Dear Dennis & Leslie,

It’s already March, and Spring should be around the corner! Even if Spring is slow in coming, there is lots to do at the Center for the Arts!

If you haven’t seen “For the Love of Textiles” yet, be sure to get there by March 29! Quilts and coverlets from circa 1800 to today, needle felting, weaving’s, lace weaving embroidery, mixed media, needlework, and more!!

Bed Turnings are every Saturday afternoon at 3 PM.
Please read about additional activities going along with this exhibit, and other up-coming arts events.

Sunday, March 1, at 1 PM, Karen Wilson will give a presentation about her experiences in “60 Days of Stitching at the Royal School of Needlework” in London.

Monday March 9, 6 PM, Needle Felting Workshop taught by Larissa Distler. Class fee: $20 includes supplies.

Saturday, March 7 from 10-12 AM Kids Can Quilt

The Galena Center for the Arts will sponsor a workshop for children ages 8-12 on Saturday, March 7, led by Galena Territory resident Karen Galer, assisted by Maureen Bardusk and Ginger Komiskey. Using precut shapes, participants will learn and deconstruct traditional patterns, and then choose fabrics to create their own blocks, which will be ironed and fused in this no-sewing technique. Color, pattern, shape, and geometry will be emphasized as elements of design. Finished blocks will be signed and displayed during the “For the Love of Textiles” exhibit, and can be retrieved when the exhibit ends. Early registration is
encouraged. To register for classes, or for more information, call 815-777-0410, or go to www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com. **Class fee: $15 includes supplies.**

**Tuesday March 10, Songwriter's Workshop**, led by L.A.Suess and Lenny Wayne Hosey. 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in songwriting is welcome.

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**Belly Dance Class** with Amanda Joy

Classes begin Tuesday January 27th!

This is an 8 week class, meeting every Tuesday from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Classes will be held at The Galena Center for the Arts, 219 Summit Street.

Only $40.00 for the entire 8 week course!

Call Amanda at 815.821.1430 or contact me via Facebook at www.facebook.com/amandajoydance.

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Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17 at 6:15 PM
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Wednesday March 25, **Audible Art**

**Songwriter's Showcase** 7-9 PM
Wednesday March 11, 4-6 PM  **March Winter Farmers' Market and Craft Fair**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

In April, we will be participating in the city-wide celebration of the "**Peace in Union**". Our participation includes:

April 9, 6 PM: "**Remembering Old Galena**" performed at the DeSoto House Hotel on the actual 150th anniversary of the end of the war, and also celebrating the 160th anniversary of the DeSoto House Hotel in Galena. The **Galena United Methodist Church Community Handbell Choir** will also perform that night. Performances, dinner and dessert, $35, DeSoto House Hotel Ballroom (230 S. Main Street, Galena, IL) call 815.777.0090. Hosted by the DeSoto House Hotel. **Reservations required.**

April 11,7:30 PM: We have arranged for the **Cadenza Chamber Choir** from Dubuque to sing as a prelude to the "**Peace in Union**" performance at Turner Hall (115 S. Bench Street, Galena, IL). Get your tickets early to this fine evening of entertainment. $10, call 815.777.9129. **Reservations recommended.**

April 12: 1-4 PM: Opening of **Galena Center for the Arts** next special exhibit, which will be portraits of the nine Galena Generals, showing modern works by Hal Martin, Frank LiCiardi and Norbert Leinen, among other more conventional styles. The opening, from 1-4 on Sunday afternoon, will include costumed ladies telling about each of the generals. **No admittance fee, donations are welcome.**
Many thanks go to all the people who are making the Galena Center for the Arts an exciting place to be. When you see these folks, give them a pat on the back for all their good work! They include:

* The committee that created the “For the Love of Textiles” exhibit: Maureen Bardusk, Charlotte Kennedy, Ginger Komiskey, Barbara Woodford and Janet Zehr,
* Jo Freund, who is in charge of our opening receptions, and Bryan and Jenni Ackerman for assisting,
* Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, our curator for the regional artists gallery, which has a whole new look in the last couple weeks,
* Diann Marsh has created a peaceful and relaxing space for a lending library for art books,
* Vicki Copp-Rutenbeck has been working on our mailing lists and database,
* Dennis Waltman has worked diligently to send out our newsletters and notices for volunteers, and
* Toni Klingler, who is keeping our finances in order.

Leslie and Dennis Waltman protecting the donation jar!

And there are so many others, who have helped with everything from writing thank-you notes to shoveling snow to making donations to staffing the gallery and helping with our “bed turnings”.

It is all important, and very much appreciated!

Looking Ahead

The Galena Center for the Arts will be hosting a Dubuque International Film Festival "Sneak Peek" on Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22. They will be showing a Feature film, as well as two Shorts, each night picked from the Official
Selections of the Festival. The showings will be at the **Galena Center for the Arts** beginning at 7 PM.

**Youth Arts Festival** April 26 at **Chestnut Mountain Lodge**. Check out the Youth Arts Festival Facebook page for details.

Don't forget to "Like" the **Galena Center for the Arts** on Facebook.

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

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