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April 2022 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** Opening Reception for the Artist of the Month, 6 p.m. Each month students from area schools are invited to share their work with the community. Local school teachers work with students to prepare and opening receptions are held the first Friday of the month. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***April 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ace in the Whole performing bluegrass, blues, jazz, folk, and western 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.com.

***April 1** Fairy Tales on Ice performance, 7 p.m. Adults \$35, students \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

April 1-3 “Legally Blonde: The Musical” theater performance. April 1-2 at 7 p.m. and April 3 at 4 p.m. Advanced tickets \$7, available at Waseca Music; at the door \$10. Held at the Performing Arts Center, Waseca Junior/Senior High School, 1717 2nd St. NW. (507) 835-5470 or www.waseca.k12.mn.us.

April 1-8 Wardah Sabrie’s MA Thesis Exhibition. 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

April 1-3 & 8-9 “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” theater performances, April 1-2 & 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m. Adults \$10, students \$5. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 1-16 Hend Al-Mansour’s “Portraits from the Margins” Exhibition of Prints and Paintings of Arab American Women. (Reception, April 1, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

April 1-24 “Fevzi Yazici: Dark White” featuring over 40 drawings by the imprisoned Turkish journalist and artist Fevzi Yazici; and “Recent Donations and Other Acquisitions” Exhibit featuring over 30 pieces acquired by the museum since mid-2018. 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** Project GEM’s Annual Creative Youth Show, showcasing student artwork from the area in several locations: St. Peter Community Recreation Center, 600 S. 5th St.; St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave.; 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 1-29** Ann Judkins' Painting Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and the Annual High School Show in the Great Hall Gallery. The juried show will feature student work from select high schools in the area. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***April 1-29** 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. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***April 1-30** The 2021 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 14 Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit. April 1-26 for grades 5-8 and April 28-May 14 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 2 Gustavus Jazz Home Concert with Adolphus Jazz, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***April 2-3** "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" theater performances by Springfield Community Theatre and Springfield Community Education. April 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Advance tickets available at Springfield Advance-Press, adults \$12, preschool and K-12 students \$8; at the door adults \$15, preschool and K-12 students \$8. Held at the Springfield Public School Performing Arts Theatre, 12 Burns Ave. (507) 723-4284 or go to "Springfield Community Theatre (SCT)" on Facebook.

***April 2-3** Minnesota Valley Chorale will present their spring concert, featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria". April 2 at 7 p.m. and April 3 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 3** Two Rivers Community Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (612) 251-8492.

April 3 The Choirs of Christ Chapel and the Lucia Singers Concert, 2 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 3-16 Studio Art Capstone 2 Exhibit by senior art students displaying the skills and talents they have learned. (Reception, April 7, 7-8:30 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 4-15 Spring Senior Exhibition #2. (Reception, April 5, 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

April 4, 11, 18 & 25 "Words & Wine" for National Poetry Month, 7-8 p.m. Come on Monday evenings throughout April for readings with award-winning Minnesota poets. April 4: Su Hwang and Matt Rasmussen; April 11: Michael Bazzett and Marlin Jenkins; April 18: Gretchen Marquette and Michael Torres; and April 25: Sun Yung Shin 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 6 “Romeo & Juliet” theater performance by the professional Classical Actors Ensemble, 7 p.m., free. Held at the Performing Arts Center, Waseca Junior/Senior High School, 1717 2nd St. NW. (507) 835-5470 or www.waseca.k12.mn.us.

***April 7** Fairmont Concert Association sponsors Alliance Brass, 7 p.m. Concert Series tickets will be sold at the door. Adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$100. Held at Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center, 900 Johnson St. “Fairmont Concert Association” on Facebook.

April 7 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring poets Ross Gay and Anthony Procopio Ross. Workshop from 10-11 a.m., craft talk from 3-4 p.m., and reading from 7:30-8:30 p.m. All events will be virtual on Zoom. Go to <https://gt.mnsu.edu/this-years-events/ross-gay/> for access. Events are free and open to the public. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

***April 7-10** Mankato Figure Skating Club presents their “Inside and Out on Ice” show. April 7-9 at 7 p.m. and April 10 at 1 p.m. Adults \$7, Senior Citizens and children \$5. Held at All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Ave., Mankato. www.mankatofigureskatingclub.org/.

April 7-10 “To Love the World Harder”, The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert. April 7-9 at 8 p.m. and April 10 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 7-9 & 14-17 “The Sound of Music” theater production, April 7-9 & 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. and April 16-17 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 7-23 Craig Groe’s “Random Notes” Painting and Drawing Exhibit. (Reception, April 16, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemankato.com.

***April 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Traveled Ground performing folk, blues, roots rock, 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.com.

April 8 We are the Willows in concert performing orchestral indie rock, 7 p.m. Tickets available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

***April 8-30** Changing Minds III: Work by Patients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center Exhibit. 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 8-June 3 Cellar Press Exhibit of printmaking products and equipment, celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of the Grand’s Cellar Press. 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.com.

April 9 Performance by the Church Basement Ladies, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. General admission \$30, seniors \$25, students \$8; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

April 9 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 10 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross" Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m., featuring Haydn's adapted version for string quartet. Premium seating \$25, standard 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 10 Handbell Concert, 3 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

April 11-May 6 Undergraduate Research: Creative Works Exhibition. 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

April 12 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Humbird, performing folk and Americana music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***April 18** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Miss Myra & The Moonshiners performing vintage jazz music, 7 p.m. The Concert Series tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$100. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com.

April 18 MN State University, Mankato, Jazz Mavericks with Grammy winner Eric Marienthal 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 www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

April 19 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 20-23 "The Wolves" 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-May 11 Junior Studio Arts Major Exhibition. (Reception, April 20, 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. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

April 22 Rock & Roll Revue to benefit the Waseca County Historical Society, begins at 5 p.m. with a silent auction, a beer and wine tasting, and Oscar's Taco Bar. Music begins at 5:30 p.m. featuring Los T, Bob Stephan, Miller-Denn, Family Tradition, and Cletus Hane Band. In advance \$30, at the door \$35. Held at The Mill, 310 2nd Ave. SW, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca County Historical Society, (507) 835-7700 or www.historical.waseca.mn.us.

***April 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jim McGurie Jazz Trio performing jazz 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.com.

April 22-23 11th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, "The Magical Waters of Fairmont," starring local cast members, 6 p.m. each night. Members \$39, non-members \$45, table of 8 \$280, 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 22-24 “The 39 Steps” theater performance, presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. April 22-23 at 7 p.m. and April 24 at 2 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

April 22-May 7 Vincent Kenobbie’s Paintings and Drawings Exhibition. (Reception, April 22, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***April 23** “Charlie Leftridge: Prima Materia” Spring Concert by Musicorum, 7:30 p.m. Musicorum singer Charlie Leftridge is also a composer, and they will be performing his wonderful four-movement work for choir and strings along with other pieces. Held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Tickets will be available at the door, \$15. www.musicorum-mn.org or (507) 933-7370.

April 23 MN State University, Mankato, Instrumental Jazz and 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 www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

April 24 MN State University, Mankato, Spring Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

April 24 Brassworks Concert by various brass ensembles, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 24 Percussion Ensemble Spring Concert, 3:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 24-May 7 Spring ‘22 Campus Art Show. (Reception, May 5, 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 25-May 6 Spring Senior Exhibition #3. (Reception, April 27, 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

April 26 Concert Band and Chamber 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 28 MN State University, Mankato, Wind Ensemble 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 www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***April 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Man’s Last Chance performing a wide variety of 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.com.

April 29 Handbell Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 29-30 Minnesota State University, Mankato, Spring Dance Concert. April 29 at 7:30 p.m. and April 30 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 29-May 15** Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Grease”. Friday and Saturday dinner seating at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Sunday lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Tickets \$42-\$58, depending on meal choice, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets \$20 can be purchased online and if available, can be purchased at the door 30 min. before each show. Recommended for ages 13 and older. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***April 29-May 15** “Once” theater performances. April 29-30, May 5-7 & 12-14 at 7:30 p.m.; May 1, 8 & 15 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$15, \$20 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$15 are sold first, then \$20, then \$25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

***April 30** Jazz Concert by Jiven’ Ivan & the Kings of Swing, 7 p.m. Adults \$10 and Students \$5. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 30 The Mankato Riverblender’s annual spring show, “Back on Track” including the Coulee Classic Quartet from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 1 p.m. In advance \$13, available at Cub Foods and HyVee in Mankato and Nutter Clothing in St. Peter; at the door \$15; students \$5. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr, Mankato. www.singmankato.com or (507) 420-5847.

April 30 Gustavus Campus Band and Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, 2 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 30 Gustavus Chamber Winds, Gustavus Wind Symphony and Gustavus Wind Orchestra Spring Concert, 4:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 30 Children’s Theatre Performance of “The Elves and the Shoemaker”, 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 is National Poetry Month**

Experience New Ulm’s ‘Downtown Poetry Path’. Poems written by local poets will be hung in the windows of downtown businesses. There will be a poetry scavenger hunt and an opportunity to vote for the ‘People’s Choice Award’. For more information contact the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***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 2 Musical Storytime and Instrument Petting Zoo with Mary from the Mankato School of Music, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Explore various woodwind, percussion, string, and brass instruments. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 5 Make and Take Art 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. 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 5 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. 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 9** Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$6, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Open studio invites children into the world of imagination through exploring, tinkering, making decisions, and enjoying the process of creating using selected materials in the studio to create their ideas at their own pace. Prompts are set up to stimulate creativity and staff is present to support ideas and facilitate projects. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver. Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***April 9** Poetry and Paint Class for Children 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. For National Poetry Month participants will include a poem with the painting. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

April 12 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-6, \$30, WAC Members \$15. Come have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. 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 13 The Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7 and up, \$30, WAC Members \$15. Come have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. 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 16** 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.com or (507) 359-9222.

April 23, 30 & May 14, 21 Figure Skating Lessons by the New Ulm Figure Skating Club, times vary. These lessons are available to all levels of skaters from beginners and up. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning how to skate in a safe, encouraging, and fun environment. \$44. Signup online at www.nuskate.org/shop. Contact nufclub@gmail.com.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

***April 2** Basic Bookbinding and Printmaking Class with instructor Brad Widness. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. In the morning, students will learn to create their own handmade book, using accordion folds and other techniques. In the afternoon, students will learn basic printmaking techniques using simple materials. No experience needed. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***April 4-May 23** Open Pottery Studio, Mondays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Education Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

April 6 & 20 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 6-27 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 8 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association business meeting and program at 9-11 a.m., this month is an open forum. Bring your questions! Bring your problems! Bring your ideas! It is time to take on the topics that are tough to tackle! Annual membership \$30. Held at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. If you would prefer to join virtually, email ivory88@mac.com for the Zoom link prior to the meeting. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

***April 9** Peace Crane Workshop with instructor Wilbur Neushwander-Frink. 10 a.m.-12 Noon, \$15. Participants will learn the history of the Peace Crane and will make several of them. Simple instructions will be provided so that participants can make more at home. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

April 9 Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Monthly Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Free, visitors welcome. Held at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

April 11 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 27** Open Knitting. 4th Wednesday each month, 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 Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. This group works on different techniques and learns new things from each other. Every week is different. Sign up at the Waseca Art Center or online at www.wasecaartscenter.org. Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecartcenter.org.

April 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 12 GIG Fund Grant Deadline. This is a flexible grant of \$2,500 that helps Midwestern nonprofit organizations bring professional artists into their community. Funded projects must occur between July-December 2022. For more information visit <https://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/gigfund/guidelines>. Contact Joshua Feist at (612) 238-8054 or gig@artsmidwest.org with questions.

May 6 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Individuals Deadline. This program is meant to provide support to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with their communities in a time of transition. This grant program is designed to be flexible and allow for adaptability in response to unexpected changes during the grant period. Grant range: \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: May 6 at 4:30 p.m., a 2nd deadline will be July 15. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeSupport-Individuals@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 20 McKnight Ceramic Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Ceramic Artist Fellowships are administered by the Northern Clay Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support midcareer ceramic artists living and working in Minnesota, who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://northernclaycenter.org/artist-services/grants-for-artists/mcknight-fellowships/> or contact nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org or (612) 339-8007.

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->

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.thecarnegiemandato.com.

Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, (Temporarily Closed) 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios and gallery space. (507) 779-7206, emyfrenzartsguild@gmail.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.

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. 10-4 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.com, (507) 359-9222, or grand@thegrandnewulm.com.

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, and weekly art appreciation discussions. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 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 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 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.