



September 2016 Newsletter



## We are pleased to announce the 24th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition October 4-30, 2016



Brenda Byron,  
Executive Director

The 24th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition will be held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter. The entry date is Monday, September 26th, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Artists can enter two pieces of two or three dimensional artwork. The entry fee is \$10 per piece. The Entry Form is included in this newsletter on pages 6-8 and is posted on our website. This exhibition is an opportunity for emerging and professional artists living in the 9-county area to display their work in a professional setting. Prairie Lakes has held the regional exhibit in five different locations, three in Mankato and two in St. Peter in the past. Brenda Byron noted



that she has been the director of the regional arts council since 1989, and the concept for the Regional Juried Exhibition came from the artists on the regional arts council board. **We are excited to have Faith Clover, of St. Paul jury the exhibit.** Faith recently retired from the University of Minnesota where, since 2000, she was the Art Education program coordinator in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, in the College of Education and Human Development. She taught a total of 40 years at the elementary and secondary levels, as district art specialist in Portland OR, and at the university level at Arizona State University and at UMN. She remains a member of the National Art Education Association. Since returning to Minnesota she has been an active volunteer with the education activities of the American Swedish Institute and practices many Scandinavian handcrafts. She is a botanical watercolor artist who exhibits locally and is past president of the Great River Chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists.

PLRAC Exhibition Entry Date:  
**Monday, Sept. 26, 3-6 p.m.**

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

Dates of Show:  
**October 4-30, 2016**

**Gallery Hours:**

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



**\$3,000**

**Professional  
Mid-Career Artist  
Grants Available**

**Deadline is September 15th**

See page 2 of this newsletter for  
an Article with details.



# Prairie Lakes Welcomes Steve Davis to the Board!

We are pleased to announce that one new board member has been appointed to the board, Steve Davis of Madelia.

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

Steve Davis has a BA in Computer Science and is a Software Developer working from his home office in Madelia. He is a violist with the Mankato Symphony Orchestra and Minnesota State University Mankato/Community Orchestra; and volunteers with the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music. Currently he is a member of the Madelia Rotary and Lions Club. Previously he volunteered with the Madelia Community Theatre to run the lighting and sound boards for performances.



**Steve Davis,**  
representing  
Watonswan County.

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

**Application Deadline is  
September 15, 2016**

Artist Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to an Artists growth and professional development in dance, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for art supplies, matting & framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc. **The Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant is for \$3,000, for activities taking place from December 2016 to December 2017.**



One Letter of Recommendation is required with the grant application, resume, and work samples. This program is made possible by

funds provided by the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. All grants will be submitted online this year. Go to our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org), to link to our grant system portal.



## **Artist Grant Writing Workshop**

Presented by Brenda Byron, PLRAC Director

**Wednesday August 31, 7:30 p.m.**

Location: Twin Rivers Council for the Arts  
523 South Second Street, Mankato

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 art supplies, matting & framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc.

**Deadlines are:**

**September 15, 2016** - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, \$3,000 each.

**January 15, 2017** - Artist Career Development Grant, \$1,000 each.

**We recommend that you write your answers in a Word document first; then copy and paste them into the appropriate fields in the application.**

Artists can also watch an Informational Tutorial about how to set up an Account and the link is on the "Grants Program page" of the PLRAC website: [www.plrac.org/grants.html](http://www.plrac.org/grants.html)

If you'd like to attend please email the office by Monday, August 29th at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

# Minnesota Percent for Art in Public Places Workshop

Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second Street, Mankato.

Sponsored by Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



The Minnesota Percent for Art in Public Places program will provide an overview of Minnesota's program and public art commissioning process. Program Officer Ben Owen, of the Minnesota State Arts Board will:

- ▶ Share examples of public art projects in the state's collection, as well as notable public works elsewhere.
- ▶ Discuss considerations on working in public space, and the artist's transition from studio work to public art.
- ▶ Explain how to find public art opportunities.
- ▶ Identify resources available in Minnesota and beyond.

The workshop is open to artists, community members, City Planners, design professionals and other cross-sector partners interested in learning more about public art processes.



**Please register for the  
workshop by August 30<sup>th</sup>**

by emailing the PLRAC office at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net)  
or calling Brenda Byron at 1-800-298-1254.

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

We have implemented the online Grants Management System from Foundant technologies, August 1, 2016 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.

**Applicant  
Login**

<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 ACH Legacy funds.

**Goal 2:** Increase efficiency with online application and reporting portal for staff, applicants and our board.

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

## Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

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City of St. Peter .....	Lauren Shoemaker

### Staff

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



## 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

## 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. There are two types of Artist Grants available. Applications are available on our website, [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 Grant Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1, 2016 Deadline

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

November 1, 2016 Deadline

### Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**\$8,000**

ACH Education- \$4,000

Arts Festivals - \$5,000

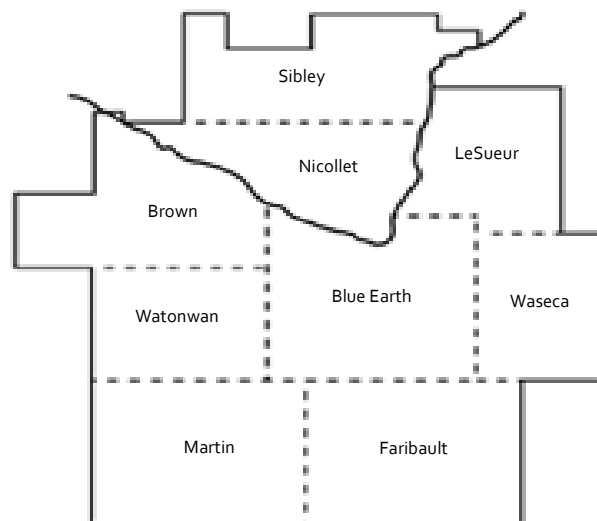
August 1, 2016 Deadline & February 1, 2017 Deadline

### 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**

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**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).

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition

**October 4-30, 2016**

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

### ENTRY DATE AND FEE

**Monday, September 26, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to: Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council / (PLRAC).

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

### TOTAL AWARDS - \$1,300

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

### ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

Original artwork completed by a single artist in the last 4 years, or since January 1, 2011, may be entered. Artwork by more than one person will not be accepted. Artwork must not have been executed under direct instructor supervision in a workshop or classroom. Works that were displayed at any previous PLRAC Regional Exhibitions may not be entered again. Works accepted for exhibition may not be withdrawn from the exhibition for any reason.

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

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

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

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

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

### PUBLICITY FOR REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

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

## JUROR'S NOTIFICATION AND RETURN OF WORK

Artists will be notified by **email only** of the decision of the juror, by September 29. Artists are responsible for picking up artwork on these dates:

**Declined Artwork: Fri., September 30, 3:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Accepted Artwork: Sun., October 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

A friend or relative may pick up your artwork on the designated dates, but they must have the Receipt Card. Artwork not picked up on Sept. 30 or Oct. 30, will be taken to the PLRAC office in Waseca and special arrangements will have to be made to pick it up in Waseca. A transportation & storage fee of \$10 will be charged per piece. Artwork not picked up by November 4, 2016 will become the property of PLRAC.

## ARTS CENTER OF SAINT PETER Gallery Hours

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

The Arts Center is handicapped accessible.

315 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter  
(507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), or  
[www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

## OPENING RECEPTION

**Friday, October 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Artists will be presented with their awards at the Opening Reception. All artists, family and friends are cordially invited to attend. **The Awards Program is at 7:00 p.m.**

## LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

All artwork must have a value listed on the Entry Form, whether or not the work is for sale. Works that are entered are not insured until they are juried into the exhibition, October 4-30, 2016. **Insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the exhibition only.** Although the utmost care and precaution will be taken to protect works, the PLRAC and the Arts Center of Saint Peter are not responsible for lost or damaged work before or after the exhibition period. Artists may wish to personally insure their artwork on their renter or homeowner's insurance.

## SALE OF ARTWORK

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

## SELECTION PROCESS

All entries are juried and only the pieces accepted by the juror will be displayed. Space limitations at the ACSP permit about 80 pieces to be displayed. To insure impartiality the juror selected does not live in the nine-county area PLRAC serves.

**The juror will be Dr. Faith Clover, of St. Paul.** She recently retired from the University of Minnesota where, since 2000, she was the Art Education program coordinator in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, in the College of Education and Human Development. She taught a total of 40 years at the elementary and secondary levels, as district art specialist in Portland OR, and at the university level at Arizona State University and at UMN. She remains a member of the National Art Education Association. Since returning to Minnesota she has been an active volunteer with the education activities of the American Swedish Institute and practices many Scandinavian handcrafts. She is a botanical watercolor artist who exhibits locally and is past president of the Great River Chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists.

## SUMMARY OF DATES

**Mon., Sept. 26, 3:00-6:00 p.m. - Entry Date**

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

Fri., Oct. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Opening Reception

Sun., Oct. 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Artists pick up artwork  
**End of Regional Exhibition**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

ENTRY FORM / Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition / Sept. 26, 2016

ARTIST \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

CURRENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Address for Students/Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (required) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Title 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum 40 characters)

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum 40 characters)

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

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

**WAIVER:** I relieve PLRAC and the Arts Center of Saint Peter (ACSP) from the responsibility for loss or damage of any kind to my work before or after the exhibition period, October 4-30, 2016. Works that are entered are not insured until they are juried into the exhibition. Insurance coverage is provided for the duration of the exhibition only. I also understand that the PLRAC and ACSP are not responsible for artwork left beyond the pickup date of 10/30/16. **Submission of work and entry card signature indicates acceptance of all conditions and waiver of liability.** I hereby grant to the PLRAC the right to photograph my artwork or myself for publicity purposes in news releases, in the PLRAC Newsletter, PLRAC website, Facebook and YouTube.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**JUROR'S NOTIFICATION** (Information will be **Emailed only** to you by Sept. 29, 2016.)

Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted \_\_\_\_ Declined \_\_\_\_

Title 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted \_\_\_\_ Declined \_\_\_\_

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**RECEIPT CARD/PLRAC Art Exhibit** **KEEP:** This receipt **MUST** be presented when picking up art work.

**Declined work:** Sept. 30, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. **Exhibited work:** Oct. 30; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

ARTIST \_\_\_\_\_

Title 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Title 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

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**Work #1 IDENTIFICATION CARD**  
♦ Attach securely to back side (**upper right**) of work

Artist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

**Work #2 IDENTIFICATION CARD**  
♦ Attach securely to back side (**upper right**) of work

Artist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_





# Arts Calendar



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

**\*Sept. 1** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Bob Bingham & Gordon Thorne, performing blues music, 7:30 p.m. \$12, 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).

**Sept. 1** Alive After 5 Summer Concert, Decadence, Inc. performing rock music, 5-8 p.m. Food, beverages, and an artisan and craft pop-up market will be on site. Free admission. At Civic Center Plaza, downtown Mankato. (507) 388-1062 or [www.citycentermankato.com](http://www.citycentermankato.com).

**Sept. 1** Art Lecture and Reception for bronze sculptures from the Lester Goetzke estate, 7 p.m. A panel discussion will be led by Bethany art faculty. At the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Sept. 1** Grand Opening for the expansion of the Verizon Wireless Civic Center. Come to the Open House and see the new Concert Hall that the Mankato Symphony Orchestra will be using for future performances, 3-7:30 p.m. Small ensembles from the Mankato Symphony will be performing for a portion of the open house. At Verizon Wireless Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. (507) 389-3000 or [www.verizonwirelesscentermn.com](http://www.verizonwirelesscentermn.com).

**Sept. 1-3** Traveling Exhibit about the Jewish holocaust in Slovakia, from the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Iowa At the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. North. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**Sept. 1-12** Exhibit by Amy Toscani, 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.

**Sept. 1-21** “Memorable Moments” Oil Painting Exhibit by Joan Finnegan, at the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**Sept. 1-23** MNSU Art Faculty Pop-Up 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.

**Sept. 1-24** “Art in Nature” Pastels Exhibit by Marcus Moller, 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.

**Sept. 1-25** “Allegiance” Exhibit of new work by Mike Cimino, 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).

**Sept. 1-30** “Water Vapors” Photography Exhibit by Kay Herbst Helms. At Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 East 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). Kay received an Emerging Artist Grant in 2015 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.



**Sept. 1-Oct. 29** “George Leonard Herter – the Man and the Myth” Exhibit, at the Waseca County Historical Society, 315 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Waseca. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us) or (507) 835-7700.

**\*Sept. 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.

**Sept. 2-11** “Semi Trucks, Meat Cakes, and Dead Chickens” Prints Exhibit by Nicole Soley, 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).



**\*Sept. 2-16** “Friends of The Grand” Exhibit by studio artists, tenants, board members and staff; including Curt Schultz, Mike Huerkamp, Maurice and Mo Yarnold, Bobbi Barron, Megan Rolloff, Ian Laird, Kat Makepeace, Maggie Schwab, Leo Derkowski, and others, at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

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

**Sept. 3-Oct. 23** “Wanda Gag, Art as Life” Exhibit featuring original lithographs, paintings, drawings, and greeting cards by Wanda. Also on display will be watercolors by Flavia Gag, oil paintings by Anton Gag, and a Bohemian peasant blouse wore by Wanda. At the Wanda Gag House, 226 N. Washington St., New Ulm. Hours: Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 359-2632 or [www.wandagaghouse.org](http://www.wandagaghouse.org).

**Sept. 4** Dwight Yoakam Concert at 7:30 p.m. Reserved tickets: \$35-\$125. At Riverfront Park, 310 Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Verizon Wireless Center Box office at 1 Civic Center Plaza, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. (507) 389-3000 or [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com).

**Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28** Wednesday’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).

**\*Sept. 8** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Maud Hixson, performing jazz music, 7:30 p.m. \$12, 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).



**\*Sept. 8-9** 2016 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. The festival features 14 different short plays over 2 days that run 15 minutes or less. Advance tickets available at [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com): one-day \$8 or two-day \$15. At the door: one-day \$10 or two-day \$15. (507) 420-1881 or [www.mnshorts.com/](http://www.mnshorts.com/).


**Sept. 8-Oct. 29** Watercolor Painting Exhibit by Pam Gehlen, (Reception, Oct. 2, 12 Noon-2 p.m.) At the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. North. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**\*Sept. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Reynold Philipsek with Matt Senjem performing gypsy 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.

**Sept. 9** Martina McBride Concert at 8 p.m. Reserved tickets: \$55-99. At the new Verizon Event Center, Mankato. Tickets available at the Verizon Wireless Center Box office at 1 Civic Center Plaza, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. (507) 389-3000 or [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com).

**\*Sept. 9-11** Amboy Arts ’n More Festival, featuring local artists, demonstrations, kids’ activities, and music performances. Events are on Amboy’s Maine St., at Fire Hall, and at City Park. [www.artsnmorefestival.org](http://www.artsnmorefestival.org) or (507) 351-7277.

**Sept. 10** Hermannfest festival celebrating German Culture and Heritage in New Ulm. Including The Wendinger Band at 11:30 a.m., Dain’s Dutchmen at 1:30 p.m., and The Concord Singers at 3:30 p.m. at Hermann Heights Park, 14 Monument St. New Ulm Municipal Band Concert and New Ulm Battery at 6 p.m., and fireworks at 8:30 p.m. at Harman Park, 101 N. Garden St. [www.hermannmonument.com](http://www.hermannmonument.com) or (507) 404-1000.

**\*Sept. 10-11** 26th Annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. The festival features Art by  over 50 local artisans and a variety of Music (blues, folk, jazz, rock, etc.) in a family friendly setting, with a variety of entertainment on two stages. Free; Sept. 10, 12 Noon-10 p.m. and Sept. 11, 12 Noon-7 p.m. Food vendors are on site, or bring your own food and beverages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. The city will be enforcing the "No Pets" in the park ordinance. At Minnesota Square Park, on Hwy 169, St. Peter. For a complete list of performers go to [www.rockbend.org](http://www.rockbend.org).

**\*Sept. 11** Summit Avenue Music Series: Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m., with Eli Kalman on piano, Bruce Atwell on horn, and Julya Smead on violin. Adults \$10, students \$5. At Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**Sept. 12-Nov. 6** Animal and Sporting Paintings from the Penkhus Collection: “The Very English Ambience of It All” Exhibit of works that depict the English culture around 1800 to the present. (Reception, Sept. 12, 7-9 p.m. and Nobel Conference Reception, Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m.) 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).

**Sept. 13** Lunch with the Arts, 12 Noon, bring a bag lunch. “Dancin’ and Romancin’ in the 50’s and 60’s” music by Bill Busse, Joyce Schultz, and Sandy Ettesvold. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Sept. 14-17** “Comic Potential” 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. [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/) or (507) 389-6661.

## Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

**Submit event information 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).

**Sept. 15** Good Thunder Reading Series presents author, Diana Spechler. 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).

**\*Sept. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Kildahl, Vonderharr & Pengra performing blues 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.

**Sept. 16** Artist Series Performance: The Turtle Island String Quartet 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).

**Sept. 16-18** "Theatre Physics," an all-original production by Bethany theatre faculty and students. Sept. 16 & 17 at 7 & 9 p.m.; and Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. Free, but tickets are required. Bethany Lutheran College, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Call box office for tickets at (507) 344-7374. [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Sept. 16-18** Wacipi 2016, Mankato PowWow at Land of Memories Park, Mankato. PowWow event hours: Fri. 4-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. PowWow times: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. Adults \$7 for the whole weekend, seniors 60 and older \$5, and children 12 and under are free. [www.mahkatowacipi.org](http://www.mahkatowacipi.org).

**Sept. 16-Oct. 2** Area Arts Educator Exhibit (Reception, Sept. 16, 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).

**\*Sept. 17** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Waseca Marching Classic, parade at 12:30 p.m. in downtown Waseca and includes competing High School Marching Bands, Floats, Royalty, and Classic Car Cruise. Field competition for H.S. Marching Bands, 5-8 p.m., fireworks after the awards ceremony. Advance purchase admission \$5 or at the field \$8 with program. [www.wasecamarchingclassic.com](http://www.wasecamarchingclassic.com).



**\*Sept. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Captain Gravitone & The String Theory Orchestra performing 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).

**\*Sept. 18** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Rio Nido, performing jazz music, 7:30 p.m. \$15, 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.

**Sept. 19** Concert by pianist Naomi Niskala, 7:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Sept. 19-Oct. 10** Painting Exhibit by Melissa Oresky, (Sept. 19: Art Enrichment Lecture at 7 p.m. and Reception at 8 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/).

**\*Sept. 20** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Jack Klatt and His Band performing at 7:30 p.m. \$12, 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.

**\*Sept. 23** 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 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Sept. 23** "Starving Artist at the Poor Farm", a benefit for Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, including pop-up and interactive art, music by regional musicians, and exhibition style art sale. 7 p.m.-12 Midnight. Individual \$75, TRCA Affiliate \$35. Purchase tickets online at [www.twinriversarts.org/tickets](http://www.twinriversarts.org/tickets) or at the Twin Rivers office, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Event held at 56749 192<sup>nd</sup> Lane, Mankato. (507) 387-1008.

**Sept. 25** Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble 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.

**\*Sept. 25** The Great Grassroots Gathering, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring music by Sandra Lee and The Velvets and an arts, crafts and flea market. At Allison Park, Sleepy Eye. Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Area Historical Society. (507) 794-5053.

**\*Sept. 26** Artists Entry Date: 3-6 p.m. for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Bring original artwork to the Arts Center, \$10 per entry, with a maximum of 2 pieces per artist. Two and three dimensional artwork can be submitted.

Artists must live in the 9-county area. \$1,300 in cash prizes will be awarded to artists. Exhibition dates are Oct. 4-30, 2016.

An artist reception will be held Oct. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Entry forms are on our website** [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org). Contact: [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) or 1-800-298-1254.



**\*Sept. 26** Public reading and workshop of an original play by a local playwright, 6 p.m. The audience and actors will provide feedback to the playwright. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. [www.twinriversarts.org/playwright-in-residence](http://www.twinriversarts.org/playwright-in-residence) or (507) 387-1008.

**Sept. 27** 2016 Nobel Conference Concert, 7 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-9** "The Fully Monty" musical theater production, Sept. 29-Oct. 1 and Oct. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 8 & 9 at 2 p.m. Adults \$22, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$19. At the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).

**Sept. 30** Concert by Swedish songwriter Sofia Talvik, 7 p.m. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Sept. 30** Guest Artist Concert by Scandinavian-style string band, Tjärnblom, 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door an hour before the concert. At Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

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

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

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

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

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## Jerome Foundation Fellowships for Emerging Artists

**Deadline Sept. 23.** Artists considered for these fellowships may work in a variety of visual art media, including both traditional and new media. The program is aimed at visual artists who can present their work in a gallery context, and eligible applicants must be in the early stages of their careers and have not yet attained professional acknowledgment commensurate with the quality of their work. Five grants of \$12,000 each will be awarded to emerging Minnesota artists. More information and the online application are available at [www.mcad.edu/jerome](http://www.mcad.edu/jerome). (612) 874-3667. Information sessions will be held August 10, 16 & 25 in the Twin Cities. Email [gallery@mcad.edu](mailto:gallery@mcad.edu) for more details.

## Art Centers Accepting Proposals

**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts** is accepting applications for the 2016 Emy Frentz Exhibition Schedule. The gallery space can accommodate a wide variety of works including poetry, paintings, photography, installations, sculpture and more. If chosen, there is an exhibition fee of \$25 for the general public and \$10 for TRCA affiliates. There is no application fee. For more information and to request an application contact Joellen at [joellen.preston@gmail.com](mailto:joellen.preston@gmail.com). Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St. Mankato. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

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

**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 E. Cherry St., 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. [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or (507) 235-9262.

The **Waseca Arts 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 St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**The PLRAC office will be closed  
Monday, Sept. 5, 2016  
in observance of Labor Day.**



# Arts Opportunities & Classes

## Youth Opportunities/Classes

**Sept. 1** Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Call to register, (507) 835-1701. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Sept. 6** Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m., 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).

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](mailto:410project@hotmail.com) for more information. At 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).



## Artist & Arts Opportunities

**Sept. 7-8** Auditions for "It's a Wonderful Life", directed by Jack Williams, 7:30 p.m. both days. Actors, costume, set, stage and sound effects crews will be needed. Auditions will be held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street N. Performances will be Dec. 10 & 11, at Central Building Auditorium, 501 E. Elm Ave., Waseca. For questions contact Jack, (507) 835-2429 or [wil904@hickorytech.net](mailto:wil904@hickorytech.net).

**Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28** 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).

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**Sept. 11** Writers' Critique Group, 3-5 p.m. Bring work in progress and a question or two for the group. Read for five minutes, get critiqued for ten. Leave with good vibes and new ideas for moving forward. Hosted by Ann Rosenquist Fee. All levels welcome, there is no previous participation or experience necessary. Held 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

**Sept. 13** Alice Lind Play Reading Society presents its monthly play reading series, 7 p.m. This month's script is "Modern Prophet" by Sam Graber. 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](http://www.lindhouse.org).

**Sept. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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).

**Sept. 14-Nov. 16** Wednesday Art Group, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Adult artists of all levels and abilities

can join this self-directed art group. Each artist brings their own supplies, materials, and ideas. At New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org) or (507) 359-8334.

**Sept. 16** Storytelling Workshop and Open Mic with Diana Spechler. Workshop 5-6 p.m. and open mic 7:30-9 p.m. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Sponsored by Good Thunder Reading Series, [www.english.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english.mnsu.edu/gt) or (507) 389-1354.

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# Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Deadlines

The MN State Arts Board has many upcoming grant deadlines. Go to [www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/) to find out more information and to download applications 6-8 weeks before the grant deadline.

**Community Arts Education Support - Deadline Sept. 9.** This program provides operating support to build and

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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.

strengthen the capacity of exceptional arts education organizations, or of arts education programs of public or nonprofit organizations that have a sustained commitment to providing ongoing, rigorous arts education opportunities in community settings. \$8,000-\$25,000.

**Cultural Community Partnership - Deadline Sept. 16.**

This program is to enhance the artistic and career development of artists of color. It supports collaborative projects between two individual artists, or between an artist and an organization. \$1,000-\$8,000.

**Partners in Arts Participation - Deadline Sept. 23.**

This program is to broaden opportunities for Minnesotans to participate in the arts. Grant funds may be used by Minnesota nonprofit health or human service organizations to integrate the arts into their programming or services. \$5,000-\$25,000.



## Statewide McKnight Fellowships of \$25,000 each

Contact the organizations below for guidelines, deadlines, etc.

**Ceramic Artists** • Northern Clay Center  
[www.northernclaycenter.org](http://www.northernclaycenter.org) or (612) 339-8007

Two awards. Application and panel review. National and International Residencies: Four \$5,000 awards for a 3-month residency in Minnesota, plus \$300 for a public workshop.

**Choreographers** • The Cowles Center  
[www.mcknightdancechoreo.org](http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org) or (612) 206-3645  
Three awards. Intent to apply form, application, and panel review of live performance.

**Composers** • American Composers Forum  
[www.composersforum.org](http://www.composersforum.org) or (651) 228-1407  
Four awards, plus the opportunity to spend one month at an artist residency site. Application and panel review. National residencies: Two \$15,000 awards for a two-month residency in Minnesota. Application and panel review.

**Dancers** • The Cowles Center  
[www.mcknightdancechoreo.org](http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org) or (612) 206-3645  
Three awards. Intent to apply form, application, and panel review of live performance.

**Media Artists** • IFP MN Center for Media Arts  
[www.ifpmn.org/](http://www.ifpmn.org/) or (651) 644-1912  
Four awards. Application and panel review.

**Musicians** • MacPhail Center for Music  
[www.macphail.org/mcknight-fellowships/](http://www.macphail.org/mcknight-fellowships/) or (612) 767-5586. Four awards, plus an optional \$2,500 each for a community project. Five additional finalists receive \$1,000 for audition. Ensembles may apply. Application, audition, and panel review.

**Playwrights** • The Playwrights' Center  
[www.pwcenter.org](http://www.pwcenter.org) or (612) 332-7481  
Two awards. Application and panel review. National residency and commission: One \$12,500 award for a residency in Minnesota.

**Theater Artists** • The Playwrights' Center  
[www.pwcenter.org](http://www.pwcenter.org) or (612) 332-7481  
Three awards to actors, directors, theatrical designers, and others whose main body of work is primarily an element of theater production. Intent to apply form, application, and panel review of live performance.

**Visual Artists** • Minneapolis College of Art and Design,  
<http://mcad.edu/about-mcad/fellowships/mcknight-artist-fellowships> or (612) 874-3667. Eight awards. Application and panel review; panel visits finalists in their studios.

**Writers** • The Loft [www.loft.org](http://www.loft.org) or (612) 215-2575  
Fellowships: Four \$25,000 awards to writers of poetry or prose in alternating years. One award of \$25,000 to a writer of children's literature. Application and panel review.

# 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. 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](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net), (507) 625-2730, or [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://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](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., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

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



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# State-Wide Online Resources

**COMPAS**

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

A Minnesota resource for artist residencies in the arts.

**Minnesota Citizens for the Arts**

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

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization.

**Minnesota State Arts Board**

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

Artist and Organization Grant Information.

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

Minnesota State Arts Board Roster of qualified Artists to conduct residencies in schools and other educational settings.

**MN Council of Nonprofits**

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

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

**Perpich Center for Arts Education**

and MN Arts High School, Golden Valley

[www.pcae.k12.mn.us](http://www.pcae.k12.mn.us)

**Springboard for the Arts**

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

Artists & non-profit arts groups workshops.

**Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations**

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

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