



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for September 2018



Portraits, The Art of Beth Bird

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Greetings!

The Center for the Arts has been a busy place this summer. This week, scarecrows have been flying in (okay, most actually have come in a car or a truck) and soon will be settling in around the Center, and a few around town. Our new play-reading series had a great start. We have been blessed with a wonderful donation from the "Play It Forward" fundraiser, thanks to Woodbine Bend and Scout Magazine, and we have memberships coming in on a daily basis. We have been gratified to see so many of our long-time members renew, but also have been delighted to see that fully one third of our memberships have come from new members. A warm welcome to all! (If you've been meaning to send in your membership, you can do it easily via our website (www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.org/membership/)).

I hope you have had a chance to stop by for a good look at the Beth Bird exhibit. Her artwork is always wonderful, but it is a unique experience to be in a room where hers is the only work on display....a whole community of Beth Bird's portraits! A cheering and lovely way to spend an hour.

Visit us soon. We love to see you!

Carole

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Portraits

The Art of Beth Bird

As visitors walk around the gallery, the most often heard comment is "This just makes me smile!" Portraits of women and children can do that, and especially with Beth's portrayal of her subjects interacting with, or merely accompanied by, a chicken, a chocolate cake, or a handful of rhubarb.

A glint in the eye tells a story, only you can interpret. Her *Ballad of the Red Shoes* in a collection of twenty framed hand-colored prints is the introduction to this Special Exhibit open through October 6.

Gallery hours are 11 am - 4 pm, Thursday through Sunday.



Regional Artists Gallery

Gallery hours 11 am – 4 pm, Thursday through Sunday

There's new artwork in the gallery and some surprising new subjects: a mysterious dark Victorian house rendered in colored pencils on a black canvas, a photograph of a misty morning walker on a now defunct bridge, acrobatic yoga (do not try this at home), a Honduran tree frog seemingly about to croak, stylized colorful cats with their noses in the air, and even a gym post. Intriguing artwork you need to

see.



Regional Artists Gallery

Feature Gallery

The late Richard Pearce's amazing photo scanned prints are now available in our Feature Gallery. This exhibit provides an opportunity to view and purchase unique pieces that were never available commercially. Most of the artworks were signed by Richard, something that will not be possible with future prints. This exhibit will give the visitor a great sense of his talent as a photo scanner and botanist.



His DVDs will play during gallery hours: 11 am–4 pm Thursday through Sunday.

Art that Stands Out in its Field: Scarecrows!

Watch for the
Scarecrows
August 31

Scarecrows will be popping up around town and in the field next to the Galena Center for the Arts, as a community project spearheaded by the Center for the Arts, starting on August 31.

Historically, scarecrows have usually been dressed in old clothes and placed in open fields to discourage birds. The Galena scarecrows are meant to attract, rather than shoo away, and will include a wide range of materials, from metal to wood to straw, and a range of whimsical and fanciful costumes and poses. See how many you can find!



Merry Weather

Table Reading

September 11 at 7 pm

"Two Rooms" by Lee Blessing

On the heels of a very successful first Table Reading evening, we will read another thought-provoking play on September 11 at 7 pm. The chosen play is "Two Rooms" by Lee Blessing. The two rooms of the title are a windowless cubicle in Beirut, where an American hostage is being held by terrorists, and a room in his home in the United States, where his wife shares his ordeal. How can she save him?

Cast members for this reading include Michael Crawford, Susan Barg, Jay Dickerson and Emily Painter.

Please plan to join us for a talk-back after the reading.

Photo from our first table reading, "4000 Miles."



L to R: Emily Tepper, Meggie Jenkins, Ben Behlke, Pat Terry, Robert Armstrong

Songwriters Showcase September 20, 7-9 pm



Songwriters Showcase

219 Summit St.

Hosted by

*Lenny Wayne
and L.A. Suess*



Sept. 20 - 7 - 9pm

Kristina Castaneda

With

Shawn Healy

And

Eric Balayti

Learn more at

www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.com



Storytelling in a listening room. Kristina Castaneda (voice, lyrics), Shawn Healy (guitar, voice), and Eric Balayti (guitar, banjo) will serenade with original songs collaboratively composed over the last 20+ years of performing live in the Driftless Area.

As always, there is no charge for the Songwriters Showcase, but we do appreciate a donation. Join us for a great night of music!

"Play it Forward" 2018 is a Great Success

Many thanks to Woodbine Bend Golf Course & Restaurant and to Scout Magazine, for donating proceeds from the "Play if Forward" golf outing to the Center for the Arts. With this donation, we will be able to install

exterior lighting in the lower parking lot area, purchase a control console for stage lighting and stage lights for our performance space, and upgrade our office computers.

We appreciate all the efforts to make this fund-raiser a success, especially from Jenny and Sam Stoddard and Bridgette Stocks, but also from all the members of the 21 golf teams who participated. Thank you!



Photo by Mark VanOsdol

The Woodin Family

A large enthusiastic audience welcomed John and Nancy Woodin, their son Rob, and their daughter-in-law Lydia for our August Sunday Salon.

They traveled from Cincinnati and Boston to treat us to a Woodin Family Recital, which included music ranging from the classics to modern musicals.

We hope they find their way back to Galena to inspire us again!



Lydia, Nancy, Rob and John Woodin



Rob and John Woodin



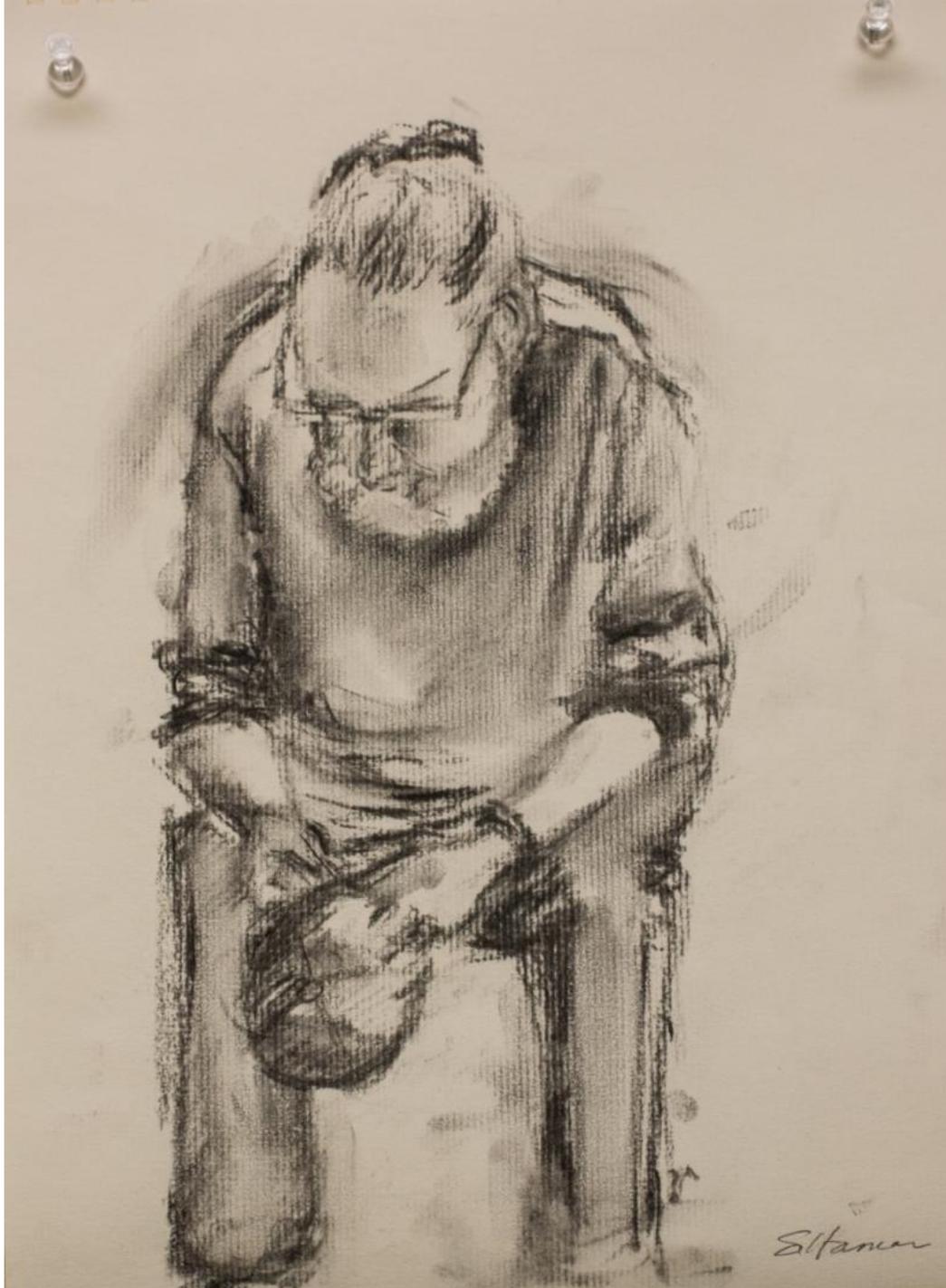
Nancy Woodin

Workshops

Figure Drawing is back! September 6, 1:30–3:30 pm

Join a group of enthusiastic artists each Thursday afternoon to draw the human form with live models. One of the most challenging subjects to draw will help you build confidence in all your other expressions—landscape, still life, or wild life.

Bring your own supplies, and we will supply the model. \$10 per session.



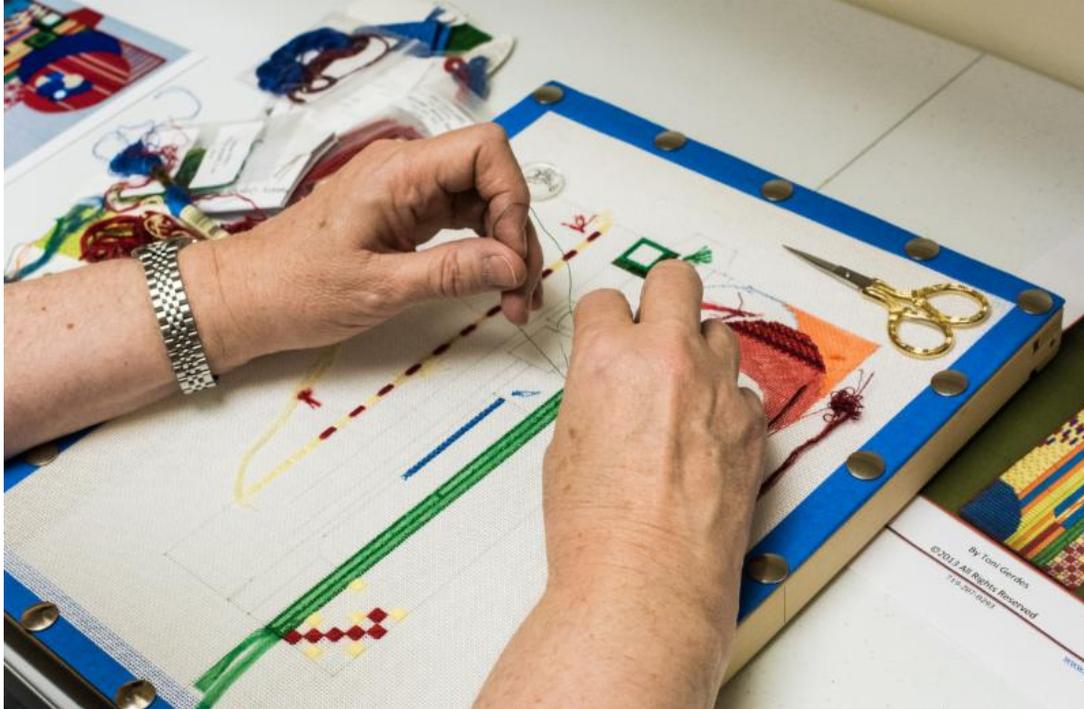
Sketch by Sheila Haman

Embroidery Circle

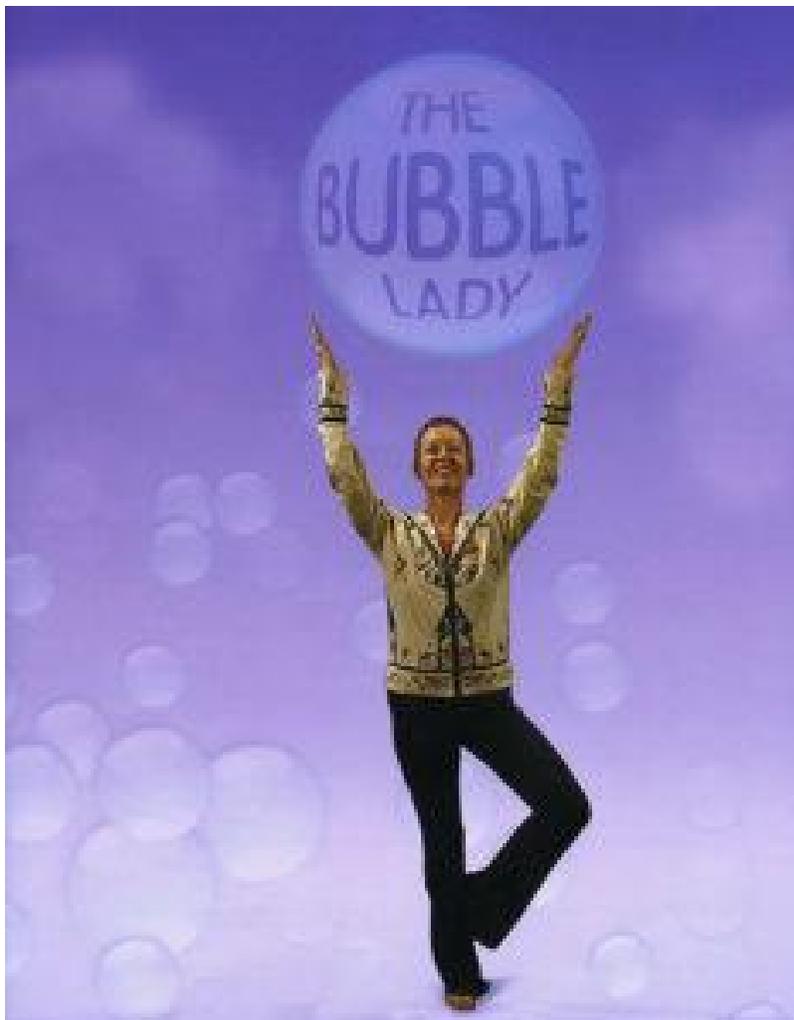
Wednesday from 1-3 pm

The Center's Embroidery Circle members are currently stitching several pieces, including a needle case, a Christmas stocking, floral pillowcases, various cross-stitch floral designs, a vintage needlework sampler, and a needlepoint kimono design. Just bring your new or unfinished needlework projects and join us for this free activity on Wednesdays.

For more information, call 779-214-0261 .



Classes



**Yoga with Marion the Bubble Lady
Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am
Lower level of the Center**



Mindful Yoga with Kate Miller, RYT
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm
September 12- October 24
(Note the time change)

[Click here to check the calendar](#)

Integrating Body, Mind and Breath

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

Participants are guided in basic Hatha Yoga postures to their capacity while maintaining moment to moment awareness, utilizing the breath to enhance flexibility, exploring boundaries and limits in a gentle and caring way. Weekly class \$10 or \$65 for full 7 weeks.

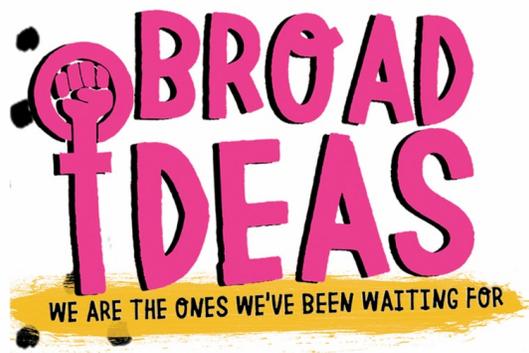
As weather permits, the class may take place outdoors, on the lower level parking lot.

Looking Ahead

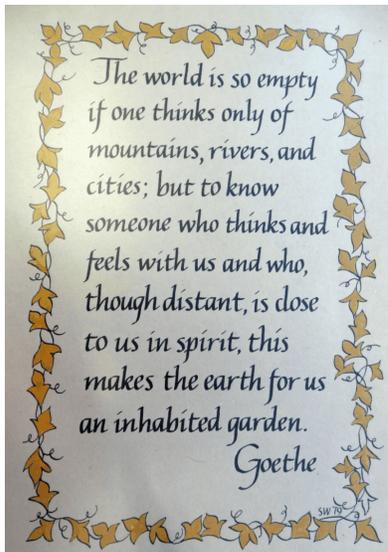
Broad Ideas

**Broad Ideas will be returning,
opening March 1, 2019.**

Save the date!



Volunteer of the Month - Sandy Winge



If you live in Galena or have spent much time here, you probably know or at least recognize Sandy Winge.

For many years, you might have seen her in the popular Galena River Wine and Cheese on

Galena's Main Street, which she and husband Ken owned and operated.



A very talented actor, she could also have been seen in performances of Main Street Players, which she joined in 1989 and acted with until they disbanded. She played one of the historical figures in the 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial "Peace in Union" performance and has portrayed Galena residents in the annual Cemetery Walk. Most recently, in 2016 she reprised her role as Mary Lowes, a German settler who told the story of her hard life in early Galena's "cabbage town."

At the Galena Center for the Arts, you might see Sandy at the welcome desk greeting visitors and, if you're lucky, watch her writing book plates for the Center's library in her beautiful calligraphy. In the 1970's, she took a few classes and got hooked. She says, "I've always loved writing, in terms of style." Calligraphy is an exacting art form, which fits her personality, she believes, "I'm more disciplined than creative, and I've always been patient." While one would agree about the patience involved, Sandy is really quite creative, with an innate sense of design apparent in everything she does.

Sandy's calligraphy, like her acting, is generously donated to Galena's organizations. Along with her work for the Center, she recently created all the table signage for the Festival of the Arts'

Shakespearean performance this year. When complimented on her work, she simply says, "It's a fun thing to do."



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. September ARRT tour dates are 1 and 2.

Thank You!

- Robert Armstrong
- Diane Banas
- Susan Barg
- Diane Beemster
- Ben Behlke
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Kathy Carlson
- Mary Cinto
- Donna Davis
- Janet Eggleston
- Cathie Elsbree
- Alice Ericson
- Carmen Ferguson
- Robin French
- Lynn Giles
- Sheila and Mark Haman
- Joan Harmet
- Terri Jackman
- Meggie Jenkins
- Kathy Leonard
- Myra Linton
- Steve Lundgren
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Arlene O'Callaghan
- Emily Painter
- Brian Schoenrock
- Laura Scole
- Bridgette Stocks
- Jenny Stoddard
- Sam Stoddard
- Emily Tepper
- Joe and Pat Terry
- Leslie Waltman
- Lenny Wayne
- Sandy Winge
- Janet Zehr

Wish List

- Someone who would like to research grant opportunities.

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

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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.

This spring and summer season we are extending the hours to 11-4 pm. There are two shifts, 11-1 and 1-4. 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

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all your valuable time and talents to share artwork with our visitors.

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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