



# Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for June 2017

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Regional Artists Gallery at the Center

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**Greetings!**

If you haven't had a chance to get to the George Olson: *Watercolors from the Tallgrass Prairie* exhibit, be sure to make a visit soon to the Center to see it. The last day for this exhibit will be Sunday June 4.

Our new fiscal year begins on June 1, and with it we have new officers for our board of directors. Dick Harmet will take over as Board Chairman, Jan Lavacek as Vice-Chairman, Stephanie Bussan as Treasurer and Diann Marsh as Secretary. We bid a fond farewell to Judith Wehrle and Andy Willis, who are rotating off the board. We appreciate so much all the help and guidance we have received from them, and anticipate seeing them frequently at the Center's events and exhibits.

Other news at the Center is that we have hired Karen Wilson as our office manager. We are growing fast, and her background and organizational skills will be invaluable as we move forward. Karen joins Pat Lehnhardt (our gallery manager), Jan Lavacek (our technical director) and me in the day to day running of the Center, with help from many many volunteers.

Please share with us your ideas for future events, exhibits and new regional artists. Many of our exhibits have grown from a single suggestion to an entire exhibit of work, and we are planning our 2018 exhibits now. Please also consider giving two or three hours once a month to help out at the Center. It doesn't have to be a lot of

time, and if many people participate, we can comfortably continue with our extended summer hours of noon to 5 pm each day we're open. See the volunteer information lower in the newsletter for how to sign up.

Quote for the month:

"Practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty." It matters.

Carole Sullivan

Executive Director

[Click here for Center Calendar](#)

## New Gallery Exhibit - *All Creatures Great and Small, Animals in Art*



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

Opening Reception:  
June 9, 5-8 PM

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  
Historic Photos  
Artists Studios

Free Exhibits  
Ample Parking  
779-214-0261

[www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com](http://www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com)



June 9th is the opening of our newest exhibit. The Regional Artists Gallery will have all new work, and *All Creatures Great and Small, Animals in Art* will be our featured

exhibit. The reception will be held 5-8 pm when you can view all the new artwork and meet many of the artists and studio artists. Cathie Elsbree, our amazing reception volunteer, has some fun things planned for the food and drink festivities.

Come join us to celebrate our regional artists and their inspiration of the animals in our world, both domestic and wild. The show will continue through August 13th. In coordination with the show, Barbara Baird will give a gallery talk on July 16th about how she photographs wild animals in their own habitat. [Read more...](#)

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## George Olson: *Watercolors from the Tallgrass Prairie*, will be at the Center through June 4

We have been so fortunate to have George Olson's watercolors at the Center for the Arts. He is a regional artist whose works have had worldwide recognition. George Olson's works are in the collections of six British institutions including London's British Museum (Natural History), where he had a solo show "Plant Studies from the American Prairies." In the U.S., his works are in more than 20 public collections including the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation in Pittsburgh, the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis.

For more information on George Olson, read this wonderful article by Diane Rose, written about him as the recipient of the ASBA (American Society of Botanical Artists) Diane Boucher Artists Award for Excellence in Botanical Art [www.ASBA-Art.org/article/George-Olson](http://www.ASBA-Art.org/article/George-Olson). It ends with "What Audubon did for birds, George does for plants."





George Olson working on *Napaeadioica*, Glade Mallow, watercolor and graphite.

Photo courtesy George Olson.

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## *Karen Wilson, our new Office Manager*

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Karen Wilson as our new part-time Office Manager. Karen is a needlework designer and stitcher skilled in appliqué, blackwork embroidery, crewel embroidery, goldwork embroidery, needlepoint canvaswork, silk shaded threadpainting, and whitework embroidery. She has a Certificate in Technical Hand Embroidery from the Royal School of Needlework (RSN) at Hampton Court Palace in the United Kingdom and is currently completing courses for her RSN Diploma degree.



Karen lives in Galena and has been a volunteer at the Arts Center for several years. She also serves on the advisory committee for the Hello Galena! artists' cooperative retail shop and the Board of Trustees for the HOPE Foundation of Jo Daviess County. She was employed part-time by the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society & Museum from June 2014 to May 2017. Prior to relocating to the Midwest in 2013, Karen held numerous university management and librarian positions in California and New York State. After 27 years at Stanford, she retired as the Associate Dean for Faculty Services and Operations at the University's Graduate School of Business. Karen was born in Hazel Green and comes from families

## *Galena Girl Scout Troop 7270 Achieves Bronze Award*



These fifth grade students in Galena Girl Scout Troop 7270 have achieved their Bronze Award, the highest honor Junior Girl Scouts can receive.

Their project was to design and paint a nature themed mural on the wall of the art room at the Center; to make a welcoming and fun environment where people can let their imaginations flow as they work on all sorts of different art projects.

Al Elsbree, a retired art teacher who is one of the studio artists at the Center, guided them along the way.

We are proud to have their mural debut at our opening for *All Creatures Great and Small*, and we hope some of the scouts will be at the opening to tell you about the project.



## *Studio Space Available*

Nine studio artists are making art at the Center now and we have one more studio to rent. Contact us for details and to see the space. Imagine a room of your own—a space to work and to join in the celebration of the arts in Galena.

What a variety of media! Denise Tollensdorf with her stained glass art; our painters: Al Elsbree, Cathy Dorwick, Christine Warner, and Sheila Haman; Carol Bell is sewing sconchos, Courtney Moser is greeting clients for her custom framing business, Karen Wilson is showing her stitchery, and our newest artist, Janet Eggleston, is just moving in and will be doing Rosemaling.

When they are working in their studios, and also at our gallery receptions, they will often



Artist's Studio

have their doors open and willing to chat about their work. Learn more about them on our website:

[Read more...](#)



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. June ARRT tour dates are June 3 & 4.

## Upcoming Events

### *Michelle Qureshi featured at Sunday Salon June 4*

The Galena Center for the Arts will feature composer and multi-instrumentalist Michelle Qureshi in a Sunday Salon concert on June 4 at 2 pm. A classically trained guitarist, Michelle writes and performs in various musical styles that combine her instrumental artistry with her passion for creating music. That music, drawn with delicate, soulful sounds, has been described as enchanting, healing, mysterious and mesmerizing, as well as vibrant and energizing. Broadcast on radio stations throughout the world and licensed on a global platform, her current album *Scattering Stars* reached #7 on the One World Music Top 100 Chart. She was nominated in 2017 for Best Contemporary New Age Album by ZMR, and Best Ambient Album and People's Choice Award Album by One World Music. Michelle's albums include:



*Scattering Stars* (2016), *Margalla Hills* (2015), *Meditations* (2014), *Suite Beats* (2014), *Flow* (2014), *Illumination* (2012), and *Of Light* (2012). For more information about Michelle, visit her website [www.MichelleQureshi.com](http://www.MichelleQureshi.com). This unique performance will begin at 2 pm in the Performance Space at the Center. There is no charge for the performance, but donations will be happily accepted.

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## *Songwriters Showcase features Frankie Joe Willderman on June 15*



**Songwriters Showcase**  
219 Summit St.  
with Frankie Joe Willderman



**June 15th**  
**7 to 9pm**  
Hosted by  
**Lenny Wayne**  
and **L.A. Sues**

Find more info at  
[www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com](http://www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com)



Songwriters Showcase, hosted by Lenny Wayne Hosey and L.A. Sues, offers a live concert of original music at 7 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month except December.

This series was created to encourage the composition and performance of original music, and to date we've had over fifty singer/songwriters participate.

Arrive early and join us for a light meal or snacks before the show.

There is no charge for these events, but donations are encouraged.

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## *Corkless in Galena June 24*

Galena Center for the Arts is hosting an Art Fair on the Galena River June 24th from noon to 7pm in coordination with Northern Illinois Winegrowers. There will be wine tasting, music, and food along with our regional artist's booths selling their artwork. Find some treasures from:

Lee Ann Breitbach/Breitbach Garden - Paintings on barn boards, prints, and cards

Lynn Giles - Photography - prints, notecards, and magnets

Jan Ketzka - Paintings, made in Galena jewelry, up-cycle clothing, live art demo *en plein air*

Henry Matthiessen III - Photography,

stoned candles and sconce oil lamps

Laura Schuster - Photography, burned and painted wood art, crafted tea cup yard decor

Karen Stockwell - Hand dyed and painted scarves, marbled paper, self-published novels

PatBalk - Jewelry [Read more...](#)



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## *Thank You!*

- JudithWehrle
- AndyWillis
- GalenaLions Club
- ChuckHorton
- ElizabethBoggess
- LauraScoles
- GeraldPodraza
- NancyLange
- DebbieBertucci, DeSoto House Hotel
- AndySteil, Birdhouse72 Video Service
- Galena/JoDaviess County CVB
- KateMiller

## *Wish List*

- MusicStands
- Volunteersto help staff the gallery

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## *Workshops & Classes*

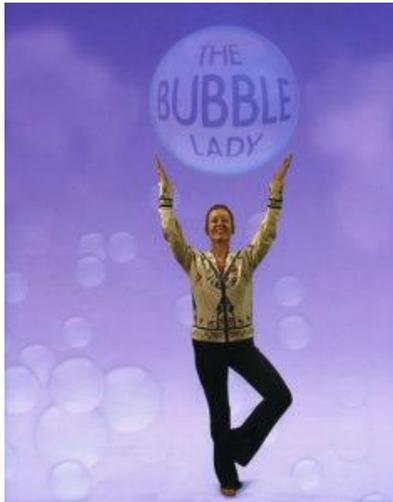
*Upcoming Workshop - Energize Your Art  
August 26 and 27*



We are excited to host a new workshop with Michael Latala, an award-winning Chicago artist. It will be held on August 26 and 27th. He will be teaching both still life and painting from a photograph with your choice of oils or pastels.

He expresses the natural beauty he sees in the world around him with a symphony of colors.

Contact us soon to register via our website or leave a phone message for Patricia. 779-214-0261. [Read more...](#)



Yoga with Marion  
the Bubble Lady  
Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30 am



Mindful Yoga

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30 pm

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.

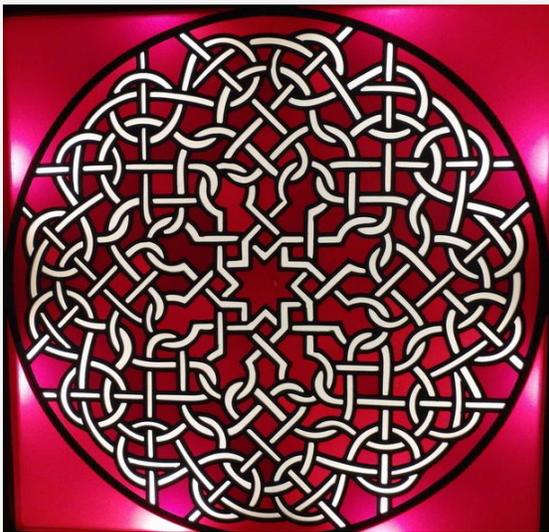
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## *Volunteer of the Month - Denise Tollensdorf*

On the front desk at the Galena Center for the Arts is a lovely stained glass lamp, the work of talented glass artist Denise Tollensdorf.



Wander through the galleries and you will find her dramatic piece entitled "Leonardo's Knot," an intricate pattern on a glowing red ground.



Just as her artistry enhances the galleries at the Center for the Arts, Denise herself has enriched the Center since its earliest days. She was involved with the Main Street pop-up show "The Art Lives On," contributing work by Paul Howell, her late partner in their glass business. At the Center's current location, she was one of the first Openers & Closers, and, ever since then, she has been devoted to the Center. You can often see her there, working either as a volunteer or in her studio.

As an artist, Denise has been working in glass for many years. In 1983, she and Paul Howell bought an existing business and ran it for ten years; then she continued working for another ten years, mainly for Chicago area architects and designers. The windows and lamps she created, using leaded or copper-foiled glass, are elegant and stunning. Pictures of a few of the projects hang in her studio in the Center. If you happen to walk by when her door is open, be sure to stop in to see them.

A woman of many talents, Denise also worked at Highland College from 2002 until the campus closed. At that time, she was asked to be Library Director at the Hanover Township Library, a job she still holds. But despite commuting regularly to Hanover and continuing to create beautiful glass art, Denise can always be counted on to contribute her time and talent to the Center for the Arts.



## Please Volunteer at the Center

The vision of Galena Center for the Arts is to elevate and celebrate our regional artists. Help us do that by volunteering.

Whether it's selling tickets for performances, baking cookies and making creative appetizers for events, or receiving our guests in the gallery each week, planting some seedlings or pulling a few weeds in our doorway garden, there are many ways to help us out.

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](#)

Don't forget to "Like" the Galena Center for the Arts on [Facebook](#)

Have a preferred e-mail address? Please let us know.

Thanks so much for your support of the Galena Center for the Arts!

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