



March 2017 Newsletter



## Creative Minnesota 2017

Report to be presented

**Thursday, March 23, 5:30 p.m.**

**at Prairie Lakes Arts Council Meeting**

In Room 215 Honsey Hall, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato.

### Do You Know?

**How many artists and creative workers are there in Minnesota?**

**What do artists need to succeed?**

**What is the economic impact of individual artists?**

**What are the most common arts jobs in the state?**

**How much has the economic impact of Minnesota's nonprofit arts and culture organizations grown in the last two years?**



**Sheila Smith, Executive Director of MN Citizens for the Arts will be the presenter.** The first *Creative Minnesota* report, released in 2015, was a snapshot of the health and impacts of nonprofit arts and culture organizations. **The 2017 study updates the previous study and also looks into the economic lives and needs of artists in Minnesota.** [www.creativemn.org](http://www.creativemn.org).

*Creative Minnesota* is a collaborative effort by most of the statewide arts supporting organizations in Minnesota to provide hard data about Minnesota's cultural field and to improve our understanding of its importance to our quality of life and economy. It is part of a long term endeavor to collect and report data on the creative sector every two years for analysis, education and advocacy.

# Arts Advocacy Day was held Feb. 28, 2017



Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol is really important each year as we work to protect the Arts 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. The meetings were very successful.



Members of Prairie Lakes and local residents joined about 1,000 arts advocates from around the state, at the Capitol. The team led by Brenda Byron met with nine legislators from south-central MN. “Your input is important to your legislators, whether it be letters, meetings, phone calls or even a simple email. It’s important to make your voice heard”, noted Byron.

To contact Legislators, use the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts website: [www.artsMN.org](http://www.artsMN.org)

## Arts Constituents with Rep. Bob Gunther, Fairmont, District 23A and Senator Julie Rosen, District 23.





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## **In FY 2017 All PLRAC Grants will be Online for our Programs.**

We have implemented the online Grants Management System from Foundant technologies for all our grant programs! Wow, it has been super busy in the PLRAC office, but we did it.

We feel confident that this system will be user friendly, since nine of the other Regional Arts Councils are currently using this system, noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. A new “Applicant Login” button will 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 Project and Arts-In-Education for schools
- Individual Artist

### Prairie Lakes has identified three primary goals for this change to on-line 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 online application and reporting portal for staff, applicants and our board.

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



## **In FY 2016 Prairie Lakes awarded 201 Grants totaling \$421,125**

Here’s a summary of Grants awarded:

**\$46,000** - McKnight Artist Grants (34 grants)

**\$82,015** - State General funds (46 grants)

**\$293,110** - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) funding (121 grants)

### The four categories of ACH grants and the amounts awarded were:

- (1) Arts Programming/Arts Access \$223,020
- (2) Arts Education \$43,000, which includes school & organization grants and 78 Youth Scholarships of \$300 each.
- (3) Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals \$16,500
- (4) Legacy Equipment/Facilities grants to arts organizations (3 grants) totaling \$10,590

# Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff



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## FY 2017 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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.**

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, 2016 to March 1, 2017

### Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1, 2016 Deadline

### Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1, 2016 Deadline

### Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**\$8,000**

ACH Education- \$4,000

Arts Festivals - \$5,000

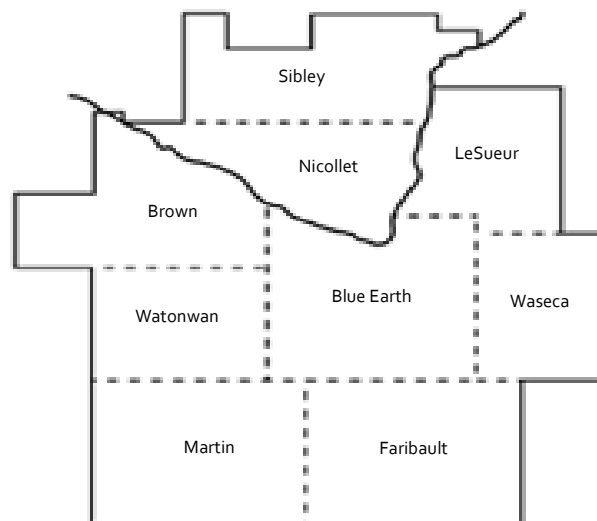
August 1, 2016 Deadline &  
February 1, 2017 Deadline

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

September 15, 2016 Deadline

### Artist Career Development Grant - \$1,000

January 15, 2017 Deadline



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## **Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants**

**Deadlines are: Aug. 1 and Feb. 1**

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

### **3. ACH Arts & Music Festivals - Maximum \$5,000.**

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

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## **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 \$2,000** 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.**

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## **Arts-In-Education Grants**

Grants are for **public and private schools**. **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.**

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## **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** - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, \$3,000 each.

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

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**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093**  
(507) 833-8721 or 1-800-298-1254. Applications are available on our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).





# Arts Calendar



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

**March 1-3** “Don’t Go” Exhibit by Grace Welch, Rudy Nelson & Dan Granberg, at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 1-15** Exhibit by Minnesota State University, Mankato Installation Students, 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](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**March 1-15** 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) or (507) 389-6767.

**\*March 1-17** “Fused Expressions” Sculpture Exhibit by Tim James in the Beckmann Gallery and Painting Exhibit by Kevin Chen in the Lobby Gallery. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org). Tim received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2014 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**\*March 1-17** “A Witch Bows to No Man” Exhibit by artist and illustrator Rachel James. At Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 E. Cherry St., 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). Rachel received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



**\*March 1-26** “What Can You Do with a Print” Monotype Exhibit by Virginia La France in the upper level and “Figuratively Speaking VI” Exhibits of Portraits by the Arts Center Drawing Group in the lower level. 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). Virginia received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**March 1-31** Painting Exhibit by Anna Leigh Biedenbender. 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).

**March 1-April 23** “Made in the U.S.A: Rosenquist/Ruscha” Exhibit of works by America’s top pop artists Ed Ruscha and James Rosenquist. 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).

**\*March 1-April 2017** The 2016/17 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.

**\*March 1-June 30** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are \$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. [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com) or (507) 387-5501.



**March 2** Jazz Big Band and Jazz Combo Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. 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.

**\*March 2-18** “Far and Near” Mixed Media Exhibit by Steve Wilson in the Rotunda and Fireplace Galleries, and “Recent Work in Paint and Cloisonné” Exhibit by LeAnn Gehring-Ryan in the Cook Gallery. (Reception, March 4, 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. Wheelchair accessible. (507) 625-2730 or [www.thecarnegiemankato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemankato.com). LeAnn received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** Thursday’s Open Studio, 7-9 p.m., non-instructional studio time, come share artistic talents, work on projects and socialize with fellow artists. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**March 2-April 8** High School Art Exhibit, 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).

**March 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Long Nines performing Celtic folk music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).



**\*March 3** Public Performance and exhibit by residents of Wellcome Manor Family Services who worked with artist, Megan Flod Johnson, learning about different art mediums during a six week residency. Performances will take place 1-3 p.m. and the exhibit will be on display 3-5 p.m. At Wellcome Manor Family Services, 114 W. Pleasant St., Garden City. (507) 546-3295.

**March 3 & 27** “Minnesota in the Great War” interactive presentation about World War I by Arn Kind, who dresses and acts in character. March 3 at 2 p.m., at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org). March 27 at 5:30 p.m., at the St. Peter Public Library 601 S. Washington Ave. (507) 934-7420.

**March 3-19** Minnesota State University, Mankato Thesis Exhibition by Shayna Tietje, (Reception, March 3, 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](http://www.the410project.com).

**March 4** Bothy Folk Club presents “Anne Hills”, singing contemporary folk music at 7:30 p.m. at the Mankato Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Drive, Mankato. Tickets are \$8 for Bothy Members and \$10 non-members.

**March 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Minnesota Barking Ducks performing blues and jazz music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**March 4** The Banjo Hour with Captain Gravitone & the String Theory Orchestra with special guests, The Lowest Pair, 7-9 p.m. In advance: general admission \$25, students and seniors \$23; available at Mankato Brewery or online. At the door \$30. At Loose Moose Convention Center, 119 S. Front St., Mankato. (507) 351-2155 or [www.captaingravitone.com](http://www.captaingravitone.com).

**March 5** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Series, “Contemplation” 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](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**March 6, 13 & 20** Gustavus Latino Film Fest, film screenings every Monday at 7 p.m. March 6 view “Ixcanul” (Volcano); March 13 view “Who Is Dayani Cristal”; and March 20 view “Bajari”. At Wallenburg Auditorium, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**March 8** Maker Meetup, monthly gatherings to meet a new “maker”, learn about the MN Makers & Artists Guild, and a social hour, 6:30-8 p.m. March’s artist is Daniel Halvorson demonstrating 3D printing. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org) or [mnmakersandartists@gmail.com](mailto:mnmakersandartists@gmail.com).

**March 8** Noon Tunes with Dick Kimmel and Pamela Longtine performing folk, fiddle, and bluegrass music, 12 Noon. At the New Ulm Public Library, Fred W. Johnson Founder’s Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**March 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Barefoot Wonder performing folk music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 10** Fairmont Opera House presents “Acrobats of Cirque-tacular”, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$14.11, seniors & students \$13.60, 10 and under \$8.50, available at [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or 1 hour prior to the show. At the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or (507) 238-4900.



**March 10-April 7** Children’s Art Exhibit, (Reception, March 10, 7-9 p.m.) at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Ben Marti Jazz Trio performing jazz music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 11** “Bach’s Lunch – Occupy Bach”, Family Concert Series. Fun filled performance based on the life and endeavors of the composer, Johann Sebastian Bach. A great introduction to classical music for kids of all ages in a comedic and interactive program. At the Mankato YMCA Aerobics Studio, 11:30 a.m. Free admission. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**March 11** Gustavus Wind Symphony and Gustavus Chamber Winds Concert, 1:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**\*March 11-12** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and North Star Strings Spring Concert, 3 p.m. both days. March 11 at LeSueur-Henderson High School, 901 Ferry St., LeSueur. March 12 at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Tickets \$10, or 4 for \$30. (612) 251-8492 or [www.mayso.net](http://www.mayso.net).



**Prairie Lakes is on Facebook!**

**“LIKE” Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

**March 11 & 25** Watch the Metropolitan Opera's performances: March 11 "La Traviata" and March 25 "Idomeneo", 11:55 a.m. both days. Adults \$22, seniors \$20, children \$15. 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).

**March 12** 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](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**March 12** Kenny Rogers in Concert, 6:30 p.m. Reserved tickets: \$45-125. At Verizon Wireless Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Verizon Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. (507) 389-3000 or [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com).

**March 13** 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](http://www.blc.edu).

**March 13-23** Shelley Caldwell – MA Exhibit, (Reception, March 13, 7 p.m.) at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) or (507) 389-6412.

**March 14** Lunch with the Arts, 12 Noon, bring a bag lunch. Musical entertainment by The Fun Bunch, performing classical Irish melodies. 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).

**March 14** Creativity and the "Dumb Question!" presentation by theatre professor, playwright and performer Peter Bloedel. He will discuss the importance of asking impractical questions, how to use these questions as creative stepping-stones, and how to take play seriously. 6:30 p.m., free admission. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**March 14** Film screening and discussion of "Annie Hall", highlighting the theme Famous Director/Actor Partnerships. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society, 6 p.m. At the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org) or (507) 359-8334.

## 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](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

**March 16** Good Thunder Reading Series presents fiction writer, Chris Bachelder. Talk on craft, 3 p.m. at CSU Ostrander Auditorium and reading at 7:30 p.m. in CSU Room 245. MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or [www.english.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english.mnsu.edu/gt).

**\*March 16** Blue Earth Valley Concert Assoc. sponsors Piano Conversations with Julian Gargiulo, pairs classical works with humor and keyboard video, 2 p.m. Series tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$45, students \$10, or family \$100. At Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 866-4668 or [www.concertassociation.net/blueearthmn/](http://www.concertassociation.net/blueearthmn/).

**\*March 16-18** Bethany Lutheran College presents the Speechless Film Festival, an international festival that celebrates the universal art of visual storytelling. The festival showcases shorts and feature films in every genre including drama, culture, art, thriller, animation and experimental. Screenings will be held at the Verizon Wireless Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. VIP Festival Pass \$50, includes admission to The Last Revel concert at Kato Ballroom, all film showcases, the Presentation of Awards, the VIP Party, and festival tee shirt; Basic Festival Pass \$20, includes admission to all film showcases and the Presentation of Awards; and The Last Revel Concert Ticket \$12, concert at the Kato Ballroom only. Contact (507) 344-7000 or [www.speechlessfilmfestival.com](http://www.speechlessfilmfestival.com) for schedule details.



**March 16-April 19** Exhibit by Rasmussen Students and Alumni, (Reception, March 16, 5-7 p.m.) at the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**March 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Doug Otto & The Getaways performing country and blues music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*March 17** Organ Concert by Steven Hamilton performing Dupre's "Stations of the Cross", 7:30 p.m. General admission \$10, seniors \$5. At Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, 507-933-7447 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**March 17** Fairmont Opera House presents "Close To You – The Music of the Carpenters", 7:30 p.m. Adults \$22.41, seniors & students \$21.60, 10 and under \$13.50, available at [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or 1 hour prior to the show. At the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or (507) 238-4900.



**March 17** Gustavus Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**\*March 17-19 & 24-26** Merely Players Community Theatre presents the musical “Back to the 80’s”, March 17, 18, 24 & 25, dinner at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.; March 19 & 26, dinner at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. All tickets include dinner and the show, \$34. Tickets reserve a space at a table, seats are not numbered, seating at the table is first come first served. At the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St. Mankato. [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com) (507) 388-5483.

**\*March 18** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Waseca Jazz Festival, an educational non-competitive festival for high school, junior high, and middle school jazz ensembles. Evening Showcase Concert featuring Nachito Herera, 7 p.m., \$7.50, at the Waseca Central Building Auditorium, 501 E. Elm Ave. (507) 835-5470.

**March 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Pushing Chain performing folky-tonk music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 19** College Choir Home Concert, 3 p.m., at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**March 19** Gustavus Choir Concert, 3:30 p.m., at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**March 20-April 5** Reed White – MA 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) or (507) 389-6767. Reed received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2014 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



**March 21** University Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. 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.

**\*March 21-April 28** Area High School Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Japanese Art Works by Megumi Takada Steffen in the Lobby Gallery. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**March 23** Art as Prayer with Pastor Tara DeCock, drop in for an artful, inspiring lunch hour, 12 Noon-1 p.m. At Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**March 23** Pop Rock Showcase, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. 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).

**\*March 23** Public Reading by students of Kato Public Charter School who worked with Ray Smart during a creative writing residency, 5 p.m. Booklets of the students’ writing will be available for sale. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 387-5524 or [www.katopcs.org](http://www.katopcs.org).

**March 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*March 24-26** “The Odd Couple” performances by State Street Theater Company. March 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m. and March 26 at 2 p.m. Pre-sale \$10, at the door \$15. At the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**March 24-April 9** Exhibit of Paintings by Matt Willemsen, (Reception, March 24, 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](http://www.the410project.com).



**\*March 25** “Teddy Roosevelt”, hear about the 26<sup>th</sup> president from the man himself. One man show by Adam Lindquist of Lonsdale, 7 p.m., \$10. At Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320<sup>th</sup> St., New Prague. Sponsored by Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**March 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Charlie Roth Duo performing Americana, folk, blues, country and Celtic music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*March 26** Summit Avenue Music Series: Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m., featuring the Peter McGuire and Friends. Adults \$10, students \$5. At Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or [www.summitavenuemusic.com](http://www.summitavenuemusic.com).

**March 26** Spring Gala to benefit the New Ulm Suzuki School, 5 p.m. Music provided by the Allegro Strings and advanced piano students. In advance \$25, at the door \$30. At An American Bistro, 16 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 276-5874 or [www.newulmsuzuki.org](http://www.newulmsuzuki.org).

**March 26** Concert by songwriter Warren Nelson, banjo player Rowen Ferris-Nelson, and harmonica player Otis McLennan, 2 p.m., 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).

**March 27** Visits and readings by author, Eric Dregni, of his book “You’re Sending Me Where? – Dispatches from Summer Camp”. 2 p.m. at Lewisville American Legion, 121 Lewis St. W. Sponsored by the Lewisville Branch Library, (507) 435-2781. 6:30 p.m. at the St. James Library, 125 5<sup>th</sup> St. S. (507) 375-1278.

**March 27-April 5** Senior Show 1, (Reception, March 27, 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/).

**\*March 27-April 11** Area High School Art Exhibit, at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and weekends by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**March 29-April 1** “And Baby Makes Seven” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).



**March 31** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Captain Graitone performing Americana and folk rock music, 7:30 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*March 31-April 30** New Paintings Exhibit by Charlie Putnam, (Reception, April 1, 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](http://www.artscentersp.org). Charlie received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**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).

## Grant Opportunities

**March 4 Media Artist Grant Deadline.** IFP Minnesota 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://ifpminn.org/mcknight-fellowships-media-artists/>. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/artist-fellowships>.

**March 15 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-fellowship>. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/artist-fellowships>.

**March 24 Visual Artist Grant Deadline.** Minneapolis College of Art and Design administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and eight \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to visual 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://mcad.edu/about-mcad/fellowships/mcknight-artist-fellowships>. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/artist-fellowships>.

**March 31 Minnesota State Arts Board Minnesota Festival Support Deadline.** This program is designed to provide 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 31 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). For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/).

### Paint the Town Grant Deadline

## April 18, 2017

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




# Arts Opportunities & Classes

## Youth Opportunities/Classes

**March 2** Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Meets first Thursday of the month. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Call to register, (507) 835-1701. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).


**March 4** Landscape Study Class with Joseph Evans, 8th grade and up, 4-6 p.m. Learn to view New Ulm in ways you haven't before. \$30, fee includes materials. To register email [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com) or call (507) 359-9222. At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 4** Instrument Petting Zoo, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Learn about the violin, viola, bass, guitar, cello, and piano from guests from the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. Regular museum admission required.  At Children's Museum of Southern MN, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. [www.cmsouthernmn.org](http://www.cmsouthernmn.org) or (507) 386-0279.

**\*March 7-8** South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers and 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. Register online at [www.mnscsc.org](http://www.mnscsc.org). Contact Mary Hillmann at (952) 715-8745 or [mhillmann@mnscsc.org](mailto:mhillmann@mnscsc.org).

**March 7** Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m., abstract pastel painting. Explore drawing techniques with instructor Karen Krause, sketchbook and drawing pencil kit will be provided. Grades 4-6, \$10. Meets first Tuesday of the month. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Call to register, (507) 835-1701. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**March 25** Learn to Paint Class with Rhonda Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Learn the basics of painting. \$25, includes materials. To register call (507) 359-9222 or email [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com). At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

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).


## Artist & Arts Opportunities

**March 1** Submissions deadline for the 2017 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival. Minnesota Shorts is looking for scripts from Minnesota playwrights for its festival, Sept. 7-8, 2017, at Lincoln Community Theatre, Mankato. Any Minnesota writer can submit up to two short plays to [mnshorts@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Minnesota Shorts has partnered with Merely Players who will help select the plays to be performed and will handle all directing and casting. Each night of the festival, the audience picks a Best of the Fest play, which will win \$100. Visit [www.mnshorts.com](http://www.mnshorts.com) for more information.

**March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29** Wednesday Morning Drawing and Study Group, 9 a.m., at Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. (507) 835-1701. or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** Thursday's Open Studio, 7-9 p.m., non-instructional studio time, come share artistic talents, work on projects and socialize with fellow artists. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**March 9** Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Meets monthly to discuss topics brought up by attendees, free. Bring your own lunch. At Shared Spaces, 127 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Sponsored by Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. [www.minnesotanonprofits.org](http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org) or (507) 469-2217.

**March 10** Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will meet at 9 a.m., coffee at 8:30 a.m. Instructor Jenna Herrig will discuss using Young Living Essential Oils in the piano studio. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts,  523 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 381-7705.

**March 12** 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 second Sunday of the month. \$5, no advanced registration required. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

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# Arts Opportunities & Classes

**March 14** Alice Lind Play Reading Society presents its monthly play reading series, 7 p.m. This month's script is "Mother Courage" by Bertold Brecht. 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. [www.lindhouse.org](http://www.lindhouse.org) or (507) 359-8802.

**March 16** Intro to Photography Class with Ryan Nosbush, 6-8 p.m. Understand your digital camera and its settings while learning the fundamentals of photography. \$30, bring your own digital camera. To register call (507) 359-9222 or email [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com). At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 16** Grantwriting Clinic for Beginners Workshop, 1-4 p.m. Learn about the basics of grantseeking and develop an understanding of the sections of a grant proposal. MCN Members \$45, non-members \$65. At Shared Spaces, 127 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Sponsored by Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. (507) 469-2217, [www.minnesotanonprofits.org](http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org).

**March 18** Re-Skilling Festival. Unique workshops in the arts, foods, yard and garden, home and wellness. Check in at 8:30 a.m., workshops at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. At Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org) or [mnmakersandartists@gmail.com](mailto:mnmakersandartists@gmail.com).

**March 24** 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 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**March 25** Entry day for the Carnegie Art Center's Juried Exhibition, 3-5 p.m. Up to three entries per person, \$10 per entry. Exhibit will be on display April 13-May 20. At the Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad St., Mankato. Stop in to pick up an entry form. Wheelchair accessible. (507) 625-2730 or [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com).

**March 25** Pinot & Paint Class with Rhonda Johnson, 4-6 p.m. Learn the basics of acrylic painting. \$45 fee, includes materials and a glass of wine. To register: (507) 359-9222 or [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com). At the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & May 6** Intro to Clay Class, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day. Learn fundamental skills and try new techniques in both throwing and hand-building with Michael Cimino. \$99, register with St. Peter Community Ed., (507) 934-3048 or [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com). At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**March 31** Deadline for Requests for Proposals for a curated exhibition by a non-profit arts organization, gallery, or museum in the concourse display cases at the Lindberg and Humphrey airports. The selected proposals will be on display for one year. For more information and a copy of the RFP, contact Robyne Robinson, director of arts at MSP, at [robayne.robinson@mspmac.org](mailto:robayne.robinson@mspmac.org) or (612) 725-8321.



## Art Centers Accepting Proposals to Exhibit Artwork

**North Mankato Taylor Library** in partnership with **Twin Rivers Council for the Arts** will be accepting proposals for exhibits at the library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. There will be monthly and bi-monthly exhibits. Local and regional artists should email Joellen at [joellen.preston@gmail.com](mailto:joellen.preston@gmail.com) with inquiries. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

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

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

**Waseca Art Center** is accepting proposals for exhibits in the Pat Beckmann Gallery and the lobby gallery. Contact Kent for more information, [kentschultz@gmail.com](mailto:kentschultz@gmail.com). Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. [www.wasecartcenter.org](http://www.wasecartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

Contact other galleries on page 13 about exhibiting in 2017-18.

# Non-profit Art 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](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).

**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).

**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).

**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/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/](http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/).

**Red Rock Center for the Arts**, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 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](http://www.redrockcenter.org), (507) 235-9262, or [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: (507) 359-9222, [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com), 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/current-exhibit](http://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., Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. [info@wasecaartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecaartcenter.org), (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).



**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

105 22nd Ave. NE, Suite A  
Waseca, MN 56093-2612  
(507) 833-8721 or (800) 298-1254  
plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org



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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”, [studiosattheplaza@gmail.com](mailto:studiosattheplaza@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).

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