



#### Greetings!

Spring is in the air with many new events happening at the Center.

Art! Music! Workshops! Theater!

And to showcase all these we have a new website! Macayla Willis has been creating a new user-friendly format. There may be a few bugs and it is still a work in process. Please check it out; let us know what works for you, and what still needs improvement.

When you come to the gallery to see George Olson's Watercolors from the Tallgrass Prairie, be sure to visit the studio with prints from the National Arts Honor Society. We are so proud of the artwork created by the young people in the area.

Tune into KWQC, Paula Sands Live at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 29 or visit the web at this address to see our segment of the show (http://www.kwqc.com/psl). I will be promoting our Youth Arts Festival coming up on April 9th.

Andy Steil, of Birdhouse72, tested out his new cameras at your last Song Writers Showcase on March 16th with Medicinal Purposes and Robyn and Ted. Here's the <u>YouTube video</u>, in three parts. We hope to have more recordings of our performances in the future.

We bid a fond farewell to one of our studio artists, MarieMcDonough. Our mission is for thestudios to be used as art business incubators, and that's exactly what hashappened. Marie has moved to a muchlarger studio, which will allow space for all the woodworking tools sheneeds. She will still exhibit her workwith us now and then and will be teaching a beginner's wood carving workshophere on April 22 and 23. Stop by to see her at her new studio on Main Street inStockton.

We wish you a beautiful art-filled April!

Carole Sullivan

Executive Director, Galena Center for the Arts

# New Exhibit March 31- June 4

# Opening Reception Friday, March 31 5-8pm

Forover thirty years, Illinois botanical artist George Olson has been documentingthe plant life of the American prairie through his largescale drawings andwatercolors. The Galena Center for theArts is excited to feature this renowned artists' work ina new exhibit "George Olson: Watercolors from the Tallgrass Prairie", whichwill run from March 31 through June 4.

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# George Olson Watercolors from the Tall Grass Prairie



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#### Related Events





#### **Insect Interactionsin the Prairie**

#### April 6 7-9pm

Richard Pearce will present and hour of fun and fascinating videoclips he has recorded in nature. His videos are HD close ups of insectsinteracting with flowers in unusual and in many cases, seemingly human ways.

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# May 7th2pm Nature'sSecond Chance

StevenApfelbaum and Susan Lehnhardt will give a presentation at Galena Center for theArts in cooperation with JDCF.

BothSteven and Susan have



dedicated their lives to implementing his "land ethic". Nature's Second Chance captures the intimate stories experienced and learnedduring an over thirty year quest to restore the land at their homestead, StonePrairie Farm, in southwestern Wisconsin.

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## **Upcoming Performances**

## Songwriter Showcase

Melanie Devaney, a singersongwriter from Epworth, Iowa willperform at the Galena Center For the Arts on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m

Devaney's style of music is best described as folk-Americana. Classically trained in piano and holding adegree in Creative Writing, her songs are stories from her own life'sadventures and the cast of characters she has met and created along theway. Continue reading...



#### Old Time Radio Drama

The Galena Center for the Arts will once again produce anold time radio mystery, "After The Thin Man" at 7 PM on April 27,28, 29 and at2 PM on April 30. This radio drama, based on the writings of Dashiel Hammett, brings back the era when familieswould gather around their radios on Saturday nights, to listen to and imaginethe scenes of the latest suspense drama. Continue reading...





# Julien Chamber Choir Concert, Songs of Myth and Legend

The Julien Chamber Choir, directed by Kristen Eby, presents their spring concert "Songs of Myth and Legend" on Monday, April 3 at 7 pm.

Selections will include choral settings of fantastical tales from around the world by composers such as Schubert, Clausen, Gibbons, Parker and more. Suggested donation: \$7 at the door; students free.

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#### Sneak-Peek in Galena

The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival is dedicated enriching the community and bridging cultures through the education and promotion of the arts through independent film.

Schedule:



April 18: 4 PM Animated films for children - free for children, \$2 for adults

April 18: 7 PM Feature Film and a

short - \$10 admission fee

April 19: 2 PM selection of shorts -

\$10 admission fee

April 19: 7 PMFeature Film and a

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### **Volunteers Needed for upcoming Performances**

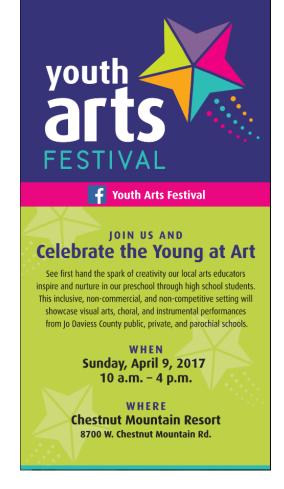
We need volunteers to sell tickets for the Julien Dubuque International film screenings at 6 pm on April 18th and at 3 pm and 6 pm on the 19th. Please choose a shift here:

URL: <a href="http://galenacenterforthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=21445">http://galenacenterforthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=21445</a>

We need a number of volunteers to sell tickets, usher, and sell cookies at the concession stand—along with donations of cookies, for the Radio Show April 27,28,29 and 30. Please check out the shifts and choose a time that will work for you.

URL: <a href="http://galenacenterforthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=21446">http://galenacenterforthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=21446</a>

**Other Events** 





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# **Workshops & Classes**



**Memoir Writing Workshop** Wednesdays in April, 10:30 - noon

A memoir is your own story, a way to pass on your memories to younger and future generations. It can be a letter, an essay, or a whole book,

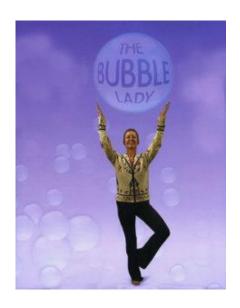


**Beginners Woodcarving** 2-Day Class April 22 & 23, 1-4PM

Come enjoy a relaxing weekend learning the art of carving. In the two-day workshop, you will learn to carve a small bird in basswood using a knife. Material fee includes a knife to use, rough out of the bird, sandpaper,

written for a specific person, your family, or for a general audience. It is a freeing, satisfying form of writing because it is whatever you want to tell, in your own way.

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Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady

Tuesdays 10:00 am - 11:30 am

and stain. Marie will discuss different carving techniques, styles, and how to use different woods.

Class \$40 & materials fee of \$7.

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#### Mindful Yoga Wednesdays 4:30-5:430

Integrating Body, Mind, & Breath. Focusing onfoundational breathing and postures. Develop strength, flexibility, and balance. Experience relief from physical and mental tension. Each class ends with deeprelaxation.

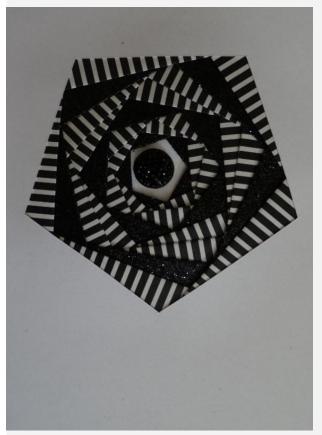
### **Volunteer of the Month - Laura Scoles**

Walking into Laura Scoles' studio, you immediately know thatthis is an artist who loves design, color, and pattern. A nearly finished, quilted runner, made up ofbatiked pieces lies on a table; a "zentangle" and a pile of cards decorated withfolded paper designs are on a desk. Theingredients of multiple crafts are

neatly organized throughout the room. Laura loves crafts, and she especially lovesworking with paper. If you've been inthe Center for the Arts' gift shop, you have undoubtedly seen some of heroriginal cards.

Since shewas a small child, Laura has been drawing, painting, and creating art in manydifferent forms. She says she lovestrying out new media and





new techniques. As she laughingly admits, she'd like to "try everything!"

Lauracarries this ebullience over to the Art Center, where she volunteers in manydifferent capacities. She bakes and/orserves food for both the Center's openings and the Songwriters' Workshops. She works in the library, organizing thebooks. She has taught a couple ofworkshops, including one on origami with Pat Lehnhardt, and she is currentlyhelping with the preparations for the Youth Arts Festival. She even paints the pedestals used in thegalleries!

When Lauratalks about the Center for the Arts, she lights up with enthusiasm. "I love it!" she says. "It's such a warm, feel-good place, andeveryone there is so excited about the arts. It's a great place to meet interesting people."

"Warm,"excited," and "interesting"-all words that fit Laura herself, a volunteer whocertainly helps make the Center the "feel-good" place that it is.

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Volunteering is Good for You and Fun Too! We need staffing from noon -5 pm Thursday through Sunday.

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To Volunteer click this Volunteer Link and sign up!