

# Hills & Homes

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A Newsletter for Friends and Clients of Galena Realty, Ltd. November 2001

## A GIFT OF WORDS

by Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

Dear Friends and Clients,

It seems that I hardly get the wording together for one newsletter before Rhonda is after me to start the next newsletter. But, time sure flies when you're having fun.

If you noticed the caption under my picture, you will see that I added the name Dupasquier. This special event took place on October 20 at Oak Hill Chapel in Apple River. After a little honeymoon in New England, we're back at work. Life is grand!

It's still not too late to purchase tickets for the "Lend a Hand" Scholarship that I mentioned in the September newsletter. If you have any questions, call the Galena Territory Property Owners Association @ 815.777.2000.

Did you see Galena featured in the October 5 issue of *USA Today* Life section? It was listed as one of the three popular get-aways for staying closer to home.

Happy Holidays and look for our next newsletter in the New Year.



Photo by: Jerry Dupasquier.

## A FEW NEAT THINGS

### "Nursery Crimes: Arthur Geisert"

10/1 - 11/30

Dubuque Museum of Art

The exhibition consists of a complete set of illustrations from his book scheduled for publication this fall.

### That 40s Show - An Evening of Old-Time Radio"

11/15 - 11/17

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

7:30pm at Turner Hall Galena High School Drama Club presents a live radio production Tickets available at the door; \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students, and children. 815/777-0917.

### Hearts & Art 2002

February 3, 2002

11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at The Galena Public Library

Beautiful cards made by local artists and cardmakers. \$2 admission includes cardmaking demonstrations and plenty of sweet treats.

Sponsored by: The Friends of Galena Public Library. All proceeds to be donated to the Library's Historical Room

## Real Estate Stats

This month we're featuring some interesting developments for the Galena and the tri-state area.

### In Galena

Several new businesses are expected to come to Galena over the next few years.

Walmart is due to open in 2003. It will be 114,000 sq. ft. The surrounding lots will be developed for other commercial use.

Experience Illinois, a low interest loan program sponsored by the Illinois State Treasurer, has funded another project in Galena. The Galena Art Center, an art school, will be located in the old Fulton Brewery Building. This brings the total funding for projects in our area to almost \$8 million.

The Grant Interpretive Center will be situated across from Grant's home and will be similar to a Presidential Library or the likeness of President Regan's home in Dixon, IL.

### Tri-state News

The America's River Project in Dubuque with a cost of \$188 million will attract thousands of visitors that will benefit Galena.

### Other News

Due to the September 11 incident it was estimated that the area lost close to \$500,000 in revenue with cancellations immediately following the attacks. October has since seen a tremendous rebound.

For more statistical information you can contact Cindy Pepple, Economic Development Director for The City of Galena or visit [www.cityofgalena.org](http://www.cityofgalena.org)

From the Kitchen of Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier

This has been a traditional mushroom soup recipe for many holiday meals even Catherine likes it!

3 cubes chicken bouillon  
4 cups boiling water  
3/4 lb. white mushrooms  
2 T. butter  
3 T. flour

pinch dry mustard  
pinch cayenne pepper  
tiny pinch soda  
1 cup whipping cream

Dissolve bouillon cubes in the boiling water and set aside. Chop mushrooms and set aside. Melt butter in 1 1/2 qt. saucepan. Combine flour with the mustard and pepper and stir into melted butter. Cream until smooth. Gradually stir in the bouillon and chopped mushrooms. Cook over low heat, maintaining slight bubbling, for 35 minutes. Place cream in a small pan and heat thoroughly, but do not boil. Add cream and stir until blended. Serves 4



### ***IN THE OFFICE...*** *with Rhonda*

As many of you are aware, I am a serious NASCAR fan! This *almost* past season has been full of changes, just as we have here at the office. Most days are comparable to the last few laps at Talladega or Daytona — absolutely wild! We go from 0 to 180 in just seconds. However, we are blessed from time to time with a few “caution laps”. That's what makes our jobs so exciting.



As you may recall, Sherry Seas (*pictured left*) joined our team just two months ago. It is really wonderful having another person in the office to assist with all the stuff that makes its way past our desks. Sherry is a licensed real estate agent, so she is a great help in the real estate department and I actually have some time to work on various projects that have been on the back burner for quite some time. Sherry is a terrific addi-

tion to our team! I asked Sherry what she thought of her first couple of months. Here are a few of her classic quotes...

“Who is that on your computer screen, coffee mug...?”

“I saw the end of the race, your guy won!”

“What did I hear, something about that car, the inspection, and 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch?”

Actually, Sherry did mention how nice the transition was for her from her last position to this one.

“I could have not come to the office at a better time; everyone is so up! It is a very unpredictable office (*long pause*), very much like short track racing.”

Wow! Am I rubbing off on her or what? Personally, I think she could do without

my racing recap on Monday morning,— but that is part of the job.



Also, welcome Tara Altfillisch (*pictured left*) to the office. Tara is a sophomore at Highland Community College. She has been coming in a couple of afternoons a week to help with all sorts of odds and ends. We really appreciate the things she does for us. Welcome Tara!

And who should we thank for such great opportunities? Linda and Jerry, our governing body. Sherry, Tara, and I are so fortunate to have compassionate, honest people to work for. We wish them the best on their new partnership — marriage! We cannot think of two people who are more deserving of the happiness and peace they have found with each other.

Best wishes and most of all  
HAPPY BOSS'S DAY!

Linda Yutmeyer Dupasquier s

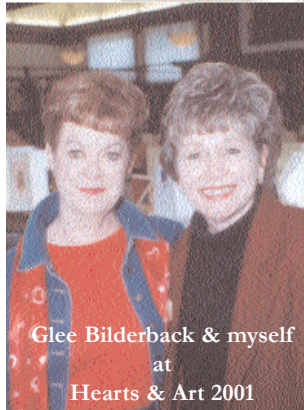
## JUST STUNNING CARDS

Want a great idea for spending a wintery Sunday afternoon?

Hearts & Art 2002!

Put February 3, 2002 on your calendar now and don't miss the event. This wonderful program is presented by the Friends of the Galena Public Library.

Last year we had over 1,000 handmade cards created by local artists and cardmakers. When my friend, Glee Bilderback, and I started Hearts & Art five years ago, we never dreamed it would be



so successful. If you're looking for beautiful, one-of-a-kind, handmade little pieces of art, this is the place to come. Many people contribute their talents — you don't have to be a real artist — I certainly am not! So, if you would like to join in the fun, give us a call. We provide cardstock if you wish to create cards or let us know if you would like to volunteer for the day.

Admission is \$2 and includes a variety of sweet treats and card-making demonstrations by Ink and

Stamp with Sue, Store Next Door, and Inky Ideas. All proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the Library's Historical Room for the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer and furniture. I guarantee this will nourish your winter weary soul.

**Thank you to all who responded and told us what you think of our newsletter. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.**

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## TOOLBOX TRIVIA

*By: Jerry Dupasquier*

**IMPORTANT!!!** If you are going to be gone for more than a few days, consider turning off your water. Recently, we have learned of two homes where water problems with toilets 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.

THE TERRITORY also has the strobe light program. In the event you heat drops below a certain temperature, the light flashes into the street alerting the security staff to the situation. Another program you may wish to consider.

Looking for a long term rental in The Galena Territory?

We have a couple of clients with 2 bedroom rental homes. Give us a call or send an e-mail and we will give you phone numbers to contact the owner directly.

*(We are not acting in a rental agent capacity — just as a courtesy to our clients.)*



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**The talent of success is nothing more  
than doing what you can do well;  
and doing well whatever you do.  
- Longfellow -**



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