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Galena Center for the Arts

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH



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Dear Friend of the Arts,

March is going to be a joy filled month at the Center! On Leap Day, we have the opening reception for our third annual Broad Ideas exhibit and month-long series of events. Over a hundred artists are participating in Broad Ideas! I hope you will join us for a number of these activities, including the wonderful play, *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*. Many of these events are free, and for the events that call for admission, if

anyone wants to attend but can't afford it, volunteer opportunities are available. We will have free child care available for every event. Scroll down for details!

We also have the excitement of a new art opening, featuring the artwork of Barbara Heitzman. Barbara's opening will be the same night that we have our opening for the play, so you can have a whole evening to celebrate art: come to the art opening around 5 pm, and then go downstairs for the performance which starts at 7. This is the first time we have had an opening followed by a performance, so let us know if you like having them together.

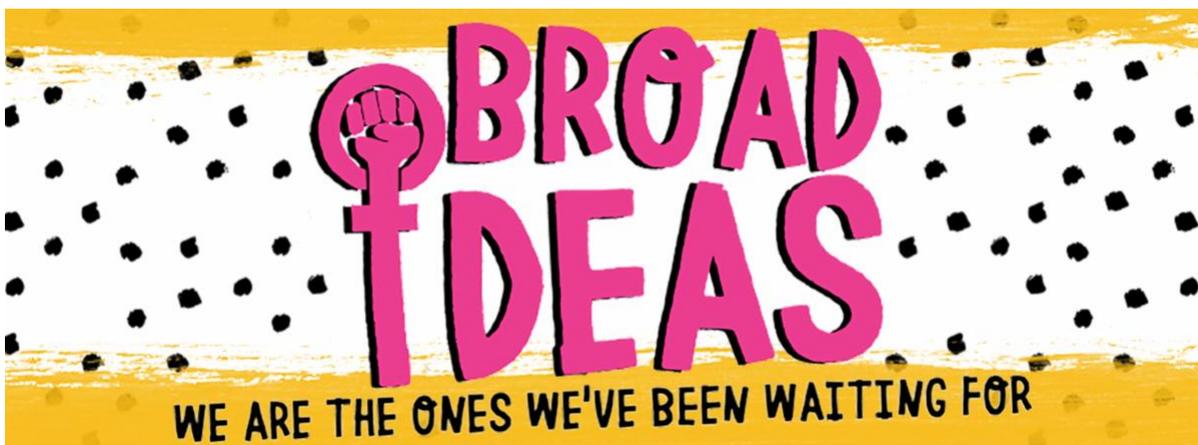
Looking forward to seeing you in March!

Carole

[Click here for the Center calendar](#)

Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday, 1 – 4pm

Opening Reception
Leap into Broad Ideas!
February 29, 5-7 pm



Broad Ideas is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a community of support and solidarity for those that identify as women; a dynamic collaboration for everyone who supports women.

All events will be in the lower level of the Center for the Arts.

Join us in celebrating the artists and artwork that make up our third annual *Broad Ideas*. View the work and party with live music by Robyn Davis and Ted Williams.

Enjoy food and beverage while networking with community supporters.

*** Free childcare available for every event ***

No admission charge. Have fun!

Art Exhibit open 1-4 pm,
Thursdays through Sundays,
through March 29*
***March 15 the Art Exhibit is open only to playgoers.**

***Broad Strokes
(a painting experience
for adults and
children)***

March 6, 7-9 pm



Adult painters will have an opportunity to make their own artwork among the amazing artwork. Supplies and instruction will be provided. Bring your own drinks and snacks. **Class is limited to 30 adults.**

A class for children (aptly titled) Kid Strokes combines guided drawing with ornithology to produce a masterpiece, using the physiology and beauty of birds and the uninhibited imagination of a child. Come spread your wings! This class is free and comes with guided instruction. **Class is limited to 20 children.**

Admission: Adults, \$20 for materials , Children (12 and under) - Free

See our Facebook event to reserve your space today! ([Click Here](#))

**Artistic Diversity
Elevating and Celebrating
Regional Artists
through March 7, 2020**

What a wonderful exhibit! We have artwork from over fifty artists in many genres and media. Check it out for a few more days. The exhibit will run through Saturday, March 7.

[More information](#)



Special Exhibit Gallery



The Regional Artists Gallery encompasses the Special Exhibit, Artistic Diversity, this time. Always a mix of amazingly talented artists who bring in work for us to exhibit and sell.



The Artists Circle

***Eclectic Mix:
The Art of Barbara Heitzman***
March 13 — May 2
Opening Reception March 13, 5-7pm



Barbara Heitzman, a celebrated, award-winning artist and founder of Plein Air Painters of Dubuque, is a retired teacher of Expressive Arts and Creative Drama.

This show includes a variety of painting genres such as still life, landscape, and people in specific settings.

She also uses a variety of media consisting of acrylic, watercolor, and hard and soft pastel. The work was created both in the studio and plein air. Barbara has been working recently in cold wax and oil, which will also be included in the exhibit.

Love, Loss, and What I Wore March 13, 14 at 7 pm; March 15 at 2pm

Love, Loss, and What I Wore: An intimate collection of women's stories by Nora and Delia Ephron, based upon the book by Ilene Beckerman. This funny and powerful play of monologues and ensemble pieces about women, clothes, and memory will make you laugh, and maybe cry too.

Directed by Carole Sullivan; the cast includes Susan Barg, Cathie Elsbree, Tiffany Fluhr, Becky Heil, Suzy Kania, Kate Koziol, Emily Painter, and Cindy Tegtmeyer.



Standing: Susan Barg, Tiffany Fluhr, Suzy Kania, Cathie Elsbree, Kate Koziol Seated: Emily Painter, Cindy Tegtmeyer, Becky Heil

Admission: \$16 adults, \$8 students

This is a ticketed event containing **adult subject matter** .
Reserved seat tickets may be **purchased here** , at the
Center for the Arts, or at the door.

Songwriters Showcase

March 19, 7-9pm

A Baker's Dozen of Women Songwriters will be an exciting show of regional singer/songwriters. Many of these amazing women have performed here at the Galena Center for the Arts as part of the Singer/Songwriter Showcase in the past and are now excited to be returning along with several new talented performers and their songs.

It's going to be a music experience like no other...an evening filled with laughter, tears, and music full of heart and soul. Performers will include: Gladdy Ressler, Karen Buechele, Pearl Breitbach, Robyn Davis, Kara Gordon, Maureen Leytem, Maureen Kilgore, Jacquie Miller, Jody McGill, and Colleen Nielsen. Also three new young songwriters, Bella Nekvinda, Lizzy Johnson, and Elizabeth Graber and special guest Marion Roberts!



**Some of the returning songwriters:
Pearl Breitbach, Gladdy Ressler, Kara Gordon**

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

[More information](#)

***Broad Stretch –
Yoga
March 24, 7 pm***



Cindy Tegtmeyer

A restorative event - Stretch your body and relax your mind or relax your body and stretch your mind!

Join us for a free night of restorative yoga and rejuvenating massage led by Cindy Tegtmeyer & Susan Barg.

Please RSVP through the [Broad Ideas Facebook Events page](#) so we know how many people to anticipate.

Admission: FREE

Spoken Word Closing **March 29, 4 pm**

All good things must come to an end. Join us for an afternoon of Spoken Word as we celebrate women's voices with a collection of empowering readings by poets and prose writers.



Scholarship winners will be announced at this event.

Admission: FREE

WORKSHOP ***Figure Drawing***

**March 5, 12, 19, and 26
1:30—3:30 pm**



Sketch by Sheila Haman

Spring is almost here, and so are our weekly Thursday sessions for Figure Drawing. This is such a great opportunity to sketch or paint with a live model as your subject.

Learning to “see” is so important to creating art. We have a casual setting with supportive artists.

If you’re a beginner or haven’t drawn for a while, no worries. Come and give it a try.

Bring your own materials. We supply the model. \$10 per session—no long term commitment.

Volunteer of the Month **Jean Dregne**

Jean Dregne, Board member of the Center for the Arts, has had two lifelong passions. Even as a young child, she knew she wanted to be a teacher, and she loved music. Her devotion to music and to education have given her joy and stayed with her throughout her life. “Without art and music,” she muses, “there is no life.”

Jean began playing the piano at age five. As a young adult, she also took voice lessons. Pursuing her dream, in college she majored in both vocal music and education. One of her fondest memories from her student days is of going to the rehearsals of Chicago's Lyric Opera—and getting to sit in the front row. She even sang in the chorus of two operas, including La Traviata.



Becoming a music teacher was a natural path for Jean, one she has loved. Throughout her career, she taught vocal music at the middle school level. She enjoys all kinds of music and would use whatever the kids liked to “hook” them. Rap, she says, is a wonderful way to teach rhythm patterns. One of her goals was for her kids to learn to read music, so she introduced it to them so gradually they hardly realized they weren't just having fun.

Jean retired in 2002 and moved to Galena in 2008, where she has continued to be active. She has done some substitute teaching, and serves on the Board of Prairie Ridge. As choir director at the First Presbyterian Church for about five years, she enjoys leading the small but dedicated group of singers. As a Board member of the Center for the Arts, she is excited about all the Center offers the community, visitors, and the all artists who work and display their talents here.

Asked about her role on the Board, she says, “As an avid lover of music and arts, I am thrilled to come here and contribute.” She is excited about the idea of having a real theater for musical and theatrical performance. As an educator, it is not surprising that she would especially like to see more children and young people come to the Center. “The arts help them grow,” she declares confidently, having personally fostered and witnessed that effect in her many years of teaching.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feature Gallery Exhibit

April is Autism Acceptance Month

Art is a cathartic outlet for many reasons. It’s a way to express feelings that you can’t easily articulate or advocate for a cause or a belief. And, for some, it can also be a means of making a living. This can especially be important for people on the autism spectrum, some of whom have difficulty with communication.

Visit our Feature Gallery during the months of April and May and view pieces created by local individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

Songwriters

Showcase

April 16

featuring

Finding Home



Spring Radio Show April 23, 24, 25 at 7 pm April 26 at 2 pm

Our spring radio show will be *Around the World in 80 Days*, based on the novel by Jules Verne. Danger, romance, and comic surprises await you in this whirlwind of a show as seven actors portray 39 characters who traverse seven continents in Mark Brown's hilarious adaptation of one of the great adventures of all time.



Reserved seat tickets may be [purchased here](#) starting March 12.



An open call to local artists!

The Galena Area Chamber of Commerce is commissioning an annual Halloween Parade Poster to be launched this year!

The poster will be used as a fundraiser for the Chamber.



Artists requirements: Format 15" x 17" original work in color, any medium, matted.

Main Subject: The Galena Halloween Parade

- Artwork should have no text on the poster except for a right bottom signature, as the Chamber will add their own title, date, etc. to the bottom for consistency.
- Artists name, address, email and telephone number must be submitted on a separate page with the artwork.
- Artist gives *all* rights of the winning artwork to the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce. (The original must be signed in ink).
- Winning artist will receive a \$250 prize, as well as an unveiling reception and social media marketing.
- **The contest deadline is May 31st, 2020. All artwork should be dropped off at the Galena Center for the Arts.**
- A winner will be chosen in mid June.

Recent Activities at the Center

Moments from *I Hate Hamlet* table reading



The full cast...a séance!
Terry Hoefflin, Molly Hoefflin, Nala Kathleen,
Michael Crawford, Mark Haman, Lee Adami, Jay Dickerson



Mark Haman, Lee Adami



Terry Hoefflin, Molly Hoefflin



Nala Kathleen, Mark Haman, Michael Crawford

Volunteer Tea



Appetizing goodies for the Volunteer Tea

JazzQ concert



Jazzing it up



David Resnick, saxophone and Joe Gonzales, bass

Songwriters Showcase



Lenny Wayne





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 7 & 8.

THANK YOU!

- Lee Adami
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Michael Crawford
- Michelle Deiter
- Jay Dickerson
- Janet Eggleston
- John Garde
- Andrew Geysens
- Mark Haman
- Richard Hess
- Molly Hoefflin
- Terry Hoefflin
- Terri Jackman
- Nala Kathleen
- Rebecca Lansing
- Patricia Lehnhardt
- Jack and Arlene O'Callaghan
- Stephanie O'Shaughnessy
- Kent Parry
- Melanie Paulsen
- David Resnick
- Karen Wilson
- Sandy Winge
- Ginni Yarbrough

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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.

Gallery hours are 1-4 pm for the fall and winter 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.

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

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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This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency



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