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The Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for November, 2014



Dear Dennis & Leslie,

Welcome to our first Newsletter! Please use this to plan ahead and mark your calendar for activities you don't want to miss at the Center.

We're new at this, so feel free to send feedback!

We want to share the good news that we now have our tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status, and also that the Zoning Board and Galena City Council approved our request for re-zoning and for sub-dividing the property on Summit Street. Progress, slow but sure! We now have a sign on the building so we're easier to find, and we've continued to work on the building. Recently 8 volunteers spent a morning peeling up 4,000 pounds of old cracked tiles from the floor of the lower level, so we can start using that space for our programming.

You are invited to our opening reception for "Pottery Then and Now" on Friday, Nov. 7 from 5-8 PM. Hope you can help us celebrate another great exhibit. (And there will be lots of pottery for sale, if you are looking to get some Christmas shopping done early!)

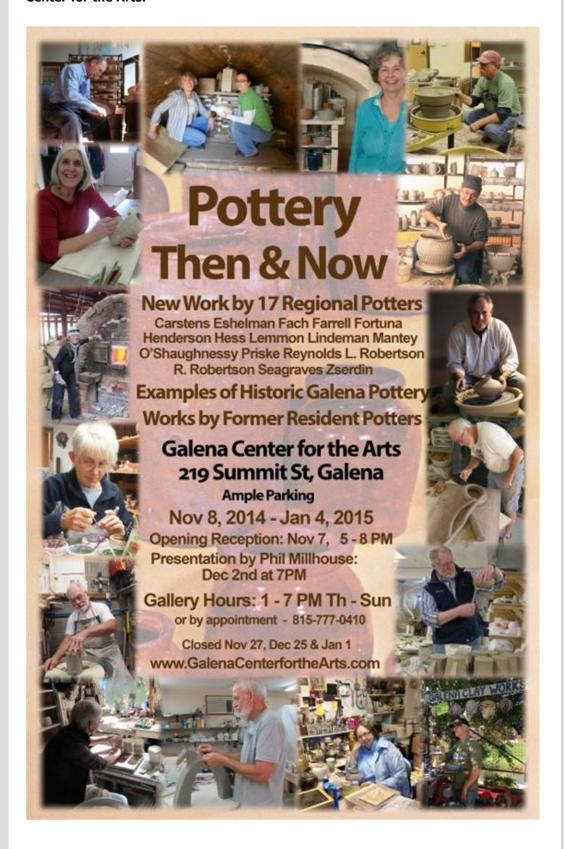
As we move forward with the Center, we are developing a "wish list" of items that would help us greatly, but that we aren't in a position to purchase at this time.

We would be delighted to have:

- A flat-screen TV or monitor, at least 27 or 32 inch size, so we can continue to screen the Alfie Mueller video for the public. We also need a DVD player for the same purpose.
- A gently used refrigerator. Doesn't need to be fancy, but needs to keep things cold.

· Gently used folding chairs.

Thanks so much for your support! We look forward to seeing you at the Galena Center for the Arts.



Pottery Then and Now at the Galena Center for the Arts

Opening reception Nov. 7

The Galena Center for the Arts opens an exciting new exhibit, **Pottery Then and Now**, with an opening reception from 5-8 PM on Friday November 7 in the gallery at 219 Summit Street in Galena. Thereafter, the exhibitis open to the public Thursday through Sunday 1 p.m.to 7 p.m every week through January 4 (excluding Nov. 27, Dec. 25 and Jan 1).

The exhibit includes 17 regional contemporary potters and ceramic sculptors, whose work will be for sale, as well as a not-for-sale display of work by clay artists including Bob Behr, Monty Young, Joe Teller, Steve Tomazewski, Byron Temple, Jeffrey Lach, Mary Ann Leigh and Heather Swan Davis and Tom Harnack, who lived and worked in this area but have since relocated. At the opening reception there will be a silent auction for a few highly collectible Bob Behr pots. Pottery making demonstrations will be offered at various times during the period of the exhibit.

In addition, shards, photos, and works of famous collectible old Galena Pottery, circa 1850, will be featured. In the 1840's to 1860's when Galena was reportedly larger in population than Chicago, there was great demand for utilitarian ware and Galena was rich in red clay deposits and other valuable natural resources to create needed kitchen ware, crocks, churns, jugs, pitchers, bottles, etc. The abundance of lead and other minerals found in Galena gave the ware its distinctive color and spotting.

Dec. 2 Phil Millhouse presentation

On Dec. 2 at 7 PM archeologist Phil Millhouse will make a presentation on his research on very early Native American ceramics from our region. Additional viewing times may be made by appointment by calling 815 777 0410 or 815 777 1100. For upcoming pottery demonstrations, events and lectures to be held during the exhibit, check http://www.galenacenterforthearts.org/





Starting November 12, 4-6 PM

On Nov. 8, from 7 to 9 PM, we offer an evening of "Audible Art".

Singer, songwriter L.A. Suess will be joined by Steve White, Lenny Wayne Hosey and Andrew Houy, showcasing original music.

We are happy to announce that the Winter Farmer's Market will be in our lower level the second Wednesday of each month from 4-6 PM.

Suess's comments on the event:

"Visual artists use color and design to create their work, and they have a gallery to show their work. Songwriters use major and minor tones to create a feeling for the words to ride on, and very few of us have a venue where we have a listening audience to share our work with.

Audible Art offers us a chance to show our art like the visual artist. Combining the visual art and the audible art is a natural. The more senses we affect, the more affective we are.

It is my hope that the Arts Center can offer songwriters a chance to show their work and be encouraged and inspired to write more.

Maybe at a later date there will be enough interest to offer songwriting seminars or co-writing between us. Who knows where this could go, but for now it can grow a network of writers that have a respectful group of listeners to present their work to."

About the artists:





Video Premiere

Nov. 13 (7 pm), 14 (1 pm)

The Galena Center for the Arts, in collaboration with Highland Community College, will present the premiere screening of a new video production,

Erosion of the Land and Erosion of the People:

Illinois in the Great Depression

Don Luman, Ryan Domier, and Joel Dexter

Illinois State Geological Survey & Prairie Research Institute

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign