Dear Dennis & Leslie,

There is so much happening at the Galena Center for the Arts in April!

Not only will the *Jac and Gail, Together Again* exhibit, the Regional Art Teachers’ Exhibit, and the new work in the Regional Artists' Gallery continue at the Gallery, Thursdays through Sundays, from 1-6 PM, but there will be a number of special events, ranging from our first choral concert to the Youth Arts Festival to a new WGCA radio theater production.

Be sure to scroll down to see all the choices!

Carole Sullivan

Executive Director
Jac Tilton is a former art educator and has held various management positions in advertising, marketing, graphic design and web development.

He has worked almost exclusively in watercolor for most of his career, but recently has added non-representational works in graphite, carbon and charcoal to his portfolio.

Tilton’s drawings have been included in the Strokes of Genius: Best of Drawing series, volumes 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 and his watercolor, “Waiting for the CTA”, received Best of Show honors at the Illinois Watercolor Society’s 29th National Juried Exhibition.

He is a signature member of the Illinois Watercolor Society and signature member of the Iowa Watercolor Society.

Jac is also a member of the National Watercolor Society and the Transparent Watercolor Society.
Jan Lavacek, Gail Chavenelle, and Carole Sullivan

Beginning with childhood paper dolls, chains, pop-out books, and greeting cards, Gail Chavenelle has been intrigued by paper sculpture. She loved the forms, but wanted the works to be more permanent. Instead of sheets of paper, she works with sheets of steel.

Gail is interested, as in paper sculpture, in creating expanded and three dimensional images from a flat metal sheet. Many designs are one-piece.

Chavenelle is known for her stylized figure sculptures in steel. The curvilinear figurative forms exhibit an organic quality that transcends the connotations of the medium. Instead of harsh edges, there is line and movement. Her sculptures have been called “Sketches in Metal.”
Our volunteers are so important to us! Scroll down to read about
Lenny Wayne Hosey and L.A. Suess

COMING EVENTS

The Julien Chamber Choir presents their spring concert “Cinema Choral Classics” on Monday, April 4 at 7 pm at the Galena Center for the Arts. Julien Chamber Choir, directed by Kristen Eby, is made up of professional and amateur musicians from around the tri-state area, and performs a wide variety of choral styles, including classical, folk and spirituals. In addition to their regular fall and spring concerts, they have been guest performers for the Illinois Choral Director’s Association and the Dubuque Arboretum Summer Concert Series.

Selections will include iconic music from Chariots of Fire, The Wizard of Oz, Sweeney Todd, O Brother Where Art Thou, Breakfast at Tiffany’s and many more.

Suggested donation $7 at the door; students free.

Yoga Classes with Marion
Tue @ 10 AM and Thu @ 5:30 PM
(Guided Meditation on 1st Thu, 7-7:30 PM, $5)
April 13, 4-6 PM with a special presentation by Master Gardener Krista Ginger at 5 PM, on gardening in harmony with nature, including deer, rabbits and other animals.

April 13 will be the last Winter Farmer’s Market and Craft Fair of the season. We so enjoy all the wonderful fresh foods and artful crafts displayed there each month during winter.

**Hypnotik** - an exploration into psychedelic visuals will be on display at the Center from April 14 thru May 8. CTE Academy National Art Honor Society members chose either black & white or multi-color and the 2D media of their choice to create works. The show theme and title are all student chosen.

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Carson Osborn, River Ridge Senior  
Izabella Johnson, Galena Junior
About NAHS: The CTE Academy National Art Honor Society is open to any high school student in Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties that is enrolled in an art class, maintains a B average or higher in all art classes, completes 20 hours of art related community service, and displays good character. The CTE Academy National Art Honor Society is part of the national chapter and adheres to the overarching goal of "spreading art awareness in self, school, and community. This year, the CTE Academy NAHS has 17 members that span grades 9-12 and come from 8 different towns. NAHS is sponsored by CTE Academy teacher Irene Thraen-Borowski and has been very active in our community for the past 6 years.

April 17, in collaboration with the Galena ARC we present the Youth Arts Festival at Chestnut Mountain Resort 10 AM - 4 PM. Please support our area youth! Every child in the county is invited through their schools to be an exhibiting artist or performer in this show.

Join Us And
Celebrate the Young at Art

See first hand the spark of creativity our local arts educators inspire and nurture in our preschool through high school students. This inclusive, non-commercial, and non-competitive setting will showcase visual arts, choral, and instrumental performances from Jo Daviess County public, private, and parochial schools.

When
Sunday, April 17, 2016
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where
Chestnut Mountain Resort
8700 W. Chestnut Mountain Rd.
Outdoors, weather permitting. Indoors if rain.

After the Youth Arts Festival on the 17th, stop by the Center at 2:30 for “Can I Eat That?”, a
Exploring Wild Foods with Lisa Acosta

presentation in collaboration with the Galena Earthweek Activities.

Before you treat your lawn and eradicate those weeds this spring, why not learn how some of these plants can actually be used as food and medicine? Let Lisa Acosta acquaint you with some of her favorite wild foods that can be found in our area.

Weather permitting this presentation will be followed by a wild plant walk where basic field guide skills will be introduced.

On April 19 and 20 at 7 PM we will have Sneak - Peek film screenings from the Dubuque International Film Festival, with different films each evening.

The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival acknowledges emerging filmmakers from around the world, with a strong emphasis on discovering new talent, supporting cause-related films and bringing together all elements of film making. We will screen a different film each night, offering a “sneak-peek” to the films in the festival.

Songwriter’s Showcase, April 21 at 7 PM

featuring

Ron Frank and Melanie Devaney

Melanie Devaney is a folk-Americana singer-songwriter from the small town of Epworth, Iowa. Classically trained in piano and holding a degree in Creative Writing, her songs are stories
from her own life’s adventures and the cast of characters she has met and created along the way. With a personal mission to “create beauty and change one song at a time,” Devaney strives to use her music to inspire others to make the world a little better through simple acts of compassion and understanding.

Ron Frank, born in Dubuque Iowa, has spent a great deal of time composing and performing in both Northern and Southern California. His music is influenced by Jethro Tull, Frank Zappa and King Crimson. We’re delighted to have him back in the Midwest.

On April 29 & 30 at 7 PM on May 1 at 2 PM WGCA Radio theater will present the mystery *The Thin Man!* Watch the show as if it were being broadcast in the 1940’s, complete with background music and a sound effects table. Last Fall’s radio shows were sell-outs, so get your tickets early. Galena Center for the Arts, located at 219 Summit St. in Galena. Plenty of parking.

Sponsored by the DeSoto House Hotel. Tickets will go on sale April 5, available on the Galena Center for the Arts website [www.galenacenterforthearts.com](http://www.galenacenterforthearts.com), at the Center, and at the DeSoto House Hotel.

*Tickets will be sold at the door, but seating is limited.*
* May 13, Opening reception for “Humm-bug.....a chorus of insects” exhibit.

* May 19, Songwriter’s Showcase, featuring Bruce Kort and Dave Hummel

* May 26 Double-Feature Insect Horror Films!
Volunteers of the Month - Lenny Wayne Hosey and L. A. Suess

When two singer/musician/songwriters get together and enjoy encouraging others to perform their own original music, they start thinking about ways to make that happen. And when Carole Sullivan offers them a venue at the Center for the Arts, the Singer Songwriter Showcase is born.

Lenny Wayne Hosey has been singing and making up songs since he was a child. He was in a band in junior high school, played guitar while in the Navy, and began performing at various venues in the late 1980's. A song-writing competition in the mid 90's got him thinking about creating a similar festival. Since moving back to Galena about four years ago, Lenny has been performing regularly at open mikes and in bars.

Like Lenny, L.A. Suess has been musical all his life. By age six, he was playing the harmonica; as a teenager, he added the guitar and has expanded to mandolin, banjo—pretty much any stringed instrument that doesn't require a bow.

After suffering a back injury as a young man, he turned to music and began a life-long career as a singer and musician on river boats. For several years in Branson, Missouri, he performed on the Showboat Branson Belle, of Silver Dollar City. After moving to Hannibal, he spent 15 years singing and playing on the Mark Twain riverboat. Currently, he entertains the guests on the Twilight cruises.

When these two talented musicians met in Galena and became aware of the number of musician/songwriters in the area who were creating their own music, they began to think about a venue that would provide them a listening audience. When Carole spoke to Suess about creating a Singer Songwriter Showcase at the Center for Arts, he and Lenny joined forces to make it happen. While Suess does most of the booking and Lenny provides the sound system, they both work on the many tasks necessary to making the Showcase a success.

Building an audience can take time, but after a period of low audience attendance, help with marketing from Julie Griffin of 365 has spread the word, and the Showcase is becoming a popular event. Lenny Wayne and Suess see the Singer Songwriter Showcase as providing both an appreciative audience for the musicians and an entertaining evening for local and visiting music-lovers. Their hope is that their work also promotes the Center for the Arts and attracts new visitors. Thanks to both of them for the music and for all their hard work to bring it to us!

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.

We have changed back to Spring/Summer hours, being open from 1 to 6 PM. We will need staffing from 1-4 PM, and from
4-6 PM Thursdays through Sundays. Please sign up to staff!

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

GalenaCenterfortheArts

The magic password is volunteer.

Questions?
Contact Stephanie at 815-777-1100 and go over the details.

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“Jac & Gail Together Again” is at the Center thru May 1.

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