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# The Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for March 2016



**Meggie Berning at the opening reception for "Galena Memories in Photography"**

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Dear Dennis & Leslie,

Thanks so much to those of you who responded to our survey. We are happy to report that the overall results are very encouraging, including 85% of the respondents stating that they would be likely or very likely to attend a live professional performance in Galena.

In March, with the opening of the "Jac & Gail, Together Again" exhibit, we will begin our Spring/Summer gallery hours, open from 1-6 PM Thursdays through Sundays. We hope that by staying open till six we can welcome those of you who have said they would like to come over after work. We also will need volunteers for the 4-6 shift for staffing. Looking forward to seeing you!

The Regional Artists Gallery at the Galena Center for the Arts presents a fascinating kaleidoscope of

artwork by over 30 artists from Galena IL, Dubuque IA, Mineral Point WI and surrounding communities. New exhibits are installed bi-monthly, coinciding with special exhibits. During March and April, we will also showcase artwork by local Arts Educators in our Hallway Gallery. We are proud to honor these teachers who nourish and inspire creativity in their students. Major research groups have documented the positive impact the arts have on developmental growth in children, enhancing critical thinking skills, self-esteem, and higher success in academic classes like math and science.

We are so appreciative of those who volunteer for the Center, and for those who donate to help us in our mission. We couldn't do it without you! Let us know what you want to see and experience at the Center as we move forward.

**Carole Sullivan**

**Executive Director**

## **NEW EXHIBIT OPENS MARCH 4TH**

**Jac Tilton is a former art educator and has held various management positions in advertising, marketing, graphic design and web development.**

**He has worked almost exclusively in watercolor for most of his career, but recently has added non-representational works in graphite, carbon and charcoal to his portfolio.**

**Tilton's drawings have been included in the Strokes of Genius: Best of Drawing series, volumes 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 and his watercolor, "Waiting for the CTA", received Best of Show honors at the Illinois Watercolor Society's 29th National Juried Exhibition.**

**He is a signature member of the Illinois Watercolor Society and signature member of the Iowa Watercolor Society.**

**Jac is also a member of the National Watercolor Society and the Transparent Watercolor Society.**



# *Galena Center for the Arts*

*Presents*

## *Jac & Gail*

## *Together Again*

Beginning with childhood paper dolls, chains, pop-out books, and greeting cards, Gail Chavenelle has been intrigued by paper sculpture. She loved the forms, but wanted the works to be more permanent. Instead of sheets of paper, she works with sheets of steel.

Gail is interested, as in paper sculpture, in creating expanded and three dimensional images from a flat sheet. Many designs are one-piece.

Chavenelle is known for her stylized figure sculptures in steel. The curvilinear figurative forms exhibit an organic quality that transcends the connotations of the medium. Instead of harsh edges, there is line and movement. Her sculptures have been called "Sketches in Metal."

**Jac Tilton**  
Watercolors & Drawings

**Gail Chavenelle**  
Metal Sculpture

**219 Summit St, Galena**  
**March 5 - May 1, 2016**

**Opening Reception:**  
**March 4th, 5 - 8 PM**



**Gallery Hours: Thurs - Sun 1 - 6 PM**

**Or by Appointment: 815-777-0410**

- Regional Artists Gallery
- Alfie Mueller Historic Photos
- Regional Teachers Exhibit

**Free Exhibits**

**Ample Parking**

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**Our volunteers are so important to us! Scroll down to read about Diann Marsh**

**COMING EVENTS**

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

*presents*

***The singing/songwriting Ressler Family***

*All grown up and generations later*

***March 24th***  
***7 to 9pm***



*hosted by*  
***Lenny Wayne***  
*and*  
***L.A. Suess***

***Please consider a \$5 donation for this show to the***

***GalenaCenterfortheArts.com***

March 24 -- Songwriter's Showcase

**(Note the date for this month. NOT the third Thursday)**

The singing/songwriting Ressler family, all grown up and generations later, will carry on the tradition of the Ressler Family Band making original music together.

Yoga Classes with Marion

Tue @ 10 AM and Thu @ 5:30 PM

**(No yoga on March 1st, 3rd, and 8th)**



GALENA  
WINTER MARKET  
and  
Craft Fair

NOVEMBER 11  
DECEMBER 9  
JANUARY 13  
FEBRUARY 10  
MARCH 9  
APRIL 13

**4-6**

GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
219 SUMMIT ST. LOWER LEVEL

**March 9th from 4-6 PM**

**Presentation at 4:30 PM "Cooking with Fresh Herbs" with Cathy Moon from Main Street Cheesecakes. Get ready for Spring, learn fun creative ways to incorporate fresh herbs into your cooking.**



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Other coming events of the Galena Center for the Arts  
(mark your calendars!)**

- **April 4, 7 PM, Julien Chamber Choir concert.**

The Julien Chamber Choir, directed by Kristen Eby, is made up of professional and amateur musicians from around the tri-state area, and performs a wide variety of choral styles, including classical, folk and spirituals. In addition to their regular fall and spring concerts, they have been guest performers for the Illinois Choral Director's Association and the Dubuque Arboretum Summer Concert Series.

- **April 13, Winter Farmer's Market and Craft Fair, the last one of the season. 4-6 PM**
- **April 17, Youth Arts Festival, at Chestnut Mountain Resort 10 AM -4 PM**
- **April 19, 20 Sneak- Peek film screenings from the Dubuque International Film Festival. 7 PM**

- April 21, Songwriter's Showcase, 7 PM
- April 29, 30-May 1, WGCA Radio theater presents the mystery "The Thin Man" 7 PM (2 PM on May 1)

Our growing list of sponsors for the Youth Arts Festival now includes the following: Gold sponsorship, U. S. Bank, Silver sponsorships, First Community Bank of Galena and Illinois Bank & Trust, Galena branch. Chestnut Mountain Resort has once more generously offered to donate the venue for the event. Other much appreciated donations have been received from Young Evanston Artists, Eaton Financial Advisors, The Galena Gazette, Villages Voices and O'Conner Brooks & Co., P.C. The Youth Arts Festival is produced as a collaboration between the ARC and the Center for the Arts.

**THANK YOU!**



### **Volunteer of the Month - Diann Marsh**

"It's remarkable how many volunteers we have who are willing to staff the gallery, provide art and help out at the receptions," says Diann Marsh, a very special volunteer who has contributed art, ideas, and many hours to making the Galena Center for the Arts a success. Serving on the Board, where she contributes to the decision-making about the Center's present and future, Diann is enthusiastic about the community's reception. "It's been amazing!" she exclaims. "The community of Galena has supported each and every art display with enthusiasm. It's also amazing to discover the wide variety of artistic talents possessed by area residents."

Since her primary interests are in the visual and written arts, it's not surprising that one of Diann's most visible achievements has been the establishment of the Arts Resources Library at the Center. She has made it a comfortable spot where a visitor can enjoy browsing through books on the arts. "It makes me happy to walk by and see someone sitting there reading," she comments.

Diann's energy and talents have been apparent ever since she and her husband Robert moved to Galena almost seventeen years ago. While involved in many activities like the Friends of the Library, the Writers' Guild, and now the Center for the Arts, she has somehow found time to both write and paint. Some of her artwork has been displayed at the Center, and her work will also be



exhibited in a show planned for the Parish House of the Episcopal Church.

Diann's writing has appeared in the Writers' Guild two books. Even more impressive, she has written two books about Galena's history and its houses and neighborhoods, and she is working on a third. Her subject matter reflects her love of old houses. She and Robert moved here because "We wanted to live in a Victorian house on a historic street in a community that protects its historic buildings." How lucky for them—and for us—that they found what they wanted in Galena.

### Volunteering is Good for You and Fun too!

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

**In March we will change back to Spring/Summer hours, being open from 1 to 6 PM. We will need staffing from 1-4 PM, and from 4-6 PM Thursdays through Sundays. Please sign up to staff!**

You can access our schedule app by clicking on this link:

[GalenaCenterfortheArts](#)

The magic password is **volunteer**.

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





## March 2016 Galena Center for the Arts

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29	01 <b>NO Yoga</b>	02	3 <b>NO Yoga</b>	04 <b>Opening Reception "Jac &amp; Gail Together Again" 5-8 PM</b>	05 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM
06 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM	07	08 <b>NO Yoga</b>	09 <b>Galena Winter Market &amp; Craft Fair 4-6 PM</b>	10 Yoga w/Marion 5:30 PM "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM	11 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM	12 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM
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20 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM	21	22 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	23	24 Yoga w/Marion 5:30 PM <b>Songwriter's Showcase 7 PM</b> "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM	25 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM	26 "Jac & Gail Together Again" 1-6 PM
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