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*22nd Annual ARC Taste of Galena – February 3, 2012*

GALENA, Ill. – It's time to eat for a cause.

In Galena, it's hard to choose just one place to be. One favorite thing. The Galena Art & Recreation Center (ARC) is making it easy and bringing all of their Galena favorites together in one place. Just for you.

On February 3, Galena's best – ranging from restaurateurs to winemakers and cheesecake bakers to caterers – will gather together at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa from 7-10 p.m. to celebrate "Our Favorite Things" for the Galena Art & Recreation Center.

Now in its 22nd year, the ARC Taste of Galena has become a sought-after event that promises an evening of pleasure for your taste buds. Past years have presented delectable dishes such as: slow roasted glazed pork loin, Yukon Gold mashed potato bar with toppings, blue cheese soup, lobster ravioli, salmon with béarnaise on potato galette, pan fried pork dumplings, sushi, Louisiana crab cakes, Southwest tortilla chip soup, gourmet pomegranate balsamic and blood orange olive oil salad, homemade fudge, toffee, assorted cheesecakes, and chocolate molten cake with caramel sauce. And that's just a partial listing. Is your mouth watering yet?

Your taste buds won't be the only thing thanking you. Your feet will thank you, too, as they may

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be keeping rhythm to the catchy beat of the Rob Martin Quartet, a live jazz ensemble, who will perform throughout the evening.

For a complete and up-to-date listing of ARC Taste exhibitors and menus, view the event's useful website at [www.tasteofgalena.com](http://www.tasteofgalena.com) . The site also provides attendees with a quick and convenient way to purchase Taste tickets online. In addition to online sales, tickets may also be purchased at the Galena Art & Recreation Center, 413 S. Bench St. or the Galena Territory Association Owners' Club Complex, 2000 Territory Dr., both in Galena. Cost is \$30 per person.

“We are really excited about this year's ‘Taste’ where our favorites will be showcasing their favorite ‘tastes’,” said Sarah Petersen, the ARC's executive director. “It's always a fun evening, and this year promises to be one of the best yet. I recommend purchasing your tickets early as this event has sold out in the past. The Galena ARC also extends special thanks to Miss Kitty's Grape Escape, First Community Bank of Galena and Galena State Bank and Trust Co. for their sponsorship and support.”

This year, childcare is again available. The Galena Thunder Volleyball team will sponsor a “Kids Night Out” starting at 6 pm at the Galena Art & Recreation Center the same evening. To register, contact Jane Holland at [815.238.6010](tel:815.238.6010) or email [hollandcamp19@mac.com](mailto:hollandcamp19@mac.com) .

The ARC Taste of Galena is a core fundraiser for the Galena Art & Recreation Center, a not-for-profit organization that provides programs for all ages. The funds raised at the ARC Taste are included in the ARC annual operating budget and will assist with the ongoing process of balancing the budget and achieving financial security.

To learn more about the Galena Art & Recreation Center and the community programs it offers, visit [www.galenaarc.org](http://www.galenaarc.org) . For information about room availability, shopping, dining, attractions, events and more, please go to [galena.org](http://galena.org) , the Web site of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau, or call [877.464.2536](tel:877.464.2536) toll-free.

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