



*Believe in Us*

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## **Generosity from a great community**

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The Galena Art & Recreation Center (ARC) is again the beneficiary of extreme generosity from the community members and businesses.

On Friday, Sept. 5, the ARC will again partner with the Galena Wine Lovers' Weekend Committee for the Galena Food and Wine Festival. The doors open at 6 p.m. at the Galena Event Center, and inside guests will find a variety of hundreds of wines, spirits, and beers, and of course, food samples from many Galena restaurants.

The event is a great example of collaboration and commitment from so many people. Scott and Karan Lawlor, Tim and Mary Althaus and Fred Bonnet made a commitment to the ARC to help us develop a new fundraiser. This event welcomes locals and visitors alike to the center to sample a wide variety of wines, spirits and beers.

Their generosity is just the beginning. Thirteen Galena restaurants have made the commitment to showcase their specialties and share them with the guests as well. Local wineries, breweries and distilleries will also share their product with those who attend. The generosity continues from over 50 other businesses that make donations to the ARC for our silent auction that night.

This event was one of the ARC's largest fundraisers last year. We welcome and invite everyone to join us. If last year was any indication a great time will be had by all who attend. The food and wine festival is also the welcoming event for Ladies Getaway weekend.

Yes, Ladies Getaway Weekend is back! Galena will be rolling out the red carpet and will be welcoming ladies from Galena and afar to enjoy a huge variety of activities and special events throughout the weekend. Speaking of generous, thanks to the committee members for all of their work resurrecting this fun-filled weekend.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, the Galena Miner's Lodge 273 has allowed us to be the benefactor of their community breakfast. The event will be held at the lodge located at 212 N. Bench. Eggs will be made to order, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more. This event runs from 8 a.m. to noon. ARC staff will be helping to serve your food with proceeds going to the ARC sports department.

If your schedule allows, please join us at either or both events.

On behalf of the Galena ARC board and staff let me express my appreciation to all of you for everything you do for us.

We are but one service organization that sees the benefits from this great community. People in this town are so generous with their time, product and money that we continually over-achieve as a town and what we are able to offer our citizens is far greater than our population.