



Galena Center for the Arts

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Newsletter for August



Sunrise Spinn 'll by John Martinson
West Street Sculpture Park

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Dear Friend of the Arts,

Our hearts are warmed as we count increasing numbers of memberships coming in, and many new members. It's exciting and encouraging every day when we open the mail. Thanks to you for your support of the Arts in Galena. We are a small town in a small county, but we can do great things!

If you haven't had a chance yet to see the new works by John Martinson, please stop by. Some of them grace the front of the building outdoors, but many more are inside. It may be hot outside, but it's cool and friendly inside the Center. We look forward to seeing you.

Carole

[Click here for the Center Calendar](#)

Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday

11 am – 4 pm

Sunday Salon
Megan Gloss Recital
Back to Before
The crossroads of classical &
contemporary
Sunday, July 28, 2 pm



Free, donations appreciated.

Please join us to welcome Dubuque-based soprano Megan Gloss back to our stage. Her recital will include repertoire from the operatic canon, as well as jazz, contemporary musical theater and a new selection, "Sure on this Shining Night," penned for Gloss by native Dubuque composer Adam O'Dell.

Accompanied by Jill Klinebriel on piano, Gloss will be joined by mezzo-soprano Mandy Diercks, of Kieler, Wis., on two duets: The popular "Flower Duet," from Delibes' opera "Lakme" and "Mira, o Norma," from Bellini's "Norma." Other musical highlights will include "Casta Diva," from "Norma"; "O Mio Babbino Caro," from Gianni Schicchi"; "Summertime," from "Porgy and Bess"; "Stars and the Moon," from "Songs for a New World"; "Back to Before," from "Ragtime"; and more!

About Megan:

An Iowa winner and Midwest finalist in the National Association of Teachers Singer Artist Awards, as well as an Anna Sosenko Assist Trust grant recipient, soprano Megan Gloss' musical endeavors have taken her from Dubuque's Grand Opera House to concert halls throughout the Midwest, the sunflower fields of Tuscany, historic European cathedrals illuminated by candlelight and the rain forests of Puerto Rico.

Local audiences might recognize her as Amalia Balash in *She Loves Me*, Nettie Fowler in *Carousel*, Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha*, Mabel in *The Pirates of Penzance*, Queen of the Night in *The Magic Flute* and appearances with the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. A vocalist with Madison Opera, she made her European debut in 2011.

When not singing, Megan is the Features Editor for the Telegraph Herald, where she also edits Her Magazine, and contributes to international magazines. She lives with her husband Keith and their cat Mabel in Dubuque.

Outta the Park

New Works by John Martinson

Exhibit through September 7

What fun to have a miniature sculpture park in the gallery and along the front of our building! John and his crew brought in fifty sculptures of welded steel and mixed media, with titles such as: Portable and Adjustable, Art a la Mode, Extinguisher Erectus, From Hard Work to Art Work, and Chickens.

John Martinson and his wife, Sara Fisher, have lived in Galena since 1979. With a large collection of metal parts he says, "I mix them with imagination, a little creativity, and out comes the unpredictable, the repurposed, the art."



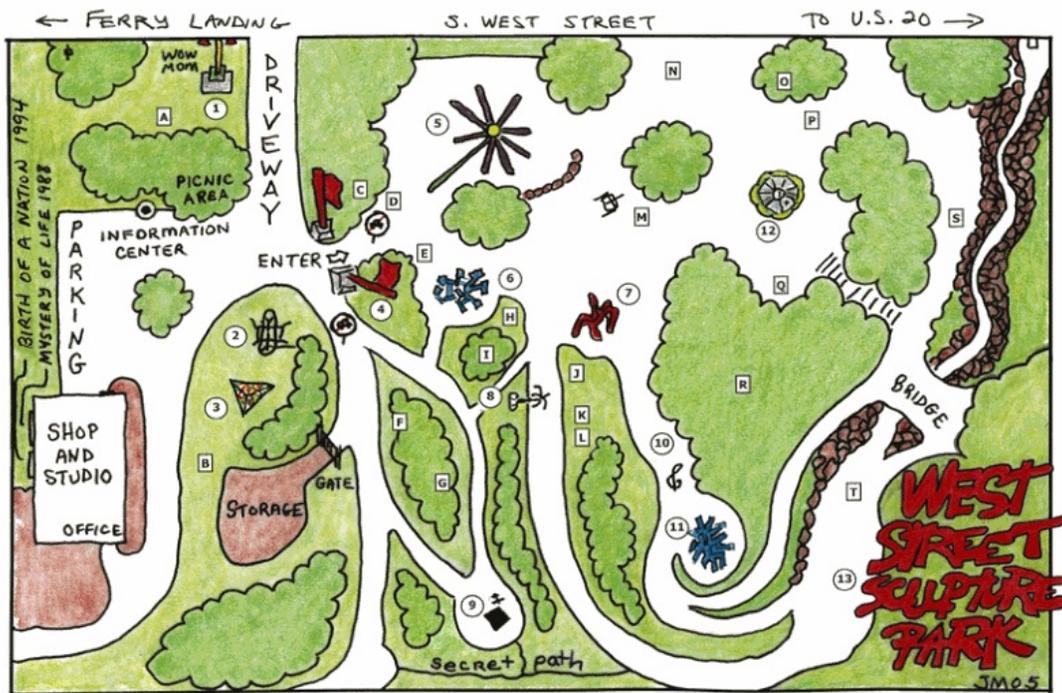
In the Park

with **John Martinson**
August 17, 10 am–3 pm
620 S. West Street, Galena

Join John in the park to see his studio and sculpture park and talk with the artist about his process.

[More information](#)

Click on the image below to access a virtual tour of the park.
Return to the newsletter by closing the park browser window.



Click on numbers to view artwork. Letters identifying smaller sculpture sites are not viewable.

Regional Artists Gallery

A collection of new work is displayed in the gallery. We have some new artists this time with amazing abstracts, new works of clay sculpture and pottery, pastels, paper, baskets, oil paintings and photography. Wonderfully talented artists live in our regional environs. Come see their work and support their creativity.

[More information](#)



Newly Donated Artwork

We thank Barbara Alexander for the generous donation of this artwork by Charles Reddington. He is a Chicago born and educated contemporary abstract artist who has shown his work internationally and now lives in Ecuador.

[*More information*](#)



Wood Pyramid and Stone Standing Alone
acrylic and ink by Charles Reddington

Songwriters Showcase

features

Bobby Bradford & Marywood Kate

Thursday, August 15, 7-9 pm

Bobby and Mary last played for us in 2016, and we are delighted to welcome them back.

Beginning as a solo project for singer/songwriter Bobby Bradford, "Statue of Liberty" grew into an acoustic folk rock duo with the addition of Marywood Kate in 2010.

Bobby Bradford and Marywood Kate are nomads. Nine years ago this folk duo formed "Statue of Liberty", and they've been bouncing around the Midwest and Rockies ever since. Kate's bright, crystal-clean singing complements Bobby's gruff, low-tone style, while her harmonies and vocals add a graceful, wispy element to his finger-picked ballads and roots-rock sketches.

[More information](#)



Marywood Kate and Bobby Bradford
"Statue of Liberty"

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

Summit Street Singers begins August 19

The Center for the Arts is planning an exciting new addition to its offerings: a community chorus, to be called the

Summit Street Singers.

Adults and students of all abilities (including beginners) are invited to join the Summit Street Singers, a community chorus that will meet every two weeks. No audition required.

The Summit Street Singers choral group offers local singers an opportunity to make new friends and renew old friendships through music. The community chorus will work on four-part music of varying styles from classic to pop.

Kent Parry will serve as the director of the choir. He received his bachelor degree in Music Education from Western Illinois University, his Masters degree of Music Education from Northern Illinois University, and has 36 years of experience as a high school choral director. Susan Lipnick will accompany the choir on piano. Rehearsals will be in the performance space at the Center, and may be entered through the doors near the lower parking lot.

Initial rehearsals: August 19 & 26 and Sept 9, 2019 from 7-8 pm
Regular rehearsals: every other Monday from 7-8 pm



Artful Awakening

Artful Awakening, our new coffee blend, is available in our gift shop and also at The Grateful Gourmet Co. on Main Street, Galena.

Sumatran and Guatemalan beans are carefully roasted and blended by Galena Roasters and sporting an artsy label by Paul Chase. Enjoy this great coffee and help the Center at the same time. We hear it inspires creativity!



CLASSES

Yomassage at the Center

Relax in Restorative Positions while receiving hands on massage therapy with Susan Barg, L.M.T., Wednesdays, August 21, September 11 and 25 at 5-6:15 pm

Yomassage combines restorative positions with relaxation "hands on" massage and breathwork. The client remains fully clothed in a safe environment with everything provided for you so there is no need to bring anything.

The "yo" in Yomassage is based on the principles of yoga: focus on the breath (pranayama) and the yogic philosophy of looking within. The combination of touch, gentle stretch, and mindfulness provide an avenue for relaxation and healing.

You do not need to sign up for all three classes, choose to attend any one class or all three. Yoga wear or comfortable clothes that can be layered are best.

Yomassage is a wonderful way to provide "self care" while relaxing and receiving therapeutic massage.

Relax in Restorative Positions while
Receiving Hands on Massage Therapy
with Susan Barg, L.M.T.

Yomassage
Galena Center for the Arts
\$40/pp

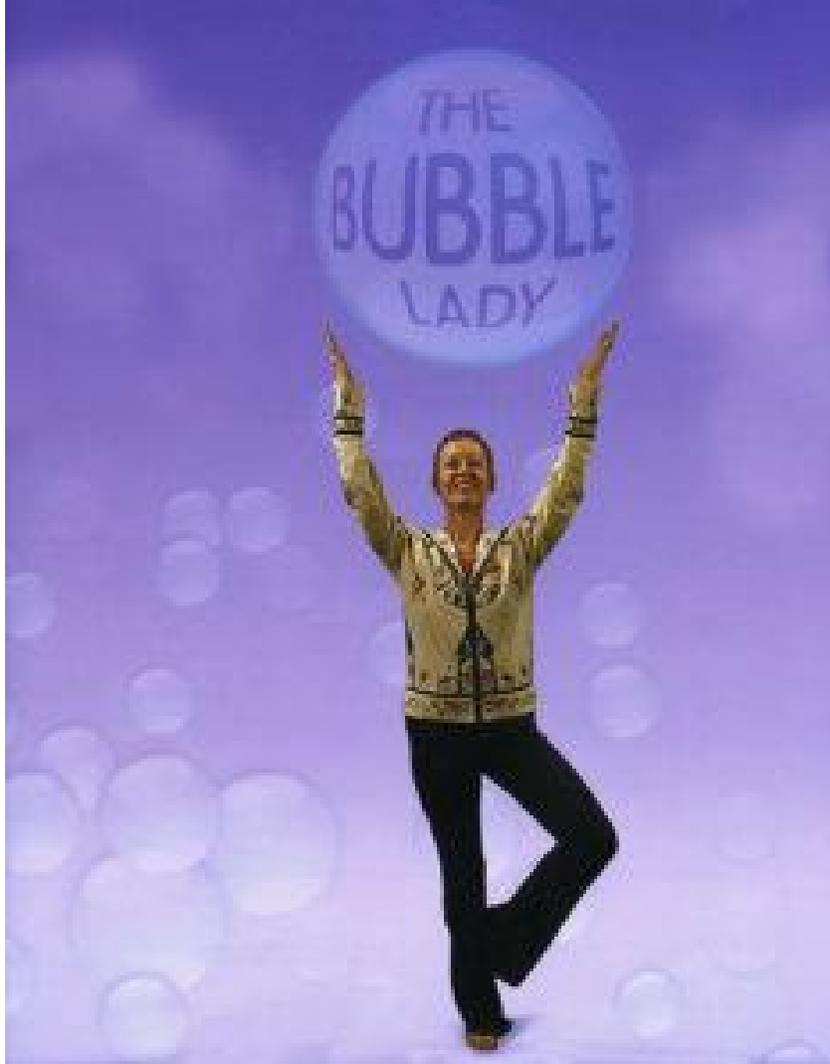
Space limited
Call 847-867-8995
to Reserve Your spot



August 21, September 11 and 25
5-6:15PM

Cost: \$40 per Person **Class Size: Limited to 5**
To Register: Please call Susan to reserve your spot. 847-867-8995

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



[More information](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Figure Drawing

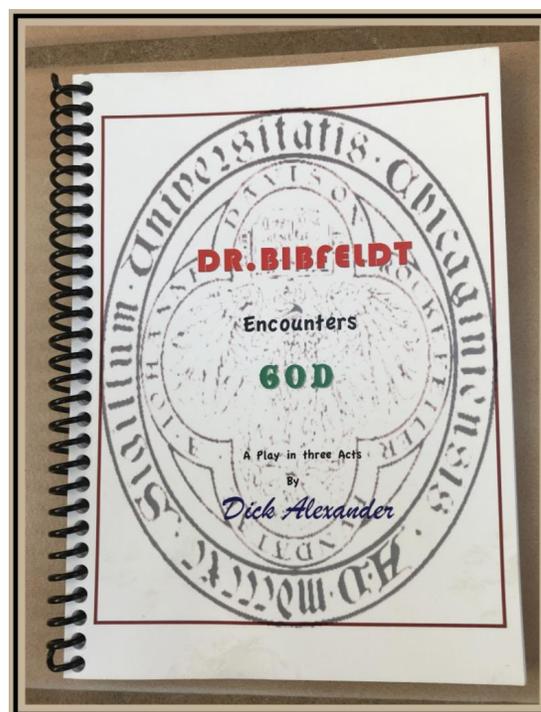
Gather your art supplies—figure drawing will resume on September 5, 1:30-3:30 pm. We supply the model, \$10 per session, no commitment necessary. It's a great opportunity to draw from a live model and hone your sketching skills.

Every Thursday through the end of the year, starting September 5.



Table Reading
September 10
Dr. Bibfeldt encounters
God
by Dick Alexander

We will be resuming our table reading series on September 10, with the play "Dr. Bibfeldt encounters God", a comedy, seriously, by Dick Alexander. This will be the first time this play has been offered to the public. Dick's brilliant mind shines through as we all contemplate life and its mysteries.



Fashionable Art
September 13 – October 26

A group exhibit will open September 13. Though we never know what our talented artists will bring, we envision a wide array of artwork, both 3-D and 2-D art to wear, drawings or paintings of fashionable people, a collaboration between an artist and a fashion designer, statement pieces, installations of why we wear the clothes we do, adornments—jewelry, hats, scarves, or bags. Perhaps fabric design,

fantasy costumes, paper dresses, artful hats, masks, shoes, painted clothing, costume design, original design clothing—sewn, hand woven, knit, or crocheted. We can't wait to see it! [More information](#)



Songwriters Showcase
September 19
with
Eric Lugosch

Eric Lugosch, best known as an award winning fingerstyle guitarist, and also a talented songwriter will be featured.



Small Art—Big Impact
September 21, 2-5 pm

To benefit the Center, artists are donating small pieces of artwork: paintings, drawings, sculptures, and more. Every piece will sell for \$30. The event will include wine, beer, and cider for sale and popcorn and music for free.

If you are an artist and would like to donate, please bring in your work—8 x 8 x 8 or smaller—by September 1, regular gallery hours. And if you are a buyer, come at two o'clock sharp and buy art for yourself, for gifts, for your grandchildren. Everyone benefits.



Laura Scoles creating artwork in her studio



Scott Rische

Save the date!
September 26
Authentic Bluegrass
concert by the
Rische Brothers and
Ron Wedekind

Art that Stands Out
in its Field
September—October

It's time for scarecrows once again! Start thinking about creating a "Fashionista Scarecrow" for our 2019 Galena exhibit. The field next to the Center and all around town will once again be populated with scary, friendly, or simply elegantly attired figures. We have

frames if you need them for \$8 (the cost of the wood) and will install them for you.

Installation starts September 16 and we hope to have them all up by September 21. Please let us know if you would like to join in the fun of promoting Galena Center for the Arts with a scarecrow this fall.

[More information](#)

779-214-0261 or [email Patricia,](#) our Gallery Manager.



SPOTLIGHT on **Kent Parry**



The Center for the Arts is planning an exciting new addition to its offerings: a community chorus, to be called the Summit Street Singers. "Years ago, there was a very active community chorus in Galena, and I think many have missed having that," says Carole Sullivan. "I think the time is right to start one again." It is our good fortune that veteran choirmaster Kent Parry now lives in Galena and is enthusiastic about organizing and conducting the chorus.

Kent got his start in music very young. At the age of four, he was already singing with his brother for a group of the Rebekahs, an order of the Odd Fellows, where his mother played the piano. He also fondly remembers singing with his dad in the church choir. Throughout elementary and high school, he continued performing. In his junior year, he sang the lead role of Thomas Jefferson in *1776*. In college, he belonged to the Newcomers,

a song and dance group that performed at the university as a warm-up act for Bob Hope, Red Skelton, and Burl Ives. He also sang in a madrigal group and the University singers, and served as President of the Student Chapter of Music Educators National Congress.

Kent received his bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and his M.A. in Music Education from Northern Illinois University. For thirty-six years, he taught and directed choirs in high schools in Iowa and Illinois. He spent twenty-eight of those years at Carmel Catholic High School, a BVM-Carmelite school in Mundelein, Illinois. During his tenure there, he taught music classes, including guitar, was department chairman for six years, and directed many different choirs. At one point, along with his other responsibilities, he was directing nine different choirs and singing groups!



Kent's vision for the Summit Street Singers is that it will be inclusive—everyone is welcome—and that it must be fun. “Everyone should walk away with a smile on their face!” he says. “We will spend time making new friends and renewing old friendships through music.” He plans for the whole group to perform four-part music of varying styles, from classics to pop; Susan Lipnick will be the accompanist. Kent would also like to develop small, a cappella groups of singers.

The first meeting of the chorus will be in August. Everyone is invited and welcome – no audition necessary. Please come and join in the fun!

For additional information, you can contact Kent by email at parrykent@comcast.net.

Recent Activities at the Center

Photos from the Songwriters Showcase



Martin Koop



Lenny Wayne



L A Suess



**We all (audience with Martin Koop) wrote a song together.
This photo shows all the collaborators in writing the song.**



Opening reception for *Outta the Park*



And this is...??



John Martinson and his wife Sara Fisher

Studio Space Available

We now have one studio available to rent for \$100 a month. It has a sink and cabinets for storage of your art supplies. A dedicated space that is set up to create may be just the thing you need to get back to your creative expression.



Join a group of like minded studio artists, be inspired by the regional artists that display work in our galleries, and display your work to the public when the galleries are open and during events and openings.

Please call [779-214-0261](tel:779-214-0261) or [email Patricia](#), our Gallery Manager, for a tour and information about renting studio space.



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 August 3 & 4.

THANK YOU!

- Bryan Ackerman
- Barbara Alexander
- Barbara Baird
- Susan Barg
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Julie Bruser
- Janet Checker
- John Cox
- Michelle Deiter
- Cathy Dorwick
- Janet Eggleston
- Cathie Elsbree
- Roberta Grenz
- Sheila Haman
- Dick Harmet
- Richard Hess
- Nick Hyde
- Nancy Hyman
- Terri Jackman
- Jim Lehnhardt
- Kathy Leonard
- Brenda Lohry
- Alice Maffit
- Laurie Mattas
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Kate Mills
- Courtney Moser
- Charlene Price
- Maria Rector
- Marion Roberts
- Laura Scoles
- Karlyn Van Gelder
- Dwight Walles
- Dennis and Leslie Waltman
- Karen Wilson
- Sandy Winge
- Trisha Wollam
- Ginni Yarbrough
- Janet Zehr

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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.

The gallery hours are 11-4 for the summer and fall seasons.

Our desk volunteers greet visitors, provide an introduction to the Center, accept payments for art and gift shop items (involves writing receipts, calculating tax, and processing online credit card transactions), and answer phone calls.

Because we have two shifts, we need twice as many volunteers to staff the gallery. Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.



After you fill in the form be sure to click the "Sign up to volunteer" button at the bottom before you leave.

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

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

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

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