

Newsletter for November 2017



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Greetings!

Ah, November!

We have so much to be thankful for, especially all of our volunteers and supporters. We are happy to report that we have many new members this year, and many new corporate members as well. Your support is felt in so many ways. Of course, it helps enormously financially, as we work our way through the monthly bills, but we also have incredible volunteer help in the form of committees for individual projects. (Our cookbook committee is a great example of that!) And you have no idea how much it helps on a difficult day to hear one of you say "You're doing a good job with the Center for the Arts." Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Carole Sullivan Executive Director

Click here for Center Calendar

Our winter hours are now from 1 pm till 4 pm Thursdays through Sundays, or by appointment.

We are always happy to see you, but when the days get dark early, we find that our volunteers can be pretty lonely sitting at the desk. We are often here earlier in the day, and if you give us a call at 779-214-0261, we'll be happy to open up for you if we're here.

A Feast for the Eye, Food in the Arts Opening Reception - October 27, 5-8 pm Exhibit runs through January 7, 2018

Our new exhibit will be opened with a reception to celebrate art and food. You can view many works of art and craft revolving around one of our daily consumptions—food! The food served will all be recipes from our cookbook, *Feeding the Arts*, which will also be debuted that evening.



We will exhibit not only paintings, drawings, and photographs, but also hand made objects that are involved in the process of eating or cooking—pottery, linens, woodenware, and a hand-crafted table. Come for the community, feast with your eyes, and enjoy a taste from our new cookbook.

Regional Artists Gallery



New artwork arriving for the Regional Artists Gallery

Holiday Radio Show - Miracle on 34th Street (Tickets now Available)

The Galena Center for the Arts celebrates the holidays with the live radio play Miracle on 34th Street, a heartwarming holiday classic retold in the tradition of a live 1940's era radio broadcast, staged with vintage styled commercials, period costumes, and the magic of live sound effects and musical underscoring. When a department store Santa claims he's the real Kris Kringle and is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing. Watch the miracle unfold when the belief of a little girl makes all the difference in this iconic story. Adapted from the 1947 Lux Radio Hour Broadcast, Miracle on 34th Street is a beloved story that will melt even the most cynical of hearts



Carole Sullivan directs the cast of Tri-State actors, including Tom Resnick of Dubuque, Ed Cichy of Shullsburg,WI, and Emily Painter, Brian Schoenrock, Susan Barg, Chris Ludescher, Dan Harms, Lannette Calhoun and Kennedy Roddick, from Galena. Scene design is by Jan Lavacek, with assistant direction by Jenni Ackerman and Cathy Harms.

Sponsors for the play are the DeSoto House Hotel, Exact Pest Solutions, and US Bank.

Performances are Thursday Nov. 9, Friday Nov. 10 and Saturday Nov. 11 at 7 PM, plus matinee performances Saturday Nov. 11 and Sunday Nov. 12 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for children twelve and under. They are available at the Center, on-line at the Center website, and at the DeSoto House Hotel.

Click here to purchase tickets



Feeding the Arts



Galena Center for the Arts

Feeding the Arts

Available in the gift shop of the Center for \$18, with all proceeds to benefit Galena Center for the Arts

We have always been known for tasty food at our gallery opening receptions, Songwriters Showcase and theatrical events. Now you can buy a cookbook with these great recipes. We have also featured many of the artists who exhibit in the galleries, with full color covers and divider pages, and line drawings with the recipes.

A sampling of recipes you will find within these pages:

Appetizers—Prosciutto Wrapped Parmesan Pecan Dates and Maude's Pecan Olive Spread Beverages—Sangria and Methodist Punch Salad—Watermelon Feta Mint Salad and Carrot and Beet Slaw Soups—African Sweet Potato Curry Soup and Black Bean Soup Sweets—Pumpkin Bites and Chocolate Caramel Turtle Cookies new cookbook *Feeding the Arts*, and so proud of the committee that put it together.

Thank you so much!

The cookbook committee testing the Chocolate Martini recipe courtesy of Fried Green Tomatoes.

(back row,from left) Cathie Elsbree, Mary Weck, Pat Lehnhardt, Laura Scoles, (front row) Elizabeth Boggess, Carole Sullivan, Janet Zehr



Upcoming Events



Sweet & Saucy Stories from Galena

Book Reading and Signing November 5, 2 pm

On November 5, 2 pm several members of the Galena Artists Writers Guild will be reading excerpts from Sweet and Saucy Stories from Galena, which fourteen authors self published as an anthology. It's all about food: eating it, cooking it, or sharing it around the table.

Books will be available to purchase and have signed by the authors. Tea and cake will be served.

When Art Informs Public Policy: The Dust Bowl,

a Metaphor for Contemporary Farming Challenges November 15, 7 pm

On November 15, 2017, 7:00 pm, Galena Center for the Arts will screen *The Plow that Broke the Plains*. Paired with the film, Mr. Tim Youngquist, Farmer Liaison, Iowa State University, will discuss STRIPS, Science-

Based Trials of Row Crops Integrated with Prairie Strips. The Plow that Broke the Plains, a black & white 1936 cinematic exploration. was directed/produced bv Pare Lorentz, Father of American Documentary Film. Funded through the Farm Security Administration/WPA the film, photographed poignantly is



accompanied by a poetic musical score, Virgil Thompson the composer.

Songwriters Showcase features Dan Peart

November 16, 7 pm



On November 16, we celebrate three years of producing monthly Songwriter Showcases!

Within those 34 performances, over 60 musicians have graced our stage, and several, more than once. We owe many thanks to L A Suess and Lenny Wayne for creating and running this series, Elizabeth Boggess and Ginni Yarbrough for their delicious refreshments, and an enormous thank-you to McGraw Hill for their generous grant to keep the music flowing.

This month, our featured artist will be Dan Peart. With well seasoned musicianship and soulful vocals, singer/songwriter Dan Peart offers charismatic, feel good listening from folk blues to fun rock. Don't miss it!

There's never a cover charge for the Songwriters Showcase!



All River Road Talent hosts a monthly art drive the first weekend of each month. All River Road Talent is a synergy of artists building a cultural and visitor awareness of artistic talent in the Galena region of NW IL. November ARRT tour dates are 3 & 4.

Your Opinion Matters

Please consider sending a review of a performance or exhibit that you have attended to:



or to any other of the travel guides.

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



Artists Studio

Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Workshops



Sketch by Sheila Haman

Figure Drawing Thursday Afternoons 1:30-3:30 pm at the Center

\$10 per session

Figure Drawing is an ongoing opportunity to draw from a live model. We have a great group of regulars, who meet every Thursday afternoon.

They would love to have you join them. They are a generous bunch! There is no "teacher" per se, but everyone learns from each other.

Needle Felting Workshop

November 11, 10 am-noon

Larissa Distler will teach a workshop to make a needle felted holiday decoration. She will guide you through the process of making a ball shape (which she will have made for you) and adding colored wool fibers to incorporate them with punch needles. She will bring all the supplies necessary. The cost is \$30 per person, \$20 for the class and \$10 for materials. This is a class for beginning or intermediate felters.

Please stop in to the Center or call 779-214-0261 to sign up and pay for this class by November 4.



Decorating for the Holidays November 18, 10 am–noon



lt's almost that time! November On 18th come to the Center from 10am to noon to help create holiday decorations for galleries. our In the Feast for the Eye, Food in the Arts theme, we will be decorating with food--popcorn and cranberry garlands for a couple small and gingerbread trees, cookies, which we will decorate. This is a free event. Everything will be provided. Come to thread

the garlands or pipe frosting on the cookies which we will hang on the trees.

There will even be a few cookies to nibble on. RSVP to 779-214-0261.

Classes



Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller Wednesday at 4:30 - 5:30 pm Lower level of the Center

This ongoing 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.

Each class ends with deep relaxation.

Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady Tuesdays at 10:00 - 11:30 am Lower level of the Center

Congratulations Diann!

We are so proud of our board secretary, Diann Marsh, who will be serving as Grand Marshall for the Anaheim, California Halloween parade.

Diann and her husband Robert are being recognized for their work in historic preservation during the 1970's through the 1990's when they lived in California.

We are lucky to have her be a vibrant part of the Galena Center for the Arts and the city of Galena.



Diann Marsh

Volunteer of the Month -- Emily Painter

Emily Painter isn't afraid of hard work and getting her hands dirty. So, when the Center for the Arts needed volunteers for scraping old linoleum off the floor or painting the walls, Emily was there helping. That was behind the scenes. But what most visitors and residents of Galena see and admire Emily for is her vivid, on-stage portrayals of a huge range of characters, both fictional and historical.

Emily has been a part of Galena's thespian community since soon after she and husband Gregg moved here in 1972. Along with Carole Sullivan and Deb Highland, she has been singing and dancing in "Remembering Old Galena," originally "Echoes of Old Galena," since its creation in the 1980's. Meanwhile, as part of Main Street Players, she took on a variety of challenging roles, including the lead in "Wait Until Dark." She has also portrayed many historical Galena characters in both Women of Courage and Commitment productions and the Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk, most famously the drunken Mary Miller.

For all of her roles, from very serious to broad comedy, Emily really gets into the part. In an article featuring her in the Spring 2017 *Galenian*, she is quoted as explaining, "You have to absorb yourself. It's not just play acting. It is being that person."

With such a range of experience, it's not surprising that she has been such a hit in all the Center for the Arts' radio plays,



The Faces of Emily

in which she has to make sudden shifts from one character to another. Probably her best loved creation is Asta, the dog in "The Thin Man."

(While it's a fun part and the one that most people remember, Emily admits wryly that she's ambivalent about being typecast as a dog.) Besides quickly transforming herself into different characters, she also helps out Dan Harms with the sound effects and writes many of the shows' often hilarious commercials for local sponsors.

It's hard to imagine the Center's radio plays without Emily. Fortunately, we don't have to. The next one, "Miracle on 34th Street," will be presented very soon. We can all look forward to a delightful performance by Emily and, of course, the rest of the very talented volunteer cast.

Heads-up for Events in the Works

A Family Event: Catch the Train in Galena! The First Three Weeks in December

The Galena Center for the Arts will offer a family holiday celebration of model trains,



Catch the Train in Galena, the first three weekends in December, sponsored by BNSF Railway. Train enthusiast Philip Jackman will display his N Scale operating trains at the Center for three weekends of running trains. The walls of the performance space will be covered with railroad themed artwork and historic photos of trains and regional depots. <u>For complete schedule click here.</u>



We have a special opportunity offered by Poopsie's!

Through Poopsie's Stop and Shop program, if you want to have 20% of the price of your purchases between Dec. 3 to 16 go to the Center for the Arts, let them know!

Get one of the cards for this at the Center, make a copy from the Newsletter, or just request this when you make the purchase!

We are so appreciative of this generous offer. Only valid Dec. 3 through 16.



Shop at Poopsie's **December 3rd-16th** to give **20%** back to The Galena Center for the Arts.

Need to shop online? Head to www.POOPSIES.com. Use the coupon code **Arts** when you check out to credit their fundraiser!

402 S. Main St. Galena, IL

Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Art Wanted for Broad Ideas! Six week show opening March 2



Your ideas and artwork are wanted for Broad Ideas, an art show that is an inclusive celebration of women and those who support women. This sixweek show, opening March 2, will highlight the range of experiences, feelings and

realities of those who identify as female. There will be additional events though-out the show, including a special Songwriters Showcase, yoga and a spoken word

event, a poet-laureate visit and more.

This is not a juried exhibit. People of all ages and levels of artistry are encouraged to participate. There is no charge to submit work, including two and threedimensional and video work. Each visual artist may submit up to three projects. Artists may choose to sell their pieces, but don't have to. Local/regional artists will be given submission priority.

For artwork submission forms and written/spoken word information, email <u>irenectb@yahoo.com</u>.

Thank You!

- Big Bill's Sandwich Shop and Coffee Bar
- Sally and Dwight Bischel
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Mary Cinto
- Sheila Haman
- DeSoto House Restaurants
- Chuck Horton

- Helen Kilgore
- Joan Klaus
- Esther Lieberman
- Len Petrulls
- Laura Scoles
- Adrienne Seagraves
- Andy Willis

Wish List!

We wish you a very happy and loving Thanksgiving!

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Click for the Center Calendar



Gallery Volunteers

In this month of Thanksgiving, we are so grateful for all the volunteers. Having the gallery open four days a week is only possible because of you. It's easy to sign up on-line here:

Sign up to Volunteer

After filling out your email, name, and phone number, don't forget to click the "Sign Up to Volunteer" button above.

There are still a couple spots to fill in November and many are available in the busy month of December.

Remember our hours have now changed to 1–4 pm, with only one shift per day. If you need help signing up, just call 779-214-0261 and we can assist you.

Don't forget to "Like" the Galena Center for the Arts on <u>Facebook</u> Have a preferred e-mail address? Please let us know. Thanks so much for your support of the Galena Center for the Arts! Galena Center for the Arts <u>www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com</u> 779-214-0261 Contact us by e-mail--<u>info@GalenaCenterfortheArts.com</u>

