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Galena Center for the Arts

Newsletter for September



Art that Stands Out in its Field

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Dear Friend of the Arts,

My family and I just returned from a refreshing “busman’s holiday” in London and Dublin, filled with a grand mix of art, theatre, and history, as well as memorable food and more than a couple pints of Guinness.

It was inspiring to once again go through Westminster Abbey, close to the final resting place of so many artists, composers, scientists and statesmen. It was meaningful to see the stone marking the place for William Herschel, astronomer (who is an important character in the new play by Gary Arms, which we will be reading in October), and the

markers for many composers who created the music that has been so much a part of my life.

We come home to beautiful Jo Daviess County a bit jet-lagged, but energized and ready for renewed arts events this fall.

Just a reminder ... memberships for the 2019/2020 year are now due. We look forward to hearing from you, either by mail or via our website.

A big thank you to the Galena Lions Club for their recent donation. We appreciate their ongoing support.

Hope to see you soon at the Center!

Carole

[Click here for the Center Calendar](#)

**Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday
11 am – 4 pm**

Small Art—Big Impact

September 21, 2-5 pm

A fun fall fundraiser is coming soon on a Saturday afternoon, just in time to start your holiday shopping, or just for yourself! Artists have been donating small works of art, which will all be priced at \$30. The doors will open and sales will begin at 2 pm sharp. Many well-known artists are bringing original, signed work that you will not want to miss: Gail Chavenelle, John Martinson, Richard Hess, Elizabeth Boggess, Paul Eshelman, Paul Chase, Laura Scoles, Brian McCormick, Jerry Kaiser, Geoffrey Mikol, Arthur Geisert, and many more.

All proceeds will benefit the Center to carry on our artistic endeavors. Bring your friends and family—especially the young ones, to start their art collection.

Debra Stevens, a member of the Dubuque band *Tapestry*, will be providing musical entertainment. Wine, beer and cider will be for sale, with free popcorn. Come early for the best selection—but sales will not begin before 2 pm. There is a \$5 admission charge.

We are still accepting donations of small pieces of artwork (8 x 8 x 8-inch maximum—can be smaller) from now until September 15: drawings, paintings, sculptures, pottery, basketry, assemblage, jewelry—anything that you want to create that fits within these dimensions or smaller. We are asking for original work. It will be a non-juried event for artists of all ages and abilities. Please drop off your donation at the Center during regular gallery hours, Thursday through Sunday 11 am—4 pm.

[More information](#)



Paul Chase creating Small Art

Outta the Park

Now through September 7

The metal sculpture of John Martinson will be exhibited for one more week. His playful use of discarded tools and metal parts is fascinating. A woman who didn't think she was going to enjoy this show, surprisingly said, "It's growing on me!"

His lifetime career of welding metal parts together and creating art shows his creativity and talent, along with a wonderful sense of humor. He maintains a studio and two-acre sculpture park at 620 S. West Street that is open to the public daily.

[More information](#)



Fashionable Art

September 13 – October 26
Reception September 13, 5-7pm

We are looking forward to the opening of *Fashionable Art*. Both "art influenced by fashion" and "fashion influenced by art" will fill our special exhibit gallery for the next couple months. What is fashion? Fashion tells people who you are, without speaking a word. Are you dressed in overalls and work boots? A white cloth coat? A bejeweled tight fitting long red gown? Our dress defines our identity—our status, mood or intentions. We can dress for conformity or individuality.

We are eager to see what our artists will bring to the exhibit. There will be original designs of art-to-wear, purses, jewelry, hand painted and dyed scarves, statement pieces, paintings of fashionable people, and more.

[More information](#)



Regional Artists Gallery

We are fortunate to live in the midst of so many talented artists. A purchase from the Center helps us continue our mission, and most importantly, supports our local artists for their talent and dedication. Original work is truly a one-of-a-kind, handmade piece you will not find anywhere else. Living with art is a daily inspiration.

[More information](#)



Summit Street Singers

September 9 and 23, 7-8 pm

Close to fifty people joined their voices at the first rehearsals for the Summit Street Singers, including singers from Galena, Elizabeth, Schapville, Scales Mound, Savanna, Hazel Green, East Dubuque and Dubuque. What a great start!



Adults and students of all abilities (including beginners) are invited to join this community chorus, led by Kent Parry. No audition required.

September rehearsals will be at the Center in the performance space. Please enter through the lower parking lot doors, bring a pencil and a folder (to hold your music), and be ready for a good time singing.

A full rehearsal schedule will be available at the September rehearsals.

Rehearsals:
September 9 and 23
October 7 and 21
from 7-8 pm

[More information](#)



Table Reading
September 10, 7 pm

Galena Center for the Arts
Presents a Table Reading

Dr. Bibfeldt Encounters God
A Comedy, Seriously



by
Dick Alexander

Sept 10, 2019
7 PM

219 Summit St

Suggested Donation \$8

**Join us for a Talkback and
Reception after the reading**



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Richard Alexander was 86 when he wrote this play, an intriguing study of religion and myth. Dick had a JD from the University of Chicago Law School, and was the senior partner of Alexander, Unikel, Bloom, Zalewa and Tennenbaum in Chicago, specializing in Intellectual Property. He was wounded in the Second World War, and received the Purple Heart. He was in a revolution in Argentina and was kidnapped in Pretoria, South Africa. He wrote this play while spending summers in Galena and

winters in Scottsdale, AZ.

Dick loved and embraced all religions and considered himself a "member" of many. His brilliant mind and refreshing wit are evident in this play, exploring the wonder and imperfections of Myths with sympathy, respect, "caution", and a great sense of humor. The cast includes Pat Terry, Mark Haman, Robert Armstrong, Jay Dickerson, Susan Barg, Suzy Kania and Joan Harmet.

Admission \$8

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Songwriters Showcase

features

Eric Lugosch

Thursday, September 19, 7-9 pm



National Fingerpicking Champion Eric Lugosch will present a truly original and inspirational show for the September Showcase.

There are no gimmicks or gadgets--just a genuinely gifted imagination and a fluency that comes from years of working on his craft. Eric's arrangements of traditional songs and jazz standards are now considered classics in picking circles, where he is also regarded as one of America's best original fingerstyle composers, as well as a talented songwriter.

Eric has played and taught in festivals around the world, including the Wirral International Guitar Festival, the Ullapool Guitar Festival, International Guitar Meeting in Sarzana, Italy, and the New York Guitar Festival. He's had the honor of performing with greats such as Doc Watson, Taj Mahal, John Prine, and David Bromberg. Those who have heard Eric perform know they've been treated to someone special and memorable.

[More information](#)

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

Authentic Bluegrass! **September 26, 7 pm**

The Rische Brothers (Scott and Mark) will join forces with Ron and Carolyn Wedekind for an Authentic Bluegrass Concert.

Scott Rische describes this Briar Patch Symphony as "the real deal," and will explain bluegrass, where it came from, as well as play lots of toe-tappin', foot stompin' music. We will hear Scott on mandolin, Mark

on guitar, Ron on five-string banjo, and Carolyn on bass.



Scott Rische started playing guitar and mandolin in the early 60s and hasn't stopped! In the 70s he started performing professionally in bluegrass bands. Scott and his brother Mark played together for years with the Rische Brothers Band, which also included Scott's brother Forrest and Ron Wedekind. They played Bluegrass Festivals around the Midwest and frequently in the NW Chicago suburbs.

Ron Wedekind (aka "Weeds", aka "Galloping Ron") learned to play 5-string banjo in the mid-60's and went on to play with numerous Bluegrass bands throughout the Midwest in establishments ranging from saloons on Chicago's north side to Rupp Arena in Lexington, KY. Carolyn joined him in a number of these groups.

Some of the bands were: Fox River Valley Boys; Weeds and Red-Grass; The Rische Brothers; and Bill Wells & the Blue Ridge Mountain Grass. In the 90s, Ron and Carolyn played with their family band, called Weeds and Sprouts, which included their three children. Today, Ron plays with Pickin' Up Speed, and Carolyn plays with the Anna Maria String Band.

This evening of music promises to be fun, lively, powerful, educational and energizing!

Donations Requested.

[More information](#)

Art that Stands Out in its Field

In mid-September and October you will see scarecrows appearing in our field next to the Center and around town. Our second annual outdoor exhibit will bring a smile to your face. Fall fun for everyone.

If you would like to make a scarecrow, we have frames available for \$8 at the Center, or feel free to make your own.

Display in your own yard or business, or ours. If you would like it to be in the field here, deliver it to the Center by September 15 and we will put it up for you.

Or, if you want some help in making your scarecrow, we are having a "Make a Scarecrow Party," September 15, 1-3 pm.



Come join the fun. We will have frames available, a few old clothes, straw for stuffing, and lots of ideas! Search through your closets or a second-hand-store to find interesting clothes and accessories to use—old hats, scarves, or belts work great. Bring them along to create your own unique work for art.

[More information](#)

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

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!

WORKSHOP

Figure Drawing

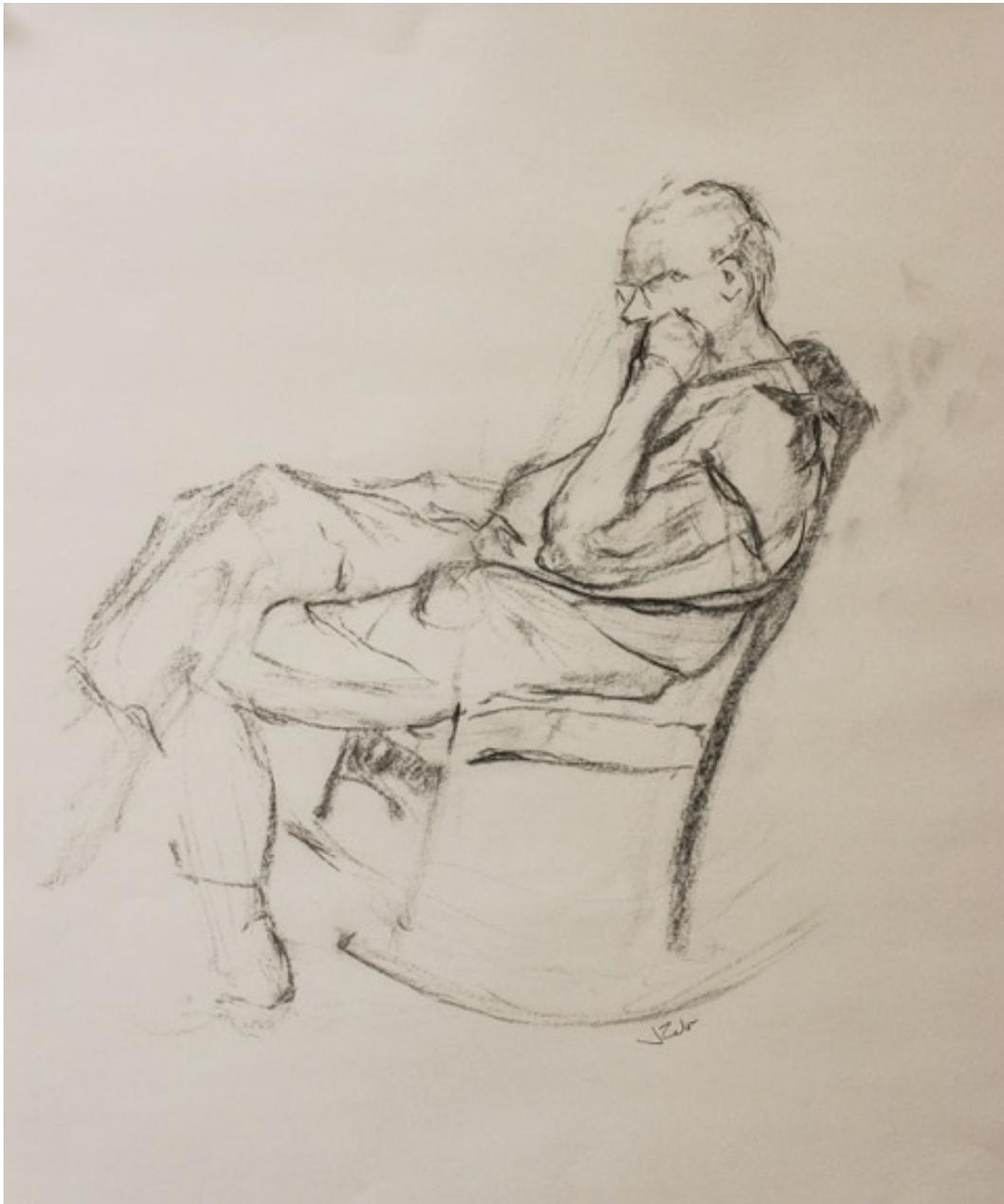
Resuming September 5

Thursdays 1:30–3:30

Bring your art supplies and join the group of artists to hone your sketching skills. We will supply the model. There is a \$10 fee and no long-term commitment.

Drawing the human figure is thought to be one of the most difficult things to do—so this will help you with proportion and hand-eye coordination in all other areas of your practice—be it sculpture or landscape, and of course portraiture.

[More information](#)



Sketch by Janet Zehr

Every Thursday through the end of the year.

CLASSES

Yomassage at the Center

**Relax in Restorative Positions while receiving
hands on massage therapy with Susan Barg, L.M.T.
Wednesday, September 25
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.

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.

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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

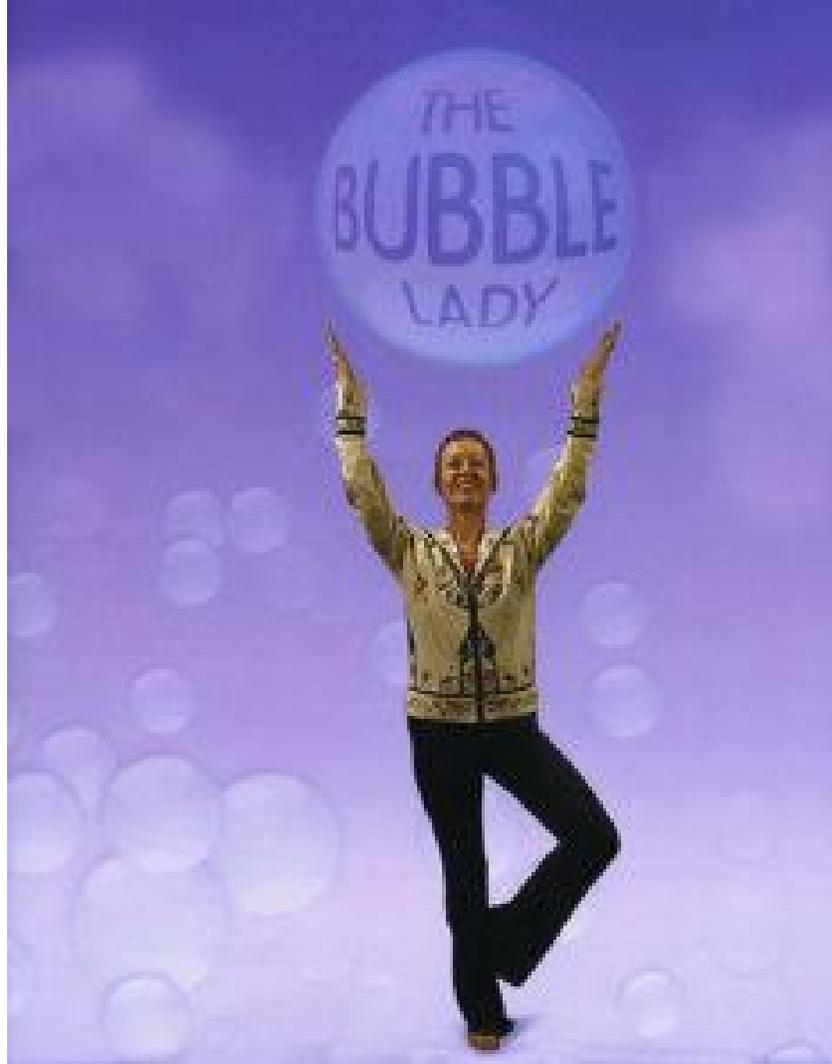


September 25
5-6:15 PM

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

No Yoga Class
September 17



[More information](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Premier Reading of New Play October 8 - 7 pm

Dubuque Playwright Gary Arms is looking forward to hearing his brand-new play **CAROLINE HERSCHEL AND THE QUEEN OF NIGHT** read in front of an audience.

He describes the play as a comedy about arias and astronomy. This mini-musical needs only one singer – but that singer has to be fabulous. Who did we get? The fabulous soprano Megan Gloss!

The playwright will be in the audience and says he loves feedback. Please join us! Admission \$8



Gary Arms



Don Greenwood

Songwriters Showcase

will feature

**Don Greenwood
and Friends**

October 17, 7-9 pm

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**Table Reading
October 22, 7 pm**

HEISENBERG featuring
Ronn Toebaas and Margaret Scott

Amidst the bustle of a crowded London train station, Georgie spots Alex, a much older man, and plants a kiss on his neck. This electric encounter thrusts these two strangers into a fascinating and life-changing game.

Simon Stephens' sharply original HEISENBERG brings to blazing, theatrical life the uncertain and often comical sparring match that is human connection.



Ronn Toebaas



Margaret Scott

Admission \$8

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Volunteer of the Month **Mary Weck**

Mary Weck is one of those long-standing, unsung, behind-the-scenes volunteers we couldn't do without. She has prepared and served food at our opening night receptions. She has stuffed envelopes and served on committees, including one for the "Small Art, Big Impact" fundraiser on September 21. She and her husband, artist Paul Chase, have consistently helped with our annual "Paint It, Fix It, Clean It" weeks in January when we do cleaning and small remodeling projects. When help is needed, Mary is there.

It's not surprising that Mary is comfortable at the Center, surrounded by art. The stunning home she shares with Paul is full of his and others' art work, and the garden is a lovely setting for his sculptures. Though she denies being artistic herself, she is sensitive to and enjoys the visual arts. "Art makes me feel good. Paul creates it, and I buy it," she jokes.

Mary's own talent is

music. She has been singing since she was a child, when she was given both voice and piano lessons. Music and singing have always been part of her life, although her profession was down a different path: special education and social work. Then, after moving to Galena twenty years ago, she taught and was an administrator in the Education Department at Loras College; she also traveled widely as an education consultant.

Mary's other volunteer activities have included serving on the Board of Riverview Center and helping to serve meals at the First Congregational Church

in Dubuque. Luckily for us, she still finds time to help with many activities at the Center for the Arts. "It's a great organization!" she says—and there's no doubt that she, and others like her, are crucial to keeping it that way.



Recent Activities at the Center

Megan Gloss Recital Back to Before



Megan Gloss and Mandy Diercks



Megan Gloss and Jill Klinebriel



Megan Gloss

***Songwriters Showcase
Lenny Wayne***



Lenny Wayne Hosey

***Special Event
"In the Park"***



Janet Zehr and John Martinson



In the Park with John Martinson



A walk In the Park with John Martinson



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 September 7 & 8.

THANK YOU!

- Lynn Berning
- Big Bill's
- Elizabeth Boggess
- Katherine Carlson
- Michelle Deiter
- Cathy Dorwick
- Janet Eggleston
- Sara Fisher
- Galena Lions Club
- Joan Harmet
- Richard Hess
- Terri Jackman
- Helen Mayberry
- Paul and Nancy McMenamin
- Dennis and Leslie Waltman
- The Workshop
- Janet Zehr

WISH LIST

- Someone to help with grant writing

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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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