Dear Dennis & Leslie,

Jo Daviess County is always amazing when the trees start to turn. Wishing you a colorful, beautiful and art-filled Fall.
We have some wonderful events lined up for October. Scroll down to see all the info about them. We are especially pleased to be able to celebrate two years of Songwriter’s Showcases with a Songwriter’s Appreciation Party. Please plan to join us on Oct. 20.

The Center now has two yoga classes running. Take this opportunity to stretch, breathe, relax and rewind, with Marion on Tuesday mornings, or Kate on Wednesday afternoons.

We are overjoyed by the number of individuals and businesses that have become Charter Members. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement for the Arts in Galena, and special thanks to our Corporate Members.

We have extended accepting Charter Memberships to the Center until the 6th of October, so if you’d like to become a Charter Member, please go to our Website or send in your hard-copy form postmarked by Oct 6th.

Many thanks to the Galena/Jo Daviess CVB for featuring us in their Galena Country Journal CVB and for creating a video about the Center for the Arts Video.

Carole Sullivan
Executive Director

*Barns: Ephemeral Icons* Thursday Oct 6 at 7 PM

with

Daryl Watson

The Galena Center for the Arts is pleased to host a unique presentation by Daryl Watson, titled *Barns: Ephemeral Icons*, featuring Daryl’s photographs of historic barns in our area. *Barns: Ephemeral Icons* will start at 7 PM on Thursday, October 6 in the lower level of the Galena Center for the Arts.

The classic wooden barn of the Midwest is increasingly an “endangered species”, and Daryl is the perfect person to be
able to explain historic types of barns, their uses, and how they might be reclaimed today, rather than allowed to go to ruin.

In this slide presentation Daryl will present a nostalgic yet pragmatic look at the plight of the American barn. He will concentrate on area barns as he describes their evolution and increasing obsolescence. Several case studies will be presented. He will ask the question: Is there a future for these American icons and the stories they can tell, or will they simply become a fading curiosity—something treasured by the artist and historian, but few others?

Watson was raised on the family farm on the eastern side of Jo Daviess County. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he earned bachelor’s degrees in history and geography, then went on to graduate school at the University of Illinois, where he earned his master’s and Ph.D.

For the next six years, he served as the City of Galena’s administrative assistant. He then was asked to take over the executive director’s position at the Galena Historical Society and Museum, a position he held for the next 18 years.

He teaches history and geography courses for Highland Community College.

He is particularly interested in the preservation of both the built and natural environments.

This program accompanies the featured art exhibit at the Center titled Barns, Boards and Battens. The gallery will stay open until 7 PM the evening of this presentation, so attendees can also view the Barns: Ephemeral Icons artwork by regional artists.
Lots of new work in the Regional Artists' Gallery

These and many others!
We love our volunteers, and you will be happy to know that we now have WiFi at the Center! Please consider signing up for one shift a month....it would be an incredible help to us to be able to know in advance that the gallery shifts will be covered. **We especially need help for Saturday and Sunday shifts.** You can access our schedule app by clicking on this link: [GalenaCenterfortheArts](#)

Scroll down to read about

Elizabeth Boggess & Ginny Yarborough

The monthly ARRT (All River Road Talent) tour will be Oct 1 - 2.

Hop into the car and visit some of the many amazing artists in our area.

Check it out! [Click here>>](#)

Open Studio Night Thursday Oct 13 - 6 to 8 PM

We now have eight artists working in our studios at the Center, and many of them will be there to greet you on Oct 13 from 6-8 PM. We invite you to join us for light snacks and intelligent conversations. Our artists will be there to share their talent and show their artwork, in media ranging from needlework to oil painting to stained glass to wood carving.
We are celebrating two years of great original music created by our regional singer songwriters. All of the performers that have graced our stage in that time have been invited back for an appreciation party. And of course, the listening public is also invited!

The doors open at 5:30, with food and beverages available starting at 6, featuring Lenny’s pulled pork (as long as it lasts!), scrumptious salads and sides by Ginny and Elizabeth, and amazing desserts by Laura and Laurie. We’ll have door prizes too. But most of all, we’ll have MUSIC! All the musicians who have joined us in the last two years will be invited to share a song or two to help us celebrate. If you have missed some of the showcases, this single show will give you a rewarding sampling of music from songwriters of the last two years.

Some of our songwriters have previous engagements, but so far we are assured of music from Roy Schroedl, Bruce Kort, Gladys Ressler, Jim Post, Scott Guthrie, Pearl Breitbach, Maureen Kilgore, Mark Brewer, Jimmy Berg, Don Greenwood, River Glen Breitbach, Ron Frank, Dave Pingel, Lenny Wayne and L.A. Suess, and we are hearing from other artists every day. There is no charge for this performance, but donations are always happily accepted. Don’t miss this joyful celebration!
Haven’t you always wanted to learn how to waltz? Maybe you want to glide around the room doing the foxtrot or have some real fun with the swing. Your dreams could come true with ballroom dance classes for beginners at the Galena Center for the Arts this fall and winter. Elizabeth Boggess, who started ballroom dancing when she was in first grade, will teach you the basics and in addition, promise you a fun class. How can you resist? You will need to bring a dancing partner and the cost will be $45 per couple for a session which will include 3 classes.

The classes will be offered on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 P.M. downstairs at the art center. The first three sessions will focus on the waltz and will begin on Sunday, October 23, Sunday, October 30 and the last waltz class will be on Sunday, November 6.

The second set of three classes will start in January and will feature the foxtrot. The dates for those classes will be Sunday, January 8, 15, 22. Dates for the swing in February will be determined after the first of the year.

Come join the fun of ballroom dancing at the Galena Center for the Arts. If you have questions, you can call Elizabeth at 512-971-2289 or email at eboq1249@gmail.com.

No, we won’t look like this when we are learning to waltz, nor will our “dancehall” look so grand, but look closely and you might recognize some of these dancers.

Your opinion matters!
Please consider sending a review of a performance or exhibit that you have attended to Yelp or TripAdvisor or to any other of the travel guides.

We need your help to let guests to Galena know that we are here, and to plan on visiting us.

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Other progress at the Center!

We now have a telephone at the Center (call 779-214-0261), and WiFi! This will make our office work so much easier, as well as allow us soon to be able to accept Credit cards. Be patient with us…..we’re still setting it up….but at least it will be functional soon!

**Adult Art Room**

We now have some adult coloring books waiting to be filled with color…bring a friend and chat and color together!

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**Yoga Classes with Marion**

Tuesday - 10 AM

**Mindful Yoga with Kate**

Wednesday - 4:30 PM
Other News of Note

Looking ahead....another

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Nov. 10-13

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Tickets may be purchased On-line, at the Center during regular gallery hours (Thursday through Sunday, 1-6 PM) or

Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller

*Integrating Body, Mind and Breath*

- Focusing on foundational breathing and postures
- Develop strength, flexibility and balance
- Experience relief from physical & mental tension
- Each class ends with deep relaxation

**Wednesday’s 4:30-5:30 pm**
**September 28-November 16**

Galena Center for the Arts,
219 Summit St, Galena IL

The 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, exploring boundaries and limits in a gentle and caring way.

This is not about breaking our body into shape or twisting into a pretzel, instead nourishing it with special kind attention.

Suggested donation $10, no one turned away

Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothes, bring a Yoga Mat

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Volunteers of the Month - Elizabeth Boggess & Ginny Yarborough

“Next to jazz music, there is nothing that lifts the soul like a good bowl of chilli” (Henry James.) “If music be the food of love, play on...” (Shakespeare, Twelfth Night). We say that music “feeds” the soul.

Music and food have long been linked, so, early on, when attendance at the Songwriters' Showcase needed a boost, friends Ginny Yarborough and Elizabeth Boggess decided that offering supper would be a way to encourage people to attend. They have been doing it ever since, serving a variety of yummy dishes to a growing audience of hungry music lovers. (Click here for the recipe of one of their most popular and delicious soups.)

Both Ginny and Elizabeth already had a connection to the Center for the Arts through their husbands, even before becoming dedicated volunteers. With spouse Lenny Wayne Hosey, co-founder of the Songwriters' Showcase, Ginny has often hosted groups of musicians and listeners. Also, being artistic herself and trained in the arts, she is creative and comes up with new ideas, such as having a banner for the Showcase. Elizabeth, married to ceramic artist Richard Hess, has volunteered at the Center in various capacities, even including scraping up old tiles on the theater floor. In October, she’ll be leading a ballroom dance class.

Both Ginny and Elizabeth are enthusiastic about the Center's musical programs. Elizabeth comments, "The Songwriters' Showcase is a hidden gem in Galena. For the musicians,

Elizabeth Boggess & Ginny Yarborough

"it's a venue in which people are really listening [opposed to a bar or club.] For the audience, it's a unique opportunity for us to hear local talent. I don't know of any other place that can provide that.”

Currently, Elizabeth and Ginny are planning for the special treats to be offered at the gala, two-year celebration of the Songwriters' Showcase on October 20 (for which, Ginny comments, they would love to have help.) These Volunteers of the Month richly deserve both the honor and our appreciation!

Volunteering is Good for You and Fun too!

Spend an afternoon once a week, every other week, or as often as you like at the Center’s reception table welcoming and helping visitors.

Summer hours are from 1 to 6 PM. We need staffing from 1-4 PM, and from 4-6 PM Thursday through Sunday. We especially need help for Saturday and Sunday shifts.

Please sign up to staff!

You can access our schedule app by clicking on this link: GalenaCenterfortheArts

The magic password is volunteer.

Questions?

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