



March 2016 Newsletter



Arts Advocacy Day will be March 17, 2016

We invite you to attend Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Advocacy Day at the capitol on March 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We start with a rally and then split into teams to talk to legislators about why they should support the arts. Brenda Byron leads a team of arts folks from our 9 county area to meet with our area legislators. As an arts appreciator and supporter, you know the importance of arts funding. Please join your fellow arts advocates at the Minnesota History Center and State Capitol to talk about the arts, make new friends, and educate our legislators on the impact the arts have on our quality of life and the economy. There is no cost to attend Arts Advocacy Day, but registering will allow Minnesota Citizens for the Arts to prepare schedules for advocates to meet with their district representatives. **Sign up now at: www.artsmn.org/act/events/arts-advocacy-day/.** If you are not able to participate in Advocacy Day, we encourage you to send a letter to your legislator that asks them to support state funding for the Arts. Use [MCA's Thank Your Legislators for Supporting the Arts](#) at www.artsmn.org/act/issues/.

Last year in February 2015 members of PLRAC and local residents joined over 500 arts advocates from around the state, at the Capitol. The team led by Byron met with nine legislators from south-central MN.



2015: Arts Constituents with Rep. Jack Considine, District 19B
Row 1 (L to R): Diane Harms, Saint Peter Choral Society and PLRAC Board Member; and Lill Robinson, Blue Earth Town & Country Players and PLRAC Board Member. Row 2: Kathy Kerekes, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts; Dan Zielske, Mankato and Board Member for MN Citizens for the Arts; Rep. Jack Considine; Sara Buechmann, Mankato Symphony Orchestra; and Brenda Byron, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



ARTS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

will be conducted in March 2016

by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council



A constituent survey will be conducted in the 9-county area served by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. **Two electronic Survey Forms will be created for Artists and Organizations using Survey Monkey.** The surveys will be sent to over 1,500 individuals on the PLRAC mailing list and the public will be encouraged to participate through news releases that will be sent to all media in the 9-county area. Further details and dates will be provided later. **We hope you will participate!**

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Artist Exhibition Opportunity

March 21, 5-7:00 p.m., Entry day for the Carnegie Art Center's Juried Exhibition, sponsored by Cambria. Up to three entries per person, \$10 per entry. Bring artwork to the Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad, Mankato.

Pick up an entry form at the Carnegie or find the entry form on their website www.thecarnegiemankato.com. If you have questions, call them at (507) 625-2730.

FY 2016 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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. There are two types of Artist Grants available. Applications are available on our website: www.plrac.org.

Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$2,500

1st of the Month Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grant Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1, 2015 Deadline

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant - \$8,000

ACH Education & Festivals Maximum - \$4,000

August 1, 2015 Deadline & February 1, 2016 Deadline

ACH Legacy Equipment Grant - \$5,000 (max.)

December 1, 2015 Deadline

PLRAC/McKnight Artist Fellowship - \$3,000

September 15, 2015 Deadline

PLRAC/McKnight Artist Career Development Grant - \$1,000

January 15, 2016 Deadline

Organizational Grants Link: http://youtu.be/eJc5_mbl0AY

Fellowship Link: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=lQfhyM0wTx4>

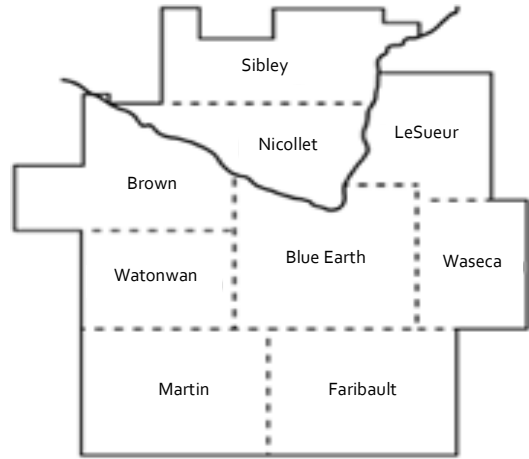
Youth Scholarship Link: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=6kaSMcXQx8M>

Informational Video about PLRAC: <https://youtu.be/4sUK9s-1Sb4>

KEYC TV Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HSFzegMGxU>



In YouTube, you may search under "Brenda Byron" or "PLRAC" to find the videos.



Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

Deadlines are: Aug. 1 and Feb. 1

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

Proposals are for **arts programming** by an organization; defined as maintaining on-going arts programs and services, and offering new and different activities; and 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** For students in grades 7-12, they have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist, attend an arts workshop, series of classes, etc. This is for all Art disciplines. **Deadline October 1.**

3. ACH Arts & Music Festivals - Maximum \$4,000.

For arts and music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions. A 50% cash match is required.

4. ACH Legacy Equipment Grant - Maximum \$5,000.

This is available to Nonprofit Arts Organizations that have a history of at least three years of arts programming. Items which improve and increase the artistic capabilities of the organization are eligible. **Deadline December 1.**

Small Arts Project Grants

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 \$2,500** 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 Grants

Grants are for **public and private schools**. **Matching grants up to \$2,500** are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

Individual Artist Grants

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 - Fellowship, \$3,000 each.

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

FY 2016 Grant Funding

State General fund	\$ 82,000
McKnight Foundation	\$ 45,000
Arts & Cultural Heritage	<u>\$292,000</u>
Total	\$419,000



Arts Calendar



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

March 1-2 Masters of Arts Exhibit by Michael Cimino, 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/.

***March 1-6** Exhibit by Six McKnight Artists who received National Fellowships in 2013 and “Confluence: Geography, History, and Culture at the Intersection of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers” Photography Exhibit by Luke Erickson. 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.

March 1-16 Exhibit of paintings by Andrew Judkins, 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. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

March 1-16 Art League Juried Invitational 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.

March 1-23 Mixed Media Exhibit by Daniel Kaniess. 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.

***March 1-April 7** Acrylic Painting Exhibit of Domestic Animals and Pet Portraits by Julie Falker, (Reception, March 18, 7-9 p.m.) at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

March 1-April 24 “Submerge” Exhibit of recent works by Betsy Ruth Byers with “Focus In/On: B.J.O. Nordfeldt’s Two Pigeons” 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. www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom or (507) 933-7200.



***March 1-April 30** The 2015-16 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

March 2-6 Annual Juried Exhibition, 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.

March 2-26 Art Exhibit by Jason Jaspersen and a Wanda Gag Retrospective. At 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Wed.-Fri. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 2-31 Area High School Exhibit featuring students from Blue Earth, Fairmont, Granada-Huntley-East Chain, North Union, Martin Luther, and Truman. (Reception, March 31, 11:15 a.m.) At Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and weekends by appointment. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

***March 2-April 27** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Education Office. Punch cards are \$5 per session or \$30 for 7 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

March 3 Public Art Controversies Lecture hosted by Curt Germundson, 7 p.m. At The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

March 3 Maverick Jazz Big Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. At Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State Univ., Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Thursday’s Open Studio, 5:30-7:30 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. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

March 3-19 “Drawing with Scissors” Exhibit of Works on Paper by Joellen Preston in the Rotunda and Fireplaces Galleries. “A Visual Response to Kenneth Patchen’s Sleepers Awake” Collage Exhibit by Hope Cook in the Cook Gallery. (Reception, March 5, 7-9 p.m.) 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.

***March 3-July 7** Tickets Please Film Festival sponsored by State Street Theater Company. The first Thursday of each month, the theme is “Presidential Politics in Selected American Films”. This month view “Wag the Dog”, 7 p.m. Discussion will take place after the film. \$30, includes all films and printed materials. At the State Street Theatre, 15 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statetheaternewulm.org.

***March 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents “Accidental Hero”, a multi-media one-man show about a WWII American officer who liberates the Czech villages of his grandparents, based on a true story, written and performed by his grandson Patrick Dewayne, 7:30 p.m. Members \$8, non-members \$12. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 4 Fairmont Opera House presents “The Hunts” Concert, performing alternative folk music, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20, students \$10, at www.fairmontoperahouse.com/performances.php, with a credit card by phone, and at the door. At the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.



March 4 & 18 Open Mic nights, 6-8 p.m. March 4 will feature poetry, readings, and storytelling. March 18 will feature performing arts (dance, short plays, improv, comedy). At Curiosi-Tea House, 529 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. (507) 317-5354.

March 5 String Quartet Concert by members of the Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s Music on the Hill Series, performing Haydn’s “Joke” Quartet and more, 7 p.m. In advance \$8, at the door \$10. At Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org/.

***March 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Captain Gravitone and the String Theory Orchestra performing folk rock music, 7:30 p.m. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 5 & 9 Watch the Metropolitan Opera’s live performance of Manon Lescaut, March 5, 11:55 a.m.

Adults \$22, Seniors \$20, children \$15. An encore showing will be March 9, 6:30 p.m. Adults \$20, Seniors \$18, children \$14. At Cinemark Movies 8 in the River Hills Mall, Mankato. (507) 625-1929 or www.metopera.org/metopera/liveinhd/unitedstates.aspx.

***March 6** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Series, “Jerusalem” Concert, 2 p.m. Premium seats are first five rows with padded seats. In advance, premium \$17, general \$12; at the door, premium \$20, general \$15. At Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

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Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted!

***March 6 & 13** Saint Peter Choral Society Concert featuring J.S. Bach’s Mass in B Minor (Credo to Dona Nobis Pacem), 2:30 p.m. both days. March 6, at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. March 13, at All Saints Catholic Church, 601 4th St., Madison Lake. In advance \$10, at Swedish Kontur in St. Peter and Peoples State Bank in Madison Lake or Eagle Lake; at the door \$15; students free. jmckay@hickorytech.net or (507) 934-6176.

March 8 Film screening and discussion of the western “Shane” 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.

***March 10** Concert by Maple River Middle and High School Students with guest composer/conductor Samuel Hazo, 7 p.m. At Maple River High School gym, 101 6th Ave. NE, Mapleton. (507) 524-3930.

March 10 Mankato lawyer and author Allen Eskens will speak about his books, “The Life We Bury” and “The Guise of Another”, and how he combines his day job with his writing life, 7 p.m. At the Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 934-2160.

***March 10-13** Merely Players Community Theatre presents the musical “Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story”, March 10-12, dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.; March 13, dinner at 12 Noon, show at 2 p.m. All tickets are in advance and include dinner and the show, \$32. At the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St. Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

***March 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Tristan Blue performing Irish folk music, 7:30 p.m. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 11 Wanda Gag Birthday Celebration 5:30-8:30 p.m. featuring activities and special music. At The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 11-20 Sculpture, Ceramics, and Installation Thesis Exhibition by Dustin Swiers. (Reception, March 11, 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.

***March 11-April 3** “The Nature of: Exploring the Animal in Traditional and Digital Media” Exhibit by Bryan Holland. (Reception, March 12, 3-5 p.m.) 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. Bryan received a PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship in 2014 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

March 12 Concert by Gavin Berg and Meghan Krause featuring sacred hymns and spiritual songs, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., \$15. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***March 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Lori Jean performing pop country music, 7:30 p.m. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 12 Vasa Wind Orchestra and Chamber Ensembles Concert, 1:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***March 12-13** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and North Star Strings Spring Concert, featuring the 2016 Concerto Competition Winner Jordan Sieh, 3 p.m. both days. March 12 at Nicollet High School, 1 Pine St. March 13 at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Tickets \$10, or 4 for \$30. (612) 251-8492 or www.mayso.net.

***March 12 & 17** Irish Celebration sponsored by the Irish Cultural Society of New Ulm. March 12: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Goosetown Vendor and Artisan Irish Market; 10 a.m. free Irish Step Dancing Class with Anita Prestidge; and 12 Noon Irish Tea and Luncheon, \$12, featuring “Tales from the Emerald Isle” Storytelling by Carol McCormick, at the New Ulm Best Western Plus, 2101 S. Broadway St. March 17: Irish Parade at 5 p.m., followed by the Gathering of the Clans Banquet that features Irish music by the Concord Singers, a mini Irish bagpipe band from Macalester College, and Irish ballads and poetry by Jerry Chamberlain.  At Veigel’s Kaiserhoff, 221 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 276-6298 or www.newulmblarney.com.

March 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 (507) 931-3630.

March 13 Fairmont Opera House presents “Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey” by Lightwire Theatre, 3 p.m., \$10, at www.fairmontoperahouse.com/performances.php, by phone with credit card, and at the door. At the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

March 14 Andreas Endowment Artists Residency Lecture on ceramics by Masaya Imanishi, 7 p.m., at Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

March 14-23 Masters of Arts Exhibit by Tyler Schrandt, 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/.

March 15 Concert Band and Jazz Band Homecoming Concert, 7 p.m. At Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

***March 17** Good Thunder Reading Series presents poet and creative nonfiction writer Jonathan Johnson. Talk on craft, 3 p.m. at CSU Ostrander Auditorium and reading and book signing at 7:30 p.m. in CSU Room 245. Music by Lightning Betty and the Joyful Fables, 7:10-7:30 p.m. MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or www.english.mnsu.edu/gt.

March 17 Souper Bowl on St. Patrick’s Day benefit for the Arts Center of Saint Peter. Choose a hand-thrown artisan bowl and fill it with soup, 4-7 p.m., \$10, \$12 or \$15. Specialty pottery and other art goods are also for sale. At the American Legion, 229 W. Nassau Street, St. Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***March 17-19** Bethany Lutheran College presents the Speechless Film Festival, an international festival that celebrates the universal art of visual storytelling. The festival’s showcases hold shorts and feature films in every genre including drama, culture, art, thriller, animation and experimental. At three locations: Mankato Event Center, Studio Six, and Radio Mankato Theater. March 17: 7:30 p.m. viewing of a pre-production cut of the film “The Seeker”, by Cloud Cult. 9:30 p.m. Cloud Cult Concert at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St. March 18: 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. filmmaker talks at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr.; 7-11:15 p.m. film showcases. March 19: 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. film showcases. 7-8 p.m. awards ceremony at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza. 8:15-11:15 p.m. film showcases. VIP Festival Pass \$75; Basic Festival Pass \$25, includes all film screenings and awards ceremony; and Single Showcase Ticket \$5, available at the door only if seats are open. Contact www.speechlessfilmfestival.com or (507) 344-7000 for film screening locations.

March 17-April 20 Minnesota State University, Mankato Student Installation, (Reception, March 17, 5-8 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. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

***March 18** Concert by Tom Lieberman, with Captain Gravitone & the String Theory Orchestra, featuring Jim Plattes, 7-9 p.m. In advance \$10, at the door \$12. At Emy Frenz Art Guild, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. eli.hoehn@gmail.com or (507) 351-2155.

March 18 Gustavus Jazz Combos Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 18 Dead-of-Winter Bluegrass Concert by Ivory Bridge, 7:30 p.m., \$10. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

***March 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***March 19** 19th Annual Waseca Jazz Festival, an educational non-competitive festival for high school, junior high, and middle school jazz ensembles. Evening Showcase Concert featuring Russell Peterson and Nathaniel Dickey, 7 p.m., \$7.50, at the Waseca Central Building Auditorium, 501 E. Elm Ave. (507) 835-5470.

***March 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Timbre Junction performing bluegrass, old time, classic country, and folk music, 7:30 p.m. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 19 “Handel with Care – Handel Goes to Ireland”, Family Concert Series. Fun filled performance based on the life and travels of the German composer, George Frederick Handel. A great introduction to classical music for kids of all ages in a comedic and interactive program. At the Mankato YMCA Aerobics Studio, 11 a.m. Free admission. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 www.mankatosymphony.com.

March 19 The Fabulous Armadillos – Tribute to the Eagles Concert., 7:30 p.m. All seats reserved, in advance \$25, at the door \$35. At the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. www.katoballroom.com or (507) 625-7553.

March 19 Gustavus Symphony Spring Concert, 1:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.


March 19 Performance Series Concert: Davina and The Vagabonds playing jazz and blues music, 8 p.m. In advance \$15, at the door \$18. At Hooligans, 1400 E. Madison Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by Minnesota State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

March 20 An afternoon of original music and comedy with Fairmont native Warren Nelson and his son Rowan, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Includes music from “A Martin County Hornpipe”, a musical story about Fairmont written and produced by Warren. At Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org/.

March 21 Art Enrichment Residency Lecture on Art History by Jennifer Roberson, 7 p.m., at Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

March 21-April 6 Installation Works Exhibit, (Reception, March 28, 6 p.m.) 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. (507) 389-6767 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

March 22 University Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. At Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State Univ., Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

March 23-27 Capstone Project Photography Exhibit by Brian Timm. (Reception, March 25, 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. 

***March 24** Spring Luncheon Lecture Series: Author Elizabeth Johaneck presents “Hidden History of the Minnesota Valley”. 12 Noon-1 p.m, lunch provided. Paid reservations due two days before the event, WCHS members \$12.50, non-members \$16.50. Waseca County Historical Society, 2nd Avenue NE, Waseca, (507) 835-7700 or www.historical.waseca.mn.us.


***March 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Jack Klatt performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 25 The Last Revel in concert performing bluegrass music, 7:30 p.m. In advance \$10, at the door \$13. At the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

***March 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Dick Kimmel & Co. performing bluegrass music, 7:30 p.m. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 28-April 6 Senior Show 1, (Reception, March 28, 7 p.m.) 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/.

March 28-April 29 “My Diet of Donuts & Dogs” Mini Installations Exhibit by Dana Sikkila and Murphy, at South Central College Lookout Gallery, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 389-7396.

March 30-April 2 “Oleanna” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. At Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/. 



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Arts Opportunities & Classes

Youth Opportunities/Classes

March 1-31 Sign up to participate in Mankato Area Youth Symphony

Orchestra's Summer opportunity. Rehearsals begin April 9 and two outdoor concerts will be held June 11 & 12. \$25, register at <http://goo.gl/forms/FJ4OOrh5Xl>. www.mayso.net or (612) 251-8492.

***March 5, 12 & 26** Guest Artist Workshop Series: For ages 6 and up. March 5: Monoprinting, create new designs on plexiglass and transfer them to paper with Hallie O'Connor and Joan Bellin, 10 a.m.-12 Noon and 1-3 p.m. March 12: Acrylic painting on wooden panel boards with Rachel Compart, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. March 26: "Beyond the Looking Glass", make connections between an object and its background with collage images, with Joellen Preston, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. At the Children's Museum of Southern MN, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. (507) 386-0279 or www.cmsouthernmn.org.

March 8 Create Along With Me Art Class, Balancing Act: Fun with Sculpture, 10 a.m., ages 3-5 with their caregivers, \$10. At Children's Museum of Southern MN, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. (507) 386-0279 or www.cmsouthernmn.org.

***March 8-9** South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-9, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, \$27. Students attend a keynote and three breakout sessions in various genre of writing and fine arts. Regular registration closed Feb. 26, contact Mary Hillmann to inquire about late registration available only on a limited basis, (952) 715-8745 or mhillmann@mncsc.org.

March 12 Create and Learn with Live Bunnies, create a piece of art with paints and mixed media and view a live bunny demonstration.

9-10:30 a.m. for ages 4-7; 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 8 and up. \$5, includes all supplies, pre-registration required, wear paint clothes. At Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 www.redrockcenter.org/.

March 22-24, 28-29 & April 5 Spring Break Teen Pottery, 4-6 p.m., ages 12-15. Learn ceramic basics and new techniques on and off the wheel. \$98, pre-register with St. Peter Community Ed., (507) 934-3048 or www.stpetercommunityedonline.com. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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 410project@hotmail.com for more information. At The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.



Artist & Arts Opportunities

***March 1** Submissions deadline for the 2016 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival. Minnesota Shorts is looking for play scripts from Minnesota playwrights for its festival at Lincoln Community Theatre, Mankato. Any state writer can submit up to two short plays to mnshorts@yahoo.com. Scripts must be 10 pages or less and in a pdf format. Name, address and phone number should be listed on the title page only, scripts will be read blind. This year Minnesota Shorts has partnered with Merely Players who will help select the plays to be

performed and will handle all of the directing and casting. Each night of the festival, the audience picks a Best of the Fest play, which will win \$100. For more information, go to www.mnshorts.com.

***March 1** Merely Players Community Theatre will be holding open auditions for the production of, "Leading Ladies", 6-9 p.m., at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. No prior acting experience necessary. The production dates: May 13-15 & 20-22. 507-388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

March 1 Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m., come explore drawing techniques with instructor Karen Krause, sketchbook and drawing pencil kit will be provided. Meets first Tuesday of the month. At the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

March 3 & 10 Intro to Photography Class with Ryan Nosbush, 6-8 p.m. \$30, bring your DSLR digital camera and owner's manual. To register: grand@thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222. At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com.



March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Thursday's Open Studio, 5:30-7:30 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. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

March 4 & 18 Perform at Open Mic nights, 6-8 p.m. March 4 will feature poetry, readings, and storytelling, March 18 will feature performing arts (dance, short plays, improv, comedy). At Curiosi-Tea House, 529 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. (507) 317-5354.

***March 8** Alice Lind Play Reading Society presents its monthly play reading series, 7 p.m. This month's script is "R.U.R." by Karol Capek. 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.

March 10 Open Discussion Night with Robert Finkler, painter and MSU emeritus art faculty, 5:30-7 p.m. Receive feedback and discuss your artwork in a group setting, bring two pieces to share, the work can be finished or in process. Can include paintings, drawings, prints, mixed media, photographs or 3-D. Class size is limited, call (507) 625-2730 to register. Carnegie members free, non-members \$10. At the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

March 10 Marketing Must-Haves: Social Media Workshop, 4-6 p.m., an interactive hands-on discussion of current social media platforms for individual artists and arts organizations, with Paige Schuette, a certified social media ROCK STAR, Twin Rivers affiliates \$5 per session, non-affiliates \$10 per session. Register: info@twinriverarts.org or (507) 387-1008. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. www.twinriverarts.org.

March 11 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will meet at 9 a.m., coffee at 8:30 a.m. Instructor Beth Winterfeldt will present "Inspiring Students through Inventive Programming" and will highlight MMTA's Music Bridges program for goal setting. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 381-7705.

March 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 2nd 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.

March 13 Creative Juices: Conversation & Inspiration, 7-8:30 p.m. For creatives and the art-curious to gather, experiment with materials, talk, and share mutual support. Hosted by Laurie Knight. All levels welcome, there is no previous participation or experience necessary. Held 2nd 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.

***March 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



March 19 Drawing Essentials Class with Leo Derkowski, 7-9 p.m. Learn basic drawing skills using graphite, charcoal, crayon and more. \$45, includes materials. To register email grand@thegrandnewulm.com or call (507) 359-9222. At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com.



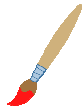
March 19 Brave New Workshop Improv Classes that are hosted by Merely Players Community Theatre. "Improv for Everyone" is an introductory class, at 11 a.m. and "Advanced Improv" at 1 p.m. \$45 per session. At Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St. Mankato. www.merelyplayers.com or (507) 388-5483.

March 19 Creative Writing Workshop, 10:30 a.m. hosted by the Loft Literary Center of Minneapolis, All genres and experiences welcome. At the Fairmont Library, 110 N. Park Street. (507) 238-4207.

March 21 Entry day for the Carnegie Art Center's Juried Exhibition, sponsored by Cambria. 5-7 p.m. Up to three entries per person, \$10 per entry. At the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Stop in to pick up an entry form. www.thecarnegiemandato.com or (507) 625-2730.

March 26 "Exploraciones: The Art of the Latin America and Spain" Class with Betty Harsma, 10-11:30 a.m. Session is about Pablo Picasso and includes an information presentation in English and an immersion Spanish lesson where you will learn to talk about art in Spanish. \$20, includes materials. To register email grand@thegrandnewulm.com or call (507) 359-9222. At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 31 Pinot & Paint Class with Robyn Sand Anderson, 7-9 p.m. Learn the basics of acrylic painting. \$45, includes materials and a glass of wine. Call (507) 359-9222 or email grand@thegrandnewulm.com to register. At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com.



Children's Museum of Southern MN is looking for artists to facilitate guest artist workshops for students. Contact Megan for more information megan.flodjohnson@cmsouthernmn.org or (507) 386-0279.

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.

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

Non-profit Arts Centers & Galleries

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.

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.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. 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. artctr@hickorytech.net, (507) 625-2730, or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

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/.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and 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.

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 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

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: Wed.-Fri. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: grand@thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, 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/current-exhibit

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, weekly art appreciation discussions, and fall and spring concert series. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 835-1701, info@wasecaartcenter.org or www.wasecaartcenter.org.



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Paint the Town Grant Deadline

April 4, 2016

Free paint for a community mural or community welcome sign project for 10 small communities with a population under 20,000. Grant applications and guidelines are available at www.smifoundation.org. Contact Jennifer at the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for more information, (507) 455-3215 or jenniferh@smifoundation.org.

Art Classes available through these groups:

Mankato Community Education will offer a variety of ARTS Classes. You can view the Program Guide at www.mankatocer.com and look under either “Adult Enrichment” or “Youth Enrichment”, or call (507) 387-5501. Classes are held at Lincoln Community Center, Mankato East H.S., or the Emy Frenz Arts Guild.

Children’s Museum of Southern MN, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. 12 Noon-4 p.m. Special art classes are planned each month, check their website for topic & times. (507) 995-2242, www.cmsouthernmn.org or info@cmsouthernmn.org.

Our office will be closed
Friday, March 25
in observance of Good Friday

For-profit Gallery that features local artists artwork:

Stones Throw Gallery, 420 North Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery features the work of many local artists. To browse individual artists’ work and learn more about the artists and the Gallery, go to www.stonethrowgallery.org.

**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.

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