



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for June



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Hello Friends,

We are excited about the prospect of buying the building at 219 Summit Street this summer, and are working on making that happen. Stay tuned, as they say, for more reports on our progress.

We have some unique events coming this month! On June 15 we will have our second Galena ChalkFest, where we transform our lower parking lot into a giant canvas for chalk artists. I encourage you to join us making chalk art, or to come at some point in the day as a spectator. It's lots of fun. Another wonderful event will be our second "Fete de la Musique" on June 20, where we join with the rest of the world on International Music Day. Come make music, whether singing, playing, or drumming on an upside down bucket! Or come just to listen. Very informal, and lots of fun. For more events and exhibits, please scroll down our newsletter.

Thanks for all your support and encouragement. It means so much to us.

Carole

[Click here for the Center Calendar](#)

Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday

11 am – 4 pm

Table Reading
May 28 - 7 pm
The Substance of Fire
by Jon Robin Baitz

We scheduled this reading for a performance date in February, and when the date came, so did dangerous ice and snow. About eighteen hardy individuals made their way to the Center for the performance, but they were very clear that we should do it again so that others might see it on a safer day.

So we complied, and hope that you will enjoy this compelling drama of a family business conflict, the tug of war between family, money and morals.

Admission: \$8



Featured actors in *The Substance of Fire* are (l to r)

**Cathie Elsbree, Michael Crawford,
Robert Armstrong,
Shari Kochman, and Jay Dickerson**

Art in Bloom
Through July 6

Bright orange and red flowers and the subtle shades of cream and pale pink, all have taken up residence in our Special Exhibit Gallery. Embroidery, watercolor, acrylic, oil, photographs, fabrics, and even walnut ink and metal are represented. Come to enjoy all the blooms while we wait for our gardens to grow! The exhibit will be up through July 6.

[More information](#)



Regional Artists Gallery

Flowers, the faces of children, a small village of raku-fired buildings, pottery forms, basketry, and farm scenes are here to welcome you into the gallery. We have some artists who have not exhibited with us before, whose artwork you will want to see. There's always room for art!

[More information](#)



Feature Gallery

J. Eric Anderson Through June

We have extended the Anderson exhibit in our Feature Gallery for another month. Eric's architectural career often is evident in his watercolor compositions. He painted both from his home territory and from travels around the world.

[More information](#) _____ [Visit J. Eric Anderson's Website](#)



Galena ChalkFest Saturday, June 15

ChalkFest returns for a second year, sponsored by the First Community Bank of Galena, Illinois Bank & Trust, and Dupaco Community Credit Union. Young and old can channel their inner artist and create a personal masterpiece on the pavement at the Galena Center for the Arts parking lot. Look for bold brushstrokes with bright candy colors and pastels that mimic summer days.

Get a team together to chalk it up! You can find the registration form on the website ([click here to download registration form](#)) or you can register the morning of the event. A box of chalk will be provided, and you can bring more if you like.

Our featured artist will be John Schober, who promises to create an inspiring centerpiece for the event.

Make it a family art day, or a boasting competition with friends or colleagues from work. Or if you would rather be a spectator, you can watch the creativity for free at any time during the day.

[More information](#)

Galena ChalkFest

JUNE 15, 2019 9AM - 5 PM

Spectators Welcome All Day Free

Artists Register 7:30 - 9:30 AM or Pre-Register

John Schober - Featured Artist

Prizes in 5 Categories - Awards at 4:30

Peoples Choice Award

Kids Drawing Zone

Free Chalk Art Workshop

Music

June 8, 9-11 AM

**Sponsors: First Community Bank of Galena
Illinois Bank & Trust
Dupaco Community Credit Union**

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Chalking workshop Saturday, June 8, 9-11 am

Get more involved with ChalkFest! John Schober will be leading a free workshop in the upper parking lot at the Center on Saturday, June 8 from 9-11 am. He, and some other experienced chalkers, will be sharing tricks and suggestions for success with chalk art. Chalk will be provided for participants. All ages welcome!



2019 featured artist John Schober



Cock-A-Doodle-Do?



A little help, please!



Chalker at work

Don't want to get down on your knees to chalk? You or your business can sponsor a chalk artist's space for the event! For more information, call **(779) 214-0261**.

Your business info will be shared on our info table, your business name will be on the space, and you can cheer for the artist who is chalking there.

Worldwide Celebration of Music *Fete de la Musique* **June 20, 7 pm**

Do you love music? Want to be a part of the fun? Join the worldwide celebration of music on Thursday, June 20! Come to the Center for the Arts for the Fete de la Musique.

The evening festivities will start at 6:30 pm

and from 7-9 pm there will be a free celebration of music, including singalongs and playalongs led by Lenny Wayne, L A Suess, Jim Mantey and Nancy McMenamin.

Bring your voice, your acoustic instruments and your dancing shoes!

We invite everyone, of every age and every taste in music, to join in the fun.

[More information](#)

A vibrant poster for 'Fete de la Musique' at the Galena Center for the Arts. The background is a warm orange-red color with white musical notes and a stylized tree graphic. The text is in various colors and fonts, including gold, blue, and white. The event is scheduled for June 20, 7-9 PM. The Galena Center for the Arts logo is in the bottom right corner.

Fete de la Musique

Make Music Galena

**June 20
7-9 PM**

**Celebrate the Music in all of us!
Singalongs, Jams, Fun!**

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*Songwriters Showcase is always the third Thursday of the month.
No charge for the concert, but donations are happily accepted.*

Do you like to sing? We will be starting a Community Chorus in the fall, for anyone and everyone who would like to sing along with us. No



experience necessary! If you have interest, please fill out this brief survey form ([click here to take our survey](#)) to help us know what you would most enjoy. We will update you about this group as our plans solidify.

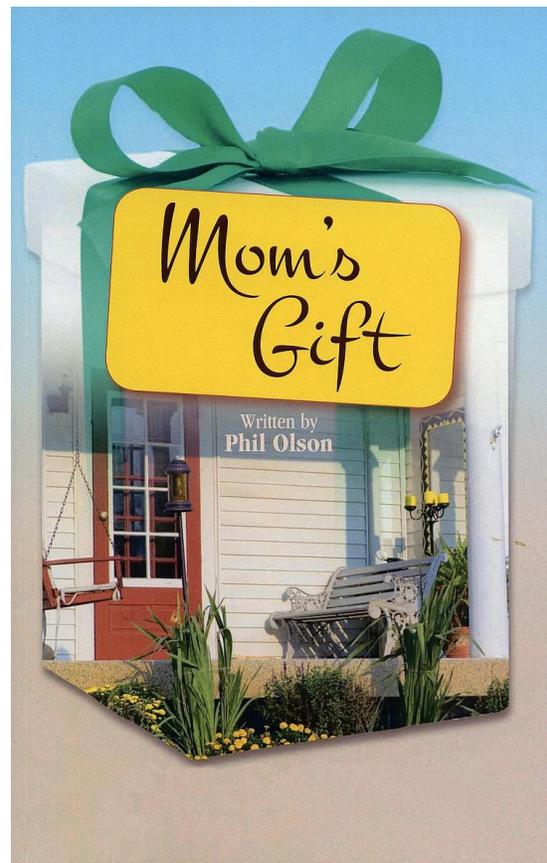
Table Reading
Mom's Gift
by Phil Olson
June 25, 7 pm

An audience pleaser with a surprise ending! In this comedy with a heart, Mom has been dead for 11 months, but shows up at her husband's birthday party as a spirit with a mission.

Mom's Gift features Jenni Ackerman, Jim Ott, Lynda Mackie, Melissa McGuire.

Please join us for this warmhearted play.

Admission \$8



Dylan in Dubuque
June 27, 7 pm

Were you there in 1996?

Plan to attend the presentation "Bob Dylan's Legendary Dubuque Concert" by Cory Ritterbusch. Cory is a veteran of 92 Bob Dylan concerts, including the notorious Dubuque show. He recently wrote a feature article about the concert for a British magazine, and will present for us anecdotes and visuals, and explain the show's long-term influence.



Nobel and Pulitzer prize winner Bob Dylan is one of the world's most popular and influential musicians. His 1996 concert in Dubuque is recognized among Dylan fans around the world as one of the wildest in history, although its reputation is mostly unknown locally. Over 3,400 fans saw Dylan at Five Flags on a Tuesday night and those who attended left seeing a spectacle they would never forget, including fans climbing onto the stage, and even exchanging kisses with Dylan.

If you were at the concert, we'd love to hear your stories about it too!

Teenage fans dive into Dylan concert

Stage antics: Older crowd grimaces as evening turns raucous for energetic youth

By **JIM SWENSON**
TH features editor

Dylan did Dubuque Tuesday night and didn't disappoint the kids.

As for the adults, that's a different story.

Rock 'n' roll icon Bob Dylan performed before more than 3,400 fans at the Five Flags Center and might have made more of them angry than pleased.

By the time he sang his third song on the 15-song playlist, "All Along the Watchtower," young fans were crawling onto the stage and sharing it with a 54-year-old artist who seemed to orchestrate the scene with non-chalance.

Some of the parents of those youngsters



Bob Dylan
Shared the stage

didn't have as much fun.

"I grew up with Dylan and saw him in Washington, D.C. when I was 17," said 47-year-old Christine Conlon, of Dubuque. "We sat down and we listened."

Sandy Woods, 41, of Dubuque was "very disappointed" by the event.

"I feel the children are going to get hurt," she said. "Those kids were just flying off the stage."

It's called "stage diving," according to 15-year-old Jessie Eberhart, of Dubuque, who climbed up on stage several times.

"For this kind of concert, it didn't really get carried away," she said. "I got on stage and danced a little. He's a really nice guy. He's letting everybody do it."

From near the stage, but far enough away not to get picked up and body-passed, it did appear that Dylan, clad in a white cowboy hat, dark blazer and silver pants, was enjoying it.

During a lively rendition of "Silvio" he received the first of many kisses as one young lady, dressed like Stevie Nicks, of Fleetwood Mac, floated around the stage a la Ms. Nicks.

At times, there were four or five fans, mostly teenagers, taking bows and diving headlong into the mass of upraised hands.

Promoter Ron Matthews confirmed that Dylan enjoyed the atmosphere.

"We had a meeting before the concert and he said there would be a lot of kids coming onto stage and that we weren't supposed to try and stop them," Matthews said. "He said if it got too bad, he'd let us know."

"This is less than typical of most of his concerts. The only people complaining are over

Dylan/Please turn to Page 2A

Source: The Telegraph Herald, November, 1996

Galena Center for the Arts Board of Directors

We have been fortunate to have this wonderful group of people as our Board of Directors for the last year. This month we bid a fond farewell to three of our board members, who have served for a number of years.

Diann Marsh, who was a member of the original 2020 committee, has been with us all the way; Toni Klingler has also been with us since the beginning; and Dick Harmet, who has served as our board president for the last two years. We will miss them, but trust that we will see them often as they continue to bring artwork to the Center, give advice, attend events, and help with committees.

A big thank you to all our board members for all they do for the Center!



**Back row: Dick Harmet, Stephanie Bussan, Charlene Price, Toni Klingler, Jan Lavacek, executive director Carole Sullivan, Diann Marsh, Deb Bertucci, Al Jirkovsky
Front row: Suan Barg, Trisha Wollam, Matt Carroll, Jay Dickerson, Michael Crawford, Jean Dregne, Nick Hyde**

WORKSHOPS

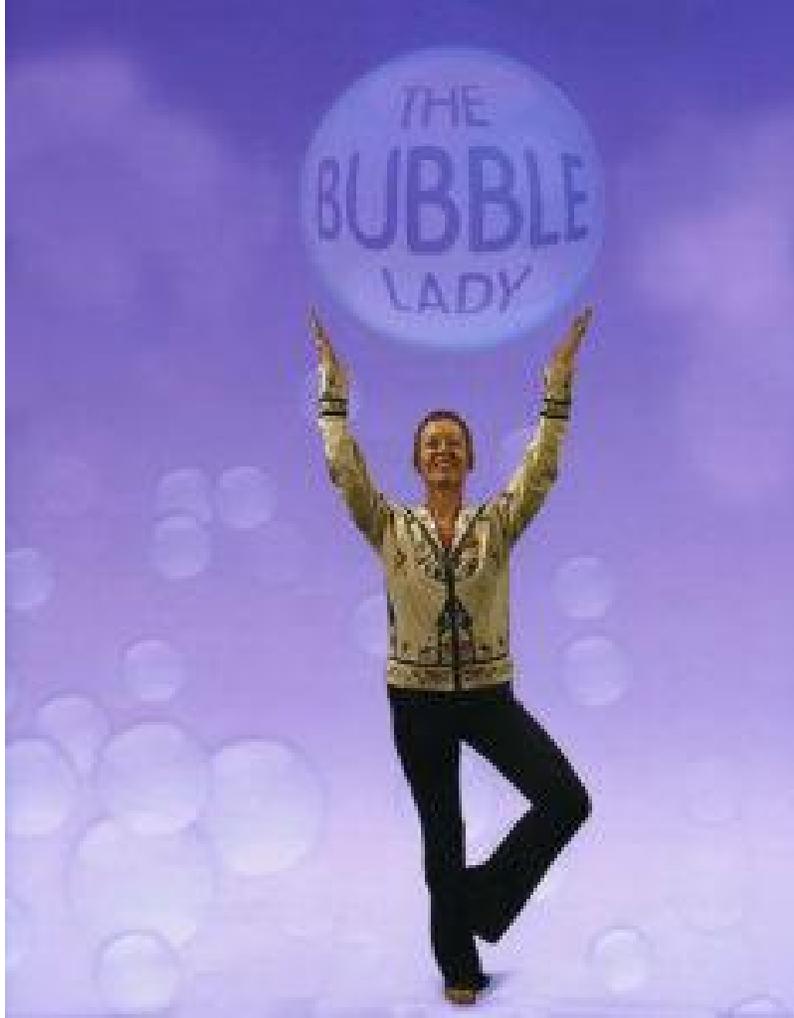
Figure Drawing

We will be taking a summer break, starting in June. The sessions will resume on September 5 and continue weekly on Thursdays 1:30-3:30 through the end of the year.



CLASS

Yoga with Marion "*The Bubble Lady*"
Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am



[More information](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Artists' Materials Sale **July 7, 8, and 9 - 11am to 4pm**

Galena Center for the Arts has been the recipient of many art supplies through the last couple years from generous donors. We will have everything out and priced to sell as a fundraiser. New and used frames, mat boards, used (but still usable) pastels and paints and pencils, mat cutters, portfolio, canvases, drawing and watercolor papers, etc.

Outta the Park **New Works by John Martinson** **Opening July 12**

John Martinson will have a solo show in our Special Exhibit Gallery opening July 12. *Outta the Park* will feature new works in a smaller scale. Be sure to come see his exhibit at the Center along with his

outdoor park on West Street in Galena.

[West Street Sculpture Park](#)



Mark your calendar!

Sunday Salon, July 28
recital by soprano
Megan Gloss



Volunteer of the Month
Chris Chapin-Tilton

In this year of especially uncertain weather, we're all hoping to have a mild, sunny day for ChalkFest, a wonderful outdoor event in which artwork is created on the pavement. This month's special volunteer, Chris Chapin-Tilton, has been enthusiastic and instrumental in both 2018's and 2019's celebration of chalk art.

A couple years ago, Chris and her artist husband Jac Tilton were visiting

Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where Jac's work is shown in a gallery. In many respects, Mt. Vernon is similar to Galena, being a small, historical town with a strong artistic community. On their visit, Chris and Jac happened onto the town's most popular festival, "Chalk the Walk," which brings in large numbers of visitors as well as many talented artists. From that experience, Chris brought back inspiration and ideas to Galena and the Center for the Arts.



As a ChalkFest committee member, Chris also brought her invaluable professional experience and skill set in journalism, grant writing, fund-raising, and marketing. In college, Chris was a journalism major and worked at the

Galena Gazette during her vacations. She went on to teach English and journalism at Galena High, while also advising the school yearbook and newspaper. It was there she met her husband, who was the school's art teacher. Leaving teaching in 1981, Chris went into non-profit work, working for several institutions, including Finley Health Foundation and Clarke University.

Now retired, Chris is keeping busy with several projects. She is finishing an M.A. in philanthropy and non-profit management. She and husband Jac are collaborating on a book of photography, watercolors, and text, all illustrating the alphabet. They both enjoy traveling, and spend part of each year in Berlin with their son. And, of course, she is working on ChalkFest to make it even better than last year's. Chris is quick to point out, however, that "it's truly a team effort, and the entire committee deserves kudos." So, a big thank-you to Chris and to all the committee!

Recent Activities at the Center



Scene from the Spring Radio Show



Ex Libris Authors



Model for the Portrait Workshop



Art in Bloom Opening Reception



The Cocktail Hour Table Reading



Songwriters Showcase, Marques Bovre Tribute

Studio Space Available

We now have two studios available to rent for \$100 a month. They both include a sink and cabinets for storage of your art

supplies. A dedicated space that is set up to create may be just the thing you need to get back to your creative expression. Join a group of like minded studio artists, be inspired by the regional artists that display work in our galleries, and display your work to the public when the galleries are open and during events and openings.



Please call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) or [email Patricia](mailto:patricia@allriverroadtalent.com), our Gallery Manager, for a tour and information about renting studio space.



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 Northwest Illinois. The next ARRT tour is June 1 & 2.

THANK YOU!

- Jenni Ackerman
- Robert Armstrong
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess and Richard Hess
- Katherine Carlson
- Mary Cinto
- Michael Crawford
- Donna Davis
- Michelle Deiter
- Jay Dickerson
- Cathy Dorwick
- Patricia Dyrke
- Janet Eggleston
- Cathie Elsbree
- Joe and Bonnie Garrity
- Vicky Gehling
- Don Gereau
- Meg Gibbs
- Sheila Haman
- Dick and Joan Harmet
- Terri Jackman
- Ben Jenkins
- Maggie Jenkins
- Ron Jenkins
- Tracy Jenkins
- Shari Kochman
- Brian and Karen Lenstra
- Kathy Leonard
- Mary Jo Losey
- Micki Luebke
- Helen Mayberry
- Marie McDonough
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Kate Mills
- Kathy Pearson
- Cory Ritterbusch
- Skip and Carol Schwerdtfeger
- Jac Tilton and Chris Chapin-Tilton
- Randy Vincent
- Dennis and Leslie Waltman
- Chris Warner
- Ginni Yarbrough
- Janet Zehr

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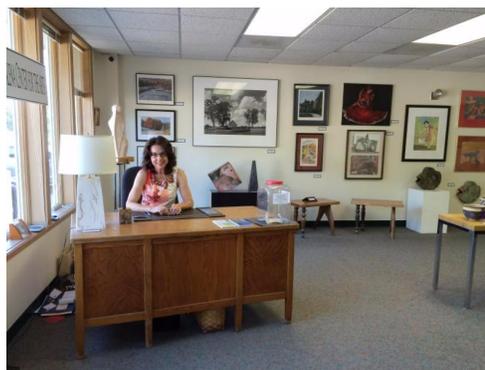
Gallery Volunteers

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

The gallery hours are 11-4 for the summer and fall seasons.

Our desk volunteers greet visitors, provide an introduction to the Center, accept payments for art and gift shop items (involves writing receipts, calculating tax, and processing online credit card transactions), and answer phone calls.

Because we have two shifts, we need twice as many volunteers to staff the gallery. Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.



After you fill in the form be sure to click the "Sign up to volunteer" button at the bottom before you leave.

Thanks for all your valuable time and talents to share artwork with our visitors.

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

[Click to access Volunteer signup sheet](#)

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