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April 2024 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 1-7 Vick Quezada’s “Cosmic Silicates” Interdisciplinary Visual Art Exhibit. 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 1-26** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

April 2 Virtual author event with Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History Curator Paula Johnson. She will discuss the book “Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us”, 1 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 2-26** Minnesota State University, Mankato 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 2-30** 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 3 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “The Jungle Book!”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 3-13 Roya Nazari’s “Resonance” Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

April 3-18 Senior Studio Art and Graphic Design Capstones Exhibit by Anna Tausz, Maida Jaspersen, and Holly Marquardt. (Reception, April 4, 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 3-19** Lars R. Samuelson’s Photography Exhibit and the High School Art Show. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 4 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring author Melissa Febos. Workshop, 10-11 a.m., Memorial Library, 1st floor, MN State University, Mankato. Craft talk, 3-3:50 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:15 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5144 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

April 4-6 & 11-14 “Anastasia the Musical” theater production, April 4-5 & 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 6 & 13-14 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 4-May 11 Tri-City United Student Art Show. 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 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Tony Rook Band performing bluegrass music, 7-9:30 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 5** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors “Branden & James with special guest Effie Passero” performing the best of Broadway, pop and classical music, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or <https://concertassociation.net/blueearthmn/>.

April 5-6 New Ulm Quilt Show. April 5 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and April 6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Held at Royal Oak Event Center, 301 20th St. S., New Ulm. (507) 217-7162.

***April 5-May 25** “Changing Minds IV” Exhibit of work by patients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. 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 6 LIVE performance at the Carnegie by Matthew Rahaim and Maja Radovanlija. Artist Talk at 4:30 p.m. and Performance at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemankato.com.

April 6 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by the Lost Walleye Orchestra with the Stacy K Band, 7 p.m. Admission: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Held at Hooligans, 1400 Madison Ave., Suite 210, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

April 6 CreativiTEA Party, 9-11 a.m. Includes refreshments, crafts, a picture booth, and more. Suggested donation \$25. Sponsored by the Fairmont Women of Today. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***April 7** ProMusica Chamber Music “A Flight of Concerts” Series in New Ulm: “Around the World” Concert, 3 p.m. Single concert adult \$25, and single concert student \$5. Purchase online at <https://promusica.ticketleap.com/>. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 205-2249 or www.promusicamn.com.

April 7 Lucia Singers and Chapel Choir Spring Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 8 Family Movie Monday, view “Wonka”, 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 8 Movie Monday, view “Oddball”, 1 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

April 8 & 16 Author visits by Joshua Moehling. He will discuss his Ben Packard Mystery Series and his writing process, 6-7 p.m. April 8 at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St. (507) 357-6792. April 16 at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 833-2910.

***April 9** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free entertainment by nature storyteller and humorist Al Batt. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

April 9 Virtual author event with Diane Foley and Colum McCann. They will discuss the book “American Mother”, 1 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 9 Three Musical Masterpieces Every Music Lover Should Listen To, 1 p.m. A virtual program shown at CAST Senior Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. All are welcome. (507) 354-3212 or www.communityandseniorstogether.org.

April 9 Concert by Breaking Benjamin with special guest Daughtry & Catch Your Breath, doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$22.75-\$247.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

April 9 Screening and discussion of “The Social Network”, 6:30 p.m. A series looking at famous courtroom dramas. 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/513/Library.

April 10 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “The Emperor's New Groove”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***April 10-27** Exhibits by Matt Madson and Jim Wrayge. (Reception, April 12, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemankato.com.

***April 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 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 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Tony Cuchetti performing a blend of folk, blues, country and Americana music, 7-9:30 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 12-14 “Who Dunit and to Whom?” theater performance. April 12-13 at 7 p.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults and students ages 13 and up, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; ages 12 and under \$5. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

April 12-14 Emanate: The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert. April 12-13 at 8 p.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 12-14 & 19-20 Jane Austen’s “Pride & Prejudice” theater performances, April 12-13 & 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. and April 14 & 20 at 2 p.m. Adults \$15, children \$10.. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 13 Mankato Art Crawl, a local art festival where you can explore various galleries, studios, and art spaces in Mankato. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in general. Visit “Mankato Art Crawl 2024” on Facebook for more information.

April 13 Maud Hixson and the Rick Carlson Trio performing jazz and swing music, 5-9 p.m., as a fundraiser for the Betsy-Tacy Society, \$25. Held at the Wow Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

April 13 Steely Ann and Joe’s Garage, a tribute show featuring the music of two iconic American bands, Steely Dan and Frank Zappa, 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets: General admission \$25, reserved seating in the front rows \$35. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

***April 13-14** Minnesota Valley Chorale will present their spring concert, the “Brahms Requiem”. April 13, 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1114 W Traverse Rd., St. Peter and April 14, 3 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Tickets \$10, kids 10 and under are free. Tickets available online on Ticketleap <https://www.ticketleap.events/events/minnesota-valley-chorale> or at the door. www.minnesotavalleychorale.org or “Minnesota Valley Chorale” on Facebook.

April 14 Virtual book discussion about “Betsy in Spite of Herself” by Maud Hart Lovelace, part 1, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$10 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 14 & 28** Open Clay Studio in English or Spanish, 3-5 p.m. Try your hand at clay or develop your skills, with guidance and encouragement from an experienced potter. Free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 16 Chamber Singers and the University Gospel Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

April 16 Indigenous Flute and Drum Circle, 3-4 p.m. This gathering is an opportunity to play and listen to these beautiful instruments. The circle is led by Deb Egeland. No experience is needed and all are welcome. Held at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture’s Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 16 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 17 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “The Secret Life of Pets”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 17 Virtual author event with Xochitl Gonzalez. She will discuss her novel “Anita de Monte Laughs Last”, 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 17-20 “Round Trip Ticket” 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 18 View “Charade” from 1963, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9 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 19 JazzFest featuring Andy Martin with Jazz Mavericks and Jazz Combo, 7:30 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

***April 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Machinery Hill performing eclectic music, 7-9:30 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 19-20 13th 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 19-21** Mankato Figure Skating Club presents their “Little Mermaid on Ice” show. April 19-20 at 7 p.m. and April 20-21 at 1 p.m. Adults \$10, Senior Citizens and children \$5. Held at All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Ave., Mankato. www.mankatofigureskatingclub.org/.

April 19-May 4 Exhibition of work by a Greater Mankato Tattoo Artist. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

April 19-June 14 Deb While Groebner’s exhibit displaying encaustic mixed-media paintings. 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 20** “The Songs Will Remain” Spring Concert by Musicorum, 6:30 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 20 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by the Erik Koskinen Band with the Luke LeBlanc Band, 7 p.m. Admission: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Held at Hooligans, 1400 Madison Ave., Suite 210, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

April 20 Chicago Tribute Concert by Transit Authority, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

April 20 “See, Hear, Play: Fairytales & Fantasies!” 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.org.

April 20 Author Series: Minnesota author, Julie Jo Larson, will talk about her book “100 Things to Do in Minnesota before you Die”, 1-2 p.m. Adults \$10, Children \$5, BECHS Members free. Held at the Blue Earth County Historical Society, 424 Warren St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or www.blueearthcountyhistory.com.

April 20 Arch Allies show, performing classic music from the 80s, 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

April 20 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 20 Princefest, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., including discussion about Prince memorabilia, vendors, student talent show, and Johnny Rogers will be performing his homage to “Prince” music and the History of Rock ‘n Roll. \$20 cash at the door. Events take place at the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, 27 N. Broadway St., New Ulm and at Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm. Admission only for Turner Hall.

<https://business.newulm.com/events/details/princefest-46485?calendarMonth=2024-04-01>

April 20 Visit by Minnesota author K.W. Jeppesen. He will discuss his book “Sweet, Lovely, Attentive”, 2 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or

www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

April 21 Contemporary Vocal Groups Concert, 3 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or

<https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

***April 21** The Mankato Area Youth Choirs will present their 30th Anniversary Spring Concert “Memories” at 2 p.m. Adults \$12, seniors and students \$10. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

April 21 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, “Bohemian Folk”, 3 p.m., Ages 18+ \$25, 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 22-May 2 Spring Semester Campus Art Show. (Reception, April 25, 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 23 Concert Band and Full Orchestra Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 23 Author visit by Jess Lourey, who will discuss their books “The Taken Ones” and “The Quarry Girls”, 6-7 p.m. Held at the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

April 24 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “The Never Ending Story”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***April 24-June 8** Eric Zuccola’s Collage Exhibit and Wednesday Art Appreciation Group’s French Impressionist Exhibit. (Reception, May 9, 5-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 25-27 Minnesota State University Mankato’s “Carmina Burana” Collaboration Performance by the dance, theater, and music programs. April 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 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 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Joyann Parker performing blues music, 7-9:30 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 26 Durufle Requiem with the Gustavus Choir and Dr. Chad Winterfeldt, 7:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 26-27 & 29-30 Friends' Book Sale. The Friends of the Deep Valley Libraries' Pages Past Bookstore will be selling used books. A bag of books will be \$1. April 26 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 29-30 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library Auditorium, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***April 26-28 & May 3-5** Merely Players Community Theatre presents "Agatha Christie and Then There Were None". April 26-27 & May 3-4 at 7 p.m. April 28 & May 5 at 2:30 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and youth \$15. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

April 27 POP! An Art Brunch, fundraiser for the Carnegie Art Center, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Includes delectable food, artful themed drinks, live art demonstrations, and musical performances. \$65. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

April 27 Poetry Read-Around, 4 p.m. Bring your work, a favorite author, or just come to listen. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com or "sidetracked" on Facebook.

April 27 Maud Hart Lovelace's Birthday Party, 1-4 p.m., including refreshments, crafts and coloring projects, old-fashioned games, story time, and more. Held at the Betsy-Tacy Houses, 332 Center St., Mankato. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

April 27 Brantley Gilbert in concert with special guests Dylan Marlowe, Struggle Jennings, and Demun Jones, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$37.50-\$114.75. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com.

April 28 Brassworks! Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 28-29 Jazz Band Spring Concert, April 28 at 3 p.m. and April 29 at 7 p.m. Held on the campus green or Trinity Chapel if poor weather, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

April 17 Henna Tattoos, 1-3 p.m., ages 10 and up. Drop in and get a beautiful Henna Tattoo. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

April 2 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-5, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Includes a guided gallery visit! 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 2 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. 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 & 11 Intro to Hand & Machine Sewing Class, Meets twice on Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., grades 3-8, \$79. Learn the basics and then be free to explore your potential creating a pillow monster to take home. An adults should attend with the youth participant. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 6 & 13 Youth Hand Building Ceramics - Mug, Meets twice on Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., grades 3-9, \$37. Make a useful object from a lump of clay. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 9 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. 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 9 Eric Carle Creations Class, ages 5-7, 4-5 p.m. Explore the art of Eric Carle as we celebrate over 50 years of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”. Held at the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE. (507) 364-7615.

April 9 & 16 Youth Hand Building Ceramics - Luminary 1, Meets twice on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., grades 3-9, \$37. Make a useful object from a lump of clay. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 10 Creative Kids, 4-4:45 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***April 10 & 24** heART Therapy Sessions. 5:30-7:30 p.m. A guided class for middle school students to help them create, connect, and take care of themselves. Please call to register. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

April 11 Seashell Collage Class, 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 9-12. Tweens will use seashells to create their own masterpieces! Seashells can be painted, maneuvered, and layered to create an animal or a scene constructed entirely from seashells. Held at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St. (507) 234-6605.

***April 13** 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 16 Suncatchers Class, 4-5 p.m., ages 9-17. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

April 17 Planter Pot Painting, 1-2 p.m. Tap into your creative side and paint some plant pots Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 18 Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Grades 2-5. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***April 18** Kids Paint! Class. 4 p.m. A guided, fun-filled painting class with Caitlin Lang, \$25. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

April 23 & 30 Youth Hand Building Ceramics - Flower Pot, Meets twice on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., grades 3-9, \$37. Make a useful object from a lump of clay. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 30 Young Writer & Artist Competition. Students ages 7-18 qualify for the competition, no matter where you live! Submit a story around the theme of “Tradition” or submit a drawing/illustration of a scene from your favorite book. Details can be found at <https://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com/young-writers-artists-competition> Deadline for entries is April 30, 2024. Sponsored by the Deep Valley Book Festival, www.deepvalleybookfestival.com or contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

April 1 Application deadline for the new Visiting Artist Series at the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota. The museum will select six artists through a call to artists and interview process with interviews conducted through May 10th. The series will take place Saturdays in June and July culminating in an art show in August. Contact Rachel for more information: rachel.gemlo@cmsouthernmn.org or (507) 344-9101. Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. www.cmsouthernmn.org.

April 1-29 Drop-In Community Writing Workshops. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. A positive, welcoming space for writers of all levels and interests to meet and work toward their individual goals in a community setting. The host will lead 10 minutes or so of light chat, intros, speaking about goals, etc., and an optional prompt to work toward or consider during writing. No registration required; free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 1-May 30 Open Pottery Studio Time, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Punch cards are \$40 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing supplies. Our potter studio has potter’s wheels, slab roller, extruder, hand tools, glazes, greenware storage, updated electric kilns and more. This is not an instructional class. Previous pottery experience is required. The studio manager will be present to help with technical questions. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 2 & 16 Crafternoon Club. Join the club and bring a project you’re working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

April 3 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. \$20. Use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

April 3 & 17 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/513/Library.

April 3-May 15 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. 1:30-3:30 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 4 Monthly Fiber Arts Group. 6-8 p.m. Show and tell, demos, and more. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

April 6 Improv for Fun. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Immerse yourself in the moment while learning improv skills and games in an encouraging group setting. Free to attend and all are welcome, with donations encouraged. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

April 6 Intermediate Crochet Class, 9-11:30 a.m. \$40. This class is designed to build upon the lessons learned in the beginner's class and anyone just wanting to learn new stitches or build on their current skill level. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

April 6 Wood Block Carving and Printing Class, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn to carve a 4×6 Baltic birch wood block and print your design on our Takach Etching Press. \$65, includes a new set of Japanese carving tools. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

April 8 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

April 9 Book Planter Class. Create a literary garden by repurposing an old book into a succulent planter, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Held at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St. (507) 357-6792.

April 10 Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m., \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***April 11** Adaptive Recreational Services offers a monthly Pottery Class for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

April 11 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

April 12 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. and is an open forum of teachers sharing with teachers, including online record keeping demonstration of "My Music Staff". Annual membership is free this year. Held at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

April 13 Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Meeting, 12 Noon. Different features each month. Enjoy a delicious lunch. Held at Wow! Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 382-6351 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

April 14 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3.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 required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

April 15 Memoir Writing Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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! Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

April 16 Pebble Art Class, 5-6 p.m. Embrace your inner artist and play with shapes using small rocks and pebbles. Geared towards adults. Held at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St. (507) 234-6605.

April 16-May 21 Adult/Child Introduction to Ceramics Class, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$150 for both participants. This course is custom designed for an adult and a child to learn together! The child should be grade 3 and up. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

***April 17 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 17 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. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

April 17 Writers Group, 6-7 p.m. Bring a piece of writing to share or just come for the fun writing prompts. All genres welcome! Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

April 17 or 20 Acrylic Color Theory Class, April 17 at 5:30-8:30 p.m. or April 20 at 9 a.m.-12 Noon. \$40. This class is designed to teach the basics of color theory, what primary and secondary colors are, and how to use and identify complementary colors. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecartcenter.org.

April 18 Bubble Wrap Painting, 1 p.m. For adults with disabilities. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

April 18 Knitting Circle, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All skill levels are invited to join our unstructured knitting circle. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

April 19-May 2 Beginning Weaving on a Table Loom Class. This class is offered as a partnership between the Weavers Guild of Minnesota and the Arts Center of Saint Peter. It is an online course with a loom and supplies that will be picked up at the Art Center. \$275, including yarn and use of equipment. Dates and times of the instruction varies. Register at https://www.weaversguildmn.org/classes/classes-2?fbclid=IwAR3aqva_VeefcxTUeABYE9Iw_glk5mgvqX6zGmZWESe4DBgOiWKvAeBID0M#id=11812&cid=704&wid=1. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 20 Watercolor Paint & Paper Class, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. \$60. This class is designed to provide basics of working with different paper weights and quality; and working with pan or tube paint. The class will cover a few wet on wet techniques. Materials included. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecartcenter.org.

April 20 Bob Ross Oil Painting Class - Traditional Mountain/Stream, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$90. Register at

www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 154, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 20 & May 4 Adult Hand Building Ceramics - Luminary 1, Meets twice on Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., \$37. Make a different object each month. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 21 Live Figure Painting Class, 2-3 p.m. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

April 22 Bring Your Own Craft Night, 5-6 p.m. Gather with other crafters for a friendly and productive evening. Bring a project to work on and any tools needed. Be ready to share conversation, tips, and questions for other crafters. Geared for adults. Held at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St. (507) 234-6605.

April 24 or 25 Adult Craft Night, 6-8 p.m., choose a night. Create a macrame tree of life wall hanging. Registration required, \$5. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

April 27 Advanced Crochet Class, 9-11:30 a.m. \$40. This class is designed for people that might have run into a snag with their own projects and would like a little professional assistance or those that still want to learn even more than taught in previous classes. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecartcenter.org.

April 27 Pamphlets: Introduction to Simple Folded Books & Pamphlets Class, 12 Noon-3 p.m. This short class will introduce participants to basic terms, style, and constructions of simple folded and stitched books. Participants will leave the class with three simple book styles. No experience required. \$35. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

Grant Opportunities

April 5 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Individuals Deadline. This program provides support to help individual artists and culture bearers develop or sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with Minnesotans. Grantees may use funds to support their creative practice and meaningfully connect to and engage with audiences, participants, students, and/or communities during the grant period. \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: April 5 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2670 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 3 Minnesota State Arts Board Accessible Arts Deadline. This program will offer project grants to increase the capacity of the arts sector to make arts experiences more accessible. Funds will be used for investments that will have a longer-term impact on the applicant, such as professional development related to accessibility (i.e., staff or volunteer training, etc.), hiring accessibility consultants to conduct accessibility audits and/or develop accessibility plans, etc. Funds may also be used for small physical or equipment investments (costing less than \$5,000) that will make programming more accessible (i.e. assisted listening, captioning equipment, grab bars, etc.) \$10,000-\$20,000. Application deadline: May 3 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2657 or AccessibleArts@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 17 McKnight Ceramic Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Fellowships for Ceramic Artists are administered by the Northern Clay Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. Two \$25,000 fellowships will be awarded for experimenting with new techniques and materials; purchasing materials and

equipment; collaborating with other artists; or pursuing education, exhibition, or travel opportunities. The 2024 fellows will also deliver a workshop and at the culmination of the grant period. For more information go to <https://northernclaycenter.org/artist-services/grants-for-artists/mcknight-fellowships/>, (651) 339-8007, or nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org.