Dear Dennis & Leslie,

We hope you are enjoying this lovely summer weather in beautiful Jo Daviess County. If you haven’t found time to stop by the Center to see “The Wonder of Wood”, be sure to do that by July 26. It’s a fine exhibit, and it has a new addition...a bigger than life statue of Artemis carved of mahogany by David Seagraves.

An amazing work! Don’t miss it.

Our June Senior Connection event, organized by Delight McCrea and Lee Strickland, was a presentation by Dick McCartin about his wood relief sculptures shown in “The Wonder of Wood” exhibit. Dick brought in tools and chisels, plans and partially completed artworks to describe his process for creating the sculptures. An interesting event for our neighbors at the Midwest Senior Care Center.
If you haven’t staffed the gallery for a while, or would like to give it a try, please sign up as a volunteer. Summer vacations have been playing havoc with our scheduling! You can sign up at GalenaCenterForTheArts.com. Click on the Volunteer tab, the magic password is volunteer or call Carole at 815-777-0410 and she can answer any questions and get you on the list.

**Acvities this month. Please join us!**

**Togo Dance Classes with Masina Ategou**

Date: July 15  
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Masina Pascal Ategou is a native of Togo, West Africa. He has been dancing since he learned to walk, a heritage instilled in him by his mother, who taught him the traditional dances of the Losso people. Masina’s love for dance and music led him to master the traditional dances of the Ewe and Kabye people as well.

Masina has been a member choreographer and Co-founder of Dance companies around the world. Amazonia Boys Dance group in Togo (Kpalime); Zota Cultural Dance group in Togo (Kpalime); West Indian Folk Dance Company in Chicago; Pan-Africain Dance Ensemble in Chicago; Action Culturelle Sans Frontieres in Central Africa Republic and more recently with the Ballet Africano de Montevideo in Uruguay. Masina is also known for his mastery of the modern dance form soukous (also known as n’dombolo) from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Our **Friday Flix for Kids** program will continue in July and in August through August 14. Each Friday at 6 PM, children age 8 to 13 are welcomed in the performance space at the
Center for the Arts for a movie event. The evening begins with an old-fashioned cartoon (remember “That’s all Folks!”?) and some interactive conversation about the subject matter of the movie, followed by a showing of the movie. For *Lassie Come Home*, a representative from SafeHaven talked about responsible pet ownership, and brought in a dog for petting. For *Free Willy*, we discussed Orca whales and dolphins, and looked at books about whales before watching the movie, which was, of course, about a whale.

Friday July 10 will be the family favorite *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, starring Gene Wilder. (To see what we are screening you can go to [GalenaCenterForTheArts.com](http://GalenaCenterForTheArts.com) each week and we will have it listed.) And always there is popcorn to munch while viewing. This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to bring their kids and grandkids for a fun evening, which is over by 8 PM. Children younger than 8 should be accompanied by an adult.

The Friday Flix for Kids program is free, thanks to a gift from the Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities. Thank you JDCCFC!

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**Belly Dance classes with Amanda Joy continue on Tuesdays at 6:15 PM**

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**Yoga classes with Marion Roberts continue Tuesdays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM**

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**MELT classes in July and August**

“MELT” AWAY YOUR ACHES & PAINS

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July’s *Songwriter’s Showcase* will be at 7 PM on July 23, featuring Dave Pingel, Ron Frank, and Kyle Grant.
Did you wake up this morning feeling like your feet or low back were a little stiff? Or, have you noticed that when you get up after sitting for a long time your joints are a little achier than when you sat down? If this sounds familiar, then MELT is for you!

With a background in yoga, health coaching and extensive training in The MELT Method, Linda Rode will be your guide as you learn how to reduce inflammation, ease chronic neck and low back strain, improve alignment, enhance athletic performance and keep your whole body feeling great at any age. Don’t miss your chance to experience this breakthrough self-care system featured in "The MELT Method" book. (January, 2013, Harper Collins)

For more information and to reserve your space in the upcoming classes being held in July & August, click on the link below:

https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=232035&stype=-8&sView=day

The photo of Roy Schroedl was taken by Jan Lavacek at the June showcase.

August 1 will be our opening reception for our first one-man show “Change, a showing of Hal Martin’s Painting”.
Many of Hal's recent paintings investigate sustainability in one way or another, so we will have some other events related to ecology and sustainability during August and September.

**August 22** we will begin movies for adults. Grace McPhillips, who produced and starred in "The Other One", will join us to talk about how it was produced. "The Other One" was filmed locally, and used a number of local actors who will also be involved in the discussion after we view the film. Should be a fun and highly interesting evening. More details on that coming next month.

Check out the list of the artists whose work is now exhibited at the Center. How lucky we are to have so much talent in our region!

**Painters**: John Badger, Beth Bird, Lu Bleveans, Janet Checker, Charles Fach, Lavon Jackman, Carl Johnson, Arthur Kdav (aka Keith Davis), Jan Lavacek, Diann Marsh, Alice McMahon, Stormy Mochal, Charlene Price, Hal Martin, Brian McCormick

**Potters**: Richard Hess, Carol Mantey, Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, Larry Priske, Adrienne Seagraves

**Sculptors**: Paul Chase, Gary David, John Martinson, Dick McCartin, Marie McDonough, Ray Miller, Nikolaus Miesing,
David Seagraves, Tim Sweely, Gene Tully

Photographers: Mark Dierker, Michael Johnson, Archie Lieberman, Larry Roemer, Lynn Werner, Bob Rivoire

Instrument makers: violin David Ness, guitar and mandolin Ray Thraen

Mixed media: John Arndt, Maureen Bardusk

Baskets: Toni Klingler

Woodworkers: Turned Bowls Lyndal Anthony, Steve Coates, Candlesticks Tyler David,

Chain Saw Art: Dick Budden

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