



Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for May 2017



After the Thin Man

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Hello {First Name},

April has been a whirlwind of activity at the Center for the Arts! We have seen many of you in the last month, and hope to see more in the next few weeks. In case you haven't yet seen the George Olson "Watercolors from the Tallgrass Prairie" exhibit, we will give you that opportunity by having the gallery open before and after each of the "After the Thin Man" performances. And of course it will be open during our regular hours in May. The prairie images just might help you identify a wonderful plant that you have seen in your garden or prairie.

Wishing you a beautiful Spring!

Carole Sullivan

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Upcoming Performances

Old Time Radio Drama

Looking for a good time?
Don't miss *After the Thin Man*,
a comedy/mystery radio play!

The Galena Center for the Arts will once again produce an old time radio mystery, *After The Thin Man* at 7 PM on April 27, 28, 29 and at 2 PM on April 30. This radio drama, based on the writings of Dashiell Hammett, brings back the era when families would gather around their radios on Saturday nights, to listen to and imagine the scenes of the latest suspense drama.

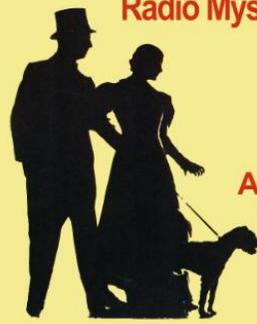
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Galena Center for the Arts Radio Mystery Theatre

Sponsored by:
DeSoto House
Galena Gazette

April 27, 28, & 29 at 7 PM
April 30 at 2 PM



AFTER THE THIN MAN

Tickets \$15

Students \$8

at

the Center
DeSoto House
or Online



219 Summit St
779-214-0261

www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com



Volunteers Needed for upcoming Performances

We need a number of volunteers to sell tickets, usher, and sell cookies at the concession stand--along with donations of cookies--for the Radio Show April 27, 28, 29 and 30. Please check out the shifts and choose a time that will work for you.

[Volunteer for After the Thin Man](#)

Exhibit Continues through June 4

Watercolors from the Tall Grass Prairie with George Olson paintings will continue throughout the month of May, closing on June 4th.

You really must see his pencil drawings embellished with watercolor paint up close and personal to appreciate his expert skill. His botanical paintings have been shown around the world. He is a gentleman who appreciates the natural world and our

native prairie. He and his wife Pat enjoyed the reception at the Center on March 31st along with many of our great supporters. [Read more...](#)

George Olson Watercolors from the Tall Grass Prairie

Mar 31 - Jun 4, 2017

*Galena Center for the Arts
219 Summit St*



Gallery Hours:
Thurs - Sun, Noon - 5 PM
Regional Artists Gallery
Artists Studios
Alfie Mueller Historic Photos



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Free Exhibits - Donations Welcome

Ample Parking

www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com



Cathy Harms, Carole Sullivan, Cathie Elsbree, Elizabeth Boggess, and Emily Painter dressed to enhance the prairie experience.



Gail Chavenelle admiring the paintings.



Judith Wehrle, Jan Lavacek, George Olson and Pat Olson at the opening of *Watercolors from the Tall Grass Prairie*

Related Event

May 7th 2 pm



Nature's Second Chance

Steven Apfelbaum and Susan Lehnhardt will give a presentation on May 7 that 2 pm in cooperation with JDCF in the lower level of Galena Center for the Arts.

Steve and Susan's commitment to ecological restoration has been demonstrated in their quest to restore their home, Stone Prairie Farm, in southwestern Wisconsin. Steven's book Nature's Second Chance is a plan to connect with nature for our land and our lives. Susan is a passionate activist for the environment helping communities to protect their land and water resources. Join us for this inspirational talk.

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

Natasha Myer will be the featured performer at the Songwriters Showcase on May 18 at 7 PM. [Read more...](#)



Galena center for the ARTS

Songwriters Showcase

219 Summit St.

With **Natascha Myers**

May 18
7 to 9pm

Hosted by
Lenny Wayne
and **L.A. Suess**

Come take a look at -
www.GalenacenterfortheArts.com

Soprano Megan Gloss will present a recital titled "The Lusty Month of May: Songs of Springtime and Romance" as part of the Sunday Salon series at the Galena Center for the Arts, at 2 PM on May 21. [Read more...](#)



Hold the date, August 9, on your calendars!

For those of you who are members of the Galena Center for the Arts, keep your eyes open for a special invitation coming your way via U.S. mail around the middle of May. It's a surprise! Here's a clue.....



**All Creatures Great and Small:
Animals in Art**

**Before long the wine will be flowing in
the Depot Park on the River.**



Dating back more than 17,000 years people have painted animals, as on the walls in the cave drawings in

Lascoux, France. Famous artists have painted, drawn, photographed, or sculpted animals as art either literally or figuratively—the strength and energy of a stallion, the demure calmness of cats, the exotic beauty of peacocks—they are our connection to the natural world.

Our regional artists will have a special exhibit of artwork as diverse as our pets, farm animals, and exotic animals from the far reaches of the planet.

A reception will be held on June 9th 5-8pm to celebrate their work, and the show will run through August 13th.



Come to see and buy artwork from: Henry Matthiessen III with photography; LeeAnn Breitbach with paintings on barn boards, prints, and cards; Lynn Giles, with photography in prints, notecards, and magnets; Laura Schuster, with photography, burned and painted wood art, hand crafted tea cup yard art; and Jan Ketza, who will be demonstrating her painting techniques all day in addition to selling her work of paintings, jewelry, and up-cycle clothing. [Read more...](#)



Junior Girl Scouts are working on their Bronze Award by painting a mural in our "Create Art" room.

It is the third highest award a Girl Scout can achieve, which involves community service.

Stay tuned...it will be debuted at our next Gallery Reception on June 9th, All Creatures Great and Small.

Thank You!

- Ellen Blakeman
- Liz Mitchell
- Andy Steil for recording Songwriters Showcases
- Susan Gorrell and Christopher Wydra for help with JDIFF Sneak-Peek
- Gerry Podraza
- Terri Jackman
- Ralph Kluseman

- YouthArts Festival committee:
Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, AdrienneSeagraves, Liz Larson, Carole Sullivan, Dave Decker, Mary Vincent, Jean Dregne, Deb Hyland, Jan Lavacek, Charlene Price, Rhonda Ransom, Laura Scoles , and Irene Thraen-Borowski.
- OurSponsors for the Youth Arts Festival:
Chestnut Mountain Resort,
USBank Galena,
Illinois Bank & Trust Galena,
1stCommunity Bank of Galena
- Oursponsors for *After the Thin Man*:
DeSoto House Hotel and GalenaGazette.

Third annual Youth Arts Festival a Success!

The third annual Youth Arts Festival celebrated a beautiful Spring day at Chestnut Mountain Resort with art and performances created by regional students grades pre-school through high school. We're already planning ahead for next year!

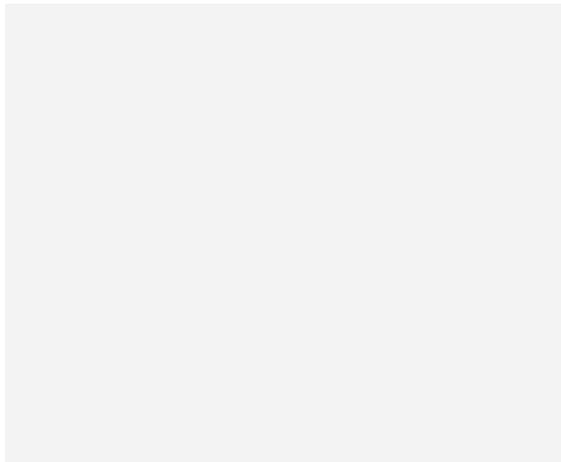
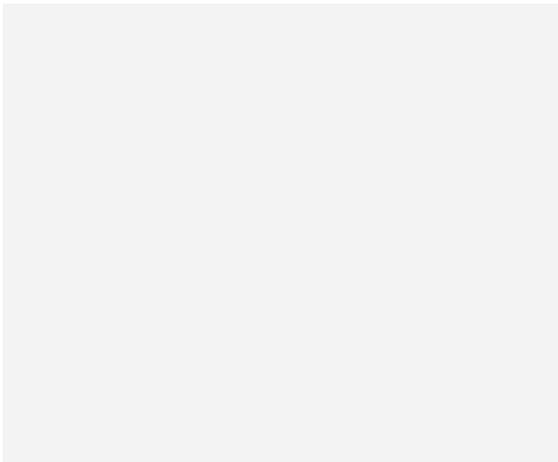
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- Chestnut Mountain Resort,
- US Bank- Galena,
- First Community Bank of Galena,
- Illinois Bank & Trust, Galena.

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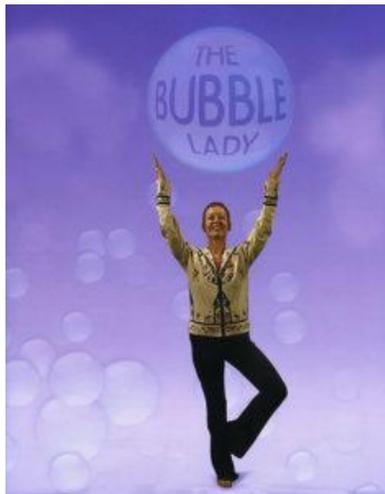


Committee leaders Adrienne Seagraves and Stephanie O'Shaughnessy





Workshops & Classes



**Yoga with Marion
the Bubble Lady**

Tuesdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am



Mindful Yoga

Wednesdays 4:30-5:430

**Integrating Body, Mind, & Breath.
Focusing on foundational breathing and
postures.**

**Develop strength, flexibility, and
balance. Experience relief from physical
and mental tension.**

Each class ends with deep relaxation.

Volunteer of the Month - Stephanie Bussan

Stephanie Bussan is one of those rare people who are both mathematical and artistic—which makes her perfectly suited for her job as Treasurer for the Center for the Arts. As treasurer, she does monthly reviews of the Center's income and expenses for the Board; she also reviews documents provided to the Center's CPA. Professionally, she is a financial planner with HK Financial Services in Dubuque and is taking courses to become a Certified Financial Planner. But many of us know Stephanie, not for her behind-the-scenes volunteer job as treasurer, but as



an actor.

We have seen her in her roles in “The Thin Man” and “It’s a Wonderful Life,” radio shows at the Center, and also in her portrayals of past Galenians in the 2015 and 2016 Cemetery Walks. But her involvement in theater goes back much farther. She began acting when she was in seventh grade and continued through high school. She even majored in theater at UW Platteville until she decided she would need to make a living and switched to finance.

After a few years' hiatus while she finished school and became established in her profession, she returned to her first love, acting in community theater. Beginning with “Waiting for the Parade” at Fly By Night, she has appeared in many productions in both Dubuque and Galena. As Stella, she was outstanding in “Streetcar Named Desire,” directed by Carole Sullivan. Asked about her favorite playwrights, she names James Baldwin, Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams, masters of American tragedy.

Currently off the boards as she pursues her certification as a financial planner, along with working full time, she is looking forward to being able to return to community theater. When asked about her impressions of the Center for the Arts, she is full of admiration for what Carole and Jan have created: “We’re very lucky to have them. They’ve done so much more than I could have ever imagined. Turning the building into galleries and even a theater is so innovative.” When the possibility of eventually having a purpose-built theater is mentioned, she smiles and her eyes sparkle: “That would be wonderful!”

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Why Volunteer?

The Happiness Effect—Connect to the Community—Promote the Arts in Galena

The vision of Galena Center for the Arts is to elevate and celebrate our regional artists. Help us do that by volunteering.



Whether it's selling tickets for performances, baking cookies and making creative appetizers for events, or receiving our guests in the gallery each week, planting some seedlings or pulling a few weeds in our doorway garden, there are many ways to help us out.

Our new website makes it easy to sign up. Check out the possibilities, choose a date and job you'd like to help with, and fill out the form. Don't forget to click the button at the bottom.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Don't forget to "Like" the Galena Center for the Arts on [Facebook](#)

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