



# Galena Center for the Arts

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## Newsletter for June 2018



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Dear Dennis,

We are excited to announce that on June 7, The Galena Center for the Arts will celebrate our fifth birthday! The time has gone quickly, and it's hard to realize that we have been celebrating regional arts and artists for five years. We have great plans for the next five years, and the years after that too!

We have some statistics to report:

- In our last fiscal year, our general membership increased by 56% and our Corporate membership increased by 85%.
- We have shown the work of over 130 Exhibiting artists.
- Since 2013, we have welcomed over 15,000 guests to the Center, to experience our exhibits, openings, workshops, special events, and to be entertained at radio shows, Sunday Salons and Songwriters Showcases. We plan to continue to do all this, and more.

Our goals remain to support regional art and artists and to advocate for the benefits of the arts in education as well as to our economy. As soon as Midwest Medical Center's refinancing is completed, we hope to buy the building at 219 Summit Street, where we have been located since 2014. So much has been accomplished, and there's so much more to do!

Thanks so much to those of you who have supported us along the way, and those of you who have more recently discovered the Center and are now supporters and volunteers.

We count on all of you! THANK YOU!

## The Fine Art of Fiber

Come help us celebrate the beginning of our sixth year and the opening reception for the art exhibit Friday June 8, 5–7 pm

Fiber Art is a rather recent term, appearing after WWII, when curators recognized the aesthetic of otherwise utilitarian objects. In the 1950s artists began using fibers to make non-functional pieces of work and in the 60s and 70s an international revolution in fiber art emerged. Fibers can be from plants or animals, made into contemporary or traditional designs. Come to the gallery to see what fun pieces our regional artists have created. The exhibit will run through August 5th. Gallery hours are 11-4pm Thursday through Sunday. [Read more...](#)



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## Regional Artists Gallery

Thursday – Sunday, 11 am–4 pm

New work will be installed by the time you read this newsletter. It is like Christmas morning when artists bring in new work for us to display. We get to move it around and find the perfect spot to highlight each piece to its fullest potential. Sometimes difficult, but always rewarding when the exhibit is “hung” or placed, in the case of 3-D works. Come see what’s new and discover a piece of artwork you cannot live without.



Regional Artists Gallery

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## Feature Gallery

### Rewind

**A student exhibit in our Feature Gallery  
11 am–4 pm Thursday through Sunday**

**Members of the National Art Honor Society chose a theme of *Rewind...to different times*. Come check out their interpretation, rendered in drawings, paintings, collage, and photographs and reproduced into prints, which are for sale. Member requirements include: B average or higher in all art classes, twenty hours of art-related community service, monthly meeting attendance, good character, and a commitment to furthering art awareness in self, school, and community. What an honor to show their work!**



Feature Gallery

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## Upcoming Events

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# Galena ChalkFest June 16, 2018

11 AM - 6 PM

Artists turn our parking lot into a giant canvas!

Sponsors: First Community Bank of Galena,  
Illinois Bank & Trust, Freeport Art Museum

**Spectators Welcome All Day Free**

**Food by Big Bill's      Judging & Cash Prizes**

Artists Register 7:30 - 9:30 AM or Pre-Register



Emily Cotton Cram - Featured Artist

**Galena Center for the Arts**  
219 Summit St  
779-214-0261

This program is partially supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency and the Freeport Art Museum.  
[www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com](http://www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com)

## Find some team members and chalk it up for fun!

On June 16, the lower parking lot of the Galena Center for the Arts will be transformed into a gigantic work of art, showcasing regional artists and students as they use their creativity to make artwork with chalk on an asphalt canvas. Call us about getting a team together to chalk it up, or register the morning of the event.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning teams in each of five categories: individual, junior high age team, high school age team, adult team, and family team (which can include any ages, but at least one adult.)

[Click here to go to Galena Chalkfest 2018 for registration form and artist information.](#)

We'll have a special area blocked off for small children, with free chalk for them to make their own drawings. We also need volunteers to help staff the festival. Call us at the Center to volunteer: 779-214-0261. Many thanks to the [Freeport Art Museum](#) for a

grant to help support this event, and to the [First Community Bank of Galena](#) and the [Illinois Bank and Trust](#) as sponsors of the Galena ChalkFest!

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## Emily Cotton Cram, Our featured chalk artist



Emily, who is from Dubuque, creates whimsical illustrations centered around native flora, fauna and farm life. She also creates storybook illustrations centered around heroines and mythology, as well as illustrating children's books for local authors. She uses watercolor and pen, but also uses acrylic and gouache paint or whatever catches her fancy. Emily attended Clarke University for several years before becoming a freelance artist. She has been experimenting with chalk art for many years, from making art for kids on playgrounds to competing in local "chalk the walks". She presently has artworks exhibited in the "Portals and Visions" exhibit at the Smokestack in Dubuque, IA., which will run through July 31.

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## *Fête de la Musique* June 21, 10 am - 4 pm

For the last 35 years in France, the 21st of June is not just the longest day of the year but also the day of the *Fête de la Musique*. This "festival of music" is no ordinary festival. Created in France in 1982, it has been taken up by neighboring countries where it has been equally successful, and is now celebrated in over 120 countries. Music takes over city streets, with live bands, singers, amateur musicians, drummers, and dancers, expressing themselves through music and inviting the crowd to enjoy themselves. So this year on the solstice, we will initiate *Fête de la Musique*, also known as Make Music Day, in Galena.

A poster for 'Fete de la Musique' with a red background and white musical notes. The text is in blue and yellow. It includes the event name, date, time, location, contact information, and website.

**Fete de la  
Musique**

**Make  
Music  
Galena**

**June 21  
7-9 PM**

**Celebrate the Music in all of us!**

**Galena Center for the Arts**  
**219 Summit St**  
**779-214-0261**

**www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com**



From 10 am to 4 pm in Washington Park, Lenny Wayne and other musicians, sponsored by the Downtown Business Association, will be encouraging everyone, especially kids, to join in the music. In the evening from 7-9 pm, there will be a free celebration of music at the Center for the Arts. Bring your voice, your acoustic instruments and your dancing shoes! We invite everyone, of every age and every taste in music, to join in the fun.

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## **Showcasing Fiber Artist Pat Lehnhardt**

We are delighted that our **Gallery Manager Pat Lehnhardt** was chosen as one of the exhibiting artists in the Handmade Craft Invitational at the Dubuque Museum of Art. This inaugural exhibition, running June 2 to Sept. 9, highlights fine craft in our region, with an emphasis on functional forms and objects. Maureen Bardusk, one of our members, was on the curatorial team for this exhibit. Other exhibiting artists from our area include Barbara Briggs and Paul Eshelman, with Delores Fortuna also on the curatorial team. Pat will be doing an artist demo on book making at the Museum on Saturday, August 18, 1-3 pm. For more information, go to [www.dbqart.com](http://www.dbqart.com)

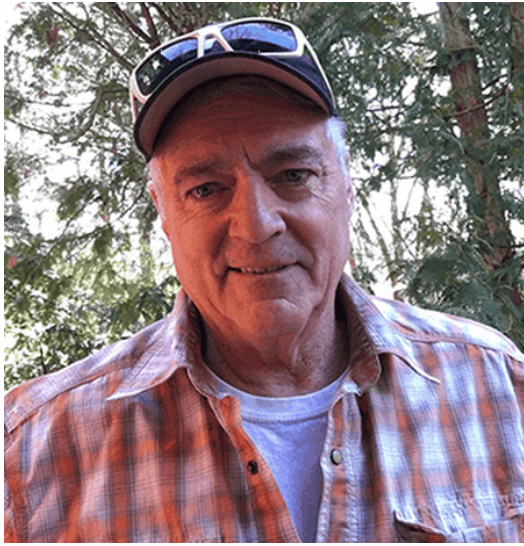


At the opening reception: Joe Bardusk, Maureen Bardusk, Pat Lehnhardt

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**We mourn the loss of Richard Pearce**





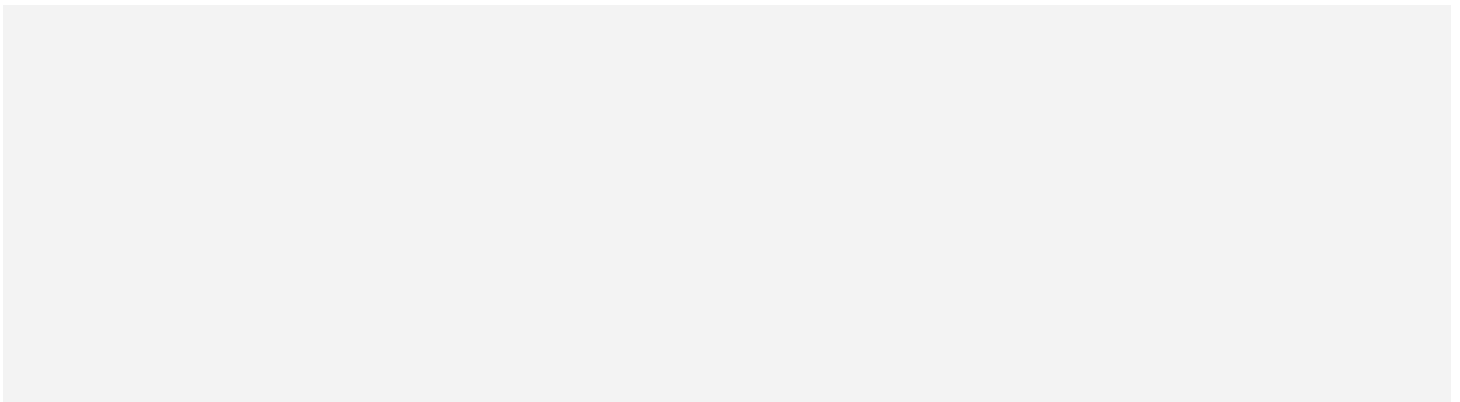
For the past 16 years Richard Pearce spent much of his spare time trekking through woods, prairies, and along waterways throughout Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin obtaining high resolution images of plants and, more recently, getting close up, slow-motion video of the insects that visit them. He finished a total of 358 wildflower species, most of which are available on his website at [arrasimages.com](http://arrasimages.com). His videos may be seen on YouTube, for example [Stories of our Wildflowers](#). He was a brilliant, creative and kind man.

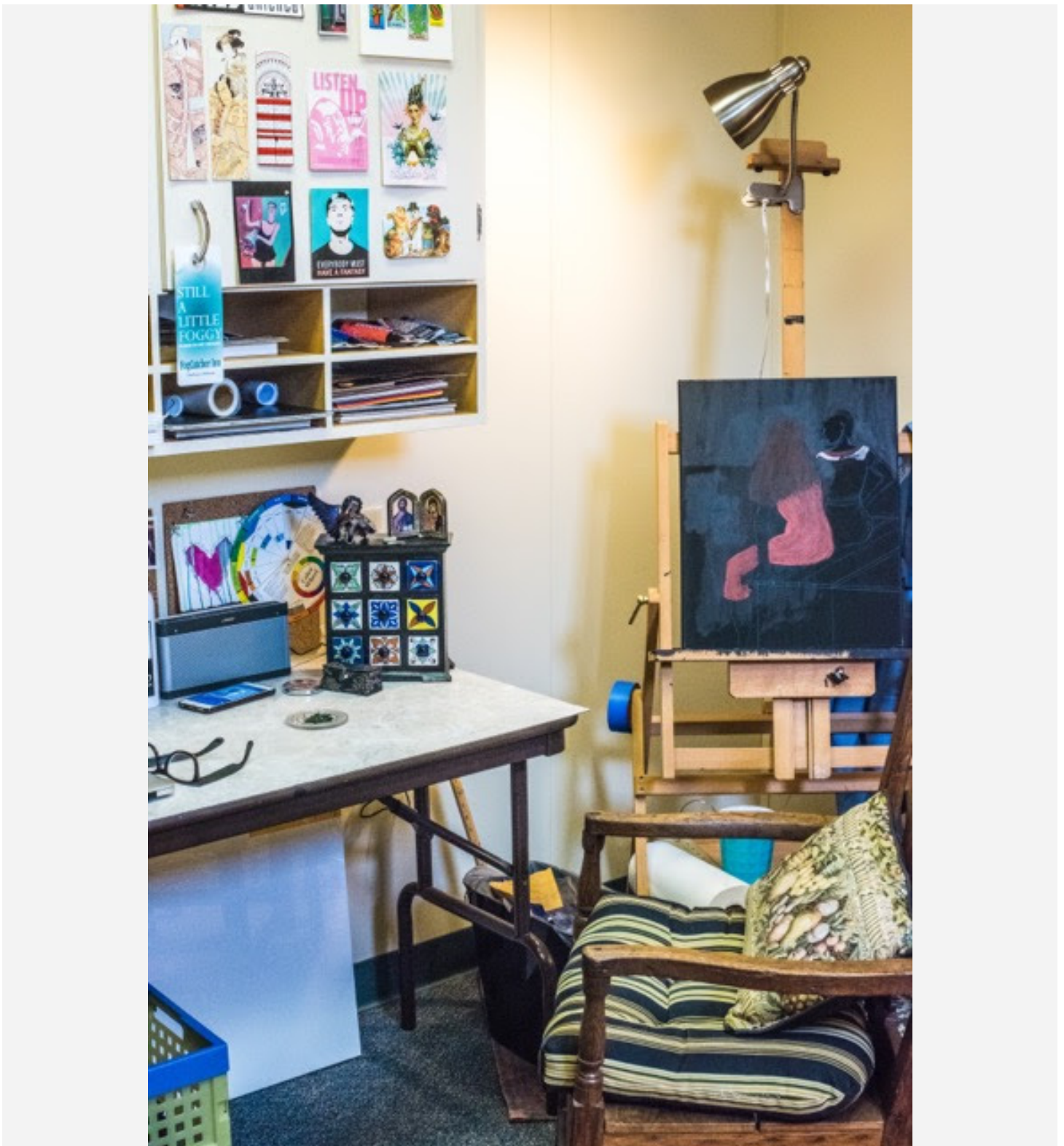
Richard will be greatly missed. A celebration of his life will be held at the Galena Center for the Arts on June 14 at 6 PM.



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**Studio Space Available**





Looking for a room of your own for your art projects? Need a place to display your art? Want to be involved with a community of artists?

Consider renting one of the art studios at the Center. Email Pat at [gallerymanager@GalenaCenterForTheArts.com](mailto:gallerymanager@GalenaCenterForTheArts.com) for a tour and details.

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**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 NW IL.**



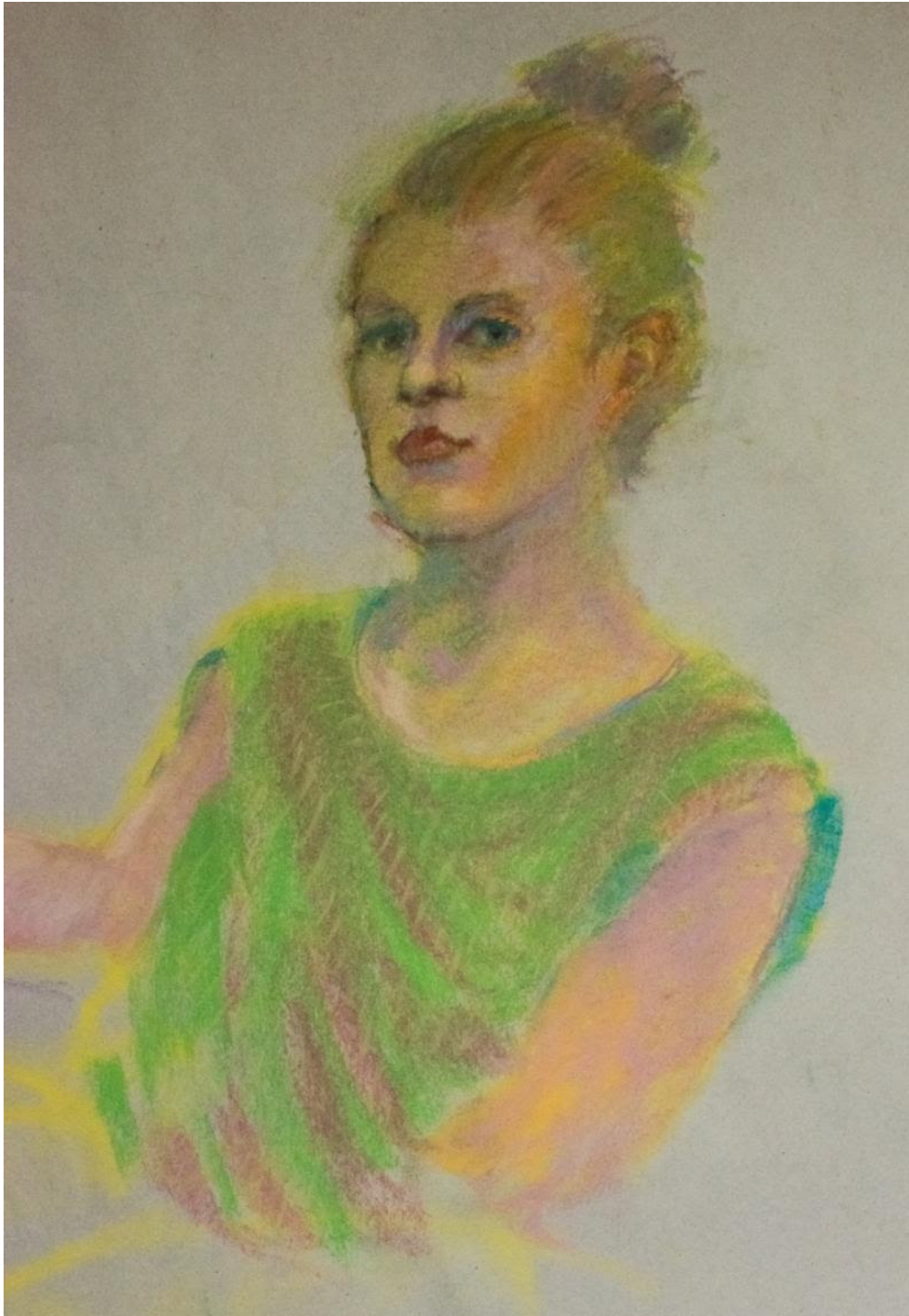
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## Workshops

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### Figure Drawing Thursdays 1:30–3:30 pm

Figure Drawing will continue through the end of June before we take a summer break for a couple months. Come to join the experience of drawing from a live model. Learning proportion and “drawing what you see” is enhanced with life drawing.



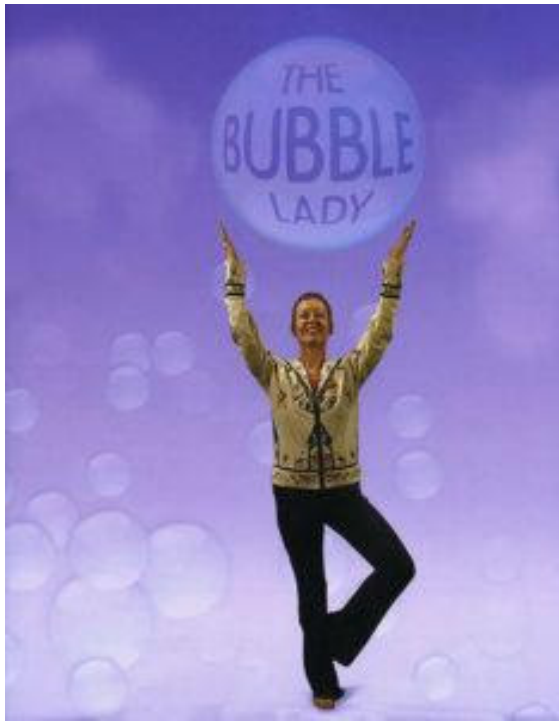
Sketch by James Lehnhardt

**Bring your own supplies. We supply the model. \$10 per session**

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## Classes

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**Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady  
Tuesday at 10:00-11:30 am  
Lower level of the Center**

[Click here to check the calendar](#)



Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller will be taking a break for the summer starting the end of May.

Classes resume on September 12.

[Click here to check the calendar](#)

This ongoing class integrates mindfulness with yoga and breath-work.

**Participants are guided in basic Hatha Yoga postures to their capacity, while maintaining moment-to-moment awareness, utilizing the breath to enhance flexibility, and exploring boundaries and limits in a gentle and caring way. Each class ends with deep relaxation.**

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## Volunteer Gardeners

We owe many thanks to the four ladies who have volunteered to take care of the flower garden near the door of the performance space. In unbearable heat, they have dug in what might be the worst soil in the county, organizing and planning and planting and watering, and already the space is looking so nice. Check out their progress the next time you come to the Center. Thank you Glee Bilderback, Linda Dupasquier, Laura Scoles and Mary Jane Schweih's!



Baby plants, blooming already.



Laura Scoles and Mary Jane Schweihs, hard at work.

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## Looking Ahead

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### Making Threads July 7, 10 am – 12 pm

Before you weave, knit, or sew, there is always thread. Janet Zehr and Patricia Lehnhardt will demonstrate the fine art of making threads—the initial process to creating fiber art. Learn the fascinating process that makes up the clothes you wear. Flax from seed to thread, wool from sheep to yarn, cotton from boll to thread, and mulberry paper from a sheet to a piece of fabric. There will also be a display of metal threads. [Read more...](#)



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### Embroidery Circle at the Center July 11 launch, 1–3 pm



**Calling all hand embroiderers! Do you have unfinished embroidery projects that you never have enough time to complete? Would you enjoy stitching with others and sharing tips? Would you like to see what other local embroiderers are doing? Here's your opportunity to participate in the Center's new, free "Embroidery Circle" weekly stitching activity, beginning July 11, 2018 and every Wednesday thereafter, 1-3 pm. Save the date!**

## **Fiber Fun Day July 21, 10 am – 2 pm**

**Come to the Center to try your hand with fiber. We will have several stations set up to learn and experience different forms of fiber art.**

**Bring your family and make a rope, a sheet of paper, or learn a few embroidery stitches. Take home a tiny treasure. It may spark a new hobby or beginning of a career in fiber art!**

[Read more...](#)



## **Summer Sunday Salons Ink these into your calendar!**

**Toccare  
Piano recital featuring  
Dr. Elaina Burns  
July 22, 4 pm**

**Woodin Family Recital  
August 12, 2 pm**





The Woodin Family returns to our corner of the world in August. John, Nancy, son Rob and daughter-in-law Lydia are preparing an afternoon of Broadway and light classical music that will include some old favorites and will also introduce some soon-to-be favorites.

Let Dr. Elaina Burns treat you to an afternoon of inspiring music by Bach, Scarlatti, Brahms, and more.

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## ***Play It Forward*** **August 4, 2018 at Woodbine Bend**

We are thrilled to announce that all proceeds from this year's *Play It Forward* Golf Fundraising Event sponsored by Scout the Magazine and Woodbine Bend will be shared by Galena Center for the Arts AND Timber Lake Playhouse! Golfers, mark your calendars and get your teams together for this August 4, 2018 golf event and dinner at Woodbine Bend!



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## **Thank You!**

- Bryan Ackerman
- Steve Barg
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Paul Chase
- Debra Clark
- Larissa Distler
- Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier
- Janet Eggleston
- Sally Frazer
- Lynn Giles
- Sheila Haman
- Dick Harmet
- Joan Harmet
- Debra Hyland
- Phil Jackman
- Terri Jackman
- Nancy McMenamin
- Paul McMenamin
- Kate Mills
- Dolores Nack
- John Palmer
- Charlene Price
- Rhonda Ransom
- Mary Jane Schweih
- Laura Scoles
- Diane Siese
- Fay Smith
- Kelly Sullivan Soley
- Carole Spelic
- Chris Chapin Tilton
- Sara Wentz
- Sandy Winge



- Mary Jo Losey
- Steve Lundgren
- Diann Marsh

- Trisha Wollam
- Janet Zehr

## Wish List

- Teams for the Galena ChalkFest on June 16
- Photocopy Paper
- Manila 3-cut File Folders for Standard Size File Cabinet (any color is acceptable)

[Click for the Center Website](#)

[Click for the Center Calendar](#)



If you need help signing up, just call **779-214-0261** and we can assist you.

[Click here to go to the Volunteer sign up page](#)

## Gallery Volunteers

Volunteering is good for the soul, and it really helps us to keep the gallery open four days a week.

This spring and summer season we are extending the hours to 11-4pm. There are two shifts, 11-1 and 1-4. Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.

Don't forget to click the "Sign up to volunteer" button. Thanks for all your valuable time and talents to share artwork with our visitors.

Please forward our newsletter to your friends and relatives. They can click below to receive their own monthly update. Thanks for sharing our news with others!

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Thanks so much for your support of the Galena Center for the Arts!

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