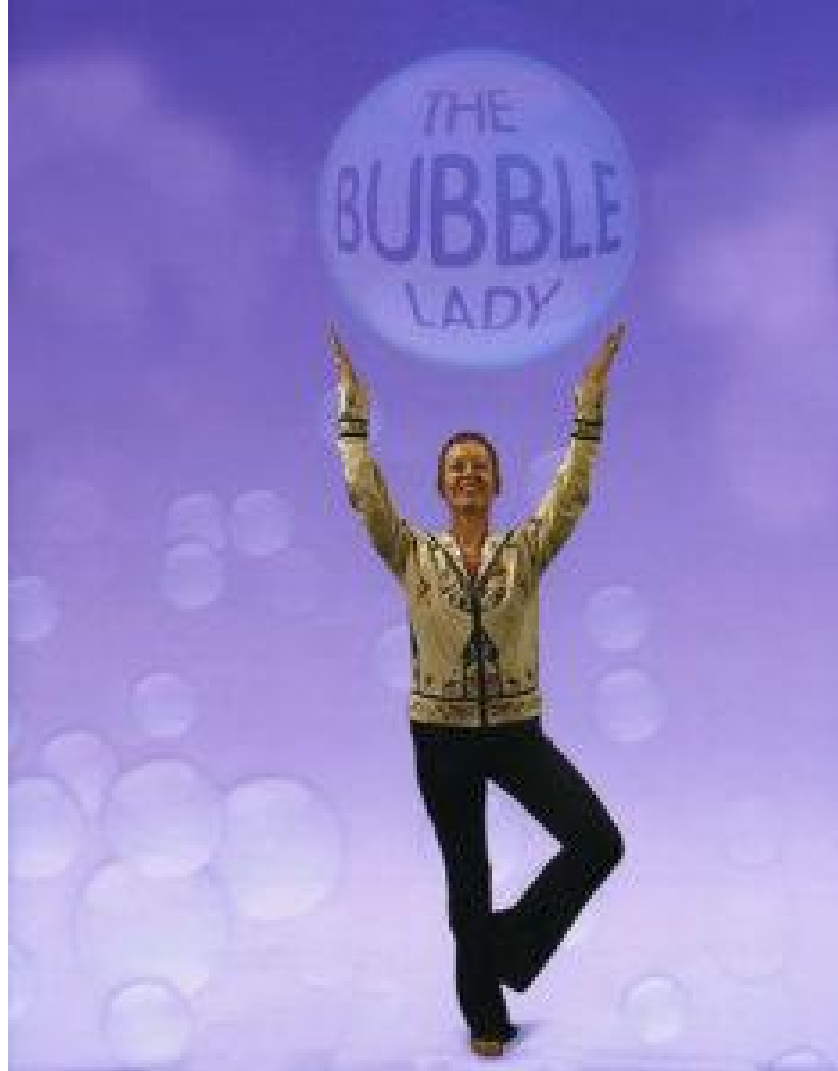
Space limited
Call 847-867-8995
to Reserve Your spot



JUNE 26, JULY 31 & AUG 21
5-6:15PM

Cost: \$40 per Person **Class Size: Limited to 5**
To Register: Please call Susan to reserve your spot. 847-867-8995

Yoga with Marion "The Bubble Lady"
Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am



[More information](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Songwriters Showcase

features

**Singer/Songwriter
Bobby Bradford**

**Thursday, August 15, 7-
9 pm**



Small Art—Big Impact

Would you like to support Galena Center for the Arts in a small way?

This fall, **September 21st to be exact**, *Small Art—Big Impact* is an event for art collectors. All proceeds will benefit the Center to carry on our artistic endeavors.

We will be accepting donations of small pieces of artwork (8 x 8 x 8-inch maximum—can be smaller) from now until September 1: drawings, paintings, sculptures, pottery, basketry, assemblage, jewelry—anything that you want to create that fits within these dimensions or smaller. We are asking for original work—no digital prints or cards, etc. It will be a non-juried event for artists of all ages and abilities.

Your artwork can be signed on the back or bottom so that the buyer is unaware that the work is of a famous artist or a newly inspired child. Everything will sell for \$30. Please drop off your donation at the Center during regular gallery hours, Thursday through Sunday 11 am—4 pm.

The sales event will be on Saturday, September 21 from 2—5 pm in the lower level of the Center. There will be musical entertainment, beer and cider for sale, and popcorn for free.

Thanking you in advance for your time and talent.



Elizabeth Boggess making small artworks for our event



SPOTLIGHT
on
Mary Jo Losey



New Board member Mary Jo Losey grew up in a household of eight children with parents devoted to education. She was exposed early to the arts and looks back fondly on being taken to art shows and on creating “performances” in the garage with her siblings. With that background, it's not surprising that she is an enthusiastic proponent of both education and the arts.

As a nurse at the University of Illinois Medical Center, Mary Jo got to know the art and music therapists, and was impressed with how beneficial the arts can be in healing, as well as simply bringing people joy. She sees the Galena Center for the Arts as a place where the various arts can provide many benefits and pleasure for people in the community and for visitors. While applauding the Center for offering classes, she hopes they can be expanded in the future. She is particularly enthusiastic about adding more opportunities for children and young adults.



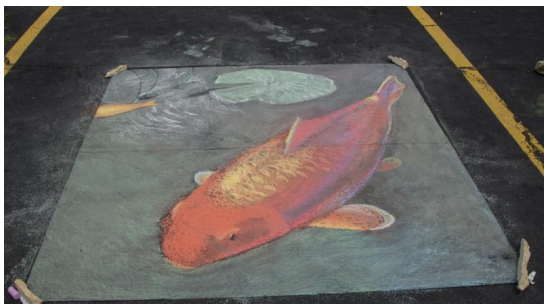
As a Board member, Mary Jo brings six years of experience on the Board of the Galena Historical Society as well as impressive organizational skills. She is currently juggling major home renovations, commuting between a historic house on Quality Hill and a farm in Wisconsin. She also plays in the UMC Community Handbell choir, maintains a beautiful garden, and enjoys the many cultural events Galena offers, including "Twenty Dirty Hands," concerts, and--of course--the exhibits and events at the Center for the Arts. She is happy that the Center is always trying new things and excited to be a part of it. "The arts," Mary Jo says, "are important in every aspect."

Recent Activities at the Center

Galena ChalkFest

Mother Nature, although threatening, cooperated, and we enjoyed a pleasant day to create art outdoors. Because we were fearful of thunderstorms, the artists chalked on roofing felt, which could have been brought inside if the rain started.

A few of the artworks will be hanging on the walls of the performance space until July 1.



Family Group award: Thom and Gavin Edel, sponsored by Jail Hill Inn



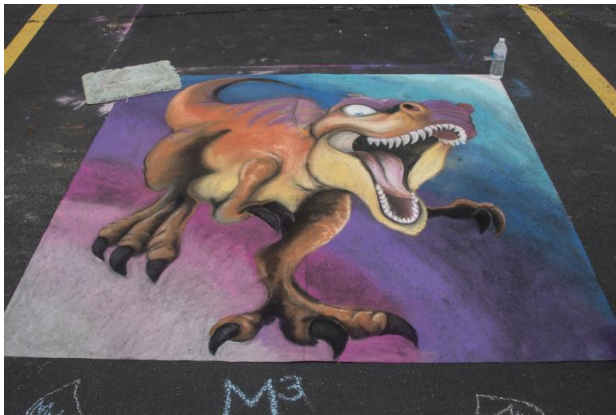
Youth award (grades 3-5): Josie and Hale Moser, sponsored by Dan and Cathy Harms



Featured artist: John Schober



**Adult individual award: Dan Leick,
sponsored by Outside the Lines**



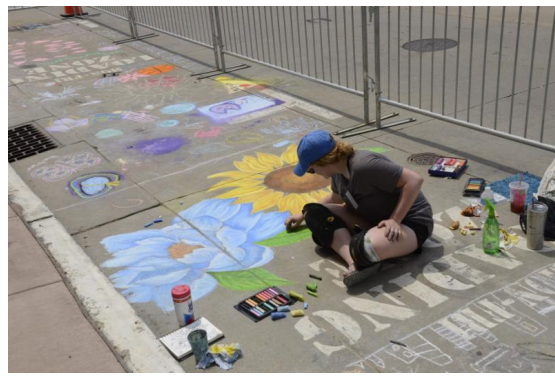
**High School award: Cuba City High
School art club, sponsored by Poopsie's**



**People's Choice award: Abigail Schaber,
sponsored by Honest Johns/Beyond the
Horizon**



**Middle School award (grades 6-8)
Brady Turner, sponsored by Bella Rosa**



Main Street Chalker Mia Nottrott



Fete de la Musique - lots of singing and dancing from all ages.



***Mom's Gift table reading
Cast (l to r) Ben Behlke, Jenni Ackerman, Stephanie Bussan,
Jim Ott, Lynda Mackie, Lillian Dickerson, Melissa McGuire***

Studio Space Available

We now have two studios available to rent for \$100 a month. They both include a sink and cabinets for storage of your art supplies. A dedicated space that is set up to

create 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 that display work in our galleries, and display your work to the public when the galleries are open and during events and openings.



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 July 6 & 7.



A big thank you for the two planters donated to us by Murphy's Gardens.

We have already seen butterflies and hummingbirds visiting them!

THANK YOU!

- Jenni Ackerman
- Al Barch
- Ben Behlke
- Big Bill's

- Terri Jackman
- Mike Kuznia
- Julia Lieb
- Lynda Mackie

- Elizabeth Boggess
- Stephanie Bussan
- Cathy Carlson
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- John Cox
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- Cathy Dorwick
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- Janet Eggleston
- Joe and Bonnie Garrity
- Don Gereau
- Hanover Park District
- Helen Mayberry
- Melissa McGuire
- Murphy's Gardens
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- Sara Wentz
- Colleen Yonda

WISH LIST

Volunteers to stuff membership campaign mailing envelopes on Tuesday, July 2, from 9 am until we're done. Come for a shorter or longer time. Please [email Karen](mailto:karen@chalkfest.com) our Office Manager or call (779) 214-0261 if you can help with this project, so that we are sure to have enough workstations and refreshments for all our volunteers.

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Did you know you can become a member online?

Click [HERE](#) for information about our membership program.

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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 11-4 for the summer and fall 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.

Because we have two shifts, we need twice as many volunteers to staff the gallery. 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** and we can assist you.

[Click to access Volunteer signup sheet](#)

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