

# *The Galena Center for the Arts*

Newsletter for December, 2014



Dear Dennis & Leslie,

**Hello Friends of the Arts!**

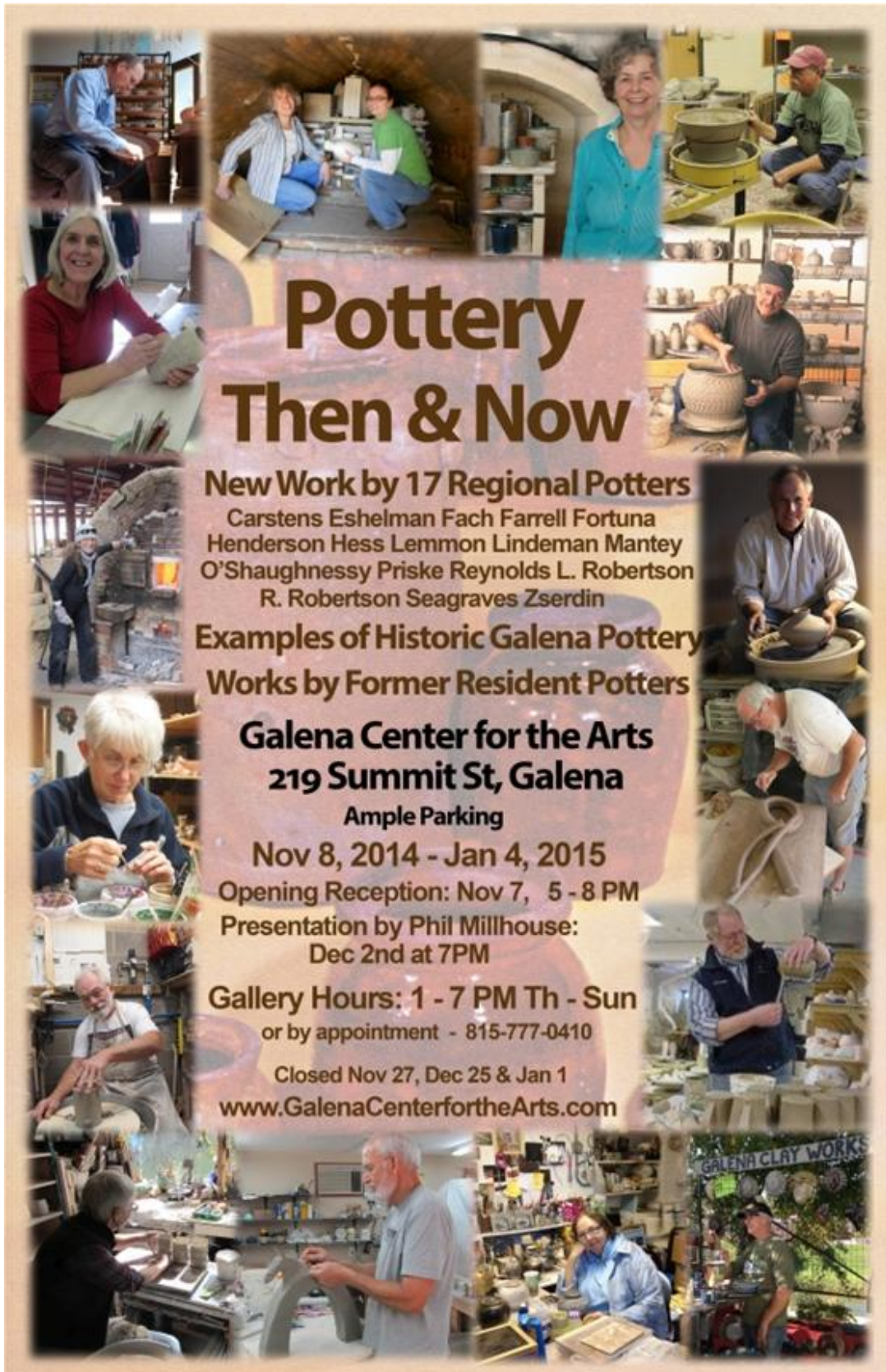
**Thank you for all your encouragement and support!**

It's hard to believe that this is the last month of 2014. So much has happened with the Center for the Arts in such a short time. Wasn't it only a moment ago when we were talking with Midwest Medical Center about putting on the Alfie Mueller Celebration at the old medical clinic site, just to see if anyone in our community would be interested? That was April, and we've had a whirlwind of activity since then, including two major exhibits (Cheers! The Art of the Drink, and Pottery, Then and Now) as well as a variety of events ranging from presentations by Daryl Watson and Phil Millhouse to an Audible Art show to Thomas Hardy Poetry to the premiere screening of a documentary video. We now have a beautiful gallery showing artwork by regional artists, and have five talented artists creating their artwork in our studios.

When we look ahead at all we plan to do, it's good to look back and realize that much has been accomplished thus far. We have a start on the performance space in the lower level of the building, and hope to make it much more comfortable and functional in the near future.

We hope you will stop by to visit us this holiday season. Our pottery exhibit, featuring the work of seventeen regional potters, is outstanding. If you are looking for a unique gift, you will find many choices in our gallery and the pottery exhibit.

**Wishing you a joyful and loving holiday season!**



# Pottery Then & Now

## New Work by 17 Regional Potters

Carstens Eshelman Fach Farrell Fortuna  
Henderson Hess Lemmon Lindeman Mantey  
O'Shaughnessy Priske Reynolds L. Robertson  
R. Robertson Seagraves Zserdin

## Examples of Historic Galena Pottery Works by Former Resident Potters

**Galena Center for the Arts**  
**219 Summit St, Galena**

Ample Parking

Nov 8, 2014 - Jan 4, 2015

Opening Reception: Nov 7, 5 - 8 PM

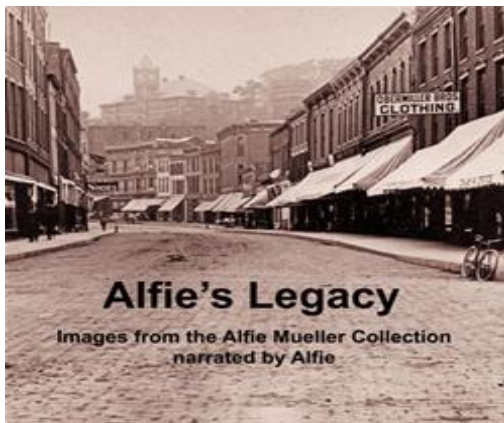
Presentation by Phil Millhouse:  
Dec 2nd at 7PM

**Gallery Hours: 1 - 7 PM Th - Sun**  
or by appointment - 815-777-0410

Closed Nov 27, Dec 25 & Jan 1

[www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com](http://www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com)

Now Through Jan 4, 2015 - (Closed Dec 25 & Jan 1)



**A special Galena oriented gift Idea!**

Send your friends and family an Alfie Mueller DVD, with historic photos of Galena, narrated by Alfie Mueller. Available at the Gallery for only \$15.



**Galena Winter Farmer's Market  
Wednesday, Dec 10, 4-6 pm**



**Arts Prism activity: Play-Reading!  
Thursday Dec. 11, 7 PM**

Teen-age and adult participants will read two one-act plays, taking turns reading different characters in the plays. Experienced director and playwright Carole Sullivan will lead the evening. All are welcome to read or just to listen, no prior



experience is necessary. This free event will be held at the Galena Center for the Arts at 219 Summit Street.



**“Chasm Gorge” book launch  
Monday, Dec. 15, 5-7 PM**

Safari guide Jim Heck’s novel “Chasm Gorge”, longlisted for the Hemingway Prize by Shakespeare & Co., Paris, is a gripping tale of terrorism set in Africa. Original illustrations for the book by Galenian Sheila Haman will be exhibited, and actors will read selected excerpts from the book, followed by an open discussion. Jim will sign all books purchased at the event.



**Archival Photos from the Great  
Depression**

On exhibit now through Christmas, we have photos taken by world renowned WPA photographers, giving a new visual perspective of the Great Depression: a

**visual portrait of a time period in Illinois for  
which the oral history and physical  
landscape are rapidly disappearing. Free  
exhibit.**

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