



# Galena Center for the Arts

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## Newsletter for April



Ready for "The Adventures of Philip Marlowe." See details below

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Hello Friends of the Arts,

Finally, Spring!

So much is happening!

Have you ever helped to serve treats at the Center, or brought appetizers or desserts, or ushered at a play? Staffed the desk, or helped paint a room? Have you made a donation of time, talent or treasure? If so, we want YOU to come to our Supporters Celebration, so we can properly thank you! We appreciate absolutely every one who has had a hand in our growth. Please join us on April 12 to celebrate. (details below)

We had two unique and wonderful gifts this month. Gary Olson donated a large number of beautiful books to our arts resource library. We will soon have them sorted and shelved appropriately. And P T Murphy donated four stage lights, to help light up our life in the performance space. We send enormous thanks to both of them.

Tickets for our Spring Radio Show "The Adventures of Philip Marlowe: The Medium was Rare" go on sale today, and can be ordered [Online](#) .

Get your tickets soon so you can choose just where you want to sit to laugh and enjoy the show.

Many thanks to Blaum Bros. Distilling Co., the DeSoto House, and Exact Pest Solutions for being sponsors!

We look forward to seeing you at the Center for the Arts at one of our myriad events, or just to spend quiet time with wonderful artworks.

Onward!

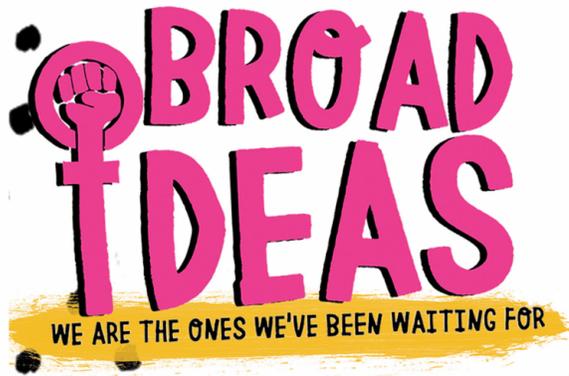
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**Gallery Hours: 1–4 pm  
Thursday through Sunday**

[Click here for the Center Calendar](#)

## **The Spoken Word a Broad Ideas event**

**March 31, 4 pm**



Each of us is a collection of stories; happenings that when strung together, carry us from birth to death.

Ordinary people rarely get a chance to tell our stories. That opportunity is generally saved for the rich and famous.

We choose to empower all women to recognize their strength and talent. Tales of significant lives will be shared

through poetry, essay, and storytelling at Spoken Word, the closing event of the Broad Ideas 2019 Art Show, Sunday, March 31, at the Galena Center for the Arts.

For more information, visit [broadideas.org](http://broadideas.org) .

Be present to honor and celebrate these women who write, talk and dance their way through daily life.

[More information](#)

***The Art of Portraiture  
depictions of personalities***

## Now through May 4

So many faces of people we know and those we want to meet. Happy, sad, celebrating, contemplating, wistful, and anguished. *Kaitlin* will welcome you into the gallery with her bright, intriguing smile and *Dort and Murt* may share a little gossip. *Richard* seems to be taking a nap, so tiptoe past him, and say a hearty bonjour to *Blackhawk* as he has traveled the long distance from Agen, France to join our collection. So many diverse mediums portray the figure—a really fun show. Don't miss it.

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Unpacking the crate for Black Hawk

**Just in time for The Art of Portraiture exhibit opening, the metal statue of Black Hawk arrived at the gallery.**

**Monique Chapeyrou, who commissioned the piece, and Patrice Mercourt, the artist in Agen, France donated it to Galena, Agen's Friendship City.**

**This cultural exchange will help to establish enduring friendships, as we learn about each others' language, customs, food, and art.**

## **Regional Artists Gallery**

**Our gallery always has a diverse array of artworks. Some of the portraits flowed into this room with the excited artists showing their abundant work.**

**We also have sculpture, pottery and landscapes, both snowy Iowa and a warm beach in California, which seems appropriate for our fluctuating spring weather in Illinois.**

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## **Feature Gallery**

***J. Eric Anderson***  
**April 4—May 26**



**A celebrated artist and architect, Eric's watercolors will be exhibited in our Feature Gallery.**

**He taught classes, judged art competitions, and showed his work in various museums and galleries.**

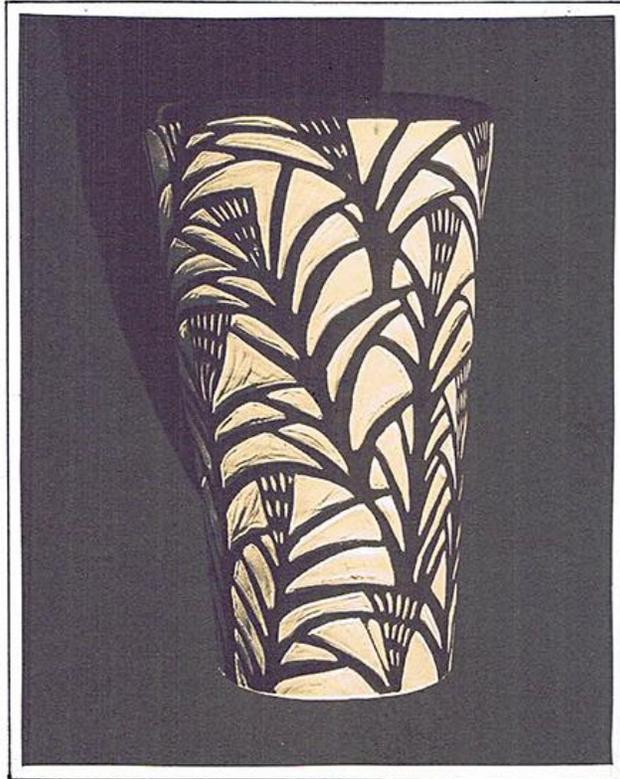
**His work is in many private and corporate collections nationwide.**

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**Watercolor, *Heading South***

IN MEMORY OF  
ADRIENNE SEAGRAVES  
1947 - 2019



*...to be an artist  
you need to exist in  
a world of silence...*

**We will remember Adrienne with art and food and fellowship on April 6 at 1 pm in the lower level of the Center for the Arts. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the life of our lost friend and artist, Adrienne Seagraves .**

**Sunday Salon on Monday!**  
***The Julien Chamber Choir***  
**April 8 at 7 pm**

**The Julien Chamber Choir, directed by Kristen Eby, returns to perform "A World of Song: Choral Music from around the Globe" on Monday, April 8 at 7 pm in the performance space at the Galena Center for the Arts.**

**The University of Dubuque Women's Choir will join in this performance of diverse and lively folk music.**

**[More information](#)**



## TABLE READING

### *God's Favorite*

*by Neil Simon*

**April 9 at 7 pm**



**Successful Long Island businessman Joe Benjamin is a modern-day 'Job' with a demanding wife, ungrateful children, and wise-cracking household employees.**

**Just when it seems things couldn't get any worse, he is visited by Sidney Lipton, a.k.a. A Messenger from God (and compulsive film buff) with a mission: test Joe's faith and report back to "the Boss."**

**The jokes and tests of faith fly fast and furious as Neil Simon spins a contemporary morality tale like no other in this hilarious comedy.**

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**Supporters Celebration!**

**April 12, 5 - 8 pm**

**Galena Center for the Arts  
Appetizers and Beverages  
Music  
Celebration!**

**We thank you for all you have done for the Galena Center for the Arts!**

**Please join us in celebrating all of you who have supported the Center by contributing time, talent, treats and treasure.**



**RSVP to [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) or to [info@GalenaCenterForTheArts.com](mailto:info@GalenaCenterForTheArts.com) .**

**SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE  
*Ted and Catherine Parrish*  
Performing as The Parrishes  
April 18, 7-9 pm**

**The Parrishes are an acoustic duo from Viroqua Wisconsin. Their original songs cross the bridge between folk and blues, using musical knowledge honed through decades of performing, recording, and teaching. Catherine's soaring vocals are the focal point of all the songs, with their multi-instrumental skills deployed on whichever instruments each song requires, whether guitar, ukulele, mandolin, banjo, or flute.**

**Ted and Catherine Parrish moved to Viroqua in 2007 after living 20 years in Chicago, where they taught at the renowned Old Town School of Folk Music. Since 2014 they have dedicated themselves to collaborating on their original acoustic music – songs and melodies that blend their musical styles and experiences. Their music**

showcases the passion and skill developed over many years of dedication to their art.

[More information](#)



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

## **The Adventures of Philip Marlowe** ***The Medium was Rare***

**Galena Center for the Arts  
Radio Mystery Theatre**

*The Medium Was Rare*



*The Adventures of*  
**PHILIP  
MARLOWE**  
**PRIVATE DETECTIVE**

**April 25 - 27 at 7 PM**

**April 28 at 2 PM**

**219 Summit Street**

**Tickets \$16 at the Center or Online** Students \$8

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Ready for a good time? Our next mystery/comedy is coming up!

*The Medium was Rare* is based on the radio series "The Adventures of Philip Marlowe," Private Detective, written by Raymond Chandler. Originally presented in 1951, this radio play brings back the era of radio drama, complete with period costumes, original jingles for sponsors, live music and sound effects.

The cast for this production includes Susan Barg, Emily Painter, Michael Crawford, Robert Armstrong, and Mark Haman, assisted by Dan Harms at the sound effects table, David Resnick at the piano, and Cathy Harms as Stage Manager.

Reserved seats may be purchased starting March 29 [Online](#), or at the Center for the Arts during open hours 1-4 PM Thursdays through Sundays.

For more information, call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261). Seating is limited and some of the radio shows sell out, so it's a good idea to reserve your tickets

early.

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## WORKSHOPS

### Figure Drawing Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 pm

Join the group of talented artists to practice your skills of drawing from life.

It's not really a class, but everyone helps each other.

Beginners welcome.

We provide the model and you bring your own drawing or painting materials. \$10 per session.

[More information](#)



### Embroidery Circle Wednesdays, 1-3 pm

Our Embroidery Circle group welcomes you to join us this spring. Our group is open to all levels of hand embroiderers, including first-time stitchers!

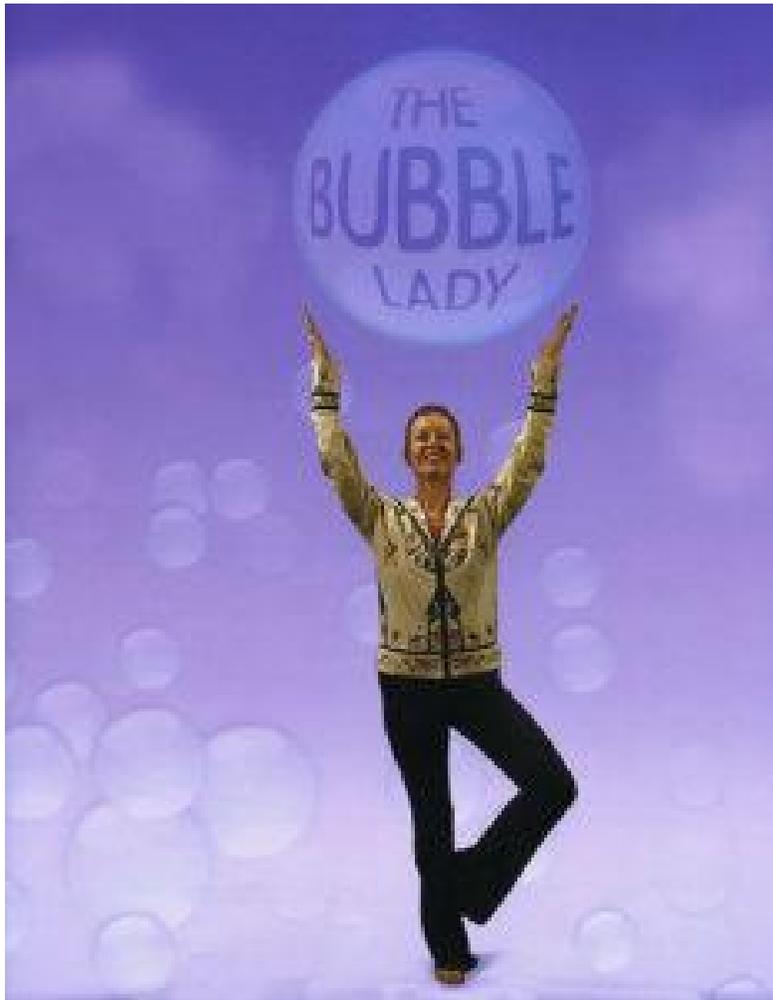
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*Show and Tell* needle book and bookmark by Claudia Johnson  
-- finished just in time for spring.

## CLASS

**Yoga with Marion "The Bubble Lady"**  
**Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am**



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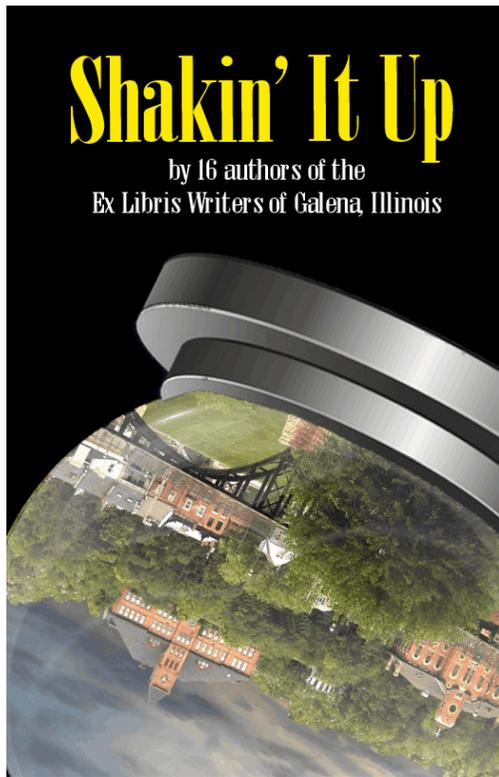
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ex Libris Book Launch

**May 3 at 5 pm**

**Ex Libris Writers of Galena will release their new book. *Shakin' It Up* is an anthology of short stories and poetry composed by sixteen local authors.**

**The book launch will be at 5 pm and will include complimentary wine and appetizers as well as book readings and an opportunity to mingle with the writers and to**



have them sign your  
personal copy of this  
creative new collection.

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## Painting and Drawing Portraiture Workshop with *Lisa Towers*

**May 4, 9 am—4 pm**

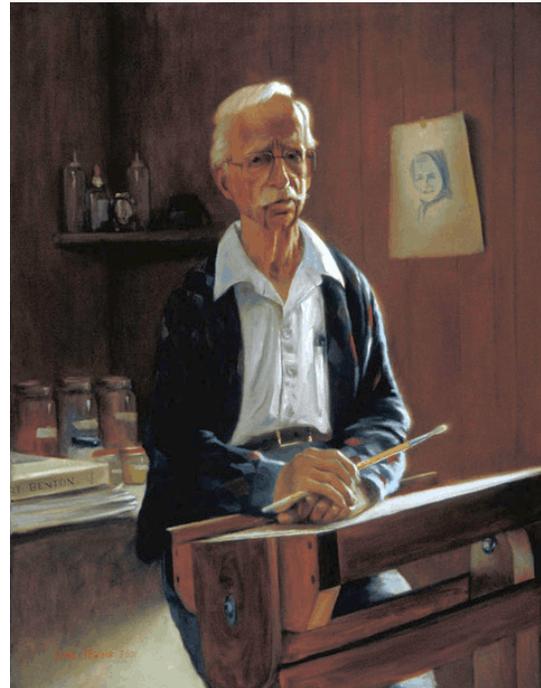
The one-day workshop with Lisa will feature painting from life with a costumed model.

After a demonstration the students will paint or draw the model with her guidance.

Lunch will be provided and a wine and cheese critique at the end of the day is included. \$135.

Call **779-214-0261** or  
email [Gallery Manager](#) to  
register.

[More information](#)



**Art in Bloom**

## Opening reception May 10, 5-7pm



Oil painting by Lavon Jackman

## Exhibition dates May 10 – July 6

Coming in May – blooming flowers! If not outside, they will be blooming in the Special Exhibit Gallery!

From the renaissance painters of Europe with delicate blooms to the mod “flower power” art of the 60s, the varieties of floral art are diverse and captivating.

Come see what our regional artist’s interpretations are.

[More information](#)

## Volunteer of the Month *Cathy Dorwick*

Wandering down the hallway at the Center for the Arts, you may come to two charming paintings of farm animals. Hanging right outside her studio, they are the work of Cathy Dorwick. If the door is open, peep inside at her other paintings and perhaps see Cathy working on her latest. Or you may see her at the front desk, greeting visitors to the galleries. Either way, her warmth and enthusiasm will make you feel welcome.

Cathy discovered her passion for painting in 2002 when she took a night class and created a portrait of her daughter. Although she and her family moved frequently before settling in Galena, living in several different states, and even in Nicaragua for a time, whenever possible she would take classes to improve her skills. She has studied in Washington, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, among others.

Since moving here, Cathy has been able to spend

more time on her art—both painting and photography, her second love--and has exhibited several times. In 2014 she was a featured artist at the Galena State Bank, and in 2015 her work was in the Grace Episcopal Parish House Art Exhibit. In 2016, her portrait of school teacher Margaret Gardner was displayed at the Galena History Museum as part of "Women of History, Past, Present & Future."

Along with all this, she has served as the Artists' Guild's curator for the Chestnut Mountain Art Show as well as the Guild's facilitator and PR representative.



Currently, Cathy is studying under well-known Galena artist Janet Checker and exploring different styles of painting as well as different media, including acrylics, oils, and watercolors. She divides her time among her family, her art, and—happily for us—the Center for the Arts.

## Studio Space Available

Wish for a quiet space to create?

Want the camaraderie of other working artists?

Need a space to meet your customers to take special commissions?

We currently have one studio available with a sink and cabinet.

Please call **779-214-0261** or [email Pat, our Gallery Manager](mailto:Pat@AllRiverRoadTalent.com), for a tour and information about renting studio space.



Chris Warner at work in her studio

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 April 6 & 7.

## THANK YOU!

- Bryan & Jenni Ackerman
- Maureen Bardusk
- Stephanie Beck
- *Big Bill's*
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Pearl Breitbach
- Karen Buechele
- Stephanie Bussan
- Michael Crawford
- Robyn Davis
- Michelle Deiter
- Melanie Devaney
- Hillary & Jay Dickerson
- Cathy Dorwick
- Al & Cathie Elsbree
- *The Flash*
- Peter Fraterdeus
- *Galena Gazette*
- Krista Ginger
- Megan Gloss
- Kara Gordon
- Vickie Gratton
- Cathy Harms
- Lenny Wayne Hosey
- Nancy Hyman
- Ben Jenkins
- Sue Jirkovsky
- Maureen Kilgore
- Kate Koziol
- Bonnielynn Kreiser
- Pat Lehnhardt
- Karen Lenstra
- Maureen Leytem
- Lynda Mackie
- Robert Mahan
- Jody McGill
- Joan McGrath
- Paul & Nancy McMenamin
- Jacquie Miller
- Kate Miller
- Courtney Moser
- P T Murphy
- Colleen Neilson
- Jay Nottrott
- Gary Olsen
- Deb Pausz
- Lauri Petersburg
- Charlene Price
- Gladdy Ressler
- Anita Sands
- Alison Schoenrock
- Brian Schoenrock
- Laura Scoles
- Bernadette and Neil Spurr
- *Telegraph Herald*
- Emily Tepper
- Irene & Keith Thraen-Borowski
- Ronn Toebaas
- Ted Williams
- Trisha Wollam
- Jane Yoder
- Janet Zehr

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## WISH LIST

We wish for an early spring and volunteers to plant and care for our small flower garden area near the performance space door.

*Click for the Center Website*

*Click for the Center Calendar*



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

*Sign up to Volunteer*

## Gallery Volunteers

Volunteering is good for the soul, and it really helps us to keep the gallery open four days a week.

The gallery hours are 1–4 pm Thursday through Sunday. 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 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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