



**15 Year
Anniversary Celebration**

Friday, May 9, 2008

Reception: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Carnegie Art Center
120 South Broad Street, Mankato

**Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition
April 30 to June 12, 2008**

Gallery Hours: Thursday, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Members of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council 1993 - 2008

Blue Earth County

Carla Bode, Dale Haefner,
Rachael Hanel and Connie Ireland

Brown County

Denice Evers and Sandra Walworth

Faribault County

Susan Ellingsen, LuAnn Schrader,
Nancy Steele and Nancy Willette

LeSueur County

Maureen Gunderson, Mark Hall,
Susan Hayes and Jim Wargelin

Martin County

Michael Burgraff, Rochelle Franzen,
Dominador Gomez, Tricia Louis and
Ronald Royuk

Nicollet County

Alan Behrends, Elsa Cornell,
Douglas Huff and Donald Myers

Sibley County

Armin Steinhaus,
Lauren Studt-Shoemaker
and Heather Swierczek

Waseca County

Laurie Dimmel, Jerry Rutledge
and Margaret Sinn

Watsonwan County

Gloria Eager, Glen Linscheid and
Luci Maakestad

City of Fairmont

Richard Bowdin, Tim Hamp,
Mary Don Kislingbury,
Dave Smith and Sharon Turner

City of Mankato

Mark Halverson, Kevin Kroeber,
Mary Motter and Sue Mueller

City of New Ulm

Mary Jane Glawe, Curtis Iverson
and Ann Nelson

City of North Mankato

Jackie May, Patricia Potzler,
Carol Stott, Hal Walberg and
Sandra Walberg





Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Inc.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves the nine county area in south central Minnesota. We provide services and programs for the development of the local artists, arts organizations and art audiences. The council administers several grant programs with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation. **In FY 2007 Prairie Lakes awarded 84 grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 for a total of \$101,580.** About 35% of those activities focused on youth. State Grants were \$67,010 and McKnight Foundation Grants \$34,570.

In our region we are fortunate to have a large variety of musical organizations and activities, both vocal and instrumental. This represents the largest art discipline we review and fund through grant applications (about 50%). In a given year, the board will review about 105 applications. Theater performances compose about 20% of all funded activities and so do visual art projects and exhibitions at 20%. Dance and literature projects are less common and represent about 5% each.

The board consists of thirteen members who represent a variety of art disciplines and are actively involved in the arts in their community. One member is selected from each of the nine counties and one representative from each city over 10,000. Their primary function is to serve as a panel for arts funding applications and to make policy decisions. Every two years a biennial plan for the region is developed and is submitted to the Minnesota State Arts Board, to receive state legislative funding.

There is currently a board position open for Sibley County and interested individuals should contact the staff at the Prairie Lakes office. New board members will also be appointed at the annual meeting in August 2008; and several board members will be retiring after serving six years on the board. They include: Maureen Gunderson, Kevin Kroeber, Ann Nelson and Margaret Sinn. Brenda Flintrop has been the Executive Director for the past fifteen years and Cindy Lewer has served as Administrative Assistant for thirteen years.

Board Members

Blue Earth County	Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake
Brown County	Denice Evers, Springfield
Faribault County	Nancy Willette, Winnebago
LeSueur County	Maureen Gunderson, Montgomery
Martin County	Rochelle Franzen, Fairmont
Nicollet County	Don Myers, St. Peter
Sibley County	Open
Waseca County	Margaret Sinn, Waseca
Watsonwan County	Gloria Eager, Madelia
City of Fairmont	Tim Hamp
City of Mankato	Kevin Kroeber
City of New Ulm	Ann Nelson
City of North Mankato	Patricia Potzler

Staff

Brenda Flintrop	Executive Director
Cindy Lewer	Administrative Assistant



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15 Year Summary of McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantees

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has utilized its funding from the McKnight Foundation to support Individual Artist Grants for the past fifteen years, awarding 154 grants from 1993 to 2008.

FY 2008 Emerging Artist Grant

Greg Abbott, North Mankato, playwright
Bayard Black, Mankato, photography
Meredith Cook, Blue Earth, literature
Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, literature
Angie LePetit-Johnson, Mankato, literature
Trudi Remund, Waseca, visual art
Allison Roberts, Mankato, visual art
Hal Walberg, North Mankato, visual art
Autumn Zander, Janesville, music

FY 2008 Fellowships

Ann Judkins, North Mankato, visual art
Amy Kortuem, Mankato, music
John McKay, St. Peter, music
John Rezmerski, Mankato, literature
Douglas Snapp, Mankato, music

FY 2007

Patrick Dentinger, North Mankato, visual art
Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur, jewelry
Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato, visual art
Desiree Goettlicher, Mankato, theater
Svitlana Panchenko, LeCenter, visual art
Pat Rosenow, St. Peter, video
Ann Rosenquist Fee, Mankato, literature
Susan Shanklin, Mankato, stained glass
Monica Sturm, New Ulm, textiles
Karrey Tweten, North Mankato, literature

FY 2006

Mary Lee Amberg, Bricelyn, visual art
Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter, visual art
Tammy Fienen, St. Peter, literature
Judy Gardner, Mankato, visual art
Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake, literature
Jill Kalz, New Ulm, literature
Jonathan Knecht, Mapleton, visual art
Jen Marks, Mankato, literature
Amber Rahe, North Mankato, visual art
Steve Wilson, North Mankato, visual art
Kathryn Young, St. Peter, music

FY 2005

Pamela Bidelman, St. Peter, visual art
Kay Brandt, North Mankato, visual art
Nick Healy, Mankato, literature
Janice Holte, St. Peter, literature
Ann Kastl, North Mankato, textiles
Stephen Mark, Springfield, visual art
Robert Neumiller, St. Peter, literature
Peter Steiner, Mankato, music
Joe Tougas, North Mankato, literature

FY 2004

Lisa Bierer, Mankato, visual art
Steve DeLaitch, Waseca, visual art
Craig Groe, North Mankato, visual art
Kimberly Musser, North Mankato, photography
Jesse Rasmussen, North Mankato, sculpture
Jim Redmond, St. Peter, literature
Robyn Sand-Anderson, New Ulm, visual art
Deborah Selbach, Waseca, literature
Sandra Walberg, North Mankato, visual art

FY 2003

Barbara Bjelland, St. Peter, visual art
Cam Johnson, Mankato, visual art
Kevin Kroeber, Mankato, visual art
Cassandra Labairon, Mankato, literature
Robert Mareda, Kasota, visual art
Stephen Mark, Springfield, visual art
Tara Moghadam, Mankato, literature
Dorothy Rittal-McIntyre, Mankato, visual art
Patti Ruskey, Mankato, visual art
Rebecca Wandersee, Springfield, visual art
Jacob Zeiher, Mankato, sculpture

FY 2002

Kim Bovee, LeCenter, visual art
Lori Buoen, Mankato, visual art
Deane Curtin, St. Peter, photography
Jennifer Fandel, Mankato, literature
Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake, literature
Thomas Jessen, Mankato, music
Ann Judkins, North Mankato, visual art
Barbara McKee, New Ulm, visual art
Robyn Sand-Anderson, New Ulm, visual art
Lori Tews, Springfield, visual art
Steve Wilson, North Mankato, visual art
Erika Yi-teng Lo, Mankato, visual art

FY 2002 Fellowships

Mark Hall, Kasota, glass
Jackie May, North Mankato, visual art
Rea Mingeva, Good Thunder, visual art

FY 2001

Michael Benson, North Mankato, visual art
Rebecca Carmody, Lake Crystal, visual art
Denise Friesen, North Mankato, visual art
Craig Groe, North Mankato, visual art
Cam Johnson, Mankato, visual art
Amy Kortuem, North Mankato, music
Emily Kretschmer, Mankato, literature
Rebecca Lagerwall, Gibbon, visual art
Janet Schultz, St. Peter, literature
Kim Stanton, Mankato, photography
Jacob Zeiher, Mankato, sculpture

FY 2000

Barbara Bjelland, St. Peter, literature/illustr.
David Clobes, Mankato, photography
Jessica Fletequal, Mankato, visual art
Michelle Hiniker, Mankato, visual art
Louise McLaughlin, Mankato, visual art
Patti Ruskey, Mankato, visual art
Robyn Sand Anderson, New Ulm, visual art
Nadine Schreyer, New Ulm, visual art
Clarence Sutton, Gaylord, visual art
Lynn Weber, Mankato, literature
Jill Weingartz, Mankato, literature

FY 1999

Steve Anderson, Madelia, literature
Kim Bovee, LeCenter, visual art
Joe Flannery, Mankato, visual art
Denise Friesen, North Mankato, visual art
Thomas Jessen, Mankato, music
Karen Krause, New Richland, visual art
Kevin Kroeber, Mankato, visual art
Mary Ann Levine, New Richland, music
Steven Nesheim, North Mankato, visual art
Rebecca Nosbush, New Ulm, visual art
Richard Reisdorf, Mankato, ship building
Dorothy Rittal-McIntyre, Mankato, visual art
Russell Rowcliffe, Mankato, sculpture
Kim Stanton, Mankato, photography
Lori Tews, Springfield, visual art
Patricia Wagner-Wovcha, Mankato, visual art

FY 1998

Brian Frink, Mankato, visual art
Michelle Hiniker, Mankato, visual art
Jackie May, North Mankato, visual art
Rea Mingeva, Good Thunder, visual art
Joel Moline, St. Peter, visual art
Greg Mueller, St. Peter, sculpture
Nadine Schreyer, New Ulm, visual art
Janet Schultz, St. Peter, literature
Richard Terrill, Mankato, literature

FY 1997

Chad Curtis, Mankato, visual art
Ann Judkins, North Mankato, visual art
Amy Kortuem, Mankato, music
Kathy Murphy, Mankato, literature
Charles Putnam, St. Peter, visual art
John Seitzer, Mankato, visual art
Laura Stack, St. Peter, visual art
James Tanner, Janesville, visual art

FY 1996

Denise Friesen, North Mankato, visual art
Mark Hall, Kasota, glass
Mark McLaughlin, Mankato, visual art
Thomas Moore, Good Thunder, visual art
Greg Mueller, North Mankato, sculpture
Lois Peterson, St. Peter, ceramics
Richard Robbins, Mankato, literature
Rita Thelemann, LeSueur, visual art

FY 1995

Bill Bukowski, Mankato, visual art
Gail Christenson, Waseca, sculpture
Gary Fey, Good Thunder, visual art
Rea Mingeva, Good Thunder, visual art
Charles Putnam, St. Peter, visual art
Rebekah Richards, St. Peter, music
Janice Tanner, Janesville, visual art

FY 1994

Jackie May, North Mankato, visual art
Louise McLaughlin, Mankato, visual art
Greg Mueller, North Mankato, sculpture
Theresa Robb, Mankato, sculpture
Deborah Wargelin, LeCenter, visual art

Recognition Reception

MAY 9, 2008

Program 7:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Maureen Gunderson, PLRAC Vice-President

Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director

Guest: Sue Gens, Interim Director, Minnesota State Arts Board

Musicians performing at the reception are Amy Kortuem, harp and CJ Mulder, guitar.



This Anniversary Brochure recognizes the contributions of all 49 current and past board members of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from 1993-2008 who have represented the nine-county area. Their dedication and service to the Arts in setting policy decisions for arts programming and serving as a panel to award arts funding to artists and arts organizations in south central Minnesota is greatly appreciated.

We are also highlighting the Artist Programs funded by the McKnight Foundation for the past fifteen years. This includes the Regional Art Exhibition which began sixteen years ago under the leadership of Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director and the board members of the Region Nine Arts Advisory Council. The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council succeeded that group, with a majority of those board members forming the new non-profit organization. In 1993, the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council was designated as the official regional arts council to serve South Central Minnesota by the Minnesota State Arts Board. We are one of eleven regional arts councils in the state of Minnesota; receiving an annual appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature.

The McKnight Artist Program has also included grants to individual artists and a total of 149 Artist Grants have been awarded since 1993. Several of those artists also have their art work in the current Regional Art Exhibition; and their nametags by the artwork denote if they have been a past grantee. We are proud of the contributions our artists have made to the arts community in the nine-county area and pleased to present this annual regional art exhibition that recognizes outstanding artists. We wish them continued success in their artistic career.