



# Galena Center for the Arts

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## Newsletter for May 2018



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**Greetings!**

**Hooray!! Spring has arrived!**

We have had lots of visitors at the Center in the last two months, and we love it! Over seven hundred people came to our *Broad Ideas* events, and many others came in to see our galleries. We happily welcomed the Pleasant View 4-H Club, who had their meeting at the Center; a visit from students from the Northwest Academy; folks from the Workshop; and a preview audience for the radio play from the Elizabeth Nursing Home. *Another Thin Man* radio play had overflow crowds, who appreciated some time for laughter and silly fun. And of course, we always love seeing you and your friends!

Now that warmer weather is here, we are busy with summer planning for exciting arts oriented activities for all ages. In June we will celebrate our fifth birthday! We hope all of you will help us celebrate and join our efforts to create a great future for the arts in our region.

Best wishes for a warm and wonderful Spring!

Carole

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Pleasant View 4-H Club



Northwest Academy

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## col·lab·o·ra·tions

*[kəˌlabəˈrāSH(ə)ns]*

the action of working with someone to produce or create something.

*synonyms: cooperation, alliance, partnership, participation, combination, association, concert, teamwork, joint effort, working together, coopetition*

Many works of art were created by two or four—or a family of nine artists: Sharpie drawings on pizza boxes, a paper dress with classy accessories, painted clay horses, and more. We celebrated with a reception to honor the artists and debut the works. The exhibit will be displayed until June 3, with new gallery hours of 11-4, Thursday through Sunday. Come to see what amazing art develops when artists collaborate.



## Member Trip to Chicago and Oak Park

Reminder for those of you who are considering our member trip to Chicago and Oak Park: We need the reservations for you and your friends by May 10.



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## Regional Artists Gallery

Gallery hours 11 am–4 pm Thursday through Sunday

All new artwork is displayed in our gallery. The artists are all from the Tri-State area: Galena and Millington, Illinois, Mineral Point and Madison, Wisconsin and Fort Dodge and Dubuque, Iowa. It's always a treat when they bring in new work. It will be displayed through June 3. Stop by 11-4 pm Thursday through Sunday to check it out. And make the rounds of the Artists Circle, which is always evolving with studio artists' work, new pieces, and old favorite paintings and photographs.



Regional Artists Gallery

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## Feature Gallery

Joe Bartch's drawings have attracted a lot of attention from our visitors, including his friends and colleagues, and Joe is thrilled to have a place to show his talent. We are delighted to display his work

and encourage young artists.



Joe Barch (right rear) and his friends who came to the Center to see his work.

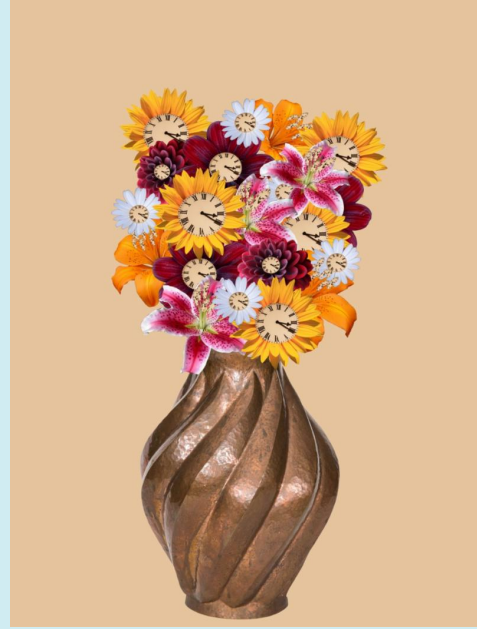
In the middle of May we will be switching out the Feature Gallery to include the CTE Academy National Art Honor Society prints by high school students. This year's theme is *Rewind*. The work was made around the idea of going back in time. Irene Thraen-Borowski, the graphic communications instructor at CTE Academy, is instrumental in bringing us these prints each spring.



Echo Taylor



Allison Sollars



Kate Knight

## Job Shadowing at the Center

Skylar Bultemeier shadowed Jan Lavacek, Janet Zehr, and Patricia Lehnhardt as they installed the current gallery exhibit, *Collaborations*. Skylar is a high school student interested in the arts. She was chosen by Les Virtue, the shop/consumer education teacher, at the Scales Mound School. Skylar is in his welding class and also attends the Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy in Elizabeth where she is a student of the Graphics Communications class.

She helped decide where to place artwork, assisted in moving pedestals and artwork, and labeling the artwork...all part of the job. She learned a bit of how the Center galleries work and used her creativity with very helpful suggestions.



## Upcoming Events

### *Stories of Our Wildflowers Part II*

**May 6, 2 pm**

Join videographer and retired biologist Richard Pearce for an hour's exploration of a half dozen of our local wildflowers. Last year Richard awed our audience with high definition videos of wildflowers—both rare and common—and their interaction with insects. This year there's more in store. In addition to video portrayals of regional wildflowers (some of which will be in bloom at the time of the talk), Pearce will explore the back stories behind some unusual if, in some cases, droll plant names.



Richard is entertaining and his high definition videos are amazing. This is a great inspiration to get out into the woods to see the wildflowers when they are in bloom. [For more information click here](#)

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## **Songwriters Showcase Featuring Doug Sievers May 17, 7-9 pm**

Doug Sievers is a fiction writer, poet, singer-songwriter, guitarist, painter, and lover of life and art. Join us to hear his music at our Songwriters Showcase on May 17.



# *Songwriters Showcase*

*Presents*

219 Summit St.

***Doug Sievers***

***40 year singer-songwriter,  
novelist, poet, and painter***



***May 17 - 7 to 9pm***

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

***This is a free concert.***

***Please consider contributing to-***

***GalenaCenterfortheArts.com***

**Always free, always fun!**

**As always, there is no charge for the Songwriters Showcase,  
but we do appreciate a donation. Join us for a great night of music!**

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**Artistry on Stage**



Our technical director, Jan Lavacek, designed and built the set for the recent production of *West Side Story* by the Dubuque Symphony and Heartland Ballet.



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. May ARRT tour dates are May 5 & 6.

## All River Road Talent (ARRT) and the Scenic Art Loop

We are proud to announce that Christine Warner, one of the Center's studio artists, has created this year's cover art for the Scenic Art Loop Map. Using her bright, vivid color palette, Christine's painting depicts a motivated shopper touring the area on a lovely spring day.

The Center is part of All River Road Talent (ARRT), a collective of experienced, professional artists and artisans, located in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties.



Christine Warner 2018  
*Loop Scooping* Acrylic 16"x20"

This group meets regularly sharing knowledge of craft and business and is dedicated to building a cultural and visitor awareness of our local artistic talent.



Each month, member artists open their studios, providing visitors the opportunity to encounter art from inception to masterpiece. ARRT's Scenic Art Loop Map lists the individual artist's locations, along with larger galleries, including the Galena Center for the Arts. Additionally, local businesses, such as area wineries, shops and restaurants, are indicated on the map which covers over 113 miles.

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## Workshops

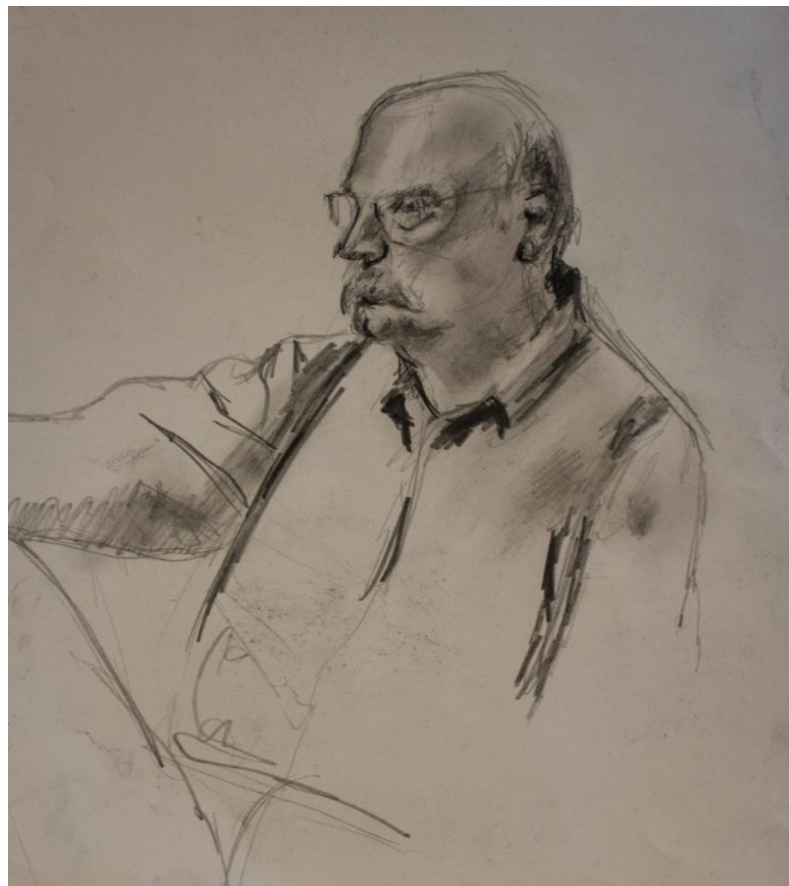
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### Figure Drawing Thursdays 1:30–3:30 pm

Human anatomy is taught in schools of fine arts throughout the world. Two minute or five minute poses can show action and form, but rarely detail. Longer poses, thirty or forty minutes, can allow time for a detailed face, or hand, or costume.

We have great models—male, female, young and *older*. The artists use pencil, charcoal, paints, pastels, or whatever they chose.

It's a very low-key comfortable atmosphere, so if you are new to this discipline, please come. Your fellow artists are there to help.



Sketch by Nick Majesky

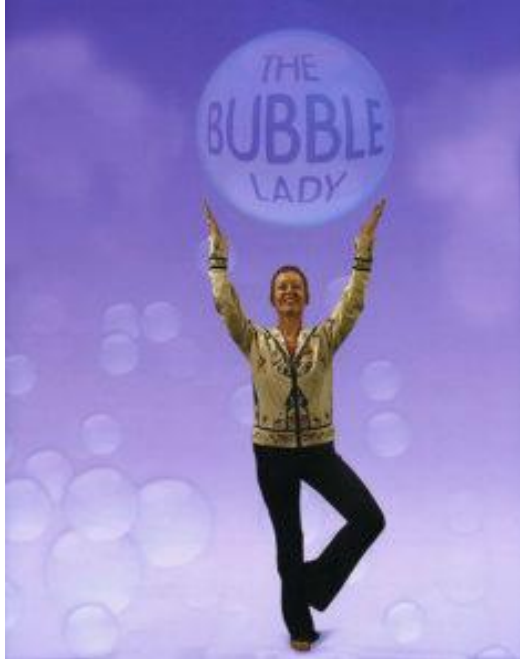
Bring your supplies and join in the experience. \$10 per session.

Thursdays 1:30–3:30 pm

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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**  
**Wednesday at 4:30-5:30 pm**  
**Lower level of the Center**

[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 of the Month - Gladdy Ressler**

**Gladdy Ressler was born into music. Growing up in a family of ten kids, she reminisces that they had no television, so their entertainment was singing around the piano. She and three sisters sang folk music in four-part harmony, and she and a brother pooled their meager funds to buy a guitar. When the family moved to Epworth, Iowa, the local seminarians taught them to play and joined in the music-making. Surrounded by harmony and family, Gladdy grew up to carry and share those values through her life.**



**As an adult, Gladdy took time off from performing to raise her seven children, though music was always in her heart. A few years ago, she was able to return to performing and jamming with other musicians—and the local music scene hasn't been the same since. She can be heard singing and playing with The Ressler Family Band, Gladdy & the Soulmates, and the Bluegrass Alumatics.**

Along with her own song-writing, singing and playing, she has opened many opportunities for others. She is very generous to other musicians, creating venues for them to perform in as well as giving them encouragement. She and her brother Bob began and run Open Mic on Wednesday evenings in the Blu Room at Breezer's Pub in Dubuque, and she started a monthly bluegrass jam at the Smokestack in Dubuque's Millwork District. For her efforts and influence, she was recently awarded the 365Inc. Impact Award for Music.

Given all that and the fact that she had previously sung at one of the Center for the Arts' Singer/Songwriter evenings, it's no surprise that she was asked to organize a concert of talented women musicians for *Broad Ideas*, the Center's presentation of many different arts by women. Billed as *A Night of a Dozen Roses*, the show included performances by twelve talented musicians, including Gladly herself, playing and singing. About the Center for the Arts, Gladly is very appreciative that another music venue is available for local talent. "A phenomenal thing is going on here," she says-- high praise from one who contributes so much to our area.

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## Looking Ahead

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# Galena ChalkFest 2018



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 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 to join the First Community Bank of Galena and the Illinois State Bank as a sponsor of the event! Our

featured chalk artist will be Emily Cotton Cram.

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## *Fête de la Musique*

On **June 21**, we'll join over **800 cities in 120 countries** in a free celebration of music

called the *Fête de la Musique*.

Mark your calendar now for the perfect way to enjoy the summer solstice, and watch for details in next month's newsletter.

**CAUTION**

Exposure to music:

May cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness, increased talent extreme amounts of FUN.



PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK!

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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!**

- Susan Barg
- Bill Boehler and Eleanor Makris
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Clarke College
- Candy Crossley
- DeSoto House Hotel Staff
- Jean Dregne
- Cathie Elsbree
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- Sue Jirkovsky
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- Kathy Leonard
- Nancy and Paul McMenemin
- Delores Nack
- Lauri Petersburg
- Charlene Price
- David Resnick
- Leslie Waltman
- Kathy Winkelhake
- Janet Zehr

## **Wish List**

- Drip coffee maker
  - Paper shredder
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## 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.

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](#)

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.

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