

April 2023 Arts Calendar

Created by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, for the 9-county area of southern Minnesota.
Individuals can submit information for our calendar by emailing our office by the 15th of the preceding month.

April 1 Two Rivers Community Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (612) 251-8492.

***April 1-2** Minnesota Valley Chorale will present their spring concert, “Luminous Night”. April 1 at 7 p.m. and April 2 at 3 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Tickets \$10, available online or at the door. www.minnesotavalleychorale.com. or (612) 251-8492.

April 1-5 “Our Story: The Road Less Traveled”, Lance and Annette Hartzell Retrospective Exhibit. Held 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.

April 1-7 Wendi and Matt Ringhofer’s Nature Art Exhibit, featuring Lake Superior agates. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 1-15 Dana Sikkila’s “The Moving Light” Exhibit of new work. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

April 1-23 “Improvised Structures” Exhibit of recent sculptural works by Nicolas Darcourt and Elizabeth Catlett. Held 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.

***April 1-29** Photographic Journeys Exhibit by the late Jonathan Zierdt. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***April 1-22** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

April 1-May 13 Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit. April 1-15 for grades 5-8, and April 20-May 13 for grades 9-12. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

***April 1-28** Minnesota State University, Mankato’s Installation Art Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 2 Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble “Celebrate!” Concert, with music from River Dance and Harry Potter, 3 p.m., free admission. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. “Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble” on Facebook.

April 2 Martin Luther College Student Showcase Concert, 3 p.m. Adults \$10 and students \$5. Held at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 3-14 Senior Exhibition 1. (Reception, April 12, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

April 4 Virtual author event with Kate Beaton. She will discuss her latest graphic novel, “Hark! A Vagrant! and Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands”, 6 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***April 4-28** Project GEM’s Annual Creative Youth Show, showcasing student artwork from the area in several locations: St. Peter Community Recreation Center and Public Library, 600 S. 5th St. and St. Clair City Hall, 304 W. Main St. The artwork can be viewed during normal business hours. (507) 726-6047 or www.projectgemMN.org.

***April 4-May 5** Layl McDill’s Mixed Media Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 6 Minnesota Storytellers Event: Dessa, a singer, rapper, and writer who fosters a resume bursting with accomplishments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

April 6 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 6-8 & 13-16 “Something Rotten” theater production, April 6-8 & April 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. and April 15-16 at 2 p.m. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***April 9** Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 11 Virtual book discussion about “Betsy and the Great World” by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

April 11 Screening and discussion of a film by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

April 11-18 & 19-27 The two Art and Design capstones will be exhibited on April 11-18 and April 19-27. (Receptions, April 13 and 20, 7 p.m.) Held 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.

April 11-27 Area High School Show. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

April 13 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring Nadine B. Andreas Visiting Writer and fiction writer Karen Russell and Andrea Graduate Assistant and poet Holly Dodge. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., Performing Arts Room 203B, MN State University, Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 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 <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

***April 13** Handel's "Messiah" Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque era music with period instruments and guest choirs, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in section A \$20, section B \$15, and section C and students \$10, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets. Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

April 13 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view "Inside Out", 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 13-16 "That Single Fleeting Moment", The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert. April 13-15 at 8 p.m. and April 16 at 2 p.m. Held at Rob and Judy Gardner Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***April 13-May 13** Lisa Bergh and Andrew Nordin's sculpture, installation, and painting Exhibit. (Reception, April 14, 5 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

***April 14** Concert by B2Wins, performing top 40 hits from the last 40 years, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, youth \$10, Veterans/Active Duty \$15, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

***April 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Bee Balm Fields performing Indie folk/Americana music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 14 Concert by Steely Ann, a Steely Dan tribute band, 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$15 at the door \$20. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

April 14 Jazz Mavericks Concert featuring Eric Marienthal, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

14-15 12th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, starring local cast members. Social Hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner and show at 6:30 p.m. each night. Tickets \$49, advanced purchase required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***April 14-16** Mankato Figure Skating Club presents their "Frozen Princess on Ice" show. April 14-15 at 7 p.m. and April 15-16 at 1 p.m. Adults \$8, Senior Citizens and children \$5. Held at All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Ave., Mankato. www.mankatofigureskatingclub.org/.

April 14-16 “Drinking Habits 2: Caught in the Act” theater performance. April 14-15 at 7 p.m. and April 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

April 14-16 & 21-22 “The Game of Love and Chance” theater performances, April 14-15 & 21-22 at 7:30 p.m. and April 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$12. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 14-June 19 Montserrat Alejandra Ulloa Romero’s Mini Gallery of Masterpieces Exhibit. This exhibit will present reinterpretations of 10 works of art by famous artists in minimalist form. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

***April 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 15 Mankato Art Crawl, 12 Noon-4 p.m. Experience local featured artists and their work at each location, along with special offerings like live artists, live music and art classes. Current locations: 108 Alchemy, Artrageous Mankato, Carnegie Art Center, Sidetracked, The Enchanted Muse, Blue Earth County Historical Society, Bonita, The Mankato Makerspace, Tandem Bagels, Hogbac Acoustics. Tune Town, and Artistry Cove. “Mankato Art Crawl” on Facebook.

April 15 “See, Hear, Play: The Sounds of Success” Family Concert Series, 1 p.m., free, created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

April 15 Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 16 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Inspired Arts” Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, general seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

April 16 Concert by Heartsong & Friends, performing gospel music, 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15, seniors \$10, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$7.50, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

April 16 Honor Orchestra Finale Concert, 1 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 17 Author visit with Susan Bartlett Foote, 6:30 p.m. She will discuss her award winning book “The Crusade for Forgotten Souls”. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

April 17-20 Exhibit by Undergraduate Research Symposium Students. (Reception, April 20, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

***April 18** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Good Morning Bedlam, performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

***April 18** Concert by the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 1 p.m. Held at the Sibley County Senior Expo at the Berdan Center, United Farmers Cooperative, 705 4th St. E., Winthrop. (507) 317-1974.

April 18 Spring Honors Recital, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 18 Author event with Gretchen Anthony. She will discuss her latest novel, “The Book Haters’ Book Club”, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE. (507) 364-7615.

April 19 Words & Wine, National Poetry Month Reading, 7 p.m. featuring poets Candace Black, Marlin Jenkins, Michael Torres, and Claire Wahmanholm. Held at The Wine Café, 301 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 19-22 “The Language Archives” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. Held at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***April 20** View “Children of a Lesser God”, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 20 Student Open Mic Night, 6 p.m. The Waseca High School Drama Department is hosting student-led performances to raise funds for the program. Acts are performed by high school students, all ages are welcome to watch. Suggested \$5 donation. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 20 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Home”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***April 21** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Amy Manette Band performing jazz music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 21-May 6 Markus Bean’s “Mystic Wild” (Reception, April 21, 7-9 p.m.) Painting Exhibit. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***April 22** Church of Cash Concert, a tribute band to Johnny Cash, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***April 22** Tree Jamboree Earth Day Celebration featuring the Teddy Bear Band, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Join in on some arts and crafts activities, such as upcycled bookmarks, leaf art, tree-cookie decorating, and much more. Held at the Ney Nature Center, 28238 Nature Center Lane, Henderson. (507) 357-8580 or www.neycenter.org.

April 22 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s concert, “Towering Triumph”, 7 p.m., featuring Joan Tower’s “Fanfares for the Uncommon Woman”. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.mankatosymphony.com. (507) 625-8880.

April 22 Jazz Groups and Contemporary Singers Concert, 2 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

April 22 Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

***April 23** Angie Anderson will be performing original music with “The Cousins” and band members, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Coffee Hag, 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. (507) 354-4836. Angie received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in FY 2023 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***April 23** “The Many Roads Home” Spring Concert by Musicorum, 3 p.m. Held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Tickets will be available at the door, general admission \$15, students \$5. www.musicorum-mn.org or (507) 351-2046.

***April 23** The Mankato Children’s Chorus will present their Spring Concert “Lead with Love” at 2 p.m. Adults \$12, seniors and students \$10, under 5 \$5. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

April 23 MN State University, Mankato Spring Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

April 23 Brassworks! Concert, 3:30 p.m., featuring various brass ensembles. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 24-25 The “Junie B.’s Essential Survival Guide to School” show. April 24-25 at 10 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. and April 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$25, seniors \$20, youth \$5, Veterans/Active Duty \$12.50, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

April 24-May 4 Senior Exhibition 2. (Reception, April 24, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

April 24-May 5 Exhibit by Museum Studies Students. Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

April 24-May 17 The Juniors Studio Art Majors Exhibition. (Reception, April 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.) Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php>.

April 25 Concert Band and Full Orchestra Finale Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 26 Words & Wine, National Poetry Month Reading, 7 p.m. featuring poets Michael Bazzett, Su Hwang, Michael Kleber-Diggs, and Matt Rasmussen. Held at The Wine Café, 301 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 27 Spring Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

April 27 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Beauty and the Beast”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 27 Virtual author event with William Kent Krueger. He will discuss his latest book in the Cork O’Connor series “Fox Creek” and his numerous other works, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 27-29 Minnesota State University Spring Dance Concert. April 27-28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 at 2 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$9. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

April 27-May 14 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Nunsense”. Preview Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Sundays lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets also available. Recommended for all ages. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***April 28** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Machinery Hill performing eclectic music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 28 Concert by Axiom Brass, performing live multimedia performances featuring classical music and new works, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$15, youth \$10, Veterans/Active Duty \$10, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

April 29 Concert by Jivin’ Ivan & The Kings of Swing, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students \$5. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 29 The Mankato Riverblender’s annual spring show, “Music Legends” including the St. Croix Crossing Quartet, 1 p.m. Tickets \$15, students \$5, available online at www.singmankato.com and at Cub Foods and Hilltop HyVee in Mankato and Nutter Clothing in St. Peter. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr, Mankato. www.singmankato.com or (507) 420-5847.

April 29 Children’s Theatre Performance of “Stone Soup”, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

April 30 Musical Revue with Dr. Stephanie Thorpe, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

April 30 Gustavus Choir Spring Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 30 Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra and Campus Band Spring Concert, 5:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

ShopART Midwest

ShopART Midwest is a non-commission online gallery that connects Midwest artists to buyers. This is a service by Twin Rivers Council for the Arts to support local culture makers and to make it easier to anyone to have access to handmade art. Search their ShopART gallery at: www.shopartmidwest.com

Area Wineries have live musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please contact them 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 Opportunities/Classes

***April 1** Kidcasso, Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for creative learners from high chair to high-school to experience, explore, and create a variety of open ended arts and crafts using a variety of fun supplies and embellishments. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration appreciated, however walk-ins welcome. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

April 4 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be “Kandinsky Inspired Cityscapes”. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

April 4 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be “profiles”. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

April 7 Design a Skateboard Deck, with Skateboard Artist Mark Rivard. Grades 7-12, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

April 11 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$20. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be collage. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***April 15** Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***April 19** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for middle school students experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***April 23** Kids Spring Art Class, \$5, Pre-K-1st grade at 9 a.m., Grades 2-3 at 10 a.m., and grades 4+ at 11 a.m. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***April 30-May 1** Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Anything Goes Youth Edition”, 6 p.m. each night, grades 6-12. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held June 16-25 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

***April 1** Adult Linoleum Block Carving & Spring Card Printing Class. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35. Learn how to transfer artwork to the block, carve, and print it. You will be able to print your own cards or prints. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

April 1 & 5 Open Auditions for the upcoming theater production of “Much Ado About Nothing” . April 1 at 9 a.m. and April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Nothing needs to be prepared in advance. Many roles available for men and women, ages 18 and older. Performances will be held June 9-11. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

April 2 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 2-4 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration recommended. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

April 3 Memoir Writing Group. Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***April 3-May 25** Beginning Pottery Class with instructor AJ Aburto. Mondays and Thursdays, 5-7 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of working with clay to create functional forms. No experience necessary. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***April 5** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for adults experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

April 5 & 19 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

April 5-26 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***April 5-26** Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle. Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join seamstress Bianca Wilson and sewing enthusiast Ann Rosenquist Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community

studio experience. Bring your sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We'll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration as needed. Must be 21+. No registration required; free, donations encouraged. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 10 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

April 14 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will host refreshments and their business meeting at 9 a.m. Program runs 9:30-11 a.m. Annual membership \$30, guests can attend a meeting free of charge. This month is an open forum, come with your teaching questions. Held at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

April 15 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents **Open Mic Night** for local musicians, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

***April 15 Adult Wood Block Carving & Printing Class**. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$65. Learn to transfer a design and carve an image on a 6"×8" piece of Shina plywood. Printing will be done on our new Takach press. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***April 19 Open Knitting**. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 19 or 20 Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create with a wood mosaic kit from Bailey Builds. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

April 20 Line Drawing Workshop, 6-7 p.m. Get started with drawing basic shapes and understanding composition.. Held at the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

***April 22-23 Creating a Barn Quilt Class**, April 22 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and April 23 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$75, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***April 25 Macrame Class**, 6:30 p.m. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

April 26 Writers Group, 6:30 p.m. Share your work with others and get feedback, or just come for the writing prompts and inspiration. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Art for All Open Studio. The space has art supplies for the public to use. Wed., Thurs, and Fri. 2-7 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com

Adaptive Recreational Services offers a monthly "Painting with Rhonda Class" for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. There will be some canvases

available for painting at home. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

***Mankato MakersSpace** is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Classes may have limited numbers of participants. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

***The Grand Center for Arts and Culture** in New Ulm has an opportunity for artists, historians, and makers in all disciplines to curate a bi-monthly exhibit in “The Smallest Museum in Minnesota”. The museum cabinet is 31.75” wide, 32.75” high and 7.5” deep. The museum is located outside The Grand’s front entrance and can be visited anytime at 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Find more information at www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn.

Grant Opportunities

April 17 Paint the Town Grant Deadline. Free paint and coating products for a community mural, community welcome sign, or historic structure projects. This grant opportunity is available to small communities with a population under 10,000. Grant applications and guidelines are available at <https://smifoundation.org/grants/for-grant-seekers/paint-the-town-grants-2/>. Contact Jennifer at the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for more information, (507) 214-7040 or jenniferh@smifoundation.org.

April 21 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Individuals Application Deadline. This program is meant to provide support to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers develop or sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with Minnesotans. Grant range: \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: April 21 at 4:30 p.m. A second deadline will be July 28, 2023. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeIndividuals@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

May 19 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Education Application Deadline. This program is meant to help Minnesotans develop personal relationships with an art form(s) by supporting learning experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities. Project grant funds may be used for age-appropriate classes, workshops, camps, after-school programs, online education programs, community arts education, school residences or partnerships, etc. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: May 19 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or msab@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

Artist Resources

Springboard for the Arts Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists is a professional development curriculum designed to teach business skills to artists in all disciplines: visual, performing and literary arts. Artists can take the whole series, customized combinations, or individual workshops that best suit their needs, and the curriculum is available for people interested in leading the workshops and offering professional development resources.

Springboard offers The Work of Art Toolkit; available for Free as a digital download.

Read a brief description of all Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists topics and find upcoming Work of Art workshops, panels, classes or events on their website <https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/>

Non-Profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Gallery

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 all classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., 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. artctr@hickorytech.net, (507) 625-2730, or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave., Mankato. They offer art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org. carnegie

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.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or info@redrockcenter.org.

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

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be scheduled in-person as possible and virtually, promoted via our web site and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.-Fri. 10a.m.-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor of The Grand. www.thegrandnewulm.org, (507) 359-9222, or laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org, (507) 508-7165, or www.twinriversarts.org.

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, and weekly art appreciation discussions. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. (507) 835-1701, info@wasecaartcenter.org or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Monthly art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 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/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. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: michelle.johnson@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.

Community Theaters

Curtain Call Theatre, (507) 744-8497, www.curtaincalltheatre.net. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations.

Mankato Playhouse, 12 Civic Center Plaza Ste 1700, Mankato. (507) 317-1245 or (507) 338-5800.
www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Merely Players Community Theatre, (507) 388-5483, info@merelyplayersmn.org, www.merelyplayers.com. Performances at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato.

Springfield Community Theatre, (507) 723-6315, go to “Springfield Community Theatre, Springfield, MN” on Facebook. Performances are held at the Springfield High School, 12 Burns Ave.

State Street Theater Company, (507) 359-9990, info@statestreetnewulm.org, www.statestreetnewulm.org. Performances at their building, 1 N. State St., New Ulm.