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Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for February 2017



Bringing Heirlooms out of Storage

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Hello Leslie,

It's February...and starting to feel like a long winter. But the days are getting a little longer every day, and soon, if we are lucky, the sun will be out! In the meanwhile, escape briefly from the realities of life to enjoy the artwork at the Center, and the musical and educational events of the month. Join us at our opening reception on Feb. 3. Come to the Sunday Salon and the Songwriters Showcase. The Arts have a way of reaching across boundaries, and taking us to a different place. I encourage you to enjoy and appreciate the Heirloom arts we have to offer, as well as the new artwork exhibited in the Regional Artists Gallery. We even have new work in the Alfie Mueller rooms. What better way to relax and refresh? Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Carole Sullivan

Executive Director

Heirlooms celebrates the transcendence of Art through time and through families. The exhibit focuses on three artists who left collections of their artwork for their children. As well as artwork from these three artists, there will be many pieces of treasured heirloom artwork that have been left by parents, grandparents and other relatives to members of our community. These artworks are still vibrant and exciting, even though the artists are long gone.

Maureen Dueland (1940-2008) was best known as an accomplished pastel painter. Born in Galena, she studied with Frank Liccardi at Clarke College, as well as at the Albert Handel School of Pastel in Woodstock, New York. The collected artwork comes from her daughter, Molly Kreiss.



Charles LeBoutillier (1903-1996) explored many areas of art, both two and three dimensional. At the age of 22, Charles graduated from Harvard University in 1925 and went on to study at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. In printmaking, sculpture, painting, photography, and raku, he demonstrated his drive to create, explore, and push himself to the utmost. His artwork is loaned for the exhibit by his daughter, Frances Rivoire.

Evelyn Russo (1903-1993) was a Chicago based artist recognized for her portraits as well as for her diversified talents in oils and watercolors. She studied at the Art Institute in Chicago, and was one of the first women accepted to the Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts. Her artwork comes from her daughter, Barbara Evans.

Heirlooms

Family
Art Treasures

Maureen Dueland
Charles LeBoutillier
Evelyn Russo
& Other Family Art

Galena Center for the Arts
219 Summit St

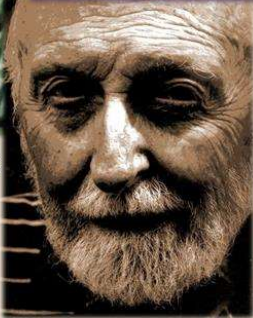
Feb 3 - Mar 26, 2017

Opening Reception:
Feb 3rd, 5 - 8 PM

Winter Gallery Hours: Thurs - Sun 1-4 PM

Regional Artists Gallery Artist's Studios
Alfie Mueller Historic Photos


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Free Exhibits

Ample Parking

Donations Welcome



779-214-0261

Girl Scouts Make Progress on Mural for Creative Space

Work on the mural for the creative space at the Galena Center for the Arts is continuing. Members of Girl Scout Junior Troop 7270 have completed the design. The girls, working with retired art teacher Al Elsbree, decided on a nature theme. They spent three troop meetings drawing animals, creating the background and then placing the animals on the finished design. The next step is to draw the mural on the wall in the creative space and then paint it. The girls are really excited about all the new art skills they've learned from Elsbree. It's been a fun experience so far, and they're looking forward to completing their Bronze Award project.



Sunday Salon - Feb 12 - 2 PM

Duo Pianists Sharon Jensen & Elisa Cooper

The Galena Center for the Arts is delighted to offer a piano duet recital by Sharon Jensen and Elisa Cooper for their February Sunday Salon. The program will include works by Debussy, Bizet, Moszkowski, Poulenc, Mozart and Grieg. The recital will be at 2 PM on Sunday, Feb. 12 at the Galena Center for the Arts, 219 Summit Street, Galena. There is no charge for this event; donations are encouraged.



Sharon Jensen is currently an assistant professor of Music at Clarke University where she teaches piano, music history and keyboard skills.

She has performed recitals and with orchestras throughout the Midwest, including the Quad Cities Mozart Festival Orchestra.

In 2007 she made her solo debut with the Dubuque Symphony. In March 2010, Jensen made her debut at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall and performed there for four consecutive years with flautist Peg Cornils Luke.

She has also been heard on NPR's Live from Landmark Center, Live from the Chazen and Chicago's Dame Myra Hess Series. In July 2016 she was a pianist for the Prague Choral Festival and performed as a duo-pianist with Jeremy Mims at Smetana Hall in the Czech Republic. Jensen performs regularly in the tri-state area as a soloist, collaborative musician and as pianist for the Dubuque Chorale.



Elisa Cooper is currently the chair of the Music Department at Emmaus Bible College where she directs the Emmaus Ensemble and Chamber Choir and teaches piano, music theory/aural skills, and music appreciation.

Cooper has performed twice at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall and has appeared as soloist with the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra.

She continues to perform actively in the Midwest as a collaborative and solo pianist, conductor and occasionally as a singer or violinist. In 2011 she served as pianist and assistant conductor for the Canadian Children's Opera Company during their European Tour to Austria and Italy.

Figure Drawing - Thursday Feb 16 - 1:30 PM

Come to the Center on February 16th at 1:30 to sharpen your drawing skills. Bring your own drawing or painting materials and easel. We will provide tables, chairs, and the model.

The first session will be free. We will discuss the best time, frequency, costs and shared coordination to carry on for future sessions. It's your group!

We are hoping to recreate this opportunity that was started years ago by Zelma Clark and Charles Fach, and valued by so many artists.


RSVP via e-mail:

info@galenacenterforthearts.com





Painting by Denise Faith

Songwriters Showcase - Thursday Feb 16 - 7 PM




Songwriters Showcase

219 Summit st.
with Ben Dunegan
and Kara Gordon



Feb. 16 - 7 to 9pm

Hosted by - Lenny Wayne
This is a free performance.
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Ben Dunegan pulls influence from musical heroes Neil Young, Ryan Adams, and Wilco. Ben writes and performs songs that flow in the vein of the Americana folk scene. An Iowa native and Dubuque resident, Dunegan finds inspiration from the city he

calls now calls home.

Kara Gordon has been in numerous rock bands over a 25 year period-most notably *That Girl Band* and currently the lead singer and guitar player for *Backseat Betty*. She grew up in the Quad Cities, but calls Galena home now. She has recently started to do some acoustic music for the first time. Her voice is a combination of Bruce Springsteen, Melissa Etheridge and Cher- very distinctive. For the showcase, she plans to take her full-blown rock songs and tear them down to a much more intimate feel-so this should be interesting!



Heirloom Poetry and Prose - Heather Swan Sunday Feb 19 - 2 PM

When we think of our heirlooms--our cherished possessions--we often think of a clock, a ring, a favourite chair or a painting, but what about the writings or favourite poems of those we loved that we continue to carry?

Do you have a section of a letter, a poem, a journal entry or a bit of prose that you cherish that was left in your care?

Come share with us your written treasures on February 19th at 2 PM as a way to honour and remember the words of our ancestors.



A big THANK YOU to the crew of 17 people who painted the Artists' Circle and Creative Space last Saturday. It looks great!



Galena 2nd Friday Gallery Stroll

Nov 11th ♦ Dec 9th ♦ Jan 13th ♦ Feb 10th ♦ March 10th ♦ April 14th

On the 2nd Friday of each month from 5-8pm
We're staying open late just for You!

Please join us for beautiful art and a different
tasty treat at each of these participating galleries.

Galena Center for the Arts 219 Summit Street 779-214-0261

Fine art gallery celebrating artists from Galena and the surrounding area. Be inspired & enriched by the magic of art.

Grace Episcopal Arts 309 Hill Street 815-777-2590

Exhibition by Diann Marsh and Al Elsbree, featuring computer generated whimsy, acrylics, pen & ink.

Hello Galena! Gallery and Gifts 121 N. Commerce Street 815-777-1448

Located next to the old Market House, we offer the works of over 60 area artists in one setting.

Janet Checker Studio (Showing at DeSoto House Hotel) 230 S. Main Street

Original works, which include oils, pastels and small paintings.

Maggie Black 116 S. Main Street 815-599-1724

Embrace your passion with our eclectic fusion of regional and national artists and artisans.

Mangelsen - Images of Nature Gallery 421 S. Main Street 800-281-4478

Limited edition photography by world-renowned wildlife and nature photographer Thomas D. Mangelsen.

Outside the Lines Gallery 101 S. Main Street 815-776-9166

Over 140 American artists specializing in local color.

River Bend Gallery 243 N. Main Street 331-701-6233

Fine art photography of Galena, the Midwest and Beyond - by Geoffrey Mikol.

Skidmore Art Gallery 319 S. Main Street 815-777-1500

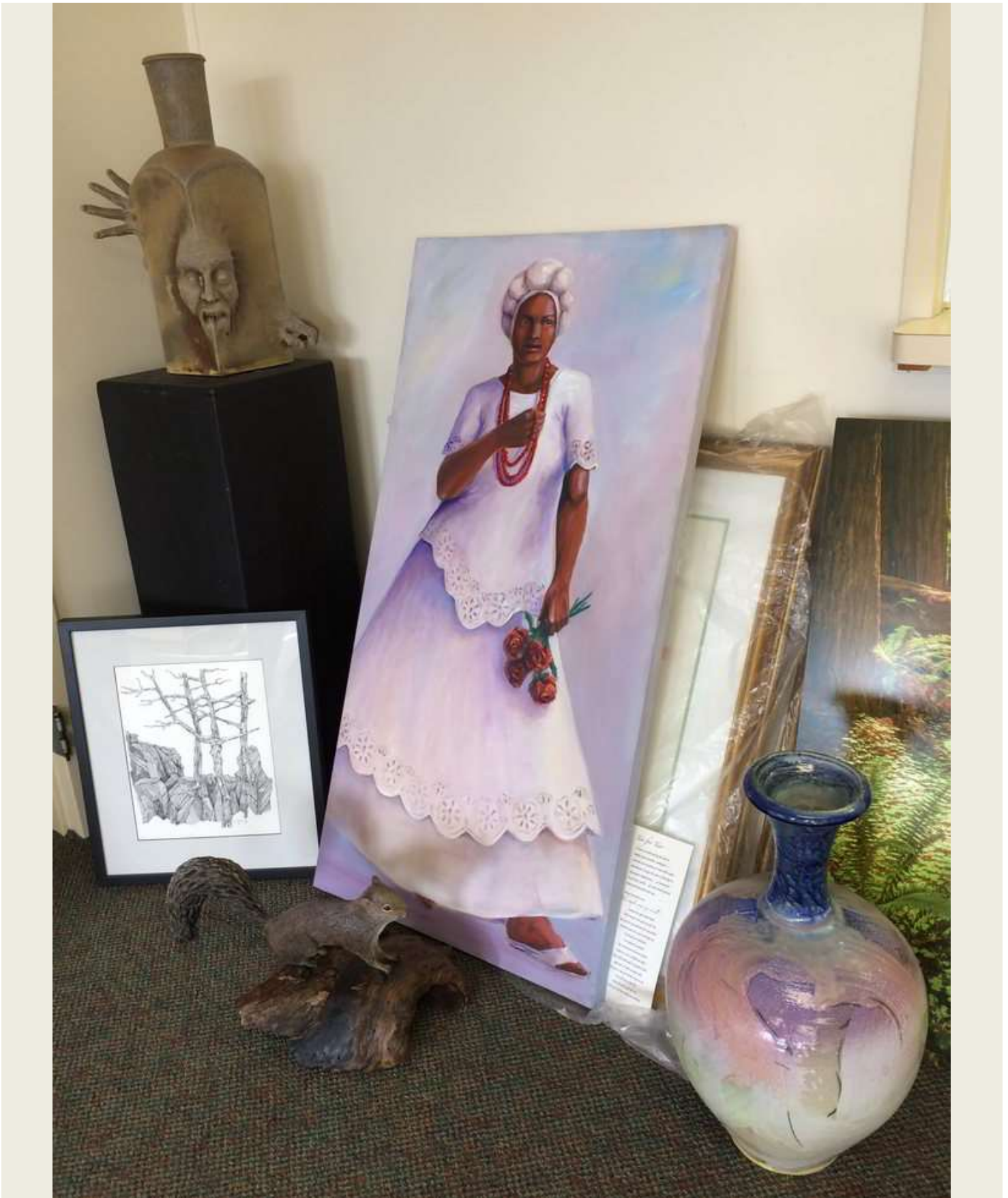
Original artwork, watch & meet the artist.

Stone House Potters & Gallery 418 Spring Street 815-777-0354

Functional & decorative pottery, tiles, figurative bronzes, digital photos of birds and photo scans of flowers & plants.



**Lots of new work in the Regional Artists' Gallery,
waiting to be displayed at our Feb 3 opening.**



We love our volunteers, and you will be happy to know that we now have WiFi at the Center!

Please consider signing up for one shift a month...it would be an incredible help for us to know that the gallery shifts will be covered. We need staffing from 1-4 PM Thursday through Sunday.

We especially need help for Saturday and Sunday shifts.

To volunteer call 779-214-0261 and leave a message for Pat to call you back to arrange a time.

Scroll down to see our Volunteer of the Month - Dick Harmet

The monthly ARRT (All River Road Talent) tour will be Feb 4 - 5

Hop into your car and visit some of the many amazing artists in our area.



Check it out! >>

Your Opinion Matters!



Please consider sending a review of a performance or exhibit that you have attended

to [YELP](#)

or [TripAdvisor](#)

or to any other of the travel guides.

We need your help to let guests to Galena know that we are here, and to plan on visiting us.

Yoga Classes with Marion Tuesday - 10 AM

(Except Feb 28 and Mar 7, weather permitting.
Cancellations due to weather, call 815-541-6399.)

Wish List

Music stands

Thank You!

Gold sponsor for the Youth Arts Festival:

US Bank, Galena.

Silver sponsors for the Youth Arts Festival:

Illinois State Bank, Galena.

First Community Bank of Galena.

Veronica Gehling and friends in honor of Jenni Ackerman.

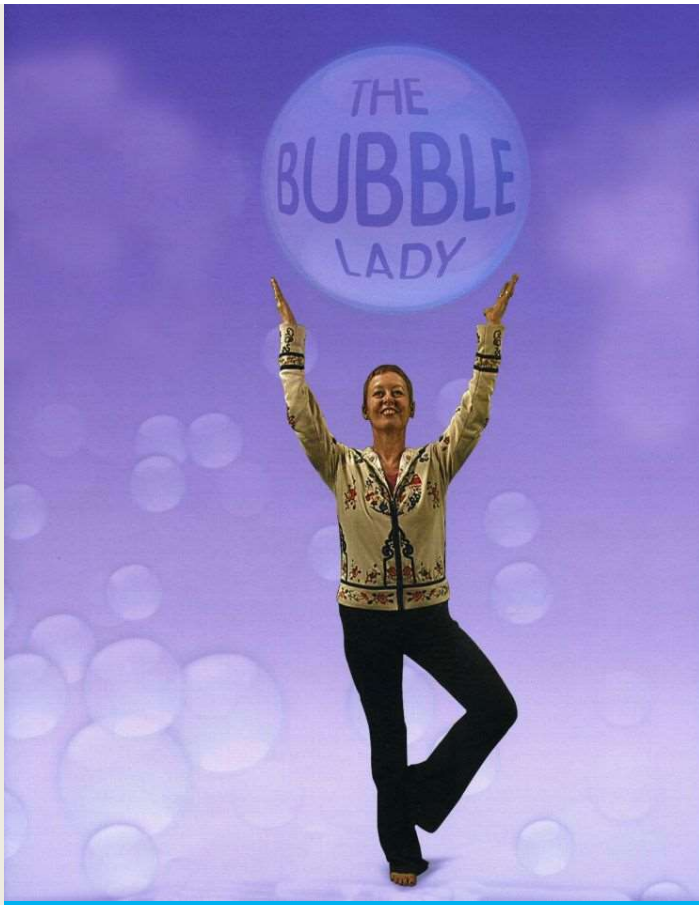
Jim Baranski for donating a professional laser copier to the Center.

Other progress at the Center!

We now have a telephone at the Center (call 779-214-0261), and WiFi! This makes our office work so much easier.

Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller Wednesday - 4:30 PM

Mindful Yoga continues through Feb and Mar
on Wednesday afternoons.



This is a gentle yoga class focusing on basic Hatha Yoga poses, coordinating breath with movement. All levels are welcome. Pose modifications are provided based on need. Every session ends with deep relaxation.

Volunteer of the Month - Dick Harmet

**To make a prairie, it takes a clover and one bee,
One clover, and a bee,
And revery.
The revery alone will do,
If bees are few.**

Emily Dickinson's biology may not have been quite accurate, but she certainly understood the creative power of a person's joy in nature. It could have been written especially for Center for the Arts Board member Dick Harmet.

Like many others, Dick and his wife Joan first bought a piece of land in our area as a vacation and retirement property. What was unusual was that part of that land was original prairie, to which they have since added ten seeded acres. Their commitment to the land, to nature, and to the surrounding community has been evident ever since, especially after moving here full time twenty-four years ago.

To mention just a few of Dick's many conservation activities, both he and Joan have been active in the Natural Area Guardians and the JDFC, and Dick also served on the Natural Land Institute, a



Rockford-based conservation group. For years, he was very involved with the Apple River Fort, first as a Board member and then as Chairman.

A passion for conservation and the natural world often seem to dovetail with love of the arts, and this is true for both Dick and Joan. With a degree from Northwestern in journalism, Dick's career was with World Book, where he became the Editorial Director. With his bent for literature and Joan's having been employed by the Chicago Symphony, it's not surprising that both continue to enjoy and participate in the arts in our area, especially at the Center for the Arts. While Dick serves on the Board of Trustees, Joan is the talented pianist who has played for the Center's radio shows.

Talking animatedly about the arts and their important role in the community, Dick comments, "It's amazing the way the Center for the Arts has pulled people together." Discussing how unfortunate it is that the arts are often the first budget items cut from schools, he believes that the Center can help to supply them to children. "The Center for the Arts can do that and make it a more vibrant area. Carole is always looking for ways to involve children."

Finally, asked about the plans for a theater, he says, "The thought of having a real theater is very ambitious but also very exciting." Surely, if Dick can preserve and grow a prairie, helping to plan and build a theater shouldn't be too much of a problem for this dedicated and resourceful Board member!

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.

We need staffing from 1-4 PM Thursday through Sunday. **We especially need help for Saturday and Sunday shifts.** Please sign up to staff!

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Questions?

Contact the Center at 779-214-0261 or 815-777-0410 and go over the details.





Galena Center for the Arts

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Center Open, 1-4 PM	30	31 Yoga w/ Marion 4:30 PM	1 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	2 Center Open, 1-4 PM	3 Center Open, 1-4 PM Opening Reception Heirlooms Exhibit, 5-8 PM	4 ARRT Tour Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM
5 ARRT Tour Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	6	7 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	8 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	9 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	10 For the Gallery Stroll the Center is open till 8 PM Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-8 PM	11 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM
12 Sunday Salon-Piano Duets, w/Sharon Jensen & Elisa Cooper, 2 PM Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	13	14 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	15 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	16 Figure Drawing Organizational Mtg, 1:30 PM Songwriter Showcase, 7 PM Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	17 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	18 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM
19 Heirloom Poetry & Prose w/Heather Swan, 2 PM Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	20	21 Yoga w/Marion 10 AM	22 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	23 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	24 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	25 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM
26 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	27	28	1 Yoga w/Kate 4:30 PM	2 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	3 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM	4 Heirlooms Exhibit, 1-4 PM



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