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The Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for October 2015



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Click here [Center Calendar for October.pdf](#) for a printable copy of the Galena Center for the Arts Calendar for October.

Dear Dennis & Leslie,

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS SOON!

Oct. 3: *Shades of Grey* opening, black tie optional

The Galena Center for the Arts will open the new special exhibit ***Shades of Grey*** with a "black tie optional" opening reception from 5-8 PM on Saturday Oct. 3. Come and experience the expressive power of black and white imagery in a wide variety of media including photography, needlework, textiles, oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, basketry, drawings, sculpture, glass and ceramics. See how the exclusive use of black, white and grey can create subtle or powerful art. The grey scale tones become their own spectrum of "colors".

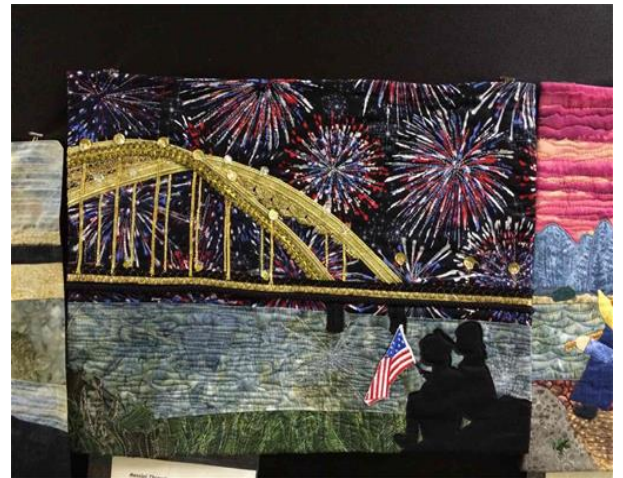
And for those who still need a color "fix", the Regional Artists Gallery will have new works by area artists including new exhibitors from Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, with lots of color. Grab your hat and gloves and join us at the celebratory opening reception!

Shades of Grey will continue Oct. 4 through November 29, during the regular hours of Thursdays through Sundays from 1-7 PM.

Galena Center for the Arts
Presents
Shades of Grey
Art in Black & White
Oct 4th - Nov 29th 2015
219 Summit St, Galena
Opening Reception Oct 3, 5 - 8 PM
Gallery Hours: 1- 7 PM Thurs - Sun
Paintings Photography
Drawings Sculpture
Ceramics Fiber Arts
New Work in Our Regional Gallery
Messipi Quilt Project
Alfie Mueller Historic Photos
For Information: 815-777-0410
www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com

Messipi Threads River Quilts on Display through Nov. 22

The Messipi Threads River Quilts have been exhibited widely in Iowa and the Quad Cities over the last four years. This is the last place that the Messipi Quilt Project will be displayed before the individual quilts are returned to their creators. The Messipi River Quilts, a collection of 60 different small quilts created by a large group of artists, are displayed side by side so that the river meanders from quilt to quilt using the same fabric to represent the river. Besides showcasing the quilters' memories and moments on the river, this is also a display of the art of quilting and the infinite application of fiber art, the intricacies and versatility of needle and thread work. The exhibit runs the length of a hallway, curves with an ox-bow image, and then extends the length back again so that the Mississippi river runs continuously.



Message from Carole Sullivan, executive director:

The Galena Center for the Arts has now been situated at the 219 Summit Street address for a year. We started with a one month "test" in April of 2014 for the Alfie Mueller Celebration, and then opened up on a regular basis in September of that year. We are so grateful for the help we have received from Midw Medical as well as from many individuals to help us get started, and to our wonderful volunteers. While we usually think about how very much we still have do, it might be good for us to also think of what we have accomplished in this year.

We have celebrated the many fine artists of our region in our Regional Artists Gallery and in a number of special exhibits:

* ***Cheers! The Art of the Drink***

* ***Pottery Then and Now***

* *For the Love of Textiles*

* *Galena Generals*

* *The Wonder of Wood*

* *Change, Paintings by Hal Martin.*

* A new exhibit, *Shades of Grey*, opens next week.

* We sponsored the Youth Arts Festival in collaboration with the ARC, and are beginning to plan the next one.

* We have covered our halls at various times with artwork from the Depression Artists to the Messipi River Quilt project.

* We have shown movies, from a sneak peek of the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival to two video premieres to a series of free children's movies weekly all summer to movies created regionally. *We have offered classes in Belly Dance, Togo Dance, yoga and MELT, a hosted a Belly Dance Hafla and Drum circles.

* We have featured songwriters each month at our Songwriter's Showcases, and songwriters workshops.

* We have offered presentations appropriate to each special exhibit such as Bed-Turnings and poetry/prose performances and book signin

* We have offered an artistic home to a number of artists who have had studios at the Center, and a once a month home to the Galena Win Farmers Market and Crafts Fair.

* We have also collaborated with the Galena Historical Society, the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, and the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival.

* We have created a "senior connection" project, to give our neighbors at the Senior Care community access to the arts.

* We are now in preparation for our first theatrical event in our performance space, a radio version of *It's a Wonderful Life*

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What's next? We are in process of doing a feasibility study to see 1) what we need to do to make a Center for the Arts financially sustainable, and 2) determine if the purchase of a building will help us to attain this goal, and if so, how best to go forward. If you would like to help us on this or any of our projects, please call Carole or any of our board members. We need you!

Our volunteers are so important to us! Scroll down to read about Jo Freund, who organizes and orchestrates our reception and to read about our Volunteer Appreciation Party.

Ongoing Programs

2 Busy 2 Yoga

2 busy 2 yoga invites you to join us for a yoga class at the Center on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM in September.

Bring your mat and wear comfortable clothing. Instructor Nancy Marshall

\$10.00 class

Oct. 18 Yoga seminars with Scott Anderson

arranged by Linda Rode

Master yoga instructor Scott Anderson will join us on Sunday, October 18th for a full day of yoga, broken down into two workshops. Come for one or stay for the whole day. Either way, you won't want to miss these fun and informative programs delivered in Scott's lively and interactive format. Scott's unique teaching style blends the ancient wisdom of yoga with the pragmatic background of a scientist. Using his degree in Physics, his graduate studies in Biomechanics and years as an athlete, he has developed a deep understanding of movement patterns. He began teaching yoga in 1989, and now trains teachers and offers 1-on-1 yoga therapy and, travels throughout the U.S. and internationally offering workshops and retreats.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Yogilates- in this 2-hour workshop Scott will blend the mindful movement practices of Yoga with the stabilizing, balancing and strengthening practices of Pilates, in a simple and organic way. If you're already an experienced yogi or a Pilates enthusiast, it's a great way to add something new to the practice you enjoy.

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. How Does Yoga Work? While many of us feel that Yoga adds a lot to our quality of life, there's not a lot of scientific evidence that tells us how these benefits occur. In this 3-hour



Belly Dance classes with Amanda continue on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM.



workshop participants will practice some best-of yoga techniques, and along the way, we will explore the possible physiological underpinnings for these experiences.

Both classes are appropriate for those who have been practicing yoga for at least 6 months. No prior Pilates experience is required.

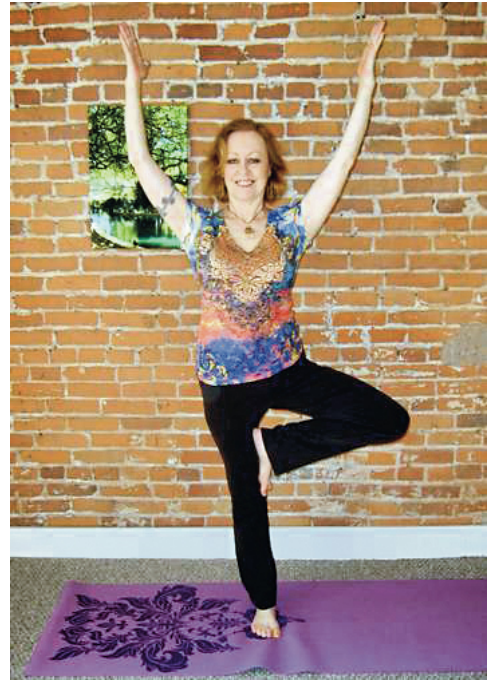
These workshops will fill quickly so please register early.

For more information and to reserve your space in one or both programs click on the link below:

clients.mindbodyonline.com



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**Yoga Classes with Marion continue Tuesday morning
at 10 AM.**

Tues Classes on Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27

Thursday evening classes resume in November.

Looking Ahead

November 13-15: Come to see our radio version of *"It's A Wonderful Life"*. Six actors play over 30 different roles, and the sound effects are created on an old fashioned sound effects table. Lots of fun, and a heartwarming story. Tickets can be purchased at the Galena Center for the Arts, at the DeSoto Hotel in Galena or on the website GalenaCenterfortheArts.com. Nov. 13 & 14 at 7 PM, Nov. 15 matinee at 2 PM.

The Winter Farmer's Market will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March and April.



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Applications for the
2015-16 Winter Farmers
Market Season

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arts
FESTIVAL**

f Youth Arts Festival

**JOIN US AND
Celebrate the Young at Art**

See first hand the spark of creativity our local arts educators inspire and nurture in our preschool through high school students. This inclusive, non-commercial, and non-competitive setting will showcase visual arts, choral, and instrumental performances from Jo Daviess County public, private, and parochial schools.

**WHEN
Sunday, April 17, 2016
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**WHERE
Chestnut Mountain Resort
8700 W. Chestnut Mountain Rd.
Outdoors, weather permitting. Indoors if rain.**

Youth Arts Festival is set for Chestnut Mountain Resort on April 17, 10-4. Committee individuals are starting to work on it. First committee meeting Oct 20, 4:30 PM at downstairs meeting room of Galena Center for the Arts. If you would like to be on this committee, call Carole at 815-777-0410.

Thank you volunteers!

We are hosting a volunteer appreciation party on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 7-9 PM. Get a sneak peek into the preparation for a performance. That night will be the first night that the cast of "It's a Wonderful Life" will be rehearsing with the sound effects table.....and should be an interesting rehearsal to watch as they figure out how to make all the live sound effects. Should be lots of fun, and an opportunity to socialize with like-minded volunteers, who are so important to the Center for the Arts. You get to munch snacks and sip beverages while the actors work! If you have been a volunteer at any time, you are invited! Please go to the volunteer area of our website as you usually do to volunteer (www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com) and click RSVP to let us know if you will be attending. The magic password, as usual, is volunteer. While you are there, check your calendar and sign up for some staffing hours!

Volunteer of the month: Jo Freund

The many volunteers at the Galena Center for the Arts are a necessary and much valued part of our organization. Among them, Jo Freund, is



first "Volunteer of the Month," is very special.

From the Center's beginnings, Jo has taken responsibility for organizing, creating, and orchestrating every detail of our receptions. Remember that Jo had done lovely opening night parties for Main Street Players in the 1990's, Carole Sullivan asked Jo to plan and manage a reception for the Center's first show, "The Art Lives On," in 2013. Then she asked her to do another for the next show. After that, to everyone's joy, Jo volunteered to take on the job permanently.

Since then, thanks to Jo's dedication and artistry, guests at the opening have enjoyed delightful evenings of food, drink and fellowship while admiring the arts on display. Her hard work and creativity have made every reception different and fun. As Carole Sullivan says, "Jo is invaluable. What she does so graciously is just an enormous help and part of the Center's success."

Jo herself modestly comments, "The Galena Center for the Arts provides both a forum for existing artists and exposure of the arts to all generations. While not being able to draw a straight line, I can appreciate the work being done and be supportive in my own way."

For all that she does, Jo richly deserves to be our first "Volunteer of the Month."

Volunteering is Good for You and Fun too!

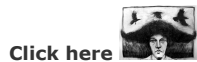
Spend an afternoon or early evening once a week, every other week, or as often as you like at the Center's reception table welcoming and helping visitors.

Shifts are Thursday through Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 4:00 to 7:00 PM. You can access our schedule app by clicking on this link

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then click on the Volunteer tab. The magic password is **volunteer**.

Have questions? Contact Carole at 815-777-0410 and go over the details.



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