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Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for November



The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge

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Thankful Greetings!

In this month of Thanksgiving, I am feeling particularly grateful. I get to work with a staff and board and volunteers who are dedicated to the arts, and share a passion for making it all happen. And even more, we have fun accomplishing it.

We are in the midst of rehearsals for our radio show "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge," and having a great time. There are so many creative and talented people in our region, and it is a great personal joy to me to be able to work with them. I am also in awe of our audiences for visual art, music and theater, who come to the Center time and again, trusting that we will entertain them properly, whether to laugh or cry or think. I know you will enjoy the new artwork by our

many artists, and our featured artist Paul Chase, at our opening November 1, and hope you will get your tickets soon for the radio play.

Looking forward to seeing you this month at the Center.

Carole

[Click here for the Center Calendar](#)

Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday, 1 – 4 pm

The Art of Paul Chase

Opening Reception November 1, 5–7pm

Exhibit: November 1–January 4, 2020

Paul Chase is an artist of renown in our regional area and beyond. He paints in various media, sculpts in various stones, does digital art, and much more. His works encompass many subjects—Graphic Visions, Graphic Dimensions, Architectural Visions, GraphicGuitars, Western Visions, VineYardGuitars, and Watercolor. Come see his solo exhibit in the Special Exhibit Gallery.

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Regional Artists Gallery

All new work will be in the gallery when this newsletter arrives. We are sure that it will be awesome—it always is. It's always a happy surprise when the artists bring in their work when we change the galleries, which happens every couple months. Be sure to come often!

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The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge by Mark Brown November 14,15,16 at 7 pm November 17 at 2 pm

**It's the trial of the Century!
A year after his
miraculous transformation,
Ebenezer Scrooge is back
to his old ways and is
suing Jacob Marley and the
Ghosts of Christmas Past,
Present and Future for
breaking and entering,
kidnapping, slander, pain
and suffering, attempted
murder and the intentional
infliction of emotional
distress. Will he succeed?**

**Join the fun, imagining
yourself in the studio
audience of a radio play in
the 1940s, or sitting
around the radio listening
to the drama with your
family. Lots of fun,**



sponsored by Blaum Bros. Distilling Co., the Galena Gazette and Illinois Bank & Trust.

Actors will be Galenians Matt Blaum, Jay Dickerson, Brian Schoenrock, Mark Haman, Michael Crawford, Susan Barg, Cindy Tegtmeyer and Dan Harms at the sound effects table, as well as Dubuquers Cindy Caraway and David Resnick at the piano. The play will be directed by Carole Sullivan, with technical direction by Jan Lavacek. Reserved seat tickets are available online [click here](#), in advance at the Center, or at the door.



Jingle singers include Brian Schoenrock, Susan Barg, Jay Dickerson and Mark Haman.



Sound effects specialist Dan Harms, waiting for the perfect timing of the judge striking the gavel.

Admission Adults \$16, students \$8

Songwriters Showcase features **Medicinal Purposes and Ardy Michaels** **November 21, 7-9 pm**

This evening of original, live music starts at 7 pm and will be hosted by LA Seuss and Lenny Wayne. Come early to enjoy soup, salad and conversation. The event is free, but donations are always happily accepted.

The return of Medicinal Purposes to the Songwriters' Showcase stage is a fitting way to end this year's series. Scott Guthrie and Pearl Breitbach are each talented songwriters and musicians and together they have created original, heartfelt work that highlights the special energy they bring to their audiences.



photo by Mark Dierker



Ardy Michaels is also returning to the Songwriter's Showcase stage as an experienced entertainer, songwriter and musician.

Ardy has traveled and performed at clubs and festivals across the country, but this month he is happy to be with us in Galena.

[More information](#)

***Songwriters Showcase is always the third Thursday of the month.
No admission charge, but donations are appreciated!***

Catch the Train in Galena with trains running November 29 - December 15

All Aboard!!! The Galena Center for the Arts will offer a family holiday celebration of model trains, "Catch the Train in Galena," from 1-4 PM Thursdays through Sundays from Nov 29 through Dec. 15. This event will be a great opportunity for the elder generation to introduce the younger generation to a variety of model trains.



photo by UnPosed Photography



Railway enthusiast Philip Jackman will display his N Scale operating trains for three weekends of running trains. The large display features a variety of topography, including small towns, cities, deserts, canyons, oceans and more, with up to three trains running at a time. This year it will include a new module featuring the corner at East Dubuque, as well as modules from other train enthusiasts in the region, including eight feet of the Wisconsin Highlands in fall colors, a working lift bridge and a four seasons module which shows the same scene in all four seasons of the year.



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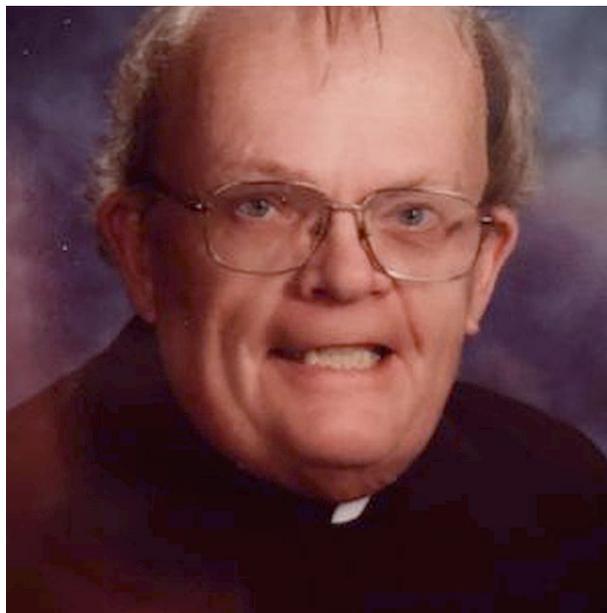
The walls will be covered with railroad memorabilia, and there will be a Thomas the Train set-up for preschoolers. Sundays at 2 PM an actress will read aloud the children's book "the Polar Express". An old-fashioned Christmas tree encircled by a train the kids can run is sure to bring back holiday memories.

For details of the event schedule, go to
www.GalenaCenterfortheArts.org/events/

Admission \$5 for adults, kids 12 and under free.

Rev. Stephen Lundgren (Jul 26, 1945 - Oct 3, 2019)

We are sorry to share the news that Rev. Stephen Lundgren, a good friend to the Center, has passed away. Steve was one of the four founding members of the Galena Center for the Arts, and was on our board of directors for a number of years. He was also an avid volunteer, and many will remember being greeted by Steve when they came to the Center, and seeing the beautiful counted cross-stitch pieces he would usually be working on. We will miss him.



Summit Street Singers

The Summit Street Singers is a community choir that meets approximately every other Monday at Galena Center for the Arts.



All people of all ages and ability interested in singing are welcome.

Types of music sung includes Pop, Broadway, Secular, and Sacred. The choir will perform at the Galena Community

Concert in December, as well as sing at a Spring Concert.

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Summit Street Singers rehearsing
photo by Ann Cameron Williams

Upcoming Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

- **Summit Street Singers** - Monday, November 4, November 18, at the Center 7 - 8 PM
- **Summit Street Singers** - Tuesday, November 19, at St. Michaels, large group rehearsal for Community Concert, 6:30 PM
- **Summit Street Singers** - Monday, December 2, 7 PM (Location to be determined)
- **Summit Street Singers** - Tuesday, December 3 at St. Michaels large group rehearsal at 6:30 PM for Community Concert –possible rehearsal after large group
- **Summit Street Singers Performance**- Wednesday, December 4 Community Christmas Concert at St. Michaels

Fevre River Voices

Fevre River Voices is a community choir that meets approximately every other Monday at Galena Center for the Arts. This choir is a smaller group of singers that also sing with The Summit Street Singers. The group will sing Contemporary Acapella and vocal jazz songs, but is not limited to these two styles. Fevre River Voices will perform at the Main Street Caroling Sing-off in Galena and will sing at the Spring Concert.

Upcoming Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

- **Fevre River Voices** - Monday, November 11, November 25 at 7 - 8:30PM

Holiday Shopping at the Center

Our gift shop and feature gallery offer wonderful opportunities to find the perfect gift for your friends and loved ones. We have original small paintings, prints, hand crafted articles, books, music, our cook-book, *Feeding the Arts*, and even our own brand of coffee— *Artful Awakening!* Something for everyone.



WORKSHOP

Figure Drawing Thursdays 1:30–3:30 pm

Sketching the figure from a live model is a great opportunity. Join a casual session with a group of artists to hone your skills that will reach beyond figure drawing to gain practice in proportion, shading, and fluidity. Bring your own supplies. We provide the model. \$10 per session.

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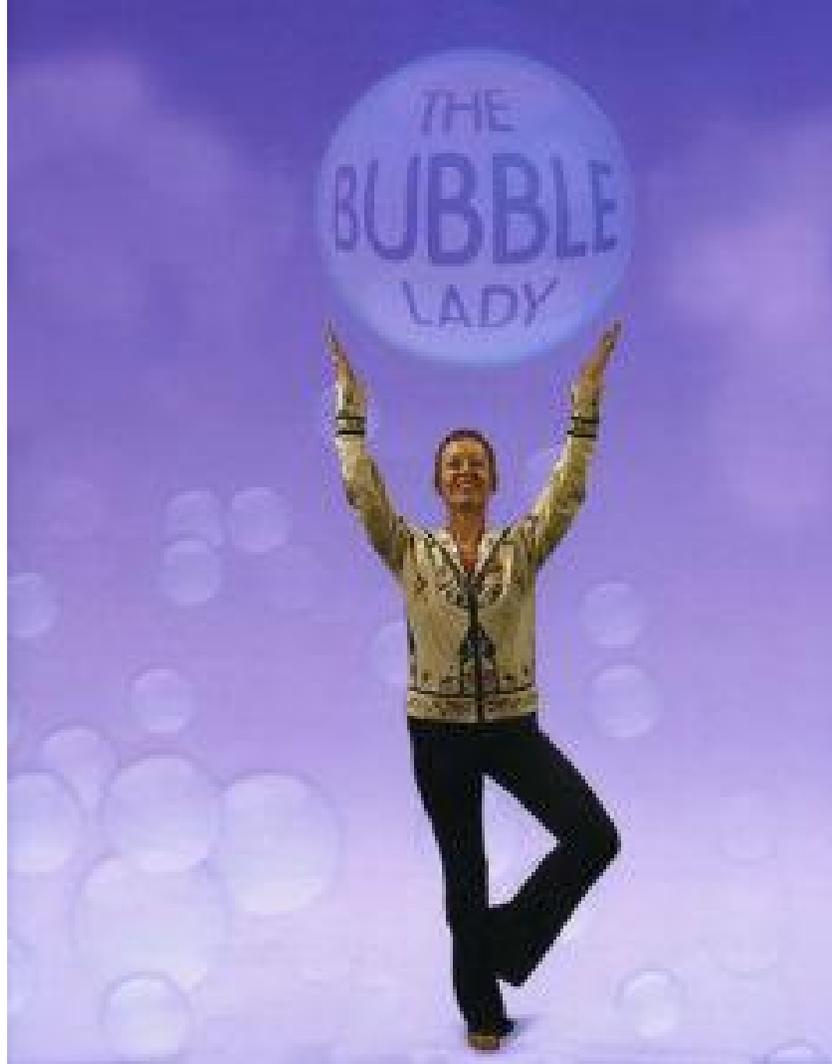


Sketches by Sheila Haman

Every Thursday through the end of the year.

CLASS

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



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Volunteers of the Month **Paul and Nancy McMenamin**

When Paul McMenamin's sister, who is in the nursing home connected to the Center for the Arts, couldn't attend performances because the elevator was out of order, Paul and Nancy donated funds toward its repair. When the Center called for helpers on the Fix-up, Clean-up days, they came and worked. When bartenders were needed for various events, they took the training and now serve drinks on the Songwriters evenings and for other occasions. When help was needed for Chalkfest, they both were there helping. And when chairs need to be moved or something needs to be fixed, Paul quietly does it.

Both Paul and Nancy are modest about all the things they do for the Center for the Arts and for several service organizations. "We just like to help," Nancy says. "We don't do anything special." Most people would differ with that last comment. Their first

commitment after moving to the area full-time in 2011 was to JDFC, which they saw as “a good opportunity to give back.” JDFC was where they met Carole Sullivan and learned about the Center for the Arts.



Besides all they do for the Center, both of them are part of the Medical Reserve Corps, directing people and doing paperwork during emergencies. They also volunteer for Community Organizations Active in A Disaster (COAD.) As a retired electrician and having just received his ham radio license, Paul is active in coordinating communications for Emergency Management.

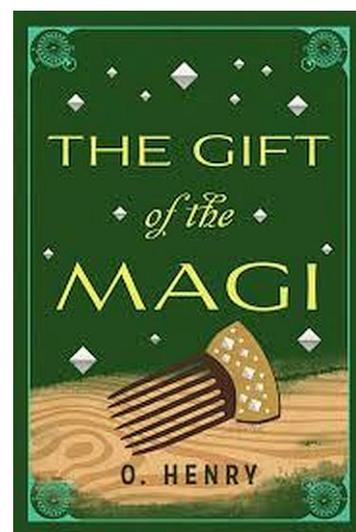
Along with all their volunteer work, they have also become a part of Galena's music community. Nancy has been a singer all her life and began taking guitar lessons a couple years ago. Now she performs locally, and has found area musicians to be very supportive and welcoming. Both she and Paul thoroughly enjoy listening to all the wonderful music available in the Galena area. Along with other local music venues, the Center for the Arts has become a comfortable home for them—one to which they contribute so much in so many ways.

Thanks to both of them for all they do!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Gathering December 17, 7 pm

Please join us for a reading of *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry, read by Carole Sullivan; then Christmas Caroling led by Kent Parry (all are welcome to join voices in song, or just listen), followed by a Holiday gathering. A good time for all!



Recent Activities at the Center

Table Reading - *Caroline Herschel and the Queen of Night*
by Gary Arms



**Sunil Malapati, Stephanie Bussan, Stephen Green,
Douglas Mackie, Jill Klinebriel, Megan Gloss**



Sunil Malapati and Stephanie Bussan



Stephen Green and Megan Gloss

Scarecrows around town in October



At the Farmers Market



At the Workshop



By Sara Wentz

Remembering Old Galena



"Next to Lovin', we like Fightin'"
Jenni Ackerman, Deb Hyland, Carole Sullivan, Emily Painter

October Songwriters Showcase



Rick Harris



Don Myers and Scott Stieber



Gwen Gates and Don Greenwood

Table Reading - *Heisenberg* by Gary Arms



Ronn Toebaas and Margaret Scott



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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 November 2 & 3.

THANK YOU!

- All Scarecrow Makers!!
- Jenni Ackerman
- Jim Baranski
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess and Richard Hess
- Stephanie Bussan
- Katherine Carlson
- Gail Chavenelle
- Robin Cichy
- John Cox
- Michelle Deiter
- Cathy Dorwick
- Janet Eggleston
- Megan Gloss
- Stephen Green
- Sheila Haman
- Sharon Hannan
- Deb Hyland
- Terri Jackman
- Jill Klinebriel
- Pam Leavens
- Douglas Mackie
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Sunil Malapati
- Emily Painter
- Jim Post
- Doug Reynolds
- Robert Rivoire
- John Slimp
- Harlan Spiroff
- Ronn Toebaas
- Dennis and Leslie Waltman
- Sandy Winge
- Ginni Yarbrough
- Janet Zehr

WISH LIST

- **Volunteers to help at the December Model Train Show exhibit and special events. Please call the Center at (779) 214-0261 if you can help.**

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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.

Gallery hours are 1-4 pm for the fall and winter seasons.

Our desk volunteers greet visitors, provide an introduction to the Center,



After you fill in the form be sure to click the "Sign up to

accept payments for art and gift shop items (involves writing receipts, calculating tax, and processing online credit card transactions), and answer phone calls.

Please check out the available dates, choose a shift that works for you, and fill out the information at the bottom of the page.

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](tel:779-214-0261) and we can assist you.

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Newsletter produced by Dennis Waltman

