



Brenda Byron, Exec. Director

We are pleased to present the 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition September 23 to October 22, 2017

“We are pleased the 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition will be held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter”, noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director. **The Entry Date is Monday, September 18th, from 2:30-5:30 p.m.** Artists can enter two pieces of two or three dimensional artwork. The entry fee is \$10 per piece. **This exhibit is an opportunity for emerging and professional artists living in the 9-county area to display their work in a professional setting.** We anticipate that over 90 pieces will be displayed. The Entry Form is included in this newsletter on pages 7-9. “We are excited to have Sara Udvig, of St. Paul jury the exhibit”, noted Byron. Sara is a public artist and accomplished muralist. She has a Studio Art degree from St. Catherine’s University and also studied art at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She has done work in painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and graphic design. **We invite the public to attend our Free Reception on September 23rd.**



Prairie Lakes staff, Pam, Brenda & Cindy accepting artwork, September 2016.

25th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition
September 23 to
October 22, 2017
at the
Arts Center of Saint Peter
315 S. Minnesota Avenue

Opening Reception:
Saturday, September 23, 2017
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Awards at 7:00 p.m. & Artists Talk at 8:00 p.m.

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.
Sun. 1-5 p.m.



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Free Artist Workshops October 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, 2017

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is offering **three FREE workshops for Artists & we encourage you to attend all of them!** The dates and times are listed below.

Please register for the workshops by October 9th by emailing the Prairie Lakes office at plrac@hickorytech.net or calling Brenda Byron at 1-800-298-1254 or 507-833-8721.

All Workshops held on Wednesday at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato

October 18, 6-8 p.m. – Artist Statement / Elevator Speech

Part of an artist's promotional materials is their Artist Statement. We will use the **WORK OF ART, Artist Workbook, which will be FREE to participants.** The presenter is Dana Sikkila, who received her MA in Printmaking as well as her Non Profit Leadership Certificate from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Based in Mankato she concentrates on making her art work as well as being Executive Director of the 410 Project, Community Art Space, along with holding an arts adjunct professor position at MNSU, Mankato. Sikkila serves as a board member for the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Minnesota Citizen's for the Arts, as well as a Grant Review Panelist, and Artistic Evaluator for the Minnesota State Arts Board.

November 8, 6-8:30 p.m. - Funding for Artists

At 6:00 p.m. Brenda Byron will present information about Prairie Lakes' Artist Career Development Grant of \$1,000 due January 15, 2018. Topics include: Eligibility Requirements, What Activities can be Funded, How to Complete the Online Application, etc. **At 6:30 p.m. presenter Dana Sikkila will discuss other funding opportunities and ideas.**



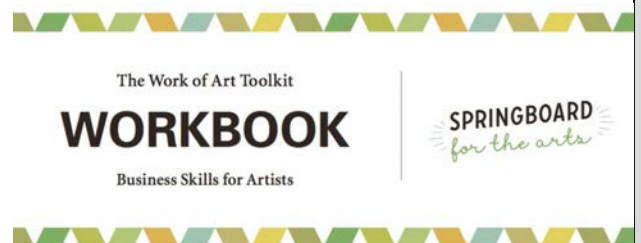
Dana Sikkila & Brenda Byron

December 6, 6-8 p.m. - Promoting Yourself and Your Art

The presenter is Dana Sikkila.

For all workshops we will utilize the WORK OF ART, **Artist Workbook**, which is a practical guide and video series for planning, launching, and running a successful artistic business; that was developed by Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul.

<https://springboardforthearts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/WoA-Toolkit-Workbook-2015.pdf>



These Artist Workshops & PLRAC Artist Grants are funded by the McKnight Foundation.

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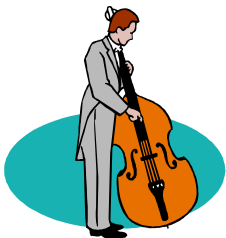
Visit our website for grant applications
monthly newsletters and more:
www.plrac.org



"Prairie Lakes Regional
Arts Council"

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

Application Deadline is September 15, 2017



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



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

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

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

FY 2018 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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

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

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

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

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

\$8,000

ACH Education- \$4,000

Arts Festivals - \$5,000

August 1 Deadline &
February 1 Deadline

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

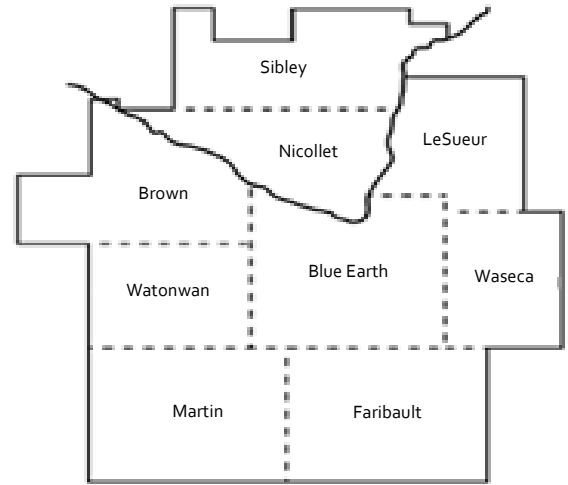
September 15 Deadline

Artist Career Development Grant - \$1,000

January 15 Deadline

All grant applications are online in 2017-18.

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



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

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

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

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

2. ACH Arts Education:
There are three categories of support.

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



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

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

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

Small Arts Project Grant

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

Arts-In-Education Grant

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

Individual Artist Grant

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

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

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

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

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

Applicant Login

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

New Grant Guidelines & Applications are available.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Here’s a summary of Grants awarded:

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

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

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

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

Blue Earth County	Liz Miller
Brown County	Denice Evers
Faribault County	Carol Soma
LeSueur County	Randy Mediger
Martin County	Open
Nicollet County	Diane Harms
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City of Mankato	Margie Larson
City of New Ulm.....	Charles Luedtke
City of North Mankato.....	Dana Sikkila
City of St. Peter	Lauren Shoemaker

Staff

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

Prairie Lakes Welcomes Three New Board Members!

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

However, two positions are still open for the City of Fairmont and Martin County. Interested folks should contact the PLRAC office in September to submit an application. The PLRAC board is comprised of fourteen members, one from each of the nine counties, and one from each city over 10,000 population. Board members serve a three year term.

Our members represent a cross section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives:

artists, art teachers and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, music, theater and visual arts.

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

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



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

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

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

25th Annual

Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition

September 23 to October 22, 2017

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

ENTRY DATE AND FEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOTAL AWARDS - \$1,300

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

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLICITY FOR REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

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

JUROR'S NOTIFICATION AND RETURN OF WORK

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

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

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

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

ARTS CENTER OF SAINT PETER Gallery Hours

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

The Arts Center is handicapped accessible.

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

OPENING RECEPTION

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

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

7:00 p.m. is the Awards Program

(in the basement of the Art Center)

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

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

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

SALE OF ARTWORK

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

SELECTION PROCESS

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

SUMMARY OF DATES

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

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

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

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

End of Regional Exhibition

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

ARTIST _____
Last Name First Name

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

2nd Address for Students/Permanent Address _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL (required) _____ PHONE (area code) _____

Title 1 _____ (maximum 40 characters)

Medium _____

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

Title 2 _____ (maximum 40 characters)

Medium _____

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

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

Signature _____

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

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

Artist _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Title 1 _____ Accepted ____ Declined ____

Title 2 _____ Accepted ____ Declined ____

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

ARTIST _____

Title 1 _____ Medium _____

Title 2 _____ Medium _____

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

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



Arts Calendar



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

Sept. 1-3 LGBT Advocacy, South Central Pride Exhibit. 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.

Sept. 1-9 “Do You See What I See” Juried Photography Exhibit and “Look Into The Past: Kolacky Days” Exhibit featuring Kolacky Days photos and memorabilia. At the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. North. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

Sept. 1-12 Etchings, Woodcuts & Books Exhibit by Sarojini Johnson & David Johnson. (Reception, Sept. 11, 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/.

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

Sept. 1-20 “Welcome to Kateland” Comics Exhibit by Kat Baumann. At the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008. Kat received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Sept. 1-26 Painting exhibit by Steve DeLaitch. 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.

Sept. 1-29 “The Natural Palette” Painting Exhibit by Brad Donner in the Beckmann Gallery and “Wildlife and More...on a Feather” Paintings on Feathers Exhibit by Dean Dykema in the Lobby Gallery. (Reception, Sept. 8, 5-8 p.m.) At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12 Noon-3 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Sept. 1-Oct. 14 Student Union Sesquicentennial Exhibit, at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6767.

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

***Sept. 5-29** Exhibit by John Wells. At Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., evenings and weekends by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Sept. 7** 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. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

***Sept. 7-8** 2017 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, 7:30 p.m. each night 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 at www.merelyplayers.com: one-day \$8 or two-day \$15. At the door \$10 each day. (507) 420-1881 or www.mnshorts.com/.

Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

Sept. 7-23 “By the Light of the Blazing Tobacco Leaf: More Tall Tales and Other Dangling Philosophies” Mixed Media Collage Exhibit by Eric Ouren in the Rotunda and Fireplace Galleries, and “Contemporary Perspective on Farming” Painting Exhibit by Mara Heinze in the Cook Gallery. (Reception, Sept. 9, 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. www.thecarnegiemandakato.com or (507) 625-2730. Mara received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Sept. 8 Performance by stand-up comedian Tommy Ryman, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance at Fairmont Hy-Vee or online \$10, at the door \$12. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Sept. 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Ray Bonneville performing blues music, 8 p.m., tickets sold at the door. At Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Sept. 8-24 Exhibition of Ceramic Installation Work by Liz Stensland. (Reception, Sept. 8, 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.

***Sept. 8-29** Exhibit by Brian Frink, at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. during shows 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



***Sept. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents High Strung performing classic music by the Beatles, Neil Young, James Taylor, Cat Stevens, and more, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Sept. 9** Amboy Community Parade, 3 p.m., featuring Schell's Hobo Band, Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli an Aztec Mexica Dance and Drum Group, and metal fabrication art by Arnie Lillo. Downtown Amboy. (507) 674-3964, or www.artsnmorefestival.org.

Sept. 9 Hermannfest festival celebrating German Culture and Heritage in New Ulm. Including The Wendinger Band at 11:30 a.m., The Johnny Helget Band at 1:30 p.m., and The Concord Singers at 3:30 p.m. at Hermann Heights Park, 14 Monument St. "Thunder in the Valley" 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 or (507) 404-1000.

***Sept. 9-10** 27th 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. 9, 12 Noon-10 p.m. and Sept. 10, 12 Noon-6 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.


Sept. 10 Open Clay Studio, 3-5 p.m. For all ages and ability levels, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. An instructor will be available. At Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.


***Sept. 11** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Ray Bonneville, performing blues music, 7:30 p.m. \$15, at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

Sept. 11-Dec. 20 Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

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

Sept. 12 Film screening and discussion of "Paths of Glory", about World War I. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society, 6 p.m. At the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***Sept. 12, 14 & 20** Author Rebecca Fjelland Davis will present her new book "Slider's Son".  **Sept. 12**, Book Launch Event, 6 p.m., at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. **Sept. 14**, Publication Celebration, 7 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, River Hills Mall, 1850 Adams St., Mankato. **Sept. 20**, reading as part of the Sakatah Reading Series, 12 Noon, at South Central College, Conference Center C, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. campychk@gmail.com or (507) 345-8743. Rebecca received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2016 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Sept. 13 Noon Tunes with the Singing Cowgirl, Lisa Murphy, performing country music and John Denver songs, 12 Noon. At the New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmlibrary.org or (507) 359-8334. 

Sept. 13 Author Matt Goldman will discuss his book "Gone to Dust", 7-8:30 p.m. At the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE (507) 364-7615.

Sept. 13-14 Good Thunder Reading Series. **Sept. 13**: Poet Juan Felipe Herrera presents a craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Ct., Mankato. Presentation of "An Evening with Juan Felipe Herrera and the Aktion Club Theatre Poets", 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. **Sept 14**: Workshop, 10-11 a.m., at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Emy Frenz Gallery, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Reading by author Alyssa Striplin, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or www.english.mnsu.edu/gt.

Sept. 13-16 "Why Torture is Wrong, and the People Who Love Them" 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/.

Sept. 14-Oct. 28 Recycled Art and Mono-Prints Exhibit by Sheila Becker. 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.

***Sept. 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Bockfest Boys performing midwest-style music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Sept. 15** Concert by The Frye, as part of Music on Main, 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Toody's Sweet Treats, 417 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by Henderson Chamber of Commerce. (507) 248-3234.

Sept. 15-17 "Theatre Physics," production by Bethany theatre faculty and students. Sept. 15 & 16 at 7 & 9 p.m.; and Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. Free, but tickets required. Bethany Lutheran College, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Tickets, call (507) 344-7374. www.blc.edu.

Sept. 15 & 19 Concert by New Richland native, Peter Klug. **Sept. 15** at 5:30 p.m., at the New Richland Public Library, 129 S. Broadway Ave. (507) 465-3708. **Sept. 19** at 6 p.m., at the LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St. (507) 357-6792.

Sept. 16 "Mozart in Me - Mozart's Grand Tour", Family Concert Series. Fun filled performance based on the life of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. A great introduction to classical music for kids in a comedic and interactive program. Each child gets to take home a souvenir, snack, and their own mini composition. At the Mankato YMCA Exercise Room, 1 p.m. Free admission. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

***Sept. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Lost Walleye Orchestra performing Americana, blues, rock, and folk music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Sept. 16 Fairmont Opera House presents "Rave On! – The Buddy Holly Experience", 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students \$10, & 10 and under \$5, available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. At the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Sept. 16 Author Frederick Blanch will discuss his book "Hanging Around Penultima Gardens", 10:30-11:30 a.m. At the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE. (507) 364-7615.

***Sept. 17** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Dumpy Jug Bumpers, performing old-time string band and 30's country blues music, 7:30 p.m. \$12, at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

***Sept. 17** Summit Avenue Music Series: Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m., with the Altino Duo, Soo-Hyun Park Altino and Leonardo Altino; and Bethel Balge on piano. Tickets \$13. At Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

***Sept. 18 Artists Entry Date: 2:30-5:30 p.m. for the 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition**, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 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 Sept. 23-Oct. 22. An artist reception will be held Sept. 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Entry form is on pages 7-9 and our website www.plrac.org. Contact: 1-800-298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net.

Sept. 18 & 21 Author Renee Wendinger will discuss her book about orphans in Minnesota history. **Sept. 18** at 4-5 p.m., at the Waterville Public Library, 210 Paquin St. (507) 362-8462. **Sept. 21** at 7-8 p.m., at the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE (507) 364-7615.

Sept. 18-Oct. 10 Project Passion Exhibit, (Reception, Sept. 25, 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/.

Sept. 18-Nov. 5 Exhibit of Contemporary American Painting [1945]: Selections from the Hillstrom Museum of Art and Perlman Teaching Museum, Carleton College. 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.

***Sept. 19** MN State University Performance Series Concert by Dusty Heart, performing roots, indie, and folk 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.

Sept. 21 Maker Meetup and Innovation Series, monthly gatherings to meet a new "maker", learn about the MN Makers & Artists Guild, 6:30-8 p.m. September's demonstration is 3D printing by Daniel Halvorson. At the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 424 North Riverfront Dr., Mankato. www.mankatomakerspace.org or mnmakersandartists@gmail.com.

***Sept. 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Sept. 22 Starving Artist at the Temple, fundraiser for Twin Rivers Council for the Arts. Includes: Good Night Gold Dust, art installation by Shelly Caldwell, ariel dance with Betty Harsma, Celtic chanting, silent auction, theatre performances, and more. VIP Pre-Party 7-8 p.m., main event 8-11 p.m. VIP ticket \$125, individual \$100, and affiliate \$50. At the Mankato Masonic Temple, 309 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

***Sept. 22-24** Wacipi 2017, 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.

***Sept. 22-24, 29-30 & Oct. 1, 6-8** "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" theater performances. Sept. 22, 23, 29 & 30, and Oct. 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 24, Oct 1 & 8 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$12, \$18 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$12 are sold first, then \$18, then \$25, shop early for best price. At DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

***Sept. 23** 30th Annual Waseca Marching Classic, 100 unit 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.



***Sept. 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents The Organic Cowboys performing folk, country, and rock music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Sept. 23 Old Town Art Fair, 11 a.m.-12 Midnight. Local artists will exhibit and sell their work, live music by 12 different bands, and performances by Wahpe and Rakstar Fusion Bellydance troupes. At the corner of N. Riverfront Dr. and Washington St., Mankato. (507) 387-5533.

Sept. 23 Fairmont Opera House presents 7th Avenue performing pop, swing, rockabilly, and country music, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students \$10, & 10 and under \$5, available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. At the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

***Sept. 23-Oct. 22 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition**, featuring artwork from artists in the 9-county region, (Reception, Sept. 23, 6:30-9 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. 1-800-298-1254, plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org.

Sept. 24 Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 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 or (507) 389-5549.

Sept. 24 Welsh Hymn Festival, 1:30 p.m., free. Saint Peter Choral Society is the guest choir. At First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Hickory St. Mankato. (507) 934-6176 or www.mnwelshassociation.weebly.com.

Sept. 28 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.

Sept. 28-30 & Oct. 5-8 "Little Women" theater production, Sept. 28-30 & Oct. 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 & 8 at 2 p.m. Adults \$22, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$19. At the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

***Sept. 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Hootenanny Annies performing country, rock, bluegrass, and folk music, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Sept. 29 Solo Soprano Saxophone Concert by saxophonist and composer, Nathan Hanson, 6 p.m. Nathan previously lived in Mankato and taught music at Loyola High School. Free admission, at the berm in Vetter Stone Plaza, 2nd & Walnut Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008. If inclement weather, the concert will be held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts.

Sept. 29-Oct. 15 3rd Annual 410's Project Bike Exhibit. (Reception, Sept. 29, 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.

***Sept. 30** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Ben Marti Jazz Trio performing jazz standards and pop/show tunes, 8 p.m., free. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

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

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

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

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

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



Youth & Adult Opportunities

Youth Classes

Sept. 1 Deep Valley Young Writer Competition Deadline in conjunction with the Deep Valley Book Festival. Students ages 7-18 can write a story in 1,500 words or less about the theme of “Friendship.” The Festival will be held at the Mankato Event Center, October 7. For more information and to download an entry form, go to www.mnheritage.com/bookfestival.html Sponsored by Minnesota Heritage Publishing. julie@mnheritage.com.

Sept. 1 Deep Valley Artist Competition Deadline in conjunction with the Deep Valley Book Festival. Students ages 7-18 can submit 8.5” x 11”, two dimensional work in the medium of their choice, illustrating a scene from their favorite book. The Festival will be held at the Mankato Event Center, October 7. For more information and to download an entry form, go to www.mnheritage.com/bookfestival.html Sponsored by Minnesota Heritage Publishing. julie@mnheritage.com.

Sept. 5 Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grade 4 and up, \$10. Explore techniques with instructor Karen Krause. This month, “Matisse Name Panels”, using geometric, organic, and symbolic shapes. Meets first Tuesday of the month. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North. www.wasecaartcenter.org. Call to register (507) 835-1701

Sept. 7 Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. This month, “Fun Name Art” using repetition and symmetry to create artwork based on their name. Meets first Thursday of the month. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Call to register, (507) 835-1701. www.wasecaartcenter.org.

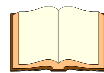
Sept. 16-Nov. 11 Musical Theater Workshop. Saturdays, 9-11:30 p.m., ages 9-16, \$210. Students will learn how to articulate and project their voices and how to approach a script, along with other acting and dancing techniques. www.riverfrontarts.mn.org for more information. At Riverfront Performing Arts, 155 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 469-4351.

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



Adult Artists

Sept. 1 Registration Deadline for the Deep Valley Book Festival. Authors, illustrators, publishers, and literary organizations can participate in the festival with book sale, author panels, book reading, children’s activities and more. The Festival will be held at the Mankato Event Center, October 7. Go to www.mnheritage.com/bookfestival.html for additional information. Sponsored by Minnesota Heritage Publishing. julie@mnheritage.com.



Sept. 5-6 Mankato Symphony Orchestra Auditions. 5 p.m. each day; Sept. 5 in Mankato and Sept. 6, in Minneapolis. Members are chosen by blind audition and all positions are paid. www.mankatosymphony.com/auditions for specific audition locations, performance schedule, and

to schedule an audition. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.



Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27 Wednesday Morning Drawing and Study Group, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon, free and open to the public. 9:30-10:45 a.m. studio time to work on your own art. 11 a.m.-12 Noon, art appreciation discussion. Contact Rachel James for a schedule of discussion topics, racheljames@wasecaartscouncil.org. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 Thursday’s Open Studio, 7-9 p.m., non-instructional studio time, come share artistic talents, work on projects and socialize with fellow artists. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Sept. 10 Writers’ Critique Group, 3-5 p.m. Bring work in progress and a question or two for the group. Read for five minutes, get critiqued for ten. Leave with good vibes and new ideas for moving forward. Hosted by Ann Rosenquist Fee. All levels welcome, there is no previous participation or experience necessary. Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. \$5, no advanced registration required. At the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Sept. 14 Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Meets monthly to discuss topics brought up by attendees, free. Bring your own lunch. At Shared Spaces, 127 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Sponsored by Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. www.minnesotanonprofits.org or (507) 469-2217.

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Adult Arts Opportunities

***Sept. 18 Artists Entry Date: 2:30-5:30 p.m. for the 25th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition**, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 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 Sept. 23-Oct. 22. An artist reception will be held Sept. 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Entry form is on pages 7-9 and our website www.plrac.org. Contact: plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254.

Sept. 19 Alice Lind Play Reading Society presents its monthly play reading series, 7 p.m. This month's script is "Becket" by Jean Anouilh. 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.

***Sept. 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Sept. 26-29 Entry dates for the Waseca Art Center's All Members Show. Come during regular business hours to drop off installation ready work. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12 Noon-3 p.m. Exhibit will be held Oct. 3-Nov. 3. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Oct. 12 Genre Writing Workshop for Adults**, 7-9 p.m., free, by Teagan Knoblich. This is for writers of any level who write fantasy, sci-fi, horror, or steampunk, for any audience. Register by emailing Teagan at teagan.knoblich@mnsu.edu. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Teagan received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Oct. 18 Artist Statement/Elevator Speech Workshop**, 6-8 p.m., free. Presenter, Dana Sikkila, will discuss how to prepare an artist statement to promote your art. (This is part one of a workshop series sponsored by Prairie Lakes. The other topics are Funding for Artists on Nov. 8 and Promoting Yourself and Your Art on Dec. 6.) Register by Oct. 9 to Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, plrac@hickorytech.net or 507-833-8721. Workshops held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato.

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

North Mankato Taylor Library in partnership with Twin Rivers Council for the Arts will be accepting proposals for exhibits at the library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. There will be monthly and bi-monthly exhibits. Local and regional artists should email Carolyn at info@twinriversarts.org with any inquiries. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

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

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. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

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, or (507) 243-4284.

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

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.



Non-profit Art Centers

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

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

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

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

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

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music every Fri. & Sat. and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat. during shows 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: grand@thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

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

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

College Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

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[MN State Arts Board Grant Opportunities](#)

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

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

Sept. 15 Partners in Arts Participation Grant Deadline. To be used by Minnesota nonprofit health or human service organizations to integrate the arts into their programming or services. \$5,000-\$25,000. Email contact: natalie.kennedy@arts.state.mn.us.



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Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has Two Board Positions Open.

Application Deadline is September 15, 2017

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

The deadline for submitting an application is Sept. 15, 2017. Interested persons residing in these areas should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. **We will email you a Board Application and a list of responsibilities.**

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

Board members serve a three year term. Some Board Members may be reappointed if they have served only one term. **Monthly evening meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College.**

Board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required.

