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A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Dear Friends and Clients,

Can it be 2002 already?! Doesn't it just seem like yesterday that you thought you would never get accustom to writing 2000? Time does fly. I can't believe that in a few days my daughter will be twenty. How did 20 years fly by so quickly? Here's something I've had on my refrigerator since receiving from the Galena Art Guild sometime ago. The writer is Anonymous.

TIME

I believe that only one person in a thousand know the meaning of living in the present. Most of us spend fifty-nine minutes an hour living in the past, with regret for lost joys or shame for things badly done (both utterly useless and weakening) - or in a future which we either long for or dread. Yet the past is gone beyond prayer, and every minute you spend in the vain effort to anticipate the future is a moment lost. There is only one world, the world pressing against you at this minute. There is only one minute in which you are alive, this minute - here and now. The only way to live is by accepting each minute as an unrepeatable miracle. Which is exactly what it is - a miracle and unrepeatable.

Speaking of 20-year olds...if you have one of that vintage, can they *wrap* a box? I've come to believe this is a skill that only pre-gift bag age people have. E-mail your opinions. See you at Hearts and Art 2002. Don't miss it! It will be a wonderful weekend at the library! ❁



*Friends of Galena Public Library
present*

Hearts & Art 2002

February 3, 2002

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

at the

Galena Public Library
601 S. Bench Street, Galena

Nourish your winter weary soul, browse through hundreds of cards handmade by local artists and cardmakers, relax by a cozy fireplace, and enjoy sweet treats with a steamy cup of warm cider.

Learn innovative card making techniques by local shopkeepers Ink & Stamp with Sue, Inky Ideas by Coughlin, and The Store Next Door. Admission \$2.00

All proceeds will be donated to the Galena Public Library Historical Records Room.

For more information call
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Real Estate Stats

2001

In the Territory

Single Family Homes

Homes sold	89
Average price	\$213,865
Average days on market	247

Vacant Land

Lots sold	70
Average Price	\$ 26,959
Average days on market	266

Multi-Family Units

Units sold	35
Average price	\$128,930
Average days on market	323

In Jo Daviess County

Single Family Homes

Homes sold	65
Average price	\$ 97,134
Average days on market	181

In Galena

Single Family Homes

Homes sold	59
Average price	\$124,396
Average days on market	268

Based on information from the Freeport-Galena Area Association of Realtors from Jan. 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001.

From Rhonda's kitchen

A race-winning dish to serve for the Daytona 500

JAMBALAYA

1 T. olive oil	1 c chopped scallions	1/4 t. black pepper
1 small green pepper; chopped	3/4 c chopped fresh parsley	2 c. long grain white rice, rinsed well
1 c celery; chopped	1 T. Creole or Cajun seasoning	1 lb. ham; chopped
2 cloves minced garlic	1 T. dried oregano	1 lb. smoked sausage; sliced
2 16oz cans whole tomatoes; undrained	1 1/2 t. dried thyme	2 lbs. medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
3 c chicken or vegetable broth	2 bay leaves	
	1/4 t. ground red pepper	

In a large dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add green pepper, celery, and garlic to the dutch oven cook for about 5 minutes, stirring often, until the vegetables soften. Add the tomatoes with their juice, chicken or vegetable broth, scallions, parsley, seasoning, oregano, thyme, bay leaves, ground red pepper, and black pepper. Bring to a simmer and stir to break up tomatoes. Stir in rice and return to a simmer.

Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook for 20 - 25 minutes, until the rice is just tender. Stir in the sausage and ham. Cover and cook for about 3 minutes. Stir in the shrimp, cover, and cook for about 3 minutes more until the shrimp turn pink. Let stand, covered, for about 5 minutes before serving.

Serves 12

IN THE OFFICE...

with Rhonda

THINGS are hopin' here at the office. Between work and school, I have not had much time to visit a new group of shops that I hear are really neat - Hanlers Unique Shops on Water Street, Shullsburg, WI (*just a few miles north of Scales Mound*).

Hanlers is a collection of 14 shops including: Garden Shed, Body Baths, Penny for your Thoughts, Floral Chic, The Cabin, Bushels of Baskets, Artist Quarters, Sas-a-Fratz & Co., Cherry Creek Cottage, Wind-Ohs!, Paw Prints Gifts, Blue Pumpkin, Badger Village Blacksmith, and Grindstone.

So what's the fuss...how about fresh coffee, fresh baked bread, and imported wines. If that is not enough, check out some of these treasures: garden gifts and accessories; cabin living gifts; antique fishing lures; hand-woven baskets; functional stoneware; handmade

paper art; copper-flashed Raku pottery; giftware; body and bath products; hand-forged ironwork; educational and entertaining gifts for children; wind spinners, wind socks, banners, and kites; designer florals, european artwork; folk art; and pet gifts. I even hear they have plans to open a pizzeria in the lower level.

Whew! That is a lot of stuff under one roof. I hope you have the chance to get out this way and visit Hanlers!

Meanwhile we will continue on our mission here at the office.

Patiently awaiting the Daytona 500!!!
Rhonda

Have you visited our website lately?

Our site is updated regularly so you can have the most recent information at your fingertips.

We offer listing sheets with all the dimensions and information on the properties we have listed in .pdf format for easy download and printing. (*adobe acrobat reader required*)

Because of our straightforward approach, navigation through our site is clean and uncomplicated.

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www.galenahomes.com

Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier's
JUST STUNNING CARDS

I couldn't have said it better myself! This article for Hearts and Art was written by Judith Sutcliffe, Publicity Assistant, for the Friends of Galena Public Library.



It's time for the sixth annual Hearts & Art event sponsored by The Friends of Galena Public Library.

The entrance fee of \$2.00 allows one to hang out among artists, lovers, and chocolate freaks from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm., Sunday, February 3.

Initiated several years ago by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier and Glee Bilderback, and still hosted by them, this wonderful event brightens the winter for card buyers, card makers, and the library. With over 1000 handmade cards donated by local artists, the event has become a major fund-raiser for the Friends of Galena Public Library.

Folks line up on the library front steps waiting for the doors to open at 11:00 am on Sunday. They stream inside to ooh and aaah at the sumptuous collection of valentine cards handmade by many of Galena's finest (and most fun) artists. They buy cards, they send

cards, they frame cards, they obviously love beautiful cards. What a day!

The cards, all price-marked and with matching envelopes, are displayed on top of bookcases around the library. Some are original drawings, some are prints, some photos, some collages, you name it if it's creative and beautiful, you'll find it here. (Insiders' advice: if you find the perfect card, buy it immediately, don't wait. It won't stay there long!)

While resting from the difficulty of decision making, event-goers can partake of delicious sweet treats provided by some of the best candy and cookie makers among the Friends membership list. Other pleasant distractions include ongoing demonstrations related to valentine card making by talented experts from Inky Ideas in Shullsburg, WI, Ink & Stamp with Sue, and The Store Next Door both of Galena.

Funds raised at the 2002 event will aid

the library's Historical Collections Room.

And what if you'd like to add your own artistry to the occasion? Call Linda or Rhonda at 777-9500, or Glee at 777-2935, or ask at the library who to contact. You are most welcome to join the fun. In addition to contributing artists, Friends are needed to sort and arrange cards the day before the event.



Hearts & Art 2001

Should any cards remain after the event, they will be on display and available for purchase at the library until February 14.

TOOLBOX TRIVIA

By: Jerry Dupasquier

Woodpeckers, Water, and Steak

VELOCITY SPORTS, located two doors from our office, sells a variety of flying bird kites that deter woodpeckers from doing damage to the siding of your house. Made of Tyvec, these kites simulate a bird in flight as they soar through the wind and flap their wings. The Osprey looks like a hawk and works best in this area. They sell for \$29 and can be attached directly to your home. However, if you prefer, they sell telescopic poles that reach

heights of 13' for \$24.95. Stop in or call Dean and Susie for more information. 815-776-9075.

WORTH REPEATING!!! If you are going to be gone for more than a few days, consider turning off your water. We have learned of several homes where water problems caused leaks and consequently *major* damage to these houses. The Galena Territory Association has services available for

someone to check on your house periodically. This may be worth looking into — both summer and winter.

JERRY'S RESTAURANT PICK Backstreet Steak & Chop House located at 216 S. Commerce Street., Galena 815-777-4800. Old town atmosphere and great service. Favorite Dishes - Peppercorn Filet, Grilled Salmon, and Stuffed Chicken Breast. I give them 4 forks.

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When you come right down to it,
the secret
of having it all
is believing that you do.
- Susan Branch -

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