



Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for July 2017



Not of a Feather by Lois Mihok will grace a wall in the new Prairie Ridge of Galena.

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Dear Patricia,

We are excited to offer two unique presentations this month. Barbara Baird will talk with us about animal photography in the wild, and Faye Wrubel will present the amazing world of art preservation and restoration. There is also an opportunity to attend a workshop with well-known painter Michael Latala in August. Scroll down for details and dates.

Songwriters Showcase - March 2017



Pictured L.A.Suess, Cowgirl Pearl and Scott Guthrie of Medicinal Purposes.

This will be a wonderful summer of music in Galena. Hope you can catch some of these events: an Opera performance offered by the Jeffrey Arnold Foundation for the Arts Vocal Artists this Saturday July 1 at 7:30 at the Methodist Church. Galena Festival of the Performing Arts will host a number of concerts in July. (Scroll down to see their events and dates). Uptown Galena Block Party Music Festival will be on Main Street on July 16. And a new music event to Galena will be the RiverSong Music Festival in August. Add to that our Songwriters Showcases and all the music we regularly enjoy on Main Street and in the area, and it will be a magical musical summer!



Pictured, Megan Gloss and Marcus DeJesus.

Stop by the Center to enjoy the exhibits or just have some quiet time drawing or meditating with adult coloring books in the arts room. We are busily working on planning our 2018 season, and will have some very exciting exhibits and performances to share. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Carole Sullivan
Executive Director

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Current Gallery Exhibit *All Creatures Great and Small, Animals in Art*

All Creatures Great and Small, Animals in Art will continue as the featured exhibit in our gallery throughout the month of July and until August 13th. Come see the wide variety of paintings, photographs, and sculptures. We have birds, fish, a turtle, a muskrat and a fox, and so much more! Even a few dogs and cats. Our artists are amazingly talented. You won't want to miss it. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5pm. [Read more...](#)





Artwork by Toni Klingler, Barb Kellar, and Barbara Baird

All Creatures Great & Small
Animals in Art
 June 9 - Aug 13, 2017
Galena Center for the Arts
 219 Summit St

Gallery Hours:
 Thurs - Sun
 Noon - 5 PM

July 16, 2 PM: In Touch With Nature
 Gallery Talk with Barbara Baird

Mural by Girl Scout Troop 7270

Regional Artists Gallery Free Exhibits
 Historic Photos Ample Parking
 Artists Studios 779-214-0261

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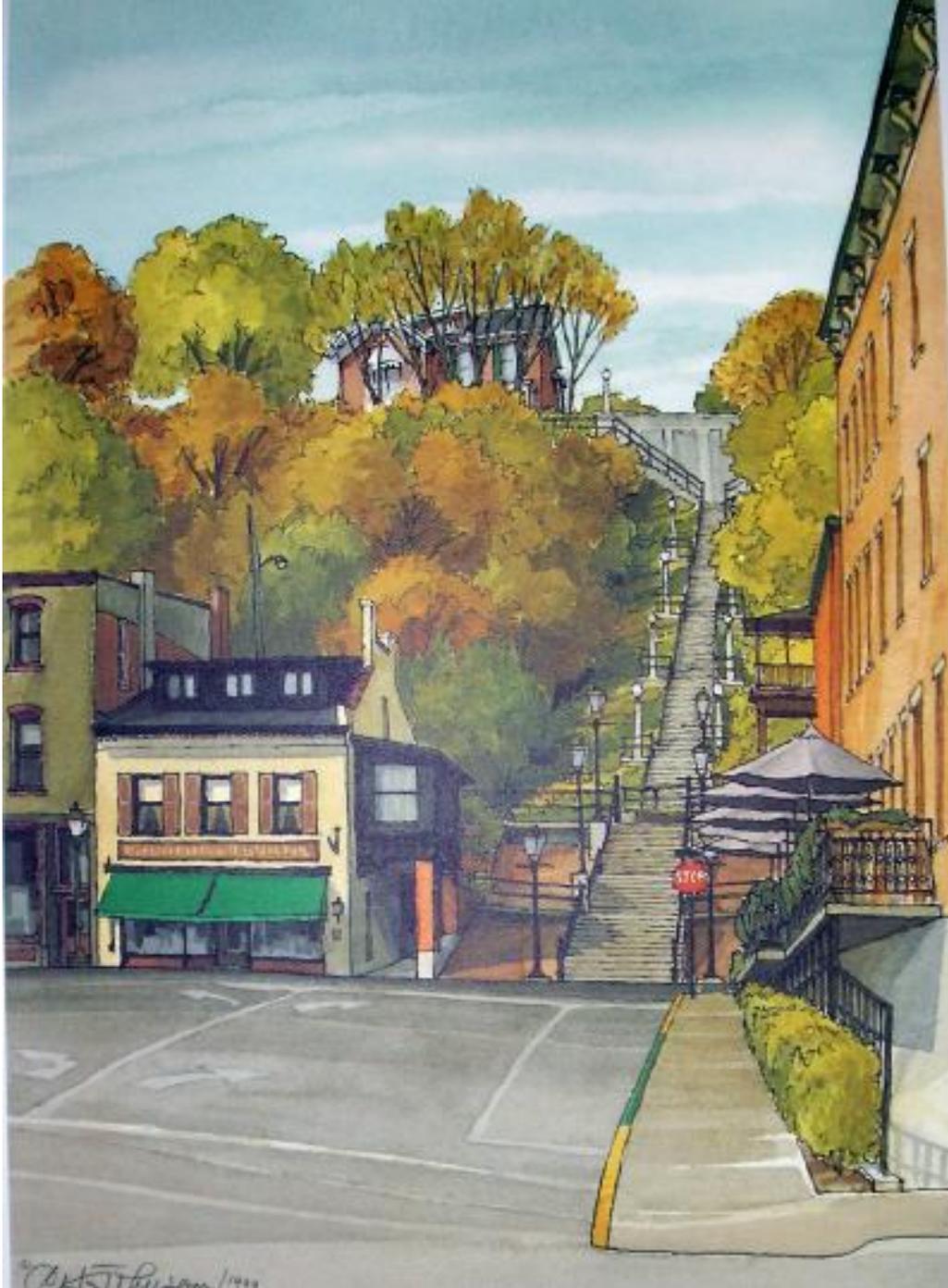
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Carl Johnson--Galena Watercolorist
Opening August 18

The upcoming show, opening August 18, will feature Carl Johnson, a watercolorist who has lived and worked as a full time painter in Galena since 1970. Plan to honor his life in art and see many of his new works, along with a few of his earlier paintings.



Galena Summer by Carl Johnson



High School Steps by Carl Johnson



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. July ARRT tour dates are July 1 & 2.

Upcoming Events

In Touch with Nature a Gallery Talk with Barbara Baird on July 16 at 2 pm

On July 16th at 2 p.m. Barbara Baird will give a free presentation in the gallery about her encounters with wildlife, that she dearly loves and photographs. Come to hear about her experiences and ask questions about the world she has observed over the years of her career. As a wildlife photographer Barbara has traveled the world for photographs—come find out how she does it.



View some of her work in the Gallery now through August 13th in our special exhibit of *All Creatures Great and Small*. She will bring more photos to enhance her discussion on July 16th. [Read more about the Gallery Talk here...](#)

Songwriters Showcase
features
Dave Hummel on July 20 at 7 pm

Dave Hummel, songwriter and guitarist in the Mississippi String Band, has been playing the tri-state area and regionally for over 40 years, and was one of the original members of the country/blues/rock Mississippi Band.



Songwriters Showcase

219 Summit St.

with Dave Hummel

July 20
7 to 9pm



Hosted by
Lenny Wayne
and L.A. Suess

For more info go to

www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com

After winning the Sundown Country Music Festival in the 70's, the band went on the road from 1977 to 1983 playing concerts with Hank Williams Jr., Ernest Tubb, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Sha Na Na, and Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show. The band was hired in 1981 to appear in the movie *Take This Job and Shove It*.

The original Mississippi Band was inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 2010. The first Mississippi Band album, *Take Your Chances*, was released in 1981. The CD "Dave's Songs" features the band and Dave's wife Billie Sue Hummel on all original songs.

There is never a cover charge for the Songwriters Showcase.

**Faye Wrubel to present
"Looking at Paintings from the Inside Out"
Sunday July 30 at 2 pm**

Ever wondered how historic masterpieces can still survive after hundreds of years, and still be beautiful? Come to the Center to hear a free presentation by Faye Wrubel, who will tell about the world of Art conservation and restoration.



Paris Street; Rainy Day by Caillebotte

Faye Wrubel was painting conservator at the Art Institute of Chicago for 36 years, retiring in 2016, and is a Fellow of both the American Institute for Conservation and the International Institute for Conservation, and a Fulbright Fellow in 2000 teaching conservation in Buenos Aires Argentina. She has received many other awards, publications and grants. In her tenure at the Art Institute, she conserved several hundred masterpiece paintings from the Medieval period to the present, including works by artists such as Caillebotte, Gauguin, Manet, Matisse, and Van Gogh, just to name a few.

"Looking at Paintings from the Inside Out" will be a presentation of a variety of treatments representing different techniques and paintings from many historical time periods. Featured will be the conservation treatment of the masterpiece painting *Paris Street; Rainy Day* by Caillebotte.

Corkless in Galena was a Great Success!

Art, Music, Wine, and a Beautiful Blue-sky Day on the River

Corkless brought all that and more to Galena last Saturday, and the Arts were well represented. *Laura Schuster* offered photography, burned and painted wood art, and crafted teacup yard décor. *Lee Ann Breitbach* of Breitbach Garden had colorful paintings on barn wood, prints, and cards. *Lynn Giles* offered her Photography prints, notecards, and magnets. *Henry Matthiessen III* of Stoned Art Studio had stoned candles and scone oil lamps as well as unique local printed photos. *Jan Ketza* was painting "Plein Air" throughout the day and selling "Made in Galena" jewelry, upcycled clothing, and paintings. *Pat Balk* specialized in jewelry, and *Karen Stockwell* offered hand dyed and painted scarves, marbled paper, and self-published novels.



Carole and Terri at Galena Center for the Arts Booth

There was some fast action clearing the artworks from the surprise rainstorm at the end of the day, but the vision that followed of a brilliant double rainbow was an artwork in itself. Thanks to all who participated. [See more here...](#)

Upcoming Workshops and Classes

Workshop

Energize Your Art

August 26 and 27 - 10 am to 5 pm each day

Michael Latala will be teaching a workshop in oil or pastel on August 26 and 27, from 10-5 each day. Check his website to see his beautiful artwork. www.latalaart.com

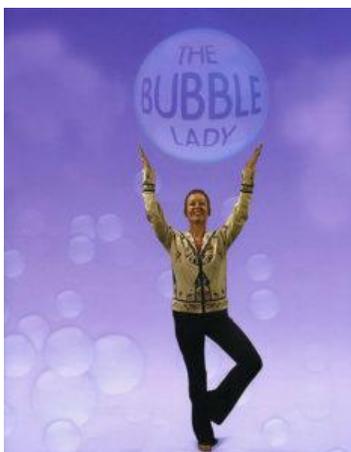
He will give one-on-one attention to each student as they create a still life on the first afternoon, after a demonstration in the morning, and an interpretation of a photo of their own choosing the second day.

[Register and pay online here...](#) [Download a form to register by mail...](#), or call the Center at 779-214-0261 and leave a message for Pat to call you back, The cost is \$200, due at registration. Please sign up before August 12th. [Read more...](#)



Painting by Michael Latala

Classes



**Mindful Yoga with Kate is taking a break for the summer.
Will return Mid-September.**

**Integrating Body, Mind, & Breath. Focusing on foundational breathing and postures.
Develop strength, flexibility, and balance. Experience relief from physical and mental tension.
Each class ends with deep relaxation.**



Conté crayon sketch by James Lehnhardt

Figure Drawing

Thursday afternoons at the Center are a flurry of activity with the artists signing in at the desk and the model arriving to assemble in the meeting room for Life Drawing. The enthusiastic group chat about what has been going on in their lives as they set up their gear—drawing boards and easels, or how they have interpreted the drawings from the previous week. A few paintings in the Regional Artist Gallery were inspired by sketches made during a session. We have also displayed sketches in one of our small galleries for you to view, which will be up for another month or so.

While there are lawns to mow, gardens to tend, wood to chop, and vacations to take, **they will be taking a short summer break. Come September, sessions will begin again** and a few new models will join our group for new inspiration and challenges.

[Read more here...](#)

Visit the Center website

Volunteers of the Month The Openers and Closers

"Janet, do you want Saturday or Sunday?"
"I can take Sunday but not Saturday."
"Okay, I can take Saturday and next Thursday."
"Pat, can you do Friday?"





from top left: Karen Wilson, Elizabeth Boggess, Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, Patricia Lehnhardt. bottom left: Janet Zehr, Denise Tollensdorf, Carole Sullivan, and Sheila Haman, along with our gallery guard dogs by Charles Fach.

And so goes a meeting of a core group of volunteers known as the Openers and Closers. Crowded into the Art Center's little conference room, they meet to plan their schedules, talk over any problems, and brainstorm ideas for future exhibits. The group--made up of (from top left) Karen Wilson, Elizabeth Boggess, Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, Patricia Lehnhardt. bottom left: Janet Zehr, Denise Tollensdorf, Carole Sullivan, and Sheila Haman--take on the responsibility of making sure the Center is opened and closed on time, along with all the many tasks that entails.

On an average day, an Opener arrives at the Center for the Arts, before it opens to the public, to unlock the door, turn on the lights, adjust the heating or air conditioning, turn on the computers and videos, and generally check that everything is ready for the volunteer who will be staffing the desk and for visitors. When it's time to close, a Closer reviews the list of visitors and activities during the day, counts and records the money, turns off the equipment and lights, and finally locks up for the night. But these are only the most visible of their duties.

The Openers and Closers also take on a plethora of other tasks that keep the Arts Center functioning well. They train new volunteers, fill out a daily accounting sheet, take messages, fill in for absent volunteers, help to prepare and clear up after various functions, water the flowers in the summer and shovel the snow in the winter. They can be counted on to see what needs to be done and to be responsible for taking care of it.

All these responsible, dedicated volunteers deserve our admiration and our thanks!

Thank You!

- Cathy Harms
- Kate Miller
- James Bohnen
- Terri Jackman
- Northern Illinois Wine Growers
- Katherine Walker
- Mary Weck
- Patsy Graves
- Pat Lehnhardt
- Andy Willis
- Macayla Willis
- Murphy's Gardens, Lori Bode Portner
- Models for life drawing: Amanda Kevern, Marion Roberts, Jerry Moser, Richard Hess, Jason Carter, Chiron Breitbach

Wish List

- Sturdy, small step ladder
- Comfortable folding or stacking chairs for the audience in performing space
- 3-hole punch

[Click here for Center Calendar](#)

Please Volunteer at the Center



Volunteering is good for the soul, it's good for the community, and it's good for art. We strive to keep the gallery open four days a week, welcome folks to Songwriters Showcase with a light meal, and celebrate at gallery openings with food and drink. It all depends on volunteers. There are many events and jobs around the Center you can help with—just ask! Give us a call at [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261), or sign up online to assist visitors in the galleries.

Our new website makes it easy to sign up. Check out the possibilities, choose a date and job you'd like to help with, and fill out the form. Don't forget to click the button at the bottom.

Sign Up to Volunteer

GALENA FESTIVAL of the PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER MUSIC CELEBRATION
JULY 7-15, 2017

At Turner Hall 115 S. Bench St.

July 7, Friday 7:30 p.m. **Harmonious Wail** jazz, gypsy swing

July 8, Saturday 7:30 p.m. **Broadway Night** Broadway show-stoppers

July 9, Sunday 2-5 p.m. **Medicinal Purposes & Kampfire Kings** folk

July 9, Sunday 5 p.m. **FV5** folk/funky-funk/bluegrass

July 14, Friday 7:30 p.m. **Isthmus Brass** big band jazz instrumental

July 15, Saturday 7:30 p.m. **The Raisin Pickers** Appalachian swing/bluegrass

At Galena Public Library 601 S. Bench St.

July 12, Wednesday Noon **Julien Chamber Winds** classical woodwind ensemble

At Grace Episcopal Church 107 S. Prospect St.

July 13, Thursday 7:30 p.m. **Duo Diorama** violin/piano classical

No admission fee (Donations encouraged at each venue)

GalenaFPA.org

For more information [click here for the Festival website](http://www.galenafpa.org)

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