



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for November 2018



Jingle singers in the November Radio Show (l to r)
Ben Behlke, Susan Barg, Brian Schoenrock,
Michael Crawford, Emily Painter, Jay Dickerson

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Dear Dennis,

We are in the midst of rehearsals for *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, and it is a wonderful show. The play reinforces those qualities that we hold dear, such as love and generosity. We need some of that right now. Hope you will be able to join us for one of the performances.

Further good news is that the elevator has been repaired (but not inspected yet), and once it is approved, we will be able to use it again. Finally! We also anticipate that the outside lighting for the lower parking lot will be functional by the time of the radio show. These improvements may not strike you as major artistic success, but should be a big step toward safety and access.

If you are downtown, check out the windows at 217 S Main Street. We have been allowed to rent the window space for visibility to help show tourists that there is a Center for the Arts in Galena, and how to get here. As of now we have a Halloween theme in the windows, but that will be changing out in a few days. Check it out!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Carole

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Gallery hours: 1 – 4 pm, Thursday through Sunday

Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus
opens November 8!

**Yes
Virginia,
There Is a
Santa Claus**
by Andrew J. Fenady
Based upon the teleplay by Val DeCrowl and Andrew J. Fenady

A Live Radio Play
Galena Center for the Arts
Nov 8, 9, 10 - 7 PM Nov 10, 11 - 2 PM
219 Summit Street, Galena
779-214-0261
www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com

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Revisit the fun of old-time radio shows with the holiday radio drama *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, complete with live sound effects and sponsor jingles. Based on a true story from the 1890's, a young girl writes a letter to the editor of the *New York Sun* newspaper. "Dear Editor, I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the *Sun*, it's so. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" Ed Mitchell, the *Sun's* editor, assigns Frank Church—a reporter on the verge of self destruction—the task of answering Virginia's question. Church's quest and reply have become one of the world's most-quoted and beloved editorials.

Sponsored by Illinois Bank & Trust, Baranski Hammer Moretta and Sheehy, and the Galena Gazette, this production is directed by Carole Sullivan and features Susan Barg, Ben Behlke, Michael Crawford, Jay Dickerson, Dan Harms, Emily Painter and Brian Schoenrock, with David Resnick at the piano. In the past some of our radio plays have sold out. You can choose your reserved seats [HERE](#) [Click for information and to purchase tickets](#) to be sure a seat is waiting for you, or take your chances at the door!



Art of the Native Peoples

We were pleased to invite Native artists to Galena. The Special Exhibit Gallery is filled with artworks in the form of photographs, paintings, jewelry, beadwork, pottery, a paper treaty basket, and birch bark biting. We also have cards and books by Native authors. A wonderful chance to learn about the culture, admire the craftsmanship, and add to your collection.

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Regional Artists Gallery

Many of our regional artists have been inspired by the Native American culture, and share these pieces of artwork with you in the gallery, along with polar bear photos, fall landscapes, and a ceramic pig.

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Feature Gallery

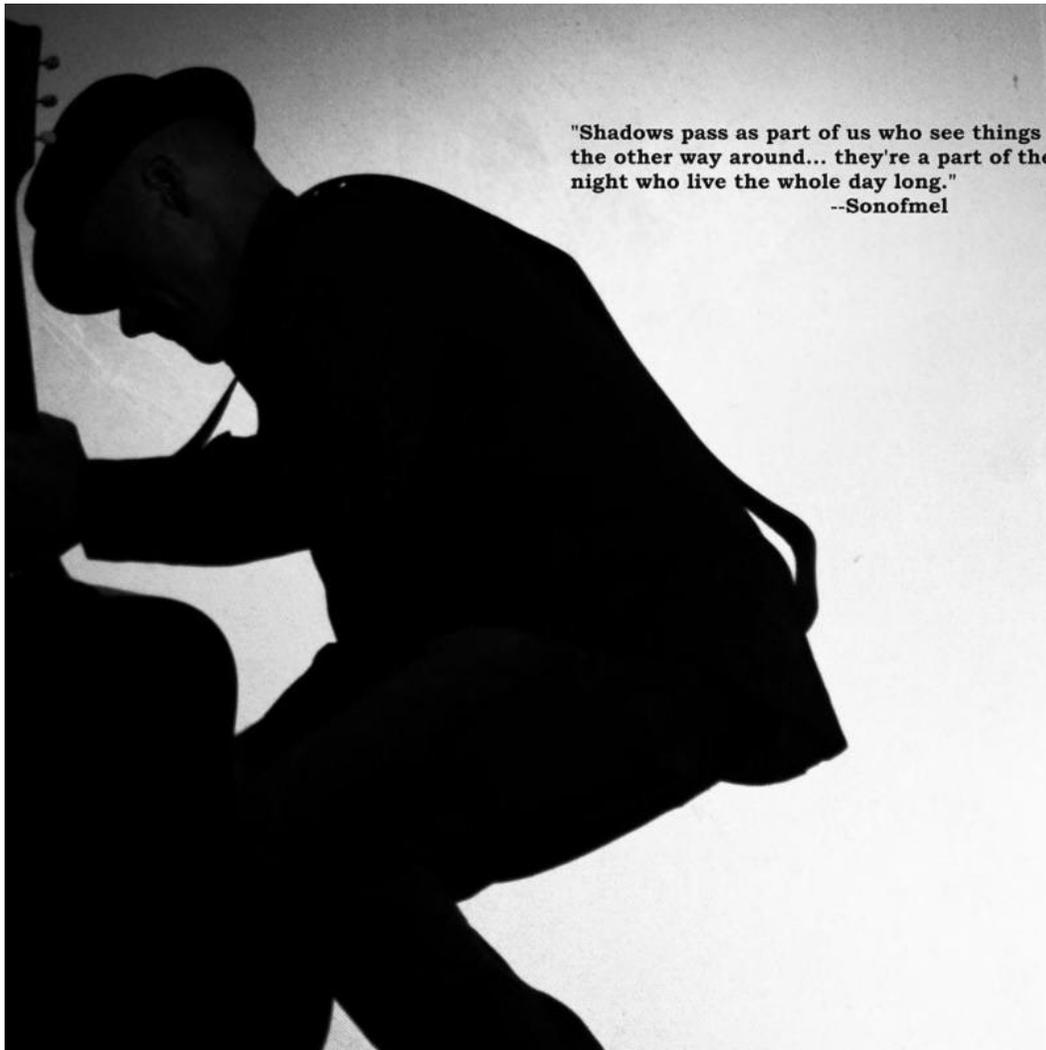
The botanical scans of Richard Pearce are in our Feature Gallery. Many framed and unframed prints are for sale, some signed, along with his DVD, *Stories of Our Wildflowers*, and a documentary of his life.

[Click here for more information](#)



His DVDs will play during gallery hours

**Sonofmel & Slideman
begin our 5th year of
Songwriters Showcases!
Thursday, November 15, 7 pm**



"Shadows pass as part of us who see things
the other way around... they're a part of the
night who live the whole day long."
--Sonofmel

Sonofmel & Slideman are a North American duo who mix stories in song and spoken word with acoustic grooves, spacious slide, and specialty guitars, combining elements of outlaw country and world-wide travel for an ethereal style of Americana, with a passport. Sometimes it takes traveling far from home to find out where you come from... after 20 years and over 70 occupations, Sonofmel returns to the midwest with



fistfuls of chords strung up in storied verse. Having traveled parts of the world sifting the sacred from the profane, he brings the foreign home to the familiar. He's recently teamed up with Jordan Grunow, who accentuates and builds upon Sonofmel's travel narratives in song and spoken word with everything from angelic slide and 8 stringed weissenborns to driving guitar, all to spread spacious, sonic frosting over an often improvised mix. Sonofmel won 2017 International Dylanfest songwriter honors and Duluth's 2017 One Week Live singer/songwriter of the year.

As always, there is no charge for the Songwriters Showcase, but we do appreciate a donation. Join us for a great night of music!

**Native Arts: Honoring Tradition,
Embracing Innovation
November 16, 7 pm
Sponsored by the
Galena Poetry Group, JDCF,
and Galena Center for the Arts**

Kimberly Blaeser, Karen Ann Hoffman and Denise Lajimodiere will present a poetry reading and a discussion about their art, in conjunction with the gallery exhibit, *Art of the Native Peoples*.

They each will share tribal stories as they relate to the artwork, the symbolism and connections to myth. They create art or poetry out of an awareness, and imprint on their story or art. It is their way of seeing and being in the world. Tribal traditions will be addressed and how modern innovations are incorporated in both content and form.



Kimberly Blaeser



Karen Ann Hoffman



Denise Lajimodiere

**Table Reading
The Unexpected Man
Tuesday, November 20, 7 pm**

**Featuring
Lenore Howard
and
Doug Donald**

Lenore Howard and Doug Donald, who many will recognize from their many years of producing plays at Fly By Night productions in Dubuque, will be featured in this month's table reading

of *The Unexpected Man* by Yasmina Reza. Strangers, a man and a woman, sit opposite each other in the detached intimacy of a train compartment. He is a world-famous high-brow author, she a devoted fan.



A story told through a series of fascinating and funny internal monologues, as two brilliant, lonely people search for a moment of connection.

Feeding the Arts

The Center has always been known for great appetizers and small sweets at our gallery opening receptions, soups and salads at Songwriters Showcase, and sweet treats at theatrical events.

We now have a cookbook you can purchase that includes many of these great recipes. Artists who exhibit in the galleries are featured with full color covers and divider pages, and line drawings incorporated on the recipe pages.

The price is \$18 and all profits benefit Galena Center for the Arts. This cookbook is available in the gift shop at the Center and also at Piggly Wiggly. With the holiday season ahead, it makes the perfect gift and resource for all those recipes you will want to serve at your upcoming parties.



Feeding the Arts

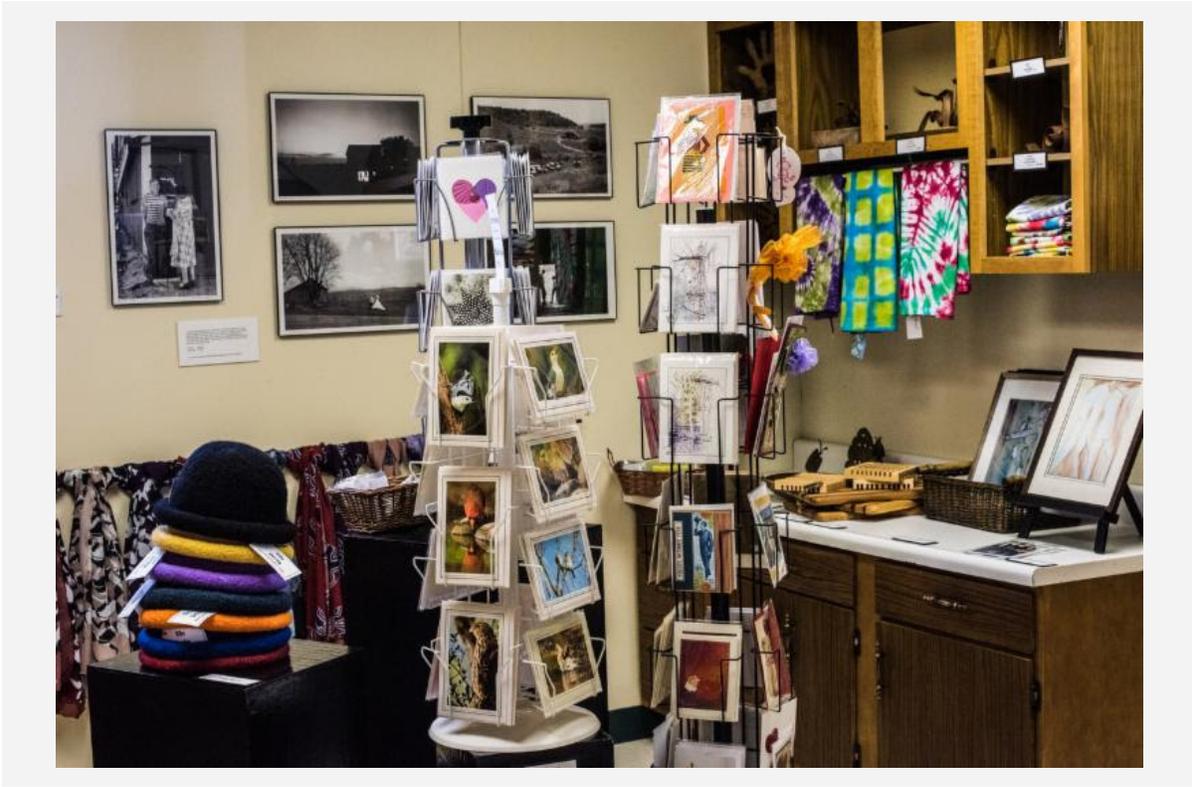
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The Art of Giving

Holiday and special occasion cards, notecards, and small works of art are available in the gift shop, located next to the Special Exhibit Gallery.

Cozy felted hats, books by local authors, framed and unframed prints, pottery, metal sculptures, and cutting boards are just a few of the items that would make lovely gifts for your loved ones, or for you!

Your purchase of a unique gift helps both the artist and the Center.



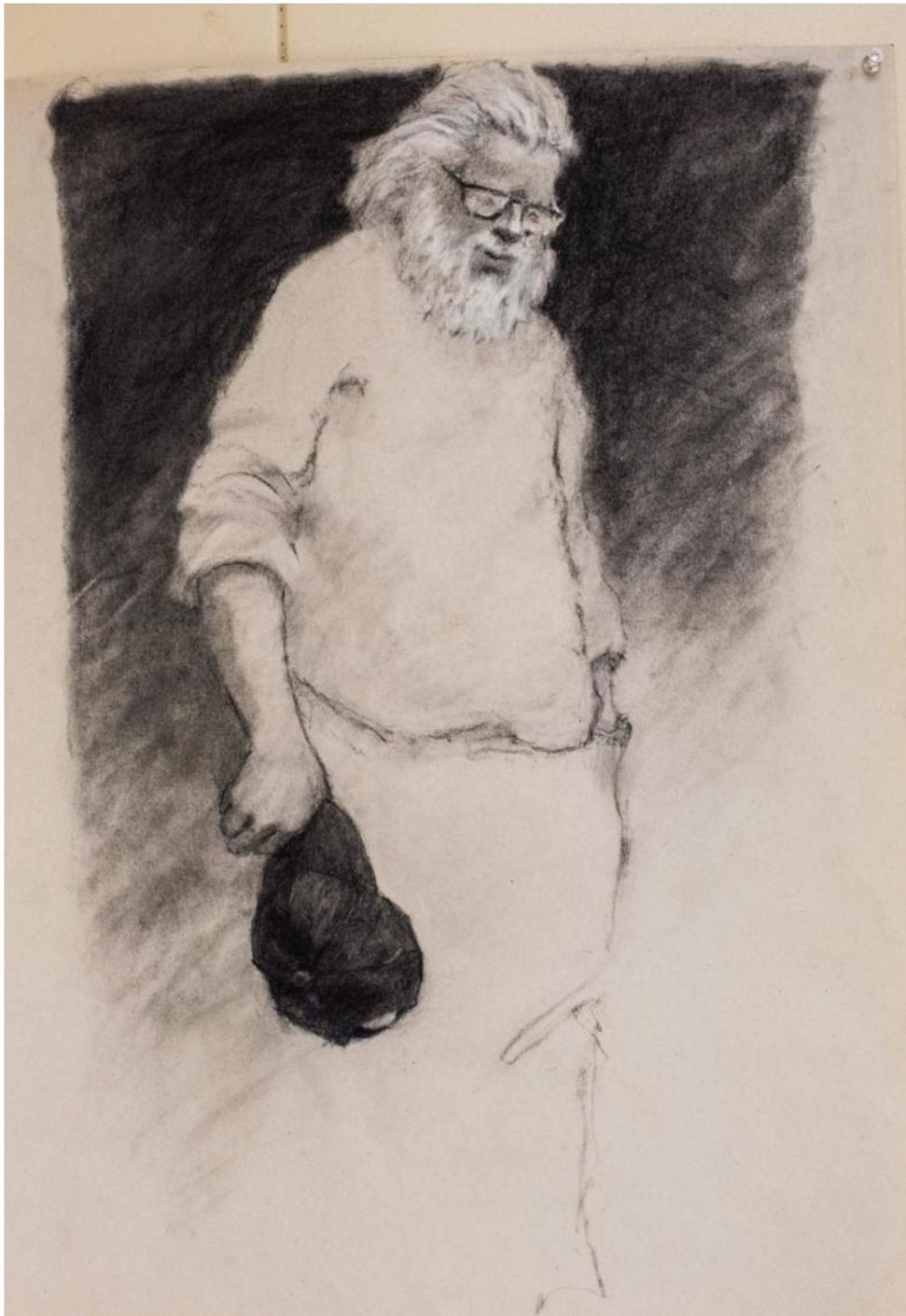
Workshops

Figure Drawing Thursday, 1:30–3:30 pm

In D.B. Dowd's most recent book, *Stick Figures: Drawing as a Human Practice*, he states that drawing “fosters close observation, analytical thinking, patience, even humility.” Come join a group of artists who go beyond stick figures—though, there's nothing wrong with stick figures.

We provide the model, you bring your own drawing materials.
\$10 per session.

[Click here for more information](#)



Sketch by Jim Lehnhardt

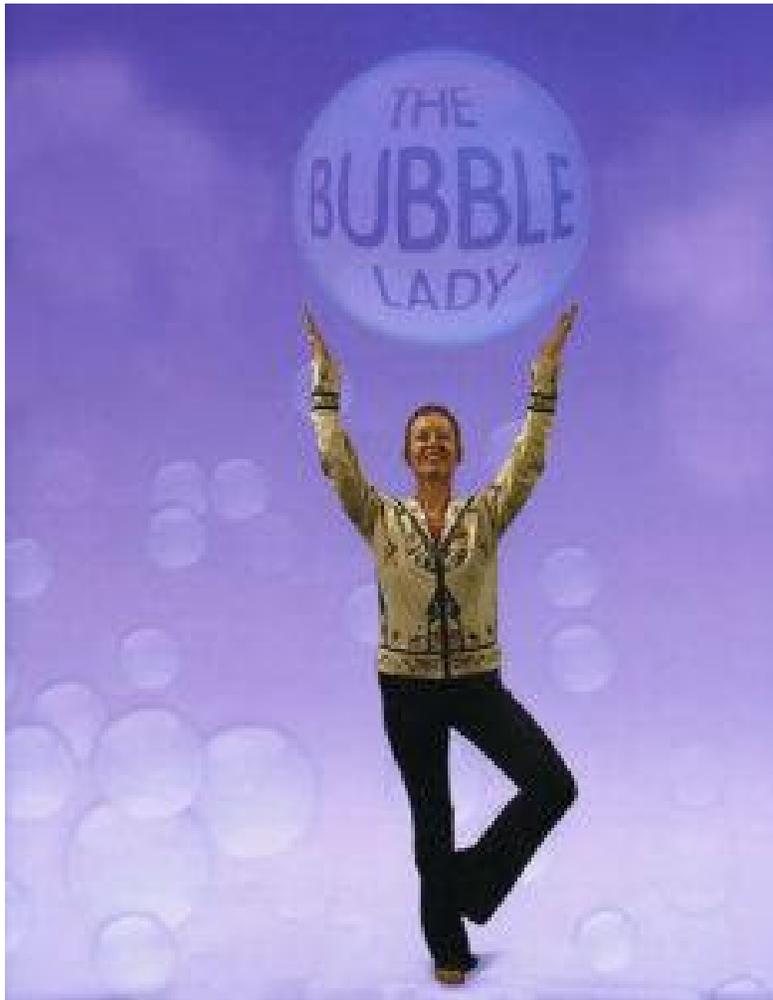
Embroidery Circle **Wednesday, 1-3 pm** **(no meeting on November 21)**

In addition to stitching, our weekly Embroidery Circle members also recently discussed design transfer processes, supply sourcing, embroidery hoop and frame preferences, and various stitching techniques. Please join us if you would like to learn more about traditional hand embroidery and share your needlework experiences with others. This group is open to all levels of hand embroiderers, including first-time stitchers!

For more information, call 779-214-0261.



Classes



Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady
Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am

[Click here to check the calendar](#) [For more information click here](#)



Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller, RYT

Kate is taking a break from teaching yoga until the new year.

[Click here to check the calendar](#) [For more information click here](#)

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**



SPOTLIGHT on **Sidney “Ski” Miller**



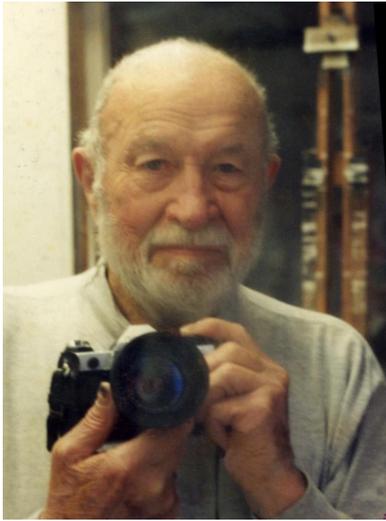
Sidney Miller, widow of artist Albert W. Miller, has honored the Galena Center for the Arts with a gift of paintings by her husband. The group includes nine portraits of Galenians as well as three other pieces, all painted when they lived in Galena.

An artist in her own right, Sidney has won awards for her fiber art. Representing Illinois, her quilt for the 100th Liberty Bell anniversary was shown all over the country. While living in Galena, she sold her self-designed clothing, first in a shop she ran, and then in one called “Wearable Art” that she shared with Janet Checker. Along with her artistic talents, Sidney is an amazing cook and was co-owner of “200 S. Main,” a

Galena restaurant. For “The Art Lives On,” the Center for the Arts' first exhibit, she created and donated many of the appetizers.



Al Miller, Sidney's late husband, had a commercial and fine arts career over more than fifty years. He was a partner and creative director of Motivation Dynamics Advertising Agency in Chicago, ran his own art school in Cincinnati, and had his work in galleries in New York and many other places. His art includes both realistic and abstract styles of portraiture, landscape and still life, executed in oil, acrylic, watercolor, and collage.



The Center for the Arts is very fortunate to be the recipient of such a generous and beautiful gift of Al's paintings. The fact that they were painted in Galena and are of Galenians makes them special indeed. It is wonderful that current Galena residents and visitors will now be able to enjoy them.

Thank you, Sidney!

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for a table reading
of *Greetings* by Tom Dudzick
on December 11.

It's a perfect play to get you into the
true holiday spirit.

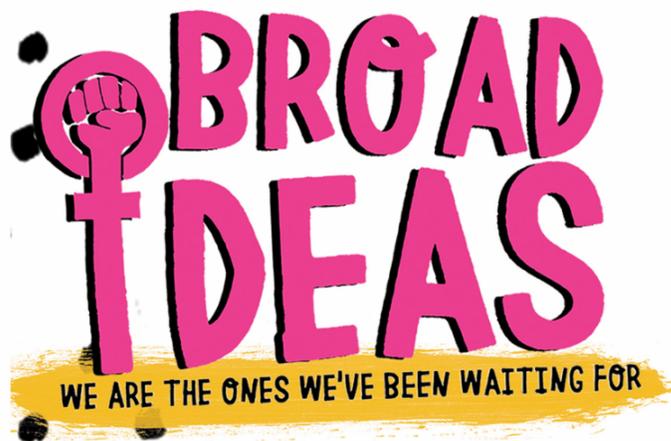
Hearts for the Arts Save the Date February 2, 2019

It's time to start making Valentine's Cards! Really? It's not even Thanksgiving...Yes, several of the local artists are already working hard to make this year's event better than ever.

If you make cards and would like to donate, drop them off at the Center anytime, during open hours, throughout the next few months.



Glee Bilderback



**SAVE the DATES!
Mark that new
calendar!**

**Broad Ideas will return in
2019 with these events**

**March 1: Opening
reception, art exhibit**

**March 12: *Silent Sky*, a
table reading**

**March 21: Songwriters
Showcase with all Women
Songwriters**

**March 31: Closing event,
the Spoken Word**

[Click here for the Broad Ideas website](#)

Studio Space Available

We bid a fond farewell to our studio artists, Kris Doyle and Jan Ketzka, who are moving away from our area. We will miss them, and hope that they will visit Galena as often as possible.

In the meanwhile, two studios are available at the Center. It's great to have a place of your own to be creative. If you are interested, email Pat at: Gallerymanager@GalenaCenterForTheArts.com for a tour and details.





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 and 4.

Thank You!

- **Bryan Ackerman**
- **Big Bill's**
- **Elizabeth Boggess**
- **Don Bohnsack**
- **Kathy Carlson**
- **Janet Checker**
- **Candy Crosley**
- **Donna Davis**
- **Janet Eggleston**
- **Cathie Elsbree**
- **Jo Friend**
- **Sheila Haman**
- **Joan Harmet**
- **Cathy Harms**
- **Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation**
- **Char Kennedy**
- **Joan Klaus**
- **Toni Klingler**
- **Bonnielynn Kreiser**
- **Kathy Leonard**
- **Sidney Miller**
- **Courtney Lomax Moser**
- **Emily Painter**
- **Carol Poston**
- **Laurie Rische**
- **Larry Roemer**
- **Judy Rowett**
- **Laura Scoles**
- **Mary Lou Smith**
- **Leslie Waltman**
- **Mary Weck**
- **Women's Poetry Group**
- **Ginni Yarborough**
- **Janet Zehr**



We are so grateful to the volunteers who planted and tended the flower garden by our performance space door, that looked amazingly beautiful all summer into fall. The flowers not only inspired everyone by their beauty, but encouraged many new visitors to the Center in the form of hummingbirds, butterflies, and finches eating seeds.

- Thank you -

Glee Bilderback, Linda Dupasquier, Laura Scoles, Mary Jane Schweih!

Wish List

- Copier paper

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If you need help signing up, just call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) and we can assist you.

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

Gallery Volunteers

Volunteering is good for the soul, and it really helps us to keep the gallery open four days a week.

The gallery hours are 1-4 pm Thursday through Sunday. Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.

Don't forget to click the "Sign up to volunteer" button. Thanks for all your valuable time and talents to share artwork with our visitors.

Please forward our newsletter to your friends and relatives. They can click below to receive their own monthly update. Thanks for sharing our news with others!

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