



# Prairie Lakes Artist Grantee Art Exhibition on display through February 12, 2018

at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato

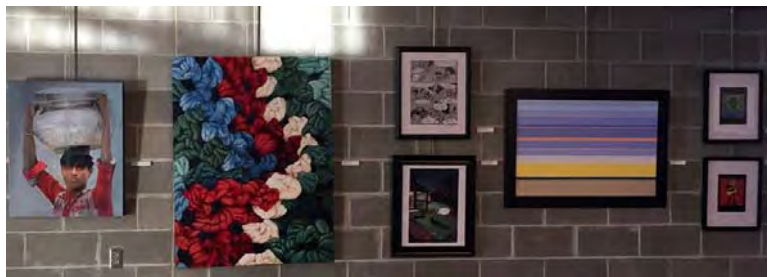
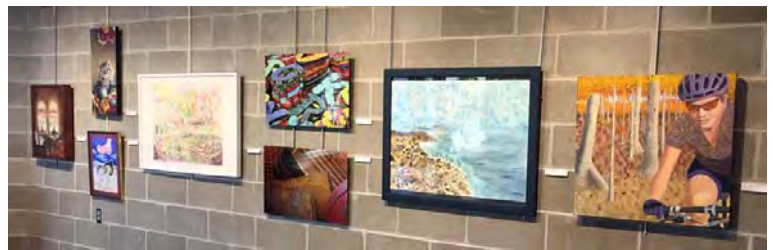
There is still time to see the Artist exhibit at Bethany College! The PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grantee exhibit features 55 pieces of artwork in a variety of mediums including: drawings, fibers, jewelry, mixed media, paintings, photography and prints. Photos of the artwork are on the PLRAC Facebook page. **“What’s unique about the exhibit is that other artists can be inspired by a local artists journey in their career, learn about how they used their artist grant from Prairie Lakes to achieve their career goals and see the final product of that endeavor”**, noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. This exhibition highlights Artists funded by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council and is on display at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, through February 12, 2018. Funding for our artist grant programs and this exhibit is from the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis.

Youtube video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NL\\_GF98BouI&sns=fb](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NL_GF98BouI&sns=fb)



The Opening Reception was held Sunday, January 14 and visual artists talked about their work and literary artists and musicians performed. We had a wonderful crowd of 70+ people despite the snowy day. “We were pleased to collaborate with Bethany and have the exhibition held in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center,” noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. Here is a link to the Exhibition Brochure:

[http://www.plrac.org/plrac\\_acrobat/2018BrochureArtistGranteeExhibitBethany.pdf](http://www.plrac.org/plrac_acrobat/2018BrochureArtistGranteeExhibitBethany.pdf)



**8th Annual  
PLRAC/McKnight  
Artist Grantee Exhibition**

Featuring Artist Grantees from 2016 funded by the McKnight Foundation.

**THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION**

**January 8 to February 12, 2018**

Held at the  
**Ylvisaker  
Fine Arts Center**  
Bethany Lutheran College,  
700 Luther Dr., Mankato

  
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Lisa Bierer	Virginia LaFrance
Carolyn Borgen	Jerry Mollenhauer
Marilyn Frank	Macey Page
Le Ann Gehring-Ryan	Lois Peterson
Mara Heinze	Steve Pottenger
James Hohenstein	Charles Putnam
Kaitlin Hohenstein	Patrick Ryan
Elizabeth Horneber	Amy Sinning
Rachel James	Peggy Tauer
Julie Johnson-Fahrforth	Malia Wiley
Ann Judkins	Gregory Wilkins
Melinda Kjarum	Amanda Wirig

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# Arts Advocacy Day will be March 6, 2018

Sign up now at [WWW.ARTSMN.ORG](http://WWW.ARTSMN.ORG)

Arts Advocacy Day is important to show the strength of MN's statewide arts community; especially when legislators discuss the state budget and Legacy funding, known as "Arts and Cultural Heritage" funding that provides money to the MN State Arts Board and eleven Regional Arts Councils, including Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

BE A PART OF THE ACTION at **MN Citizens for the Arts's (MCA) Arts Advocacy Day on March 6, 2018**. We start with a rally and then split into teams to talk to legislators about why they should support the arts. Arts people from every corner of the state come together in St. Paul.

**Register Now and Find out More at:**  
<http://artsmn.org/act/events/arts-advocacy-day/>  
**Registration Deadline is March 2, 2018**

## Arts Advocacy Day Schedule:

- 7:30 AM MN History Center in St. Paul
- 8:00 AM Registration & the Creative Minnesota 2017 Report: New Local Studies
- 8:30 AM Advocacy Class for New Attendees
- 9:00 AM Rally and Join Your Team
- 10:00 AM Walk or Take MCA Shuttle to Capitol
- 10:15-2:00 PM Legislator Appointments



On March 6, 2018 Minnesota Citizens for the Arts will bring hundreds of arts advocates from around the state to the State Capitol for "Arts Advocacy Day" to thank legislators for following through on the promise of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that dedicated funds to conservation and the arts. **Last year 1,000 arts advocates filled the capitol!**

## Pictured Below are Arts Constituents from February 2017 with Rep. Bob Gunther, Fairmont, District 23A.

Row 1 (L to R): Martin Thorsheim, Northfield; Sara Buechmann, Mankato Symphony Orchestra; Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Waseca; Dana Sikkila, Director of the 410 Project in Mankato; Diane Harms, St. Peter and member of the MN Valley Chorale and Saint Peter Choral Society; and Anna Decatur, Walker Art Center. Row 2: Anne O'Keefe Jackson, Morton; Lill Robinson, Blue Earth Town & Country Players; and **Rep. Bob Gunther**. Row 3: Shannon Sinning, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts (TRCA); Eileen O'Keefe, Dakota Wicohan, Morton; Blake Potthoff, Director of the Fairmont Opera House; Charlie Leftridge, Mankato Symphony Orchestra; Amy Sinning and Matt Norland, TRCA; Ryan Heinritz, Ordway; and Daniel Zielske, Mankato. Row 4: Blake Potthoff, Director of the Fairmont Opera House; Kathy Kerekes, TRCA; Jennifer Pelletier, Faribault; Matthew Sanders, Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps; Ann Rosenquist Fee, Director of the Arts Center of Saint Peter; Anatheia Swanson, St. Paul; Noelle Lawton, Director of TRCA, Mankato; and Curt Germundson, Carnegie Art Center and 410 Project, Mankato.



# 100 Area Students were Awarded Youth Art Scholarships for a total of \$27,000

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that scholarships of \$27,000 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 70 students in grades 7-12 and 30 students in grades 3-6 throughout the region. Students in grades 7-12 receive \$300 and grades 3-6 receive \$200. The Youth Scholarships will provide these students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. A variety of lessons in cello, flute, guitar, piano, string bass, trumpet, viola, violin, voice, dance, and visual art will be provided.

Youth Scholarship recipients live in twenty-two different communities representing eight counties,” noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. “We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be involved in.” They will be taking

lessons and participating with many area arts groups including: Dance Conservatory of Southern MN in Mankato, Mankato Ballet Company, and Riverfront Performing Arts in Mankato; music lessons at Mankato Suzuki School of Music and New Ulm Suzuki School of Music; participation in Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band, Mankato Children’s Chorus, and Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra. Many independent music instructors throughout the area will also be providing lessons for these students.



**The next deadline for Youth Scholarships, grades 7-12, is October 1, 2018.**  
**The next deadline for grades 3-6, is November 1, 2018.**

**These Youth Scholarships are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.**



**The \$300 Youth Scholarship Recipients from grades 7-12 live in twenty-one different communities representing eight counties. The \$200 Youth Scholarship Recipients from grades 3-6 live in eleven different communities representing five counties.** Refer to page 3 for complete lists of students by County.

Thinking about applying? Students should remember to answer their application questions with several sentences in a paragraph answer. In general, students scored higher in the review process if they provided more detailed answers to the questions and had more years of experience in their art form.

The Prairie Lakes Board considers three criteria for grades 7-12. The maximum points for category A. Years of Experience is 4 points, B. Student’s Answers to the Questions is 8 points and C. Instructor Recommendation is 4 points; for total points of 16 maximum for grades 7-12.

The Prairie Lakes Board considers two criteria for grades 3-6. The maximum points for category A. Student’s Answers to the Questions is 8 points & B. Instructor Recommendation is 4 points; for total points of 12 maximum for grades 3-6. The complete list of the criteria for both grade levels is available to view or download at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

## Youth Scholarships, Grades 7-12, listed by County and Community

A total of \$21,000 was awarded to 70 students for scholarships of \$300 each; and they live in 21 different communities, representing eight counties.

### **Blue Earth County - \$4,200**

Lake Crystal: Katherine Strum

Madison Lake: Sydney Johnson

Mankato: Ellie Fischenich, Will Fischenich, Madeline Halvorson, Rebekah Hartwig, Gretl Holz, Kezia Kim, Benjamin Liebl, Connor Maday, Kiara Riehl, Jasmine Seiwert, Sabrina Seiwert, Matthew Strom

### **Brown County - \$3,000**

Comfrey: Joseph Goedtke

New Ulm: Emily Guggisberg, Noah Huseby, Emma Rodewald, Magdalyne Spike

Sleepy Eye: Gunval Coulson, Isabella Hoffmann, Lauren Hoffmann, Molly Landkammer

Springfield: Stefan Mark

### **Faribault County - \$900**

Delavan: Bennett Petersen, Anna Remes

Winnebago: Ryan Sabol

### **LeSueur County - \$2,700**

LeCenter: Anya Menk, Arya Menk

LeSueur: Rachelle Boelter, Mattilyn Brown, Melissa Heim, Sarah Schwartz

Montgomery: Analise Roth, Britta Roth

Waterville: Taylor Krienke

### **Martin County - \$300**

Fairmont: Eric Head

### **Nicollet County - \$6,600**

Nicollet: Annalisa Tostenson, Katherine Tostenson

North Mankato: Morgan Anderson, Ronan Corley, Lexi Fosburgh, Elli Kim, Samuel Murray, Rachel Olsen, Kameron Rewitzer, Matthew Smith, Cassidy White

St. Peter: Anja Bunge Dulin, Mathew Meixner, Isabel Panciera, Isaac Peterson, Raina Roemhildt, Hans Tostenson, Grace Werner, Tate Winkelmann, Alexandra Zachman, Victoria Zachman

Rural New Ulm: Grace Peterson

### **Sibley County - \$1,200**

Gaylord: Lydia Kranz, Maggie Newsom, Adeline Williams

Henderson: Alexander Davig

### **Watonwan County - \$2,100**

Madelia: Jessica Baumgartner, Katharine Davis, Jude Frelich

St. James: Lucia Kulseth, Miriam Rete, Diana Sargent, Lydia Sargent

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## Youth Scholarships, Grades 3-6, listed by County and Community

A total of \$6,000 was awarded to 30 students for scholarships of \$200 each; and they live in 11 different communities, representing five counties.

### **Blue Earth County - \$600**

Eagle Lake: Averie Hernandez

Mankato: Kaleb Kim, Autumn Seiwert

### **Brown County - \$2,200**

New Ulm: Elizabeth Borgen, Joshua Carlovsky, Nathaniel Carlovsky, Owen Dunkel, Evelyn Friese, Brianna Lienig, Leah Menzel, Ashley Schaefer, Bethany Spike, Karlee Stocker, Isabelle Webb

### **Nicollet County - \$1,200**

Nicollet: Natalie Matzke

North Mankato: Sofia Chaudrey, Marco Jakovich, Sasha Jakovich

St. Peter: Afrah Daidzic, Paige Winkelmann

### **Sibley County - \$1,200**

Gaylord: Colten Kranz, Eliza Williams

Henderson: Sophia Davig, Gaian Geldner

Rural LeSueur: Rachel Ammann, Charles Kotasek

### **Watonwan County - \$800**

Madelia: Karl Davis

St. James: Maya Kulseth, Lydia Rete, Keeley Runge

# FY 2018 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and ARTS-IN-EDUCATION GRANTS Awarded July through December 2017

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. Arts-In-Education Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, live art performances and arts related field trips. The deadline is the 1st of each month.

## **BLUE EARTH COUNTY**

GSR Fine Art Festival - \$1,400  
Mankato Area Community Education, clay studio - \$2,000  
Mankato West High School Bands, clinicians - \$2,000  
Rosa Parks Elementary School, art show - \$1,800

## **BROWN COUNTY**

Concord Singers, Fasching Celebration - \$1,400  
Live Music at Le Bon in Springfield - \$2,000  
Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild, show - \$2,000

## **LE SUEUR COUNTY**

LeSueur-Henderson Comm. Ed., dance - \$1,313  
Waterville Elysian Morristown School, theater - \$1,600

## **MARTIN COUNTY**

Rural Advantage, music performances - \$2,000  
Truman Public Schools, theater field trip - \$2,000

We encourage organizations to apply early, and at least 60 days prior to the event. Funds are usually exhausted by May.

## **NICOLLET COUNTY**

Minnesota Shorts Play Festival - \$2,000

## **SIBLEY COUNTY**

Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce, music - \$2,000  
Henderson Heritage Days, music performances - \$1,810  
Sibley County Fair, music performances - \$2,000

## **WASECA COUNTY**

American Indian Service Learning Project - \$1,300  
Waseca Marching Classic, clinicians - \$1,500

## **WATONWAN COUNTY**

Madelia Elementary School, artist-in-residence - \$1,710

# 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 page 6.

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will enhance your arts career. Applications are online at [www.plrac.org](http://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**

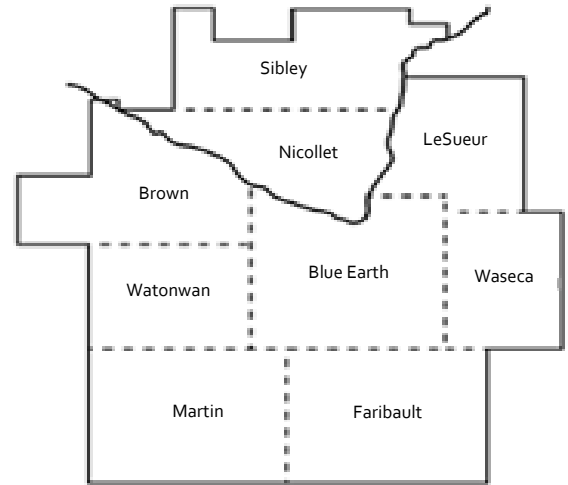
September 15 Deadline

### **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 by taking lessons over a period of months. 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 2018 All PLRAC Grant Applications will be Online.

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



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
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### Staff

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



# Arts Calendar



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

**Feb. 1** MN State University Performance Series Concert by The Barley Jacks, performing bluegrass and roots music, 7:30 p.m. \$15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**Feb. 1-2** Stuart Klipper: “The World In A Few States” and Jerome Myers: “The Ash Can Artist of the Lower East Side” Exhibitions. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or [www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom).



**Feb. 1-2** Hanna Newman & Joshua Schutz’s “Beatniks” Sculpture Exhibition, held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Feb. 1-9** Jeffrey Hansen’s “Everglow” Abstract Painting Exhibit, held 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](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**Feb. 1-10** “Look What We Did With Building Bricks” Exhibit, held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**Feb. 1-4 & 7-11** “1984” theater production, Feb. 1-3 & 7-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 4, 10 & 11 at 2 p.m. Adults \$16, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$14. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).

**\*Feb. 1-12 8th Annual Prairie Lakes/McKnight Artist Grantee Art Exhibition**, featuring twenty-three Artist Grantees funded in 2016. Visual artists: Lisa Bierer, Le Ann Gehring-Ryan, Mara Heinze, James Hohenstein, Kaitlin Hohenstein, Rachel James, Julie Johnson-Fahrforth, Ann Judkins, Melinda Kjarum, Virginia LaFrance, Macey Page, Lois Peterson, Steve Pottenger, Charles Putnam, Amy Sinning, Peggy Tauer, Malia Wiley, Gregory Wilkins, and Amanda Wirig. Literary artists: Marilyn Frank, Elizabeth Horneber, and Jerry Mollenhauer. Musician: Carolyn Borgen. Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 833-8721 or [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

**Feb. 1-14** Shveta Agarwal’s Exhibition, held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State Univ., 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) or (507) 389-6767.

**\*Feb. 1-16** Abby Daleki and Hope Their’s “and then, Mildred” Installation and Painting Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Gregory Wilkins’ “Shreds of Evidence” Mixed Media Exhibit in the Lobby Gallery. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12 Noon-3 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701. Gregory received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Feb. 1-17** Kaleidoscope of Artists Exhibition. Featuring work by: Lynn Callahan, Terri DeGezelle, Kathy Elkins, Lynda Carpenter-Gemlo, Mallory Gemlo, Rachel Gemlo, Mark Hall, Alyssa Johnson, Jeff Longenecker, Barnieh Opoku Manu, Warren Michels, Joellen Preston, Paul Robinson, Meg Stump, Dan Theis, Gabrielle Willaert, Sherryl Wolff, Kathy Wortel, and Mary Yeager. (Reception, Feb. 3, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com).


**Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22** Thursday’s Open Studio, 7-9 p.m., non-instructional studio time, come share artistic talents, work on projects and socialize with fellow artists; held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**\*Feb. 1-March 31** Kay Herbst Helms’ “Images of Change: sharing the personal life experiences of elders from diverse cultures” Photography Exhibit of hands and brief stories. (Artist Reception and Panel Discussion, Feb. 28, 9:30-10 a.m. tea served, 10-11:30 a.m. Legacies and Cultures Panel Discussion with elders from diverse countries and Julie Hawker, the Diversity Coordinator of VINE, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon meet and mingle with presenters and audience while viewing the exhibit.) Held at Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 East Cherry Street, Mankato. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 345-5566 or [www.blueearthcountyhistory.com](http://www.blueearthcountyhistory.com). Kay received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.


**\*Feb. 1-April 30** The 2017/18 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.




**Feb. 2** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Charlie Roth performing Americana, folk, blues, and country music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

 **Feb. 2** Lunch and Learn: Midwest of Somalia, Film and Discussion, 12 Noon-1:30 p.m. In the film, several young Somali-Americans provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse into their everyday lives. After the film, a panel of local Somali-Americans, including participants in the film, will discuss their experiences and respond to audience questions. Admission \$5, please call to register, bring your own lunch. Held at VINE Adult Community Center, 421 E. Hickory St. (507) 386-5586 or [www.vinevolunteers.com/adult-community-center/](http://www.vinevolunteers.com/adult-community-center/).

**\*Feb. 2-3** “Date Night for the Decades” musical review, with live music by the Futons. Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. In advance \$20, purchase online or at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce; at the door \$25. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9990.

**Feb. 2-4 & 9-10** “Oklahoma!” musical theater performance by the Choraliers, Feb. 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 4 & 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato.  (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Feb. 2-11** “Steamroller Prints” Exhibition of Prints by the Minnesota State University, Mankato Printmaking Classes, held 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](http://www.the410project.com).

**Feb. 2-24** 68th Annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival. Feb. 7-9 ice sculpting, Feb. 9 dinner and dance, Feb. 10 parade at 12 Noon.  For more information on their month long activities go to [www.sleighandcutterfestival.org](http://www.sleighandcutterfestival.org).

**Feb. 2-25** Keren Kroul’s “Landscapes of the Mind” Exhibit in the upper gallery, and Humerio Mendez D’Valal’s “Geometric Abstract Paintings” in the lower gallery. (Reception, Feb. 3, 3-5 p.m.) Held 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

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**Feb. 3** Open Mic with Ocho; music, comedy, poetry, etc. are welcome. Doors open at 7 p.m., performances start at 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Le Bon Entertainment and Event Center, 6 E. Central St., Springfield. (507) 430-5368.

**Feb. 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Frye performing 1970s AM radio music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Feb. 3-25** Betsy Byers’ “Remnants” Painting Exhibit about climate change and the Grinnell, Salamander, and Gem Glaciers in Glacier National Park. (Reception, Feb. 3, 7-10 p.m. Artist Talk, Feb. 25, 1 p.m.) Held at Rosalux Gallery, 1400 Van Buren St. NE, Minneapolis. Hours: Sat. & Sun. 12 Noon-4 p.m. [www.rosaluxgallery.com](http://www.rosaluxgallery.com) or [betsyrythbyers@gmail.com](mailto:betsyrythbyers@gmail.com). Betsy received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Feb. 5** “Park & Lake” theater performance by Ten Thousand Things Productions from the Twin Cities, 7 p.m., free. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. Sponsored by CASTLE Lifelong Learning, (507) 354-3212 or [www.newulmseniors.org](http://www.newulmseniors.org).

**Feb. 5-27** Jason Yi’s Exhibit, (Reception, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.) held 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/).

**\*Feb. 5-June 27** 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. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).

**Feb. 7** “Play With Your Food”, including four short play readings with the “Crazy Love” theme, music by the jazz duo Eric and Ben, dance performance by Kalliope, and dinner by On Every Corner Mexican Food, 6 p.m. Beverages provided by Midtown Tavern. \$15, purchase tickets online at [www.mnshorts.com](http://www.mnshorts.com) or call (507) 420-1881. Held at Drummer’s Nursery Greenhouse, 281 St. Andrews Dr., Mankato. (507) 420-1881.

**Feb. 6** Mystery Author, Christine Husom, will give a presentation for the Winter Speaker Series, 7-8 p.m., held at the Gaylord City Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or [www.gaylordmnlibrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnlibrary.org).

**Feb. 8** “Tell Me A Story: New Beginnings”, throw your name in a hat to share a five-minute story about your greatest success or most epic failure at this Moth-inspired community event, 7:30-9:30 p.m., free. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Feb. 8** The New Ulm Film Society presents a film screening of “Two Weeks in May”, 7 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Feb. 8-10** “The Crucible” theater performance, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

**Feb. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Amy Manette Trio performing jazz music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Feb. 9** Concert by The Savage Hearts Band, performing bluegrass music, 7 p.m., \$12. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com) or (952) 314-9077.

**Feb. 9-March 9** Nicholas Schleif’s Exhibition, held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Feb. 10** Fasching Festival, a German Mardi Gras with musical performances including Brian Brueggen & the MN Valley Dutchmen performing 1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m.; and Concord Singers performing 3-4 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. Parade of Costumes at 7 p.m. with prizes awarded. In advance \$8 at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, at the door \$10. At the Best Western Plus, 2101 S. Broadway, New Ulm. (507) 354-7112.

**Feb. 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Minnesota Barking Ducks performing blues and jazz music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Feb. 10** Presentation by Boyd Huppert, writer and producer of KARE 11’s “Land of 10,000 Stories” segment, 7 p.m. Held at the St. Peter Community Center, 600 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Sponsored by the Saint Peter Public Library. (507) 934-7420.

**Feb. 10** Jill Niebuhr presents her poetry and music, 2-4 p.m. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://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 our newsletter!**

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

**Feb. 10** The White Sidewalls Valentine Dinner & Dance, doors open for dinner at 5:30 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m. Dinner and dance \$38, dance only in advance \$19, dance only at the door \$23. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance. At the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or [www.katoballroom.com](http://www.katoballroom.com).

**Feb. 10 & 24** Watch the Metropolitan Opera’s performances. Feb. 10, “L’Elisir d’Amore”, at 11 a.m. Feb. 24, “La Bohème”, at 11:30 a.m. Adults \$22, seniors \$20, children \$15. Held at Cinemark Movies 8 in the River Hills Mall, Mankato. (507) 625-1929 or [www.metopera.org/metopera/liveinhd/unitedstates.aspx](http://www.metopera.org/metopera/liveinhd/unitedstates.aspx).

**Feb. 11** 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. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Feb. 11** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Andrea Lyn, performing original music, 7:30 p.m. \$12, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549. Andrea received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Feb. 11** Winter Recitals by students at the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. Held at the United Church of Christ, 301 S. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.newulmsuzuki.org](http://www.newulmsuzuki.org) or (507) 276-5874.

**Feb. 11** Wind Symphony Concert, 2 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

**Feb. 13** Marty Seifert, author of “Sundown at Sunrise”, will give a presentation for the Winter Speaker Series, 7-8 p.m., held at the Gaylord City Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or [www.gaylordmnlbrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnlbrary.org).

**Feb. 15** Bunny Just Piano Festival Concert by Mr. B, performing blues and boogie woogie piano music, 7:30 p.m. \$15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Feb. 15-17 & 22-24** “Tony and Tina’s Wedding”, interactive dinner theater, doors open at 6 p.m., wedding at 7 p.m. \$32.50, includes show, Italian buffet dinner, and wedding cake. Tickets must be purchased in advance. At the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or [www.katoballroom.com](http://www.katoballroom.com).

**Feb. 15-17 & 22-25** “Ragtime” theater production, Feb. 15-17 & 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 24 & 25 at 2 p.m. Adults \$22, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$19. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).

**\*Feb. 15-March 3** Sheila Becker's "Something Old, Something New" Watercolor and Mixed Media Painting Exhibit, (Reception, Feb. 17, 1-3 p.m.) held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org). Sheila received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



**Feb. 15-March 9** Minnesota State University, Mankato's Student Exhibit, "Works on Paper". (Reception, Feb. 15, 5-7 p.m.) Held 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](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**Feb. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Masa Ishikawa Trio performing jazz music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*Feb. 16** Blue Earth Valley Concert Assoc. sponsors Scott Kirby in Main Street Souvenirs, a pianist, composer, and visual artist, 7 p.m. Series tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$100. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove Street. [www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com](http://www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com) or (507) 866-4668.



**Feb. 16** Fairmont Opera House presents "The Extraordinist", Craig Karges, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students \$10, & 10 and under \$5, available at [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).

**Feb. 16** Concert by the Tony Rook Band, performing bluegrass music, doors open at 7 p.m., music begins at 7:30 p.m., \$10. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**Feb. 16-March 4** Annual Juried Exhibition, (Reception, Feb. 16, 7-9 p.m.) held 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](http://www.the410project.com).

**Feb. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Stevie V. & the Knockouts performing blues music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Feb. 17** Gustavus Wind Orchestra Home Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu) or (507) 933-7013.

**Feb. 17** Gustavus Choir Home Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu) or (507) 933-7013.



**\*Feb. 17-March 23** Terry Thimesch's Landscape Photography Exhibit. (Reception, Feb. 17, 2-4 p.m.) At 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 and weekends by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*Feb. 18** Summit Avenue Music Series: Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m., with the Bekesh Trio, pianist Bethel Balge, violinist Kenneth Freed, and cellist Sharon Mautner-Rodgers. Also performing will be violinist Peter McGuire, violist Sabina Thatcher, and soprano Jennifer Haugen. Adults \$13, students and children \$5. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. [www.summitavenuemusic.com](http://www.summitavenuemusic.com) or (507) 354-8221.

**Feb. 18** Bunny Just Piano Festival Concert by Adam Clark, performing classical piano music, 7:30 p.m. \$12, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Feb. 19-March 14** Morgan Sierra's Master of Arts Exhibition, (Reception, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.) held 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) or (507) 389-6767.



**Feb. 19-April 22** Georges Rouault: "Cirque de L'Etoile Filante" and Scharftopia: "The Far-Out World of Kenny Scharf" Exhibitions. (Reception, Feb. 19, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or [www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom).

**Feb. 20** Craig Bishop, author of "Billy Sunday: The Baseball Evangelist", will give a presentation for the Winter Speaker Series, 7-8 p.m., held at the Gaylord City Library, 428 Main Ave. [www.gaylordmnlbrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnlbrary.org) or (507) 237-2280.

**\*Feb. 20-March 16** Todd Shanafelt's Ceramics Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Margie Larson's Painting Exhibit in the Lobby Gallery. (Reception, March 2, 5-8 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12 Noon-3 p.m. [www.wasecartcenter.org](http://www.wasecartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701. Todd and Margie each received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**\*Feb. 21** Artist Talk by Betsy Byers discussing her “Remnants” Painting Exhibit about climate change and the Grinnell, Salamander, and Gem Glaciers in Glacier National Park, at the Soup and Sandwich Seminar, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$9. Held at the Gustavus Linnaeus Arboretum, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter. [betsybyers@gmail.com](mailto:betsybyers@gmail.com) or [www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.edu). Betsy received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



**Feb. 21** “The Legacy Show” featuring violinist Tami Hughes. Tickets \$10. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Lee Theater, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Feb. 22** Art as Prayer with Pastor Tara DeCock, drop in for an artful, inspiring lunch hour, 12 Noon-1 p.m.; held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Feb. 22** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring fiction writer Stephen Graham Jones. Workshop, 10-11 a.m., at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Emy Frenz Gallery, 523 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Ct., Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or [www.english.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english.mnsu.edu/gt).



**Feb. 22-March 27** Reed White’s Painting Exhibit. (Art Lecture & Reception, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.) Held 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. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu). Reed received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Feb. 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 7:30 p.m., free; held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Feb. 23** Flagship Romance Concert, performing harmonic alternative folk music, 7 p.m. Admission \$12 at the door, students \$5. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Feb. 23-25 & March 2-4** “Cabaret” Theater Performances. Feb. 23 & 24 and March 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 25 & March 4 at 2 p.m. At Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Feb. 23-25, March 2-4 & 9-11** “Middletown” theater performances. Feb. 23 & 24, and March 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25, March 4 & 12 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$12, \$18 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$12 are sold first, then \$18, then \$25, shop early for best price. At DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

**Feb. 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Tess Erickson performing country and classic rock music, 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Feb. 25** Combined Choral Concert by the Mankato Children’s Chorus, Mankato East High School, Mankato West High School, and Loyola School, 7 p.m. Held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 North Fifth Street, Mankato. (507) 387-9007 or [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org).



**Feb. 25-26** University Winter Choral Concerts, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**Feb. 27** University Concert Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Feb. 27** Patrice Johnson, author of “Jul: Swedish American Holiday Tradition”, will give a presentation about her book for the Winter Speaker Series, 7-8 p.m., held at the Gaylord City Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or [www.gaylordmnlbrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnlbrary.org).

**Feb. 27** Author James Heath, will present his book “The Meaning of Math”, 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

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**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](http://www.chankaskawines.com) or (507) 931-0089.

Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478<sup>th</sup> Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or [www.morgancreekvineyards.com](http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com).

Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320<sup>th</sup> St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or [www.nextchapterwinery.com](http://www.nextchapterwinery.com).



# Youth & Adult Opportunities

## Youth Classes

**Feb. 1 Make and Take Art Class**, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. This month, Winter Birch watercolor painting. Pre-registration is required. Meets first Thursday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**\*Feb. 1-23** Register for South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-9, held March 6-7 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, \$27. Students attend a keynote and three breakout sessions in various genres of writing and fine arts. Register at <http://www.mnscsc.org>, or contact Mary Hillmann at (952) 715-8745 or [mhillmann@mnscsc.org](mailto:mhillmann@mnscsc.org).

**Feb. 3 Children's Theatre Workshop**, 9:30 a.m., grades K-6, \$15. Pre-registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Feb. 6 Club Picasso**, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades 4-8, \$10. Explore techniques with instructor Karen Krause. This month, Calligraphy Poster Pictures. Registration required. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Feb. 10 Youth Poetry Writing Workshop**, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades 6-12, free. Learn about poetry, get a chance to write, and get help submitting your finished poems. Bring paper and something to write with. Held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 344-8709 or [www.southernmnpoets.org](http://www.southernmnpoets.org).

**Feb. 10 Stained Glass Workshop for Kids**, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Visit the Museum and be inspired to create a panel for a stained glass installation in the Discovery Lab. Free with paid admission, adults \$7 and children 5-17 \$3. Held at Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or [www.blueearthcountyhistory.com](http://www.blueearthcountyhistory.com).

**Feb. 14 Valentine Art Class**, 2-5 p.m., early out activity. Grades 4 and up, \$5. Create art and watch the movie E.T. Registration required. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Feb. 17 Children's Learn to Paint Class** with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten and up, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting technique. Registration is required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

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](mailto:410project@hotmail.com). At The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).



## Adult Artists

**Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22 Thursday's Open Studio**, 7-9 p.m., non-instructional studio time, come share artistic talents, work on projects and

socialize with fellow artists; held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Feb. 1-May 10 Singing Hills Chorus Spring Rehearsals**, Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Social times 9:30-10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon. Chorus includes members with dementia or Alzheimer's and their care partners. \$25 per person, the person with dementia must register with a care partner. Held at School Sisters of Notre Dame, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. [www.singinhillschorus.org](http://www.singinhillschorus.org).

**Feb. 3 Monoprinting Workshop**, 2-5 p.m. Learn how to make colorful and painterly prints using non-toxic printmaking techniques, gel pads, stencils and recycled styrofoam. Non-members \$10, members \$5, registration required. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Feb. 3 Open Mic** with Ocho; music, comedy, poetry, etc. are welcome. Doors open at 7 p.m., performances start at 7:30 p.m., free. Held at the Le Bon Entertainment and Event Center, 6 E. Central St., Springfield. (507) 430-5368.

**Feb. 5 Ballroom Dance Class**, with instructor Mitzi from Dance Express, 7 p.m., ages 15+, free. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 Irish Dance Class** with instructor Anita Prestidge. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. All ages welcome. \$10/lesson or \$35/family. Learn the art of Irish dancing at this drop-in class. Pre-registration not necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts &



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Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

by Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. [www.minnesotanonprofits.org](http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org) or (507) 469-2217.

1:30 p.m. Held at the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave SE. (507) 364-7615.

**Feb. 7-8** Artwork drop off dates for The 410 Project's Annual Juried Exhibition. 2-6 p.m. each day. \$5 per piece, up to 3 pieces per artist. Everyone is welcome to participate. Exhibit will be on display Feb. 16-March 4. Held at The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28** 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 Director Rachel James, for a schedule of topics, [racheljames@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:racheljames@wasecaartscouncil.org). Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28** Art Group, self-directed time to work on projects including visual art, literary art, etc. 2-5:30 p.m., meets on Wednesdays. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**Feb. 7 & 21** Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon, meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway. [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org) or (507) 359-8334.

**Feb. 8** Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Meets monthly to discuss topics brought up by attendees, free, at Shared Spaces, 127 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Sponsored

**Feb. 9** Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will meet at 9 a.m., coffee at 8:30 a.m. Rebekah Richards will present "Why Johnny and Suzy Can't Read Music (very well)". Held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 381-7705.


**Feb. 11** 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. no advanced registration required, \$5. Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Feb. 12** Poetry Reading Group, each participant will read aloud at least two poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m., meets the second Monday of the month. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org) or (507) 359-8334.

**Feb. 17** Cork & Canvas Painting Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 4-6 p.m. Ages 21+, \$45. Enjoy sipping wine while creating your own piece of art! Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Feb. 18** Awaken the Visual Perception: A Drawing Class with Pat Preble, a San Francisco artist and former Montgomery resident, free, at

**Feb. 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 7:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Feb. 24** Intro to Photography Class with instructor Ryan Nosbush. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Ages 16+, \$30. This class is designed to help you understand your camera and its settings. DSLR camera and registration required.  Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Feb. 24** Printmaking for Adults with instructor Joseph Evans. 4-6 p.m. Ages 16+, \$15. Block printing using rubber carving blocks. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

Immediate Call for Artists to exhibit a solo or group show in May. Can include 12-30 pieces of hang ready artwork. Please send artist statement and 3 sample images by Feb. 5 to: [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net). Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

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 the History Center Meeting Room Gallery at the Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato, (507) 345-5566 or [bechsam@hickorytech.net](mailto:bechsam@hickorytech.net).

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**March 31** Deadline to register for the “Windows for Veterans” project. Local artists will create artwork to hang in participating Montgomery businesses windows that honor Veterans. Sizes range from 16”x44” to 56”x40”. Any medium is eligible, must be able to hang. Pieces will be unveiled Memorial Day and judged between Memorial Day and Kolacky Days. Prizes: First \$1,000, Second \$500, Third \$250, and Peoples’ Choice \$700. Contact Maureen Gunderson for more information and a registration form, (507) 317-1433 or [artsandheritagecenter@gmail.com](mailto:artsandheritagecenter@gmail.com). Sponsored by the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).



**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has**

## Two Board Positions Open

**Application Deadline is February 15, 2018**

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 February 15, 2018. Interested persons residing in these areas should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto: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.

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.



# Grant Opportunities

**\*Feb. 1 PLRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Deadline.** For arts organizations, schools, and festivals. \$8,000 available for arts organizations and \$4,000 for schools and festivals. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Grant Guidelines can be downloaded from our website: [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org), along with a link to the online grant application. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

**Feb. 16 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Learning Grant Deadline.** This program offers funding for projects that help lifelong learners acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage learners with skilled teaching artists and high quality artistic experiences. \$5,000-\$150,000. Application deadline: Feb. 16 at 4:30 p.m. For more info. contact [natalie.kennedy@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:natalie.kennedy@arts.state.mn.us) or (800) 866-2787. Apply online at: [www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/).

**March 12 Media Artist Grant Deadline.** FilmNorth administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and four \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to filmmakers, screenwriters, and other media artists. The goal is to find artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Go to <http://myfilmmnorth.org/mcknight-fellowships-media-artists/>. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/artist-fellowships>.

**March 12 Composer Artist Grant Deadline.** American Composers Forum administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and four \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to mid-career composers working in any musical genre. The goal is to find artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Go to <https://composersforum.org/program/mcknight-composer-fellowships>. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/artist-fellowships>.

**March 23 Minnesota State Arts Board Minnesota Festival Support Grant Deadline.** This program provides meaningful arts experiences to Minnesotans through festivals that celebrate the arts, build community, and expose communities to diverse art forms including folk and traditional arts. \$5,000-\$75,000. Application deadline: March 23 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or [rina.rossi@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:rina.rossi@arts.state.mn.us). Apply online at: [www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/).



# *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](http://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](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes). Register for classes at [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://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](mailto:info@artscentersp.org) or [www.artscentersp.org](http://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.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com), (507) 625-2730, or [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto: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](http://www.redrockcenter.org), (507) 235-9262, or [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto: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](mailto:the410project@hotmail.com) or [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**The Grand Center for Arts & Culture**, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music every Fri. & Sat. and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat. during shows 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://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](mailto:info@twinriversarts.org), or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org). Also find other arts events at: [www.greatermankatoevents.com](http://www.greatermankatoevents.com). Gallery Application link: [www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule](http://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.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12 Noon-3 p.m. [info@wasecaartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecaartcenter.org), [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org), or (507) 835-1701.

## *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](http://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](http://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/finearts/hillstrom/](http://www.gustavus.edu/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. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: [michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu](mailto:michelle.johnson@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.



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**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](http://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”, [stpeterstudios@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterstudios@gmail.com) or (507) 243-4284.

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

**Have you visited [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org) lately?**



Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away!

Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, helpful links, & more!

**State-Wide Online Resources**

**COMPAS**

[www.compas.org](http://www.compas.org)

A Minnesota resource for artist residencies in the arts.

**Minnesota Citizens for the Arts**

[www.artsmn.org](http://www.artsmn.org)

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization.

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits**

[www.minnesotanonprofits.org](http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org)

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

**Minnesota State Arts Board**

[www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us)

Artist and Organization Grant Information.

**Springboard for the Arts**

[www.springboardforthearts.org](http://www.springboardforthearts.org)

Artists & non-profit arts groups workshops.

**Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations**

[www.mnartists.org](http://www.mnartists.org)

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

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