



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for March



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Hello Friends of the Arts,

After the dangerous record setting weather in February, I think we are all ready to move into a new month, with what we hope will be more moderate temperatures and precipitation. Even with heavy snow, we performed the table reading of " *Substance of Fire* " for a small, but appreciative audience. Both the audience and cast felt that the performance was something special that others should be able to experience, so we will have a repeat performance on May 28.

So many exciting activities will be happening at the Center in March: *Broad Ideas* and all its events, a new special exhibit featuring *Portraiture* , two table readings, figure drawing, music and more! Shake off that cabin fever and join us for all the moments you can.

We look forward to seeing you!
Carole

Gallery Hours: 1-4 pm
Thursday through Sunday
[Click here for the Center Calendar](#)

Northern Neighbors
Now through March 2

The beauty of the landscape and the clay of the earth have inspired artists for millennia. These six Wisconsin artists are proof of this in their amazing work, depicting creatures, the human figure, the trees and flora, and the utilitarian necessities of pots and bowls. Stop in to see these pieces and consider purchasing one for your home before they head back to the northern lands. [More Information](#)



The Art of Portraiture ***depictions of personalities***

March 8 through May 4
Opening Reception March 8, 5-7 pm

Join us to celebrate the faces of our friends, family, and artists as our exhibit will share portraits in paintings, drawings, sculptures, fabric, and photos. We all have stories to tell. What will these faces reveal?

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Regional Artists Gallery

A colorful array of paintings, drawings, sculptures, and pottery to warm up our winter landscape. A new selection of artwork will be debuted on March 8 at the opening reception. Come now, and come back. Art everyday is a good thing! [More Information](#)

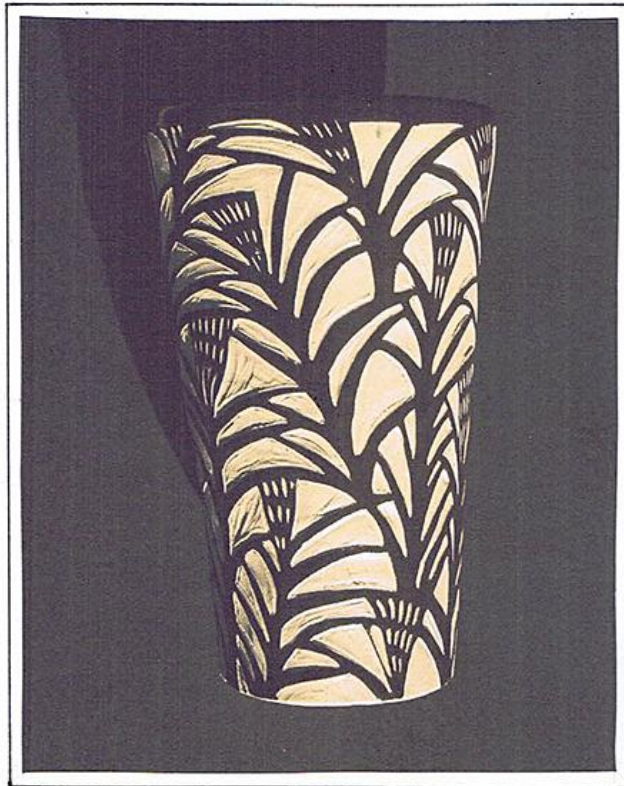


Feature Gallery

Twelve artists from the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) have contributed to our Feature Gallery. They have chosen the theme of *Under the Sea* this year. NAHS is a national organization with over 58,000 outstanding young artists which offers peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, and an unmatched sense of camaraderie. The local chapter sponsors are Irene Thraen-Borowski (Graphics teacher at the CTE Academy), Dorothy Ramey (Stockton Art teacher), and Sara Wentz (Scales Mound Art teacher). [More Information](#)



IN MEMORY OF
ADRIENNE SEAGRAVES
1947 - 2019



...to be an artist
you need to exist in
a world of silence...

We grieve the loss of our friend and artist Adrienne Seagraves. A celebration of her life will be held at the Center on April 6. Details will be in the April newsletter.

Broad Ideas

**Opening reception, Friday, March 1, 5-7 pm
Lower level at the Galena Center for the Arts**



Don't miss it! Come and enjoy the wide variety of visual representations of experiences, memories, and dreams of over 70 artists who identify as women and those who support them. These participants range in age from 5 to 90. Adding to your pleasure will be live music and light dining fare. As in every event during this monthlong celebration of women and their stories, there will be free childcare. Join us as we begin this monthlong celebration of the women in our lives!

For more information, visit BroadIdeas.org .

TABLE READINGS



Silent Sky
by Lauren Gunderson

March 12, 7 pm



Lion in Winter
by James Goldman

March 16, 7 pm

Broad Ideas event

With warm-hearted wit and infectious joy, *Silent Sky* tells the riveting true story of Henrietta Leavitt, a pioneering scientist in an age when women couldn't even vote.

Despite not being allowed to touch a telescope, Henrietta and her coworkers at the Harvard Observatory made groundbreaking discoveries about the universe that are still vital today, over a century later.

Free childcare available during this event. [More Information](#)

Rescheduled date

It's 1183 and an aging Henry II of England has assembled his family for the Christmas holidays. Much is at stake. His three sons are all vying to succeed their father to the throne.

Adding to the mix, Henry has brought his estranged wife, Eleanor of Aquitaine, out of exile for the holidays. Henry's mistress, Alais Capet, is a half-sister to the young King Philip of France, who has been invited for the holiday to resolve the issue of Alais's pending arranged marriage to Richard (Henry's oldest son). [More Information](#)

After each monthly Table Reading, the audience is invited to participate in a talkback about the play and its subject matter.

SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE



An Evening of Women in Song
March 21, 6-9 pm
Broad Ideas event

" An Evening of Women in Song " features regional songwriters, including Maureen Leytem, Maureen Kilgore, Karen Buechele, Melanie Devaney, Gladdy Ressler, Jacquie Miller, Pearl Breitbach, Jody McGill, Colleen Nielsen, Kara Gordon, and Robyn Davis.

It's going to be a music experience like no other...an evening filled with laughter, tears, and music full of heart and soul. Because we have so many wonderful performers, we will begin the music at 6 pm instead of our usual 7. As usual, beverages and snacks will be available. Don't miss it!

Free childcare available during this event. [More Information](#)

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

Spoken Word Broad Ideas closing show

**Sunday, March 31, 4 pm
Lower level at the Galena Center for the Arts**

Each of us is a collection of stories; happenings that when strung together, carry us from birth to death. Ordinary people rarely get a chance to tell our stories. That opportunity is generally saved for the rich and famous. We choose to empower all women to recognize their strength and talent. Tales of significant lives will be shared through poetry, essay, and storytelling at *Spoken Word* , the closing event of the Broad Ideas 2019 Art Show.

Be present to honor and celebrate these women who write, talk and dance their way through daily life.

**Free childcare available during this event.
For more information, visit BroadIdeas.org .**

WORKSHOPS

**Figure Drawing
Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 pm
*Weekly sessions resume Thursday, March 7***

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to improve your drawing skills, this is the place for you.

Whether you prefer figural work, still life, or landscapes, drawing the human figure will help with perspective,

patience, and editing, along with many other attributes.

Bring your own drawing or painting materials and we will provide the model in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Sessions are \$10 each, no need to sign up long term. [More Information](#)



Artwork by Denise Faith

Embroidery Circle

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

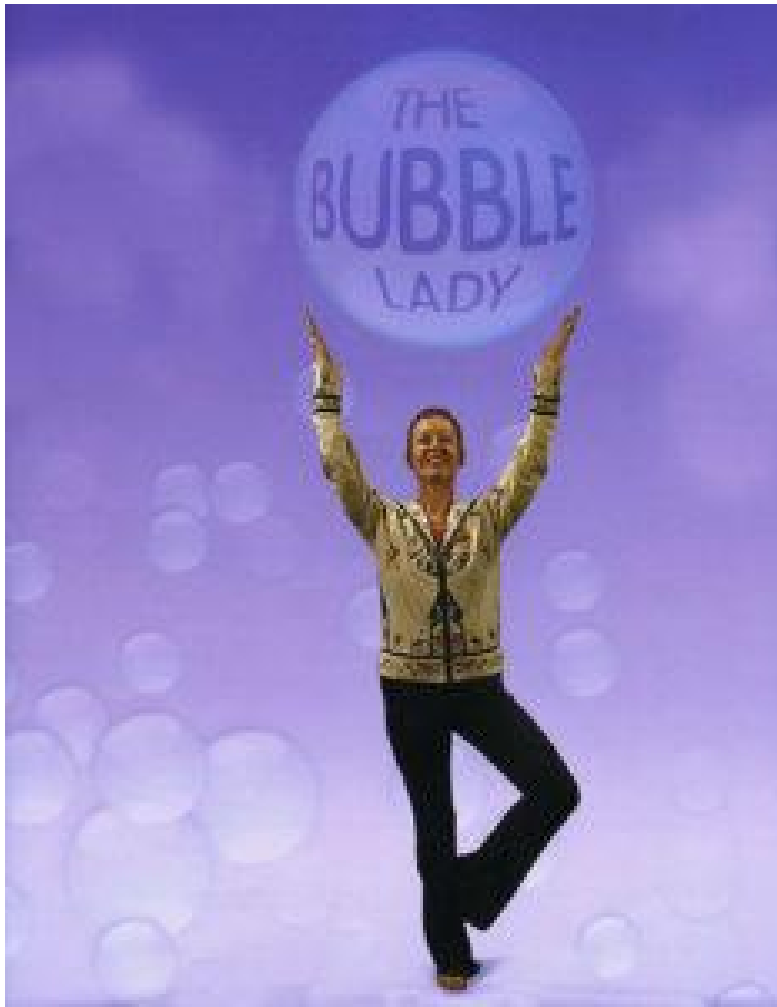
There's nothing like stitching beautiful flowers during the winter in anticipation of spring, beginning a new embroidery project, or finishing a piece that you started decades ago. No matter what your interest, you're welcome to join the Center's weekly hand embroidery sessions. This group is open to all levels of hand embroiderers, including first-time stitchers! [More Information](#)



Embroidery by Donna Davis

CLASS

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



[More Information](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SALON on MONDAY! *Julien Chamber Choir*

Monday, April 8
at 7 pm

The Julien Chamber Choir, directed by Kristen Eby, returns to perform their Spring concert "A World of Song" featuring music from many cultures.



TABLE READING

God's Favorite

by Neil Simon

April 9 at 7 pm

A contemporary morality tale like no other.
Join us for the fun of this comedy!

[More Information](#)

SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE

Elizabeth Mary

April 18, 7-9 pm

This singer/songwriter's unique style of music mixes country, blues, pop and a whole lot of feels. Best known as the former lead singer of the band *Zero 2 Sixty* and the acoustic duo *Broken Strings*. Her debut EP album, *Dance with the Fear* was released April 2018.

RADIO SHOW

The Adventures of Philip Marlow

April 25, 26 & 27 at 7 pm

April 28 at 2 pm

The Adventures of Philip Marlow is a mystery / comedy based on the radio series written by Raymond Chandler. This chapter of the series is *The Medium Was Rare*.

Adults \$16.00, Children \$8
Tickets go on sale starting March 29.



SPOTLIGHT

on

Irene

Thraen-Borowski



On January 21, 2017, the day after President Trump's inauguration, great numbers of American women took to the streets in the Women's March. Among them, in St. Paul, was Irene Thraen-Borowski. Although she had always been interested in women's rights issues, this was a

galvanizing event for her and set her thinking seriously about how the arts could let women express themselves and tell their stories. Thus began the idea for last year's "*Broad Ideas*" at the Center for the Arts.

After Carole Sullivan enthusiastically embraced the concept, a committee was formed of women ranging in age from thirties to seventies. With Irene's and the committee's hard work, "*Broad Ideas*" was developed into an entire festival of the visual arts, literature, and music, all centered on women. It turned into such a popular and successful series that it is going to be repeated again this year. Irene and the committee are already at work on making it even better than last year's.



An art teacher at Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy in Elizabeth, Irene began her career doing social work in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in the western suburbs of Chicago. While creating a variety of ways to help challenged people with different needs, she realized that art-based therapy was her favorite. She went back to school, getting her Master's Degree in art education from Northern Illinois University. The job at the Academy was a perfect fit for her, especially since she grew up in Elizabeth and her parents still live there.

As an artist herself, an enthusiastic teacher and advocate for the arts, Irene has shown her own art, volunteered in the Youth Arts Festival, and currently has the work of her National Arts Honor Students on exhibit in our feature gallery. As Carole describes her, Irene really is a remarkable, intelligent, and energetic young woman.

Studio Space Available

Wish for a quiet space to create?

Want the camaraderie of other working artists?

Need a space to meet your customers to take special commissions?

We currently have one studio available with a

sink and cabinet.

Please call 779-214-0261 or *email Pat, our Gallery Manager*, for a tour and information about renting studio space.



Chris Warner at work in her studio



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 March 2 & 3.

If you are an artist and would like to join this talented group, check out their website and click on the button on the top right: **I'D LIKE TO JOIN ARRT!** for more information. [More Information](#)

THANK YOU!

- Bryan and Jenni Ackerman
- Robert Anderson
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Maren Coates
- Michael Crawford
- Michelle Deiter
- Jay Dickerson
- Cathy Dorwick
- Jean Dregne
- Janet Eggleston
- Cathie Elsbree
- Richard Hess
- Nancy Hyman
- Terri Jackman
- Char Kennedy
- Shari Kochman
- Kathy Leonard
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Kate Miller
- Marge Olivier
- Kathy Pearson
- Gerald Podraza
- Dorothy Ramey
- Michael Rathsack
- Neil and Bernadette Spurr
- Charlotte Stryker
- Irene Thraen-Borowski
- Dennis and Leslie Waltman
- Sara Wentz
- Ginni Yarbrough
- Janet Zehr

We also extend special thanks to all artists, bakers, and event volunteers who contributed to the successful *Hearts for the Arts* fundraiser:

- Catherine Basten
- Glee and Ken Bilderback
- Beth Bird
- Marianne Black
- Paul Chase
- Gloria Christ
- Maren Coates
- Joan Culm
- Susan Cunningham
- Michelle Deiter
- Wendi Dibbern
- Judy Doebler
- Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier
- Joan Forman
- Susie Hulls
- Sue Jirkovsky
- Gerry Kaiser

- Patricia Lehnhardt
- Kathy Leonard
- Mary Jo Losey
- Larry and Linda Martin
- Charissa McAuliff
- Nancy McDevitt
- Alice McMahan
- Liz Mitchell
- Linda Morden
- Mary Pickett
- Carol Powers
- Charlene Price
- MaryJane Schweihs
- Laura and Jon Scoles
- Julie Sitzman
- Mary Stayner
- Diana Watts

A big THANK YOU to the Lion's Club of Galena and to Paul and Nancy McMenamin for support to repair the elevator at the Center.

We are happy to announce that the elevator will be available for all lower level events. We look forward to seeing more people use it and seeing more attendees from Assisted Living and the Nursing Home.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Calendar Girls

Grand Opera House – Dubuque, Iowa

Carole Sullivan (the Center's Executive Director) and Jan Lavacek (Technical Director) have been "moon-lighting" during January and February, working on the production of " *Calendar Girls* " at the Dubuque Grand Opera House. Carole directed the show, and Jan designed and built the set. Several other actors that you have seen at Center for the Arts' performances are also involved, including Jenni Ackerman, Emily Painter and Susan Barg. *Final performances are the first weekend of March.* [More Information](#)



En Plein Air

Outside the Lines is sponsoring a three day workshop in Galena on April 12-14, 2019. The *En Plein Air: An Immersive Experience* workshop is with nationally-acclaimed plein air painters, Nyle Gordon and Spencer Meagher. To learn more about this opportunity and register, [click here](#) .

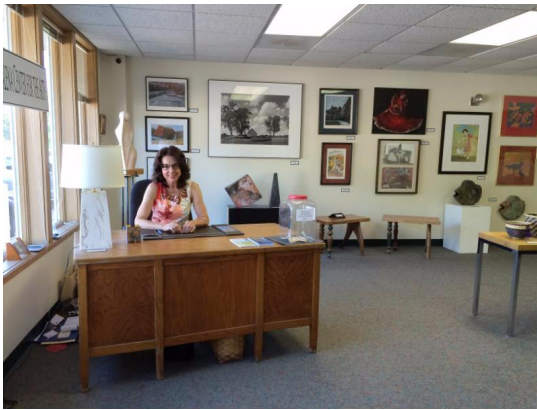
WISH LIST

We wish for an early spring and volunteers to plant and care for our small flower garden area near the performance space door.

Click for the Center Website

Click for the Center Calendar

Gallery Volunteers



If you need help signing up, just call **779-214-0261** and we can assist you.

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.

Sign up to Volunteer

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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