

Prairie Lakes Welcomes Three New Board Members!

We are pleased to announce that three new board members have been appointed to the board, **Karen Krause of New Richland, Margie Larson of Mankato, and Liz Miller of Good Thunder.**

However, two positions are still open for the City of Fairmont and Martin County. Interested folks should contact the PLRAC office in August to submit an application. The board is comprised of fourteen members, one from each of the nine counties, and one from each city over 10,000 population. Board members serve a three year term. **Our members represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: artists, art teachers and representatives of arts organizations.** Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, music, theater and visual arts.

Karen Krause has a BS in Comprehensive Art and MS in K-12 School Counseling. Karen recently retired as School Counselor for Waterville Public Schools. She has served on the Board of the Waseca Arts Council and been a member of the organization since 1978. In the past she has been an Elementary and Jr. High Art Teacher and she currently teaches art classes for youth at the Waseca Arts Council. She has taught art classes for community education, been a Trustee for Church of All Saints in New Richland, and served on the Waseca County Fair Board. She has also been a judge for the 4-H Fair in southern MN and at the MN State Fair in arts and crafts.

Margie Larson has a BS in Art Education. She is a member of the Arts Center of Saint Peter, Carnegie Art Center, and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts; and has volunteered at the 410 Project in Mankato. Margie is currently painting with oil and cold wax in an abstract and expressive



L to R: Margie Larson; Karen Krause; Liz Miller; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

style. She has taken a variety of art classes and workshops over the years, exhibited her artwork in Mankato and throughout Southern Minnesota, and received awards in several juried art exhibitions. Margie has received four Artist Grants from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Currently Margie is the co-manager of the gift store at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Mankato and previously served on their board; also previously worked as the Study Abroad Coordinator in the International Students Office at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Liz Miller has a BFA in Painting and MFA in Drawing & Painting and is an Art Professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato. In her own work she is focused on mixed media and site specific installations. Liz is currently teaching Installation Art at MSU, Mankato and is connecting the campus community with the broader arts community in the region. She has served as a panelist for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Minnesota State Arts Board for their Artist Initiative Grants, and been a juror for exhibits. Liz has also received several Artist Grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board, and grants from the Jerome Foundation, McKnight Foundation and the Joan Mitchell Foundation. She has exhibited her work throughout Minnesota, the United States and abroad.

25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition

Entry Date: Monday, Sept. 18, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Entry Fee is \$10 per piece, 2 pieces max.

Entry Form is on pages 8-10.

Cash Prizes totaling \$1,300

Artists - Bring original work to:
**Arts Center of Saint Peter,
315 S. Minnesota Ave.**

Gallery Hours:

Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m.
Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,
and Sun. 1-5 p.m.



Dates of Show:
Sept. 23 to Oct. 22, 2017

Grant Writing Workshop

for Arts Organizations, Community Groups & Schools



Tuesday, August 8th

5:30-6:30 p.m.



Held at the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Office

105 22nd Avenue NE, Waseca, MN

(At the intersection of Hwy. 13 N. and 22nd Ave. NE)

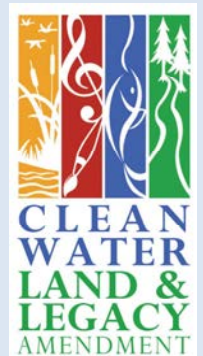
RSVP by Monday, August 7th to plrac@hickorytech.net.

New applicants are encouraged to attend! Past applicants may call to discuss their grant, budget and any changes to their arts activities; and don't need to attend in person.

Prairie Lakes Grants for FY 2018 Began on July 1, 2017

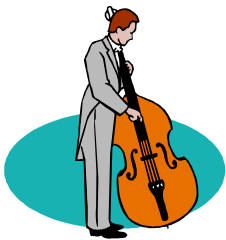
The Arts & Cultural Heritage Deadline is August 1, 2017, and the maximum grant is \$8,000 with a 50% cash match. The ACH Festival grant maximum is \$5,000 and ACH Education Grants to Schools are \$4,000. These grants require goals, measurable outcomes & a survey of participants. Details about grant deadlines & amounts are on pages 3-4. A variety of activities including art and music festivals, community choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions are eligible.

There is an August 1st and September 1st deadline for State funded Small Art Project and School Arts -In-Education grants for a maximum of \$2,000; with a 25% cash match; this remains the same.



\$3,000 Professional Mid-Career Artist Grants Available

Application Deadline is September 15, 2017



Artist Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to an Artists growth and professional development in dance, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for art supplies, matting & framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc. **The Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant is for \$3,000, for activities taking place from November 2017 to November 2018.**



One Letter of Recommendation is required with the grant application, resume, and work samples. This program is made possible by funds provided by the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. All grants will be submitted online this year. Go to our website, www.plrac.org, to link to our grant system portal.

Professional mid-career and beyond artist defined: professional achievement includes, but is not limited to: juried exhibitions, performances, and publications. Eligible artists are beyond the “emerging” stage in their careers. They have proved to be deeply engaged in their art form and may be ready to take a new “leap” in their career. They are committed to being artists and to creating a body of work.

Applicants must reside in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County. Also, artists must have been a resident of the nine county Prairie Lakes region for a minimum of twelve months prior to application. **Applications are encouraged from artists in all art disciplines.**

FY 2018 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Organizational Grants - Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Fundable projects may include: community choirs & bands, dance activities, literary readings, music presentations, theatre productions, visual arts classes and exhibitions, etc. Maximums for the Arts & Cultural Heritage grants vary as well as matching fund requirements; check guidelines for details. **Organizations can only receive one grant per year.** Details are on pages 4-5.

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will enhance your arts career. Applications are online at www.plrac.org.

Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$2,000

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

\$8,000

ACH Education- \$4,000

Arts Festivals - \$5,000

August 1 Deadline &
February 1 Deadline

Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant - \$3,000

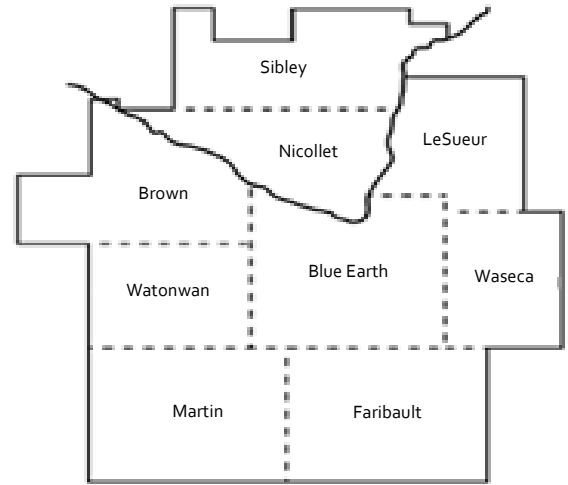
September 15 Deadline

Artist Career Development Grant - \$1,000

January 15 Deadline

All grant applications are online in 2017-18.

A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.



FY 2018 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant
Deadlines are: Aug. 1 and Feb. 1

1. Arts and Arts Access – Maximum \$8,000.

Proposals are for **arts programming** by an organization, maintaining on-going arts programs and services, and offering new and different activities. A variety of activities including art and music festivals, community choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions are eligible.

Also equipment that enhances the artistic capabilities of the organization. **Equipment** may include office equipment and software, instruments, risers, theater lighting, theater curtains, sound system, display cases, etc. This also includes **public art**, sculpture, murals, etc; and activities that plan to reach **new audiences** such as youth, ethnic groups, senior citizen groups, etc. and engage the public in new ways. A 50% cash match is required.

2. ACH Arts Education:

There are three categories of support.

A. Schools – Maximum \$4,000. This is available to all public or private non-parochial elementary, middle or secondary schools (K-12) in the nine county area. Grants may fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. A 10% cash match is required for schools.



B. Non-profit and Community Groups – \$4,000

C. Youth Scholarship for Students (7-12) – \$300, and grades (3-6) - \$200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist, take lessons, attend an arts workshop, series of classes, etc. This is for all Art disciplines. Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1; and grades 3-6 is November 1.

3. ACH Arts & Music Festivals - Maximum \$5,000. For arts and music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions. A 50% cash match is required.

Small Arts Project Grant

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. These are matching grants up to \$2,000 and may not exceed 75% of the project cost. Fundable activities include: community bands, choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

Arts-In-Education Grant

Grants are for **public and private schools K-12.** Matching grants up to \$2,000 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

Individual Artist Grant

These McKnight Artist Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to an Artists growth and professional development in dance, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc. Deadlines are:

September 15 - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, \$3,000 each.

January 15 - Artist Career Development Grant, \$1,000 each.

In 2017-2018 All PLRAC Grant Applications will be Online.

We will continue the online Grants Management System from Foundant technologies for all our grant programs!

Applicant Login

The “Applicant Login” button can be seen on the Home page and the Grant Programs page of the PLRAC Website.
<http://www.plrac.org/grants.html>

New Grant Guidelines & Applications are available.

On the “Grants Program Page” of the website, each is a downloadable link. Four program grants are listed:

- Arts and Cultural Heritage
- Youth Scholarship, grades 7-12 and 3-6
- Small Arts or Arts-In-Education for schools
- Artist Grant

Prairie Lakes has identified three primary goals for this change to online applications.

Goal 1: Increased accountability: Grantees will submit data collection information needed for our state funding, through the online application, which can be easily reported to the MN State Arts Board to document evaluation goals, outcomes, etc. that are needed for our Arts and Cultural Heritage funds.

Goal 2: Increase efficiency with the online application, contract, and final report for grantees.

Goal 3: Allow our Prairie Lakes board members to easily read, comment and score applications in a secure online format.



In FY 2017 Prairie Lakes awarded 273 Grants totaling \$464,120

Here’s a summary of Grants awarded:

- \$45,000** - McKnight Artist Grants (27 grants)
- \$85,032** - State General funds (52 grants)
- \$334,088** - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) (194 grants); 48 organizational grants & 146 Youth scholarships.

The three categories of ACH grants and the amounts awarded were:

- (1) Arts Programming/Arts Access \$267,388, which includes grants to 38 nonprofit arts organizations and community groups, for their arts programs and activities.
- (2) Arts Education \$50,300, which includes 5 school grants and 146 Youth Scholarships of \$300 or \$200 each.
- (3) Arts & Cultural Heritage Festival grants were awarded to 5 events, for \$16,400.

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

Blue Earth County	Liz Miller
Brown County	Denice Evers
Faribault County	Carol Soma
LeSueur County	Randy Mediger
Martin County	Open
Nicollet County	Diane Harms
Sibley County	Dennis Van Moorlehem
Waseca County	Karen Krause
Watonwan County	Steve Davis
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City of Mankato	Margie Larson
City of New Ulm.....	Charles Luedtke
City of North Mankato.....	Dana Sikkila
City of St. Peter	Lauren Shoemaker

Staff

Executive Director	Brenda Byron
Program Manager	Cindy Lewer
Administrative Assistant...	Pam Trumbull

RURAL ARTS AND CULTURE SUMMIT

The Rural Arts Summit was held June 6-8, 2017 in Morris



Above (L to R): Susan Hayes, Montgomery; Carolyn Borgen, New Ulm; Brenda Byron, Waseca; Maureen Gunderson, Montgomery and Lillian Robinson, Blue Earth.

Photo on Right: Dana Sikkila, N. Mankato & Brenda created artwork at the Arts Summit.

The Rural Arts Summit included two days of keynote speakers and discussion panels on broad themes, and some 22 breakout sessions on more specific working topics and performances to demonstrate the conference theme of inclusion in action. The session “**Creating Inclusive Rural Places Through the Arts**” featured Michael Strand, head of visual arts at North Dakota State University; Carlton Turner, executive director of Alternative Roots, Utica, Mississippi; Meredith Moats, folklorist and founder of the McElroy House in Dardanelle, Arkansas; Anton Treuer, author and professor of Ojibway at Bemidji State University.

It is the only rural-oriented conference of its type in the United States. The purpose of the summit is to help local communities improve arts programming and reach all community members. This year the theme of inclusion explored ways of expanding artistic opportunities for artists and audiences, ultimately to expand the impact of the arts on forming stronger communities and local economies. For example, inclusion of older adults, minorities and youth in programming built around local heritage themes builds more cohesive communities and larger audiences. This message was heard by more than 400 people attending the summit from Minnesota and 22 states. Attendees included artists and arts organization management, educators, government representatives, legislators, funding organizations and students. “Attendance by local representatives was underwritten by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council”, noted Brenda Byron. We provided scholarships for five arts leaders to attend the Arts Summit.

Bringing local heritage-oriented opportunities from urban areas to rural settings localizes urban exposure to local history. The exchange of experiences often strengthens both urban and rural, and discovers commonalities between the two types of communities that opens understanding and conversation.

http://www.crowrivermedia.com/big_fish_lifestyle/events/creating-opportunities-for-artists-and-audiences/article_bd522ffc-5ce4-50bb-ab61-046608b3a1c0.html

This year marked the fourth Rural Arts and Culture Summit, and the third to be held at Morris. Byron was pleased to be interviewed by UMN, Morris and here is an excerpt from the article. <https://news.morris.umn.edu/news/rac-2017>

“The summit creates an opportunity for arts leaders, arts enthusiasts, artists, and other people in economic development or teaching to come together,” says **Lill Robinson, director of the Blue Earth Town & Country Players**. “Having 300 people who are likeminded and want to build vibrant communities is great.” “The summit gives participants a chance to explore new ideas because they’re already doing a lot of things in their community,” says **Brenda Byron, director of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**. “But you have to be inspired, and you have to nourish yourself to go back to your town and keep doing it, because the work is hard and takes a lot of personal time.”

For Robinson, Byron, and other participants, the summit created an opportunity to share ideas, inspire others, and be inspired to continue advocating for the arts in rural communities. For more information about the Rural Arts and Culture Summit visit:

www.ruralartsandculturesummit.com.

The Arts are big business in Minnesota. This was the news shared by Sheila Smith, executive director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, who was a presenter at the Rural Arts and Culture Summit. The arts as an economic driver can in part be attributed to the **Legacy Amendment passed in 2008**. The arts industry and artists contributed almost \$2.1 billion (that’s billion) to the economy of Minnesota in 2016-17. This includes nearly \$33 million by non-profit arts organizations, their audiences and artists in southcentral Minnesota (the 9-county area served by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council) and the statistics are \$20 million for the 18-county southwest Minnesota regional economy. For more information, [visit www.creativemn.org](http://www.creativemn.org).



State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS

www.compas.org

A Minnesota resource for artist residencies in the arts.

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts

www.artsmn.org

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization.

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

www.minnesotanonprofits.org

Information and links about board governance, marketing, fundraising, etc.

Minnesota State Arts Board

www.arts.state.mn.us

Artist and Organization Grant Information.

Springboard for the Arts

www.springboardforthearts.org

Artists & non-profit arts groups workshops.

Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations

www.mnartists.org

The website showcases the work of over 4,500 MN Artists in all disciplines.

Artist Studios Available:

Artist studios & music teachers can rent space for lessons at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

New Artist Studios at the Plaza. Functional space for artists and art organizations to rent. At 108 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Contact through Facebook "Studios at the Plaza", (507) 243-4284 or studiosattheplaza@gmail.com.

Studio Space Available for visual artists and musicians at Dreaming-Elk Studio, 28½ North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. dreamingelkstudio@gmail.com or (507) 327-2130.

Artists Seeking a Gallery Exhibition

What are the three main items an Artist needs to provide to the gallery? 1. **Images of your work on a CD** (5-10 jpg images) or by email and a List of the artwork. 2. **Resume** 3 . **Artist Statement**

Each gallery may have a slightly different procedure so just email them an inquiry note. Some have a formal application process, so be sure to ask about their process and schedule. Many of the galleries in our region have their exhibition calendar booked for the next 12 months. However, a few may not so contact them. Some art center galleries are not booked that far in advance and could offer some flexibility to artists who are seeking an exhibition date in the near future.

Artists that are planning to apply for a PLRAC grant need to contact a gallery and inquire about having an exhibit at their location, since having an exhibition at the conclusion of their project, is required as part of the Prairie Lakes Artist Grant.

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff



Row 1 (L to R): Cindy Lewer, Program Manager; Carol Soma; Dana Sikkila; Gina Wenger; Jessica Barens; Brenda Byron, Executive Director; and Diane Harms. **Row 2:** Denice Evers; Randy Mediger; Dennis Van Moorlehem; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; Greg Wilkins; Charles Luedtke; Steve Davis; and Lauren Shoemaker.

25th Annual

Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition

September 23 to October 22, 2017

Participation is open to all living artists age 16 and over residing in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan counties, subject to the conditions and rules outlined in this entry form. This regional exhibition is an opportunity for emerging and established artists to display their work in a professional setting.

ENTRY DATE AND FEE

Monday, September 18, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Artwork must be brought to the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter. No entries will be accepted via any type of delivery service.

The Entry Form must be entirely completed for artwork to be entered. You must retain the Receipt Card and present it when claiming your artwork after the selection process or at the end of the exhibition.

You may complete the Entry Form at the ACSP the day of entry. If you have questions about the form call the PLRAC office at 1-800-298-1254.

Each artist may submit artwork in one class or combination of classes, but only 2 works total per artist. The number of pieces selected per artist is at the discretion of the juror.

Entry fee: \$10.00 per piece, non-refundable.

Make checks payable to: Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council or PLRAC.

Submission of work and entry card signature indicates acceptance of all conditions and waiver of liability.

TOTAL AWARDS - \$1,300

1 st Place - \$200	4 th Place	- \$125
2 nd Place - \$175	5 th Place	- \$100
3 rd Place - \$150	11 Certificates of Merit	- \$550
	Total Cash Awards	\$1,300

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

Original artwork completed by a single artist in the last 4 years, or since January 1, 2013, may be entered. Artwork by more than one person will not be accepted. Artwork must not have been executed under direct instructor supervision in a workshop or classroom. Works that were displayed at any previous PLRAC Regional Exhibitions may not be entered again. Works accepted for exhibition may not be withdrawn from the exhibition for any reason.

PLRAC reserves the right to accept or reject any artwork submitted for this exhibition that does not meet these specifications.

- ◆ **Media** including, but not limited to:

Drawing	Painting (Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor)
Fibers	Photography
Jewelry	Print Making
Mixed Media	Sculpture (Ceramics, Glass, Wood)
- ◆ **No** fragile artwork, installation pieces, diptych pieces, or artwork that requires electricity.
- ◆ **Size & Weight Restrictions**
 - 2-D work - **4ft. wide and high**, maximum of 20 lbs.
 - 3-D work - Free standing piece, maximum of 50 lbs.
- ◆ **Presentation**

All 2-D works must be structurally and visually appropriate for gallery presentation:

 - ◆ Canvasses must have finished edges, framed or painted, without staples showing.
 - ◆ Hanging Materials: **Wire and eye hooks required.** Sawtooth hangers are acceptable only on small frames (under 12”) or when already part of a plastic frame.
 - ◆ Works on paper should be framed. Works more than 24” in height or width must be under plexiglass. Exhibition style matting preferred, white or neutral colored mats generally 2-3 inches wide are suggested with black or dark colored frame.

PUBLICITY FOR REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

The Arts Center of Saint Peter and PLRAC reserve the right to photograph exhibited artwork for catalog, educational and publicity purposes. A printed brochure of the exhibiting artists will be available at the gallery. Artists who enter work into this exhibition will be granting PLRAC the right to photograph their artwork or person for publicity purposes in news releases, in the PLRAC Newsletter, PLRAC website www.plrac.org, Facebook and YouTube.

JUROR'S NOTIFICATION AND RETURN OF WORK

Artists will be notified by **email only** of the decision of the juror, by September 21. Artists are responsible for picking up artwork on these dates:

Declined Artwork: Fri., Sept. 22, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Accepted Artwork: Sun., October 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

A friend or relative may pick up your artwork on the designated dates, but they must have the Receipt Card. Artwork not picked up on Sept. 22 or Oct. 22, will be taken to the PLRAC office in Waseca and special arrangements will have to be made to pick it up in Waseca. A transportation & storage fee of \$10 will be charged per piece. Artwork not picked up by October 24, 2017 will become the property of PLRAC.

ARTS CENTER OF SAINT PETER Gallery Hours

**Tuesday & Wednesday 1-6 p.m.,
Thursday 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m.,
and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

The Arts Center is handicapped accessible.

315 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter
(507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org, or
www.artscentersp.org.

OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, Sept. 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Artists will be presented with their awards at the Opening Reception. All artists, family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

7:00 p.m. is the Awards Program

(in the basement of the Art Center)

8:00-9:00 p.m. Artists may talk about their work.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

All artwork must have a value listed on the Entry Form, whether or not the work is for sale. Works that are entered are not insured until they are juried into the exhibition, Sept. 23 to Oct. 22, 2017. **Insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the exhibition only.** Although the utmost care and precaution will be taken to protect works, the PLRAC and the Arts Center of Saint Peter are not responsible for lost or damaged work before or after the exhibition period. Artists may wish to personally insure their artwork on their renter or homeowner's insurance.

SALE OF ARTWORK

Artists may choose to offer their artwork for sale. The Arts Center of Saint Peter (ACSP) receives a Commission Fee of 30%, which will be deducted from the price of any works sold during the exhibition. The buyer will pay the ACSP the listed price, and at the end of the exhibition the ACSP will send a check for 70% to the artist, at the address on the entry form. Therefore price your art work accordingly for sale.

SELECTION PROCESS

All entries are juried and only the pieces accepted by the juror will be displayed. Space limitations at the ACSP permit about 80-90 pieces to be displayed. The juror will be Sara Udvig who is a public artist and accomplished muralist living in St. Paul. She works at the intersection of art and livability, encouraging viewers to break routine by getting active and trying something unfamiliar. She has a Studio Art degree from St. Catherine's University and also studied art at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She has done work in painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design and photography. Recent murals in the Twin Cities were commissioned by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation and other community partners. Sara also received an Artist Initiative Grant from the MN State Arts Board to create a mural in collaboration with the West Side Farmer's Market in St. Paul. With her work Sara aims to support and strengthen communities, offering viewers or project participants the opportunity for self-realization and social benefit. Sara is currently involved in St. James, MN with a public mural and downtown plaza project that includes Latino community members and the St. James City Council. This project is part of integrating the Arts into Community Development by the SW MN Housing Partnership, Slayton and funded by their ArtPlace America grant.

SUMMARY OF DATES

Mon., Sept. 18, 2:30-5:30 p.m. - Entry Date

Fri., Sept. 22, 3:00-5:30 p.m. - Declined artwork pick up

Sat., Sept. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Opening Reception

Sun., Oct. 22, 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Artists pick up artwork

End of Regional Exhibition

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about this entry form or the exhibition, please contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director at the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council office, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Waseca, MN 56093. The Entry Form is also posted on our website at www.plrac.org. Contact us at plrac@hickorytech.net, (507) 833-8721 or 1-800-298-1254.

ENTRY FORM / Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition / Sept. 18, 2017

ARTIST _____
Last Name First Name

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

2nd Address for Students/Permanent Address _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL (required) _____ PHONE (area code) _____

Title 1 _____ (maximum 40 characters)

Medium _____

For Sale? ____ Yes ____ No **Required: Insurance/Sale Price \$** _____ Year Completed _____

Title 2 _____ (maximum 40 characters)

Medium _____

For Sale? ____ Yes ____ No **Required: Insurance/Sale Price \$** _____ Year Completed _____

WAIVER: I relieve PLRAC and the Arts Center of Saint Peter (ACSP) from the responsibility for loss or damage of any kind to my work before or after the exhibition period, Sept. 23-Oct. 22, 2017. Works that are entered are not insured until they are juried into the exhibition. Insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the exhibition only. I also understand that the PLRAC and ACSP are not responsible for artwork left beyond the pickup date of Oct. 22, 2017. **Submission of work and entry card signature indicates acceptance of all conditions and waiver of liability.** I hereby grant to the PLRAC the right to photograph my artwork or myself for publicity purposes in news releases, in the PLRAC Newsletter, PLRAC website, Facebook and YouTube.

Signature _____

Entry Fee: \$10 (\$20 for 2 pieces) **Cash or check made payable to Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

JUROR'S NOTIFICATION (Information will be **Emailed only** to you by Sept. 21, 2017.)

Artist _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Title 1 _____ Accepted ____ Declined ____

Title 2 _____ Accepted ____ Declined ____

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RECEIPT CARD/PLRAC Art Exhibit **KEEP:** This receipt **MUST** be presented when picking up art work.
Declined work: Sept. 22, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. **Exhibited work:** Oct. 22; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ARTIST _____

Title 1 _____ Medium _____

Title 2 _____ Medium _____

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Work #1 IDENTIFICATION CARD
♦ Attach securely to back side (**upper right**) of work
Artist _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Work #2 IDENTIFICATION CARD
♦ Attach securely to back side (**upper right**) of work
Artist _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____



Arts Calendar



(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

***Aug. 1** Concert by the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 6 p.m., at Four Seasons Park, Arlington. (507) 317-1974.

***Aug. 1** Music in the Park series: Larry Mages Band performing at 7-8:30 p.m., at the Winthrop City Park. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or www.winthropminnesota.com.

Aug. 1, 8 & 15 Free Summer Noontime Organ Recitals by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, 12:10 p.m. Aug. 1-Nathan Knutson, Aug. 8-Kraig Windschitl, Aug. 15-Christine Schultz, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 933-7447 or www.agosiouxtrails.org.

Aug. 1-13 “Temporary Fields” Mixed Media Exhibit by Adam McCauley. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Aug. 1-16 “Sundancers” Sculpture and Drawing Exhibit by Lu Mulder. At the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

***Aug. 1-19** “Paintings and Drawings” Exhibit by Craig Groe. At Austin Artworks Center, 300 N. Main St. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. www.austinareaarts.org or (507) 434-0934. Craig received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Aug. 1-25 “Jingle Birds and Spiral Forms” Ceramics Exhibit by Lucy Yogerst in the Beckmann Gallery and “Scenes from Near and Far” Painting Exhibit by Adele Beals in the Lobby Gallery. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Summer Saturday hours: 12 Noon-3 p.m., through Aug. 26. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***Aug. 1-25** “Thought’s Space” Exhibit by Sam Matter, at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 1-31** “Images of Change: Sharing the Personal Life Experiences of Elders from Diverse Cultures” Photography Exhibit by Kay Herbst Helms. At Vine Adult Community Center, 421 E. Hickory St., Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 8 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 469-8745. Kay received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Aug. 1-April 2018** The 2017/18 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

***Aug. 2** Brian Evans performs as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmncchamber.com.

***Aug. 2-6** Sibley County Fair in Arlington, featuring free entertainment by Matt & Allen Carlson performing Americana music, Carver Creek performing blue grass music, the Flemming Fold Family Band, the Wendinger Band performing polka music, and more. View a complete schedule at www.sibleycountyfair.com.

***Aug. 2-13** Illustrations Exhibit by James Hohenstein. At The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com. James received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Aug. 2-30 Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

***Aug. 3** St. James Summer Concerts in the Park Series and annual City Bloc Party: Attitude Band performing classic rock music with an Elvis impersonator, 6-8 p.m. Food available for purchase at 5:30 p.m. At Memorial Park, St. James. Sponsored by the City of St. James. (507) 375-4370.

Aug. 3-6 20th Annual Ribfest. Musical Performances include: Travis Tritt, The Wallflowers, Better Than Ezra, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, and The Chris Hawkey Band. \$10 admission starting at 5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri, and 3 p.m. Sat., free admission Sat. 12 noon-3 p.m. and all day Sun. At Riverfront Park, Mankato. www.mankatoribfest.com for times and more information.




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Aug. 3-Sept. 9 "Do You See What I See" Juried Photography Exhibit and "Look Into The Past: Kolacky Days" Exhibit featuring Kolacky Days photos and memorabilia. At the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. North. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

***Aug. 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Ace in the Whole performing bluegrass, blues, jazz and folk music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Aug. 4-5 & 11-12 Curtain Call Theatre will present the musical "Into The Woods", Aug. 4, 5, 11 & 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. Adults \$12, children \$8. At Tri-City United Middle School Auditorium, 101 2nd St. NE, Montgomery. www.curtaincalltheatre.net or (507) 744-8947. 

***Aug. 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Betty & Ocho performing folk music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com. 

Aug. 7 Annual Dinner Meeting with music and guest speaker Darwin Anthony presenting "Inspiring Creativity in Everyone", 7:30 p.m. \$15, reservations required. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

Aug. 8 Lunch with the Arts, 12 Noon, bring a bag lunch, entertainment provided. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Aug. 9** Ben Marti Jazz Group performs jazz music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. www.gaylordmchamber.com or (507) 237-5535.


Aug. 9-13 Brown County Fair in New Ulm, including a concert by the Minnesota "Over-60 Band, Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.; and author, Angeline Meidl Portner, signing her book "Rural Schoolhouses of Brown County, Minnesota", Aug. 12 at 1-3 p.m. View a complete schedule at www.browncountyfreefair.com.

Aug. 9-13 Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter, view a complete schedule at www.nicolletcountyfair.com.

***Aug. 10** Music in the Park series: The Basics, performing at 6:30-8 p.m., at the Winthrop City Park. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or www.winthropminnesota.com.

Aug. 10 Film screening and discussion of "All Quiet on the Western Front", about World War I. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society, 6 p.m. At the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***Aug. 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet performing at 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 11** Blue Earth Area Community Education sponsors Prairie Fire Children's Theatre performance of "Robin Hood" by grades 1-8, 7 p.m., \$4. At the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-3172 or www.blueearth.k12.mn.us. 

***Aug. 11-12** Waseca Community Education sponsors Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 12 at 2 p.m., \$2 at the door. At Central Building Auditorium, 500 E. Elm Ave., Waseca. (507) 835-5626 or <http://ce.waseca.k12.mn.us>.

***Aug. 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Chris Ames and Chris Steffen performing at 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 12** The Teddy Bear Band Concert, focusing on safety and anti-bullying, 10 a.m., in conjunction with the Gaylord Eggstravaganza weekend celebration. At the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by Sibley East Community Education. (507) 237-3322

Aug. 13 Open Clay Studio, 3-5 p.m. For all ages and ability levels, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. An instructor will be available. At Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Aug. 13 Concert by Captain Gravitone and the String Theory Orchestra, 4 p.m. At Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, 41142 160th St., Waseca. www.captaingravitone.com or (507) 351-2155.

Aug. 14-20 Martin County Fair in Fairmont, view a complete schedule at www.theotherbigfair.com.

Aug. 14-Oct. 14 Student Union Sesquicentennial Exhibit, at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6767.

***Aug. 16** Hammer Tyme performs 80's music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmchamber.com.


Aug. 16 The Oz Brothers present the story of The Wizard of Oz using pop-up books and props. The audience will make sound effects and suggestions throughout the performance, 10:30-11:15 a.m. At the Mapleton Public Library, 104 1st Ave. NE. (507) 524-3513.

Aug. 17 Maker Meetup and Innovation Series, monthly gatherings to meet a new "maker", learn about the MN Makers & Artists Guild in Mankato, 6:30-8:30 p.m. August's demonstration is laser engraving. At the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, 424 N. Riverfront Drive, Mankato. mnmakersandartists@gmail.com or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

***Aug. 17-20** LeSueur County Fair in LeCenter, featuring entertainment by The Porchlights, New Prague Czech Dancers, Larry Novtney Band, and the New Prague Community Band. View a complete schedule at www.lesueurcountyfair.org.

Aug. 17-Sept. 20 Exhibit by Kate Baumann. (Reception, Aug. 17, 5-7 p.m.) At the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008. Kate received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Aug. 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Skally Line performing country and blues music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Aug. 18** Concert by The Great Trumpet, as part of Music on Main, 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Toody's Sweet Treats, 417 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by Henderson Chamber of Commerce. (507) 248-3234. 


Aug. 18 Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Adrian Barnett and the Real Easy Questet, 7:30 p.m., \$10. During the 2nd set there will be live action movement by members of the Rural Route Dance Ensemble. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

Please submit the event information to us by the 15th of the prior month to be included in an upcoming newsletter!

Email the date, time, location, ticket price, and a brief description of the event to: plrac@hickorytech.net.

Aug. 18-20 34th Annual Woodcarvers and Quilt Expo. Aug. 18 at 4-8 p.m.; Sat. Aug. 19 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Aug. 20 at 12 Noon-4 p.m. At Blue Earth Area High School, 1125 Highway 169 N., Blue Earth. (507) 526-5808.

Aug. 18-Sept. 3 LGBT Advocacy, South Central Pride Exhibit. (Reception, Aug. 18, 7-9 p.m.) At The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com. 

Aug. 18-Sept. 17 Minnesota Women Ceramic Artists Exhibit, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 19** Drum Corps Expo featuring the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps and other drum corps. Gates open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m., free admission. 90th Anniversary buttons available for \$10. At St. Peter High School, Floyd B. Johnson Field, Sunrise Dr. (507) 990-9273 or www.govenaires.org/expo.

***Aug. 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Adrian Barnett performing jazz music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 21-Sept. 12 Johnson & Johnson Exhibit, at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

Aug. 22 Daniel Hoisington Film Festival, with screening and discussion of "Stories of the Dakota War" and "Turner Hall 1862", 7 p.m. At the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

Aug. 22-Sept. 26 Painting exhibit by Steve DeLaitch. (Reception and lecture, Aug. 31, 7 p.m.) At the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu or (507) 344-7000.

***Aug. 23** She's My Sister performs country music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. www.gaylordmchamber.com or (507) 237-5535.

Aug. 24 Art & Clothing Swap, 3-7 p.m. Bring in artwork, adult clothing, and accessories and then shop for free. Artwork will be available in the upper gallery and clothing will be in the lower gallery. Musical entertainment by The Panciera Sisters. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Aug. 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Minnesota Barking Ducks performing jazz, swing, and blues music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Aug. 29-Sept. 29 "The Natural Palette" Painting Exhibit by Brad Donner in the Beckmann Gallery and "Wildlife and More...on a Feather" Paintings on Feathers Exhibit by Dean Dykema in the Lobby Gallery. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Summer Saturday hours: 12 Noon-3 p.m., through Aug. 26. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Aug. 30** Kaleb Braun Schultz performs folk music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. www.gaylordmnchamber.com or (507) 237-5535.

***Sept. 18** Artists Entry Date: 2:30-5:30 p.m. for the 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. Bring original artwork to the Arts Center, \$10 per entry, with a maximum of 2 pieces per artist. Two and three dimensional artwork can be submitted. Artists must live in the 9-county area. \$1,300 in cash prizes will be awarded to artists. Exhibition dates are Sept. 23-Oct. 22. An artist reception will be held Sept. 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Entry form is on pages 8-10 and our website www.plrac.org. Contact: plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254.

Area Wineries have musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please visit their websites for times and musicians.

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. www.chankaskawines.com or (507) 931-0089.

Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or www.morgancreekvineyards.com.

Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or www.nextchapterwinery.com.



Youth Opportunities and Classes

Youth Classes

Aug. 1 Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grade 4 and up, \$10. Explore techniques with instructor Karen Krause. This month, "Mexican Amate Bark Painting", use typical animal designs and bright colors to express mood and feeling. Meets first Tuesday of the month. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Call to register (507) 835-1701. www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Aug. 3 Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. This month's project is "Mondrian Composition", create a piece using vertical and horizontal lines and primary colors. Meets first Thursday of the month. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. Call to register. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 12, 19 & 26 Kids' Clay Class, 10 a.m.-12 Noon, ages 8-12. Create

several pieces to take home. \$57, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com to register. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

***Aug. 14-18** Mankato Community Education sponsors Prairie Fire Workshops led by Prairie Fire directors, 9-11 a.m. each day. Select the workshops that interest you, including make up design, creative dramatics, improvisation, introductory and advanced acting, musical theater and more, \$5 per session. At Eagle Lake Elementary, 500 Le Sueur Ave. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Aug. 18 Registration Day for fall classes at Mankato Ballet Company, 2-6 p.m. Go online to view class options. At Mankato Ballet Company, 731 S. Front St. (507) 625-7716 or www.mankatoballet.org.

Aug. 28 Celebrate! Themed Art Class, ages 5-8, 1-2 p.m., \$8. Use a variety of techniques and mediums to create a fall themed project to take home. Register with Community Education, (507) 235-3141. At Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 www.redrockcenter.org/.

***August** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, Mankato Area Youth Winds Ensemble, North Star Strings, and the new Youth Philharmonic are taking submissions for auditions. Sign up for an audition time at www.mayso.net/audition. Auditions and practices take place at Minnesota State University, Mankato's Performing Arts Center. Contact Carolyn for more information. (612) 251-8492 or info@mayso.net.



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Youth & Adult Opportunities

***August** Dance Conservatory of Southern MN has many youth summer dance camps available for new or returning dancers. Go to <http://dcsmdance.com/mankato-summer-camp/5312966> to view dates, times, and classes available and to download a registration form. (507) 625-2005.

Individual Art Classes and Mentoring at The 410 Project, for ages 4-18. Director, Dana Sikkila, will give individual lessons based on the child's artistic interest, classes can be scheduled around the parent or guardian's schedule. \$15 per hour with student bringing supplies, \$20 per hour with The 410 Project's supplies, \$12 per hour for students 5 and under. Email for more information 410project@hotmail.com. At The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. www.the410project.com.



Adult Artists

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Wednesday Morning Drawing and Study Group, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon, free and open to the public. 9:30-10:45 a.m. studio time to work on your own art. 11 a.m.-12 Noon, art appreciation discussion. Contact Rachel James at racheljames@wasecaartscouncil.org for a schedule of topics. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 2-Sept. 6 Lidded Vessels, Handled Mugs, Closed Forms Class, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. For people with prior throwing experience. Create several pieces to take home. www.stpetercommunityedonline.com to register, \$73. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Thursday's Open Studio, 7-9 p.m., non-instructional studio time, come share artistic talents, work on projects and socialize with fellow artists. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 3-Sept. 7 Beginning Pottery Class, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Create several pieces to take home. \$73, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com to register. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Aug. 7-11 Sculpture by Salvage: Re-Claimed Metal Fabrication Workshop by Greg Mueller, who is previously from the Mankato area and Last Chance Fabricating. Breathe new life into salvaged steel by creating sculptural solutions with re-purposed metal. Tuition \$375, supply fee \$60. At the Grand Marais Art Colony, 120 W. 3rd Ave., Grand Marais. (218) 387-2737 or www.grandmaraisartcolony.org.

Aug. 10 Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Meets monthly to discuss topics brought up by attendees, free. Bring your own lunch. At Shared Spaces, 127 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Sponsored by Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. www.minnesotanonprofits.org or (507) 469-2217.

Aug. 12 Open Mic performance opportunity for musicians and poets, 7:30 p.m., at Le Bon Entertainment and Event Center, 6 E. Central St., Springfield. (507) 430-5368.

Aug. 13 Writers' Critique Group, 3-5 p.m. Bring work in progress and a question or two for the group. Read for five minutes, get critiqued for ten. Leave with good vibes and new ideas for moving forward. Hosted by Ann Rosenquist Fee. All levels welcome,

there is no previous participation or experience necessary. Held the second Sunday of the month. \$5, no advanced registration required. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Aug. 15 Alice Lind Play Reading Society presents its monthly play reading series, 7 p.m. This month's script is "Grease!" by Jacobs, Casey & Ferrar. Volunteers will be asked to read parts throughout the evening. Small reading parts can be requested. \$5 per script. RSVP to (507) 359-9990. At the John Lind House, 622 Center St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8802 or www.lindhouse.org.

Aug. 25 Ladies Night Pottery, 6-8 p.m., \$25. Register with Mankato Community Education. At Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

***Aug. 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 25 Ceramics Workshop, 1-3 p.m., \$20, includes materials. Lucy Yogerst will teach adult students how to create a ceramic bird the day of the workshop. She will fire each project and return them to the Art Center for pick up. Contact Stacie to register, stacieflaten@wasecaartscouncil.org or (507) 835-1701. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. www.wasecaartcenter.org.

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Sept. 26-29 Entry dates for the Waseca Arts Center's All Members Show. Come during regular business hours to drop off installation ready work, Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Exhibit will be held Oct. 3-Nov. 3. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Artists are encouraged to join the Minnesota Makers & Artist Guild and participate in the creation of a makerspace in Mankato with the goal of creating a community workspace housing tools and equipment as well as the knowledge that comes with working in a shared environment. www.mankatomakerspace.org to become a member, sign up for their newsletter, and learn about upcoming events. (507) 514-2921 or mnmakersandartists@gmail.com.

Twin Rivers Artist Workshop Series



All workshops are held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Emy Frenz Arts Gallery, 523 S. Second Street, Mankato.

Register for these workshops online at:
www.twinriversarts.org/artist-workshops/

5:30-6:30 p.m. Affiliates \$5, Non-Affiliates \$10

August 15 - Artwork Pricing: Where to Begin? Art + Business. Learn about strategies for pricing artwork, including consideration for time, materials, and market.

August 28 - Building the Best Board for your Nonprofit

Starving Artist at the Temple, annual fundraiser for Twin Rivers Council for the Arts on Sept. 22.

Features include: Good Night Gold Dust, art installation by Shelly Caldwell, ariel dance with Betty Harsma, Celtic chanting, theatre performances, silent auction, and more. VIP ticket \$100, individual \$75, and affiliate \$40. At the Mankato Masonic Temple, 309 S. Second Street, Mankato. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

Art Centers Accepting Proposals to Exhibit Artwork

Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont is seeking solo visual arts exhibitions or small group proposals for the 2018 calendar year. The Deadline is August 1, 2017. All mediums will be considered, family friendly pieces only, no nudity or violence. If interested please call or email Red Rock Center for the Arts for an application. (507) 235-9262 or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts is accepting applications for the 2018 Emy Frenz Exhibition Schedule. The gallery can accommodate a wide variety of works including poetry, paintings, photography, sculpture, installations and more. Artists will be notified by email. If chosen, there is

an exhibition fee of \$25 for the general public and \$10 for TRCA affiliates. There is no application fee. The Deadline is August 1, 2017. For more information or to request an exhibit application, send an email to info@twinriversarts.org. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second Street, Mankato. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

North Mankato Taylor Library in partnership with **Twin Rivers Council for the Arts** will be accepting proposals for exhibits at the library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. There will be monthly and bi-monthly exhibits. Local and regional artists should email Carolyn

at info@twinriversarts.org with inquiries. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

History Center Meeting Room Gallery in Mankato is accepting proposals for local artists to exhibit. All mediums will be considered. Work must be able to be hung on a wall and must be family friendly to be considered. At Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 East Cherry Street, Mankato, (507) 345-5566 or bechsam@hickorytech.net.

Contact the other art centers listed on page 17 in 2017-18.



Non-profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Register for classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemandato.com, (507) 625-2730, or artctr@hickorytech.net.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., and Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@hotmail.com or www.the410project.com.

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music every Fri. & Sat. and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: (507) 359-9222, grand@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and the Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Thur. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008, info@twinriversarts.org, or www.twinriversarts.org. Also find other arts events at: www.greatermankatoevents.com. Gallery Application link: www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, weekly art appreciation discussions, and spring concert series. Gallery hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Summer Saturday hours: 12 Noon-3 p.m., through August 26. info@wasecaartcenter.org, (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits are on display. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept.

Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/.

South Central College Lookout Gallery, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Artists can inquire about displaying their artwork to: lu.mulder@southcentral.edu.

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to Midnight.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

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 plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org



Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has Two Board Positions Open.

**Application Deadline is
 August 18, 2017**

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has two vacant positions on the Board for representatives from **Martin County and the City of Fairmont.**

The deadline for submitting an application is August 18, 2017. Interested persons residing in these areas should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. **We will email you a Board Application and a list of responsibilities.**

The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations. We are especially interested in having dancers or people who are familiar with dance, writers and literary artists apply for the Board.

Board members serve a three year term. Some Board Members may be reappointed if they have served only one term. **Monthly evening meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College.** Board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required.



MN State Arts Board Grant Opportunities

For more information call (800) 866-2787. For a link to the online application, go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/. Deadlines are at 4:30 p.m. of each grant due date.

Aug. 4 Artist Initiative Grants: Visual Arts Deadline.

To support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota. Grants will be awarded for career building and for the creative development of artists. \$2,000-\$10,000. Email contact: kathee.foran@arts.state.mn.us.

Sept. 8 Cultural Community Partnership Grant Deadline.

To enhance the artistic and career development of artists of color. It supports collaborative projects between two individual artists, or between an artist and an organization. \$1,000-\$8,000. Email contact: sherrie.fernandez-williams@arts.state.mn.us.

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