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August 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.

Aug. 1 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Kraig Windschitl, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org.

Aug. 1-4 Justin Ek's "Leap of Faith" Painting and Installation 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.

***Aug. 1-11** Montana Becker's Painting Exhibit and Scott Markell's Painting Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 1-11 Creativity Camp Exhibit by the Creativity Camp students. 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.

***Aug. 1-29** Henderson Music on Main Concerts, Tuesdays during the Classic Car Roll Ins, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

***Aug. 1-April 2024** 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.

***Aug. 2** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Miller Denn performing country, bluegrass, pop, and rock music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

***Aug. 2-6** Sibley County Free Fair in Arlington, including polka and bluegrass music performances and historical presentations. View a complete schedule at www.sibleycountyfair.com/.

***Aug. 2-26** 2023 Membership Show of visual and literary art. 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.

***Aug. 3** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Air Force Starlifter Band performing rock, jazz, country, and patriotic music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or <https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council>.

Aug. 3 Get Crafty with the Mankato Makerspace, 10:30 a.m. After demonstrations from the Makerspace's experts, visit a variety of stations where you can explore different crafts and make your own creations. Held at

Sibley Park, Shelter #3, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Aug. 3-5 “Leave Your Mark” Cultivate Mankato Art Show, inspired by THE DOT by Peter H. Reynolds. 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.

***Aug. 3-6** Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” theater performances, Aug. 3-5 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. In advance: reserved seating, adults \$12, seniors and children \$10; general admission balcony \$10. Purchase advance tickets at www.tbirdcommunityarts.com. At the door: reserved seating, adults \$14, seniors and children \$12; general admission balcony \$12. Tickets will be available at the door, while supplies last. Held at Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop High School Auditorium, 1001 N. Cottonwood St., Winthrop. Sponsored by T-Bird Community Arts. (507) 207-2226 or www.tbirdcommunityarts.com.

Aug. 3-6 “Clue the Musical” performances. Aug. 3-4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 5-6 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10, available at the door. Held at the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Presented by the Blue Earth Town and Country Players, (507) 400-1827, betcplayers1@gmail.com, or “Blue Earth Town & Country Players” on Facebook.

Aug. 3-6 25th Annual Ribfest. Musical Performances include: Aug 3: Madam Driver, Viva Knieval, and Hairball. Aug. 4: BDE Boys, Too Hype Crew, and Flo Rida. Aug. 5: Barefoot Winos, Power House, Chris Kroeze, Tenille Arts, and Gary LeVox. Aug. 6: Red Dirt Road and Chris Hawkey. General Admission \$15, reserved seating for music \$60. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 309 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Go to <https://mankatoribfest.myfreesites.net/> for times and more information.

Aug. 3-26 Duane Jindra’s “At Home” Exhibit of kitchenware and gadgets from the past. 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.

***Aug. 4** 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.

Aug. 4-5 “Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr.” performances, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$23, seniors \$17, youth free, 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.com.

Aug. 4-6 Mankato Playhouse presents performances of Prince Street Players’ “Cinderella”. Aug. 4-5 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5-6 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15 and students \$13. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Aug. 4-19 Matthew P. Harding’s “Lost Time” Exhibit of New Work. (Reception, Aug. 4, 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.

***Aug. 5** Drum Corps Expo featuring the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps and other drum corps. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., show at 6 p.m., free. Held at St. Peter High School, Floyd B. Johnson Field, Sunrise Dr. (507) 990-9273 or <http://www.govenaires.org/expo-1>.

Aug. 6 Giant Days parade in Le Sueur, including the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps, 1 p.m. View a complete schedule at <https://www.giantdays.org/schedule.html>.

Aug. 7 Family Movie Monday Series, view Disney's "Luca", 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Aug. 7 Concert in the Park by the Ken & Ken Show, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. <http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov> or (507) 359-8347.

***Aug. 8** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by Big John and Connie Pedersen. 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.

Aug. 8 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Christine Schulz, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosioxtrails.org.

Aug. 8 Tour the Betsy-Tacy Houses in Mankato, 10:30 a.m., 332 Center St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Aug. 8 Common Grounds Series: Bike Polo and Vampire Novels, 6 p.m. This is a fun and educational conversation where we take two seemingly unrelated topics, learn about them from local community experts, and then work together to find the common ground that connects them. Held at LocAle Brewing Company, 228 Poplar St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

Aug. 8 Screening and discussion of "Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan" from 1982, 6:30 p.m. Fourth in a series looking at the history of special effects in cinema. 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.

***Aug. 9** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: His By Grace performing bluegrass and 70's music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

Aug. 9-13 Brown County Free Fair in New Ulm, view a complete schedule at <https://browncountyfreefair.com/>.

Aug. 9-13 Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter, view a complete schedule at <https://nicolletcountyfair.com/>.

***Aug. 10** Music in the Park series: South 40 Band performing country music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or www.winthropminnesota.com.

***Aug. 11** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Sitting in with EZ Jazz, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Colby Straka performing acoustic 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.

Aug. 11-Sept. 8 Harold Enamorado's Cala Woodworking 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.

Aug. 12 "Air Margaritaville" Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show, 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.

Aug. 8 Community Open House, 2-4 p.m. Explore make and take stations, a special music performance by Fiona Green and Liam Edberg at 3 p.m., refreshments, and more. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Aug. 13** Music Festival and Threshing Day in Fairmont, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adam Sandhurst and the Jolly Jammers will perform Czech, German, and Dutchmen music along with kids games, building tours, wagon rides, and more. Free, held at Heritage Acres, South Central Minnesota Interpretive Center, 507 W. Lake Ave., Fairmont. (507) 238-4645 or "Heritage Acres Agricultural Interpretive Center" on Facebook.

***Aug. 13** Summerburst Concert Series: Salsa del Sol performing Latin-American music and familiar show tunes, 3:30-5 p.m. Held at the New Richland City Park. Rain location is Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 1st St. NW, New Richland. (507) 521-1209.

***Aug. 13 & 27** 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.

Aug. 14 Flamenco Dance and Music Presentation by Sachiko "La Chayi" and the Twin Cities Flamenco Collective, 2 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmnm.gov/513/Library.

Aug. 14 Author Joh Megahan will discuss his new book "In Deadly Rainbows", 6 p.m. Held at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St. (507) 357-6792.

Aug. 14-20 Martin County Fair in Fairmont, view a complete schedule at www.mnotherbigfair.com.

Aug. 15 Virtual author event with Robert Jones Jr. He will discuss his novel "The Prophets", 3 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.

Aug. 15 Concert by Blues Traveler and Big Head Todd and the Monsters performing blues music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$43-\$175, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

***Aug. 16** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Todd Anderson performing Frank Sinatra music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

Aug. 16 Concert by Buckcherry with special guest L.A. Guns & Venrez performing rock music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$27.50-\$66.50, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

Aug. 17 Summer Sing-Along with the Singing Hills Chorus, 10-11 a.m. Have an uplifting time singing well-loved and well-known music. No registration required. The chorus is made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their care partners. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato. (507) 387-1256 or www.singinhillschorus.org.

Aug. 17 40th Anniversary Kickoff Event for the Mankato Ballet Company, 4-7 p.m. Celebrate with food, games, performances, face painting, and more. Held at Mankato Ballet Company, 1650 Tullamore St., Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or <https://mankatoballet.org/>.

***Aug. 17-20** Le Sueur County Fair in Le Center, featuring music by the New Prague Area Community Band, the Czech Area Concertina Club and Little Chicago. View a complete schedule at www.lesueurcountyfair.org.

***Aug. 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Southern Minnesota Real Big Band performing big band and 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.

***Aug. 19** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Anja Menk Quartet, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Aug. 19 Waseca Art in the Park, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The art and cultural festival will feature art booths, family art activities, live music, and more. Held at Trowbridge Park, 409 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Art Center, (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartcenter.org or info@wasecaartscouncil.org.

Aug. 19 Visit by author and forensic psychologist Frank F. Weber, 10:30 p.m. He will speak about writing true crime, forensic work, and his latest book, "The Haunted House of Hillman", based on the true story. He will also give a live demonstration of a lie detector test (volunteer a friend!), answer questions about his work, sign and sell his books, and discuss the latest forensic tools. For ages 18 and up. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Aug. 21 Concert in the Park by Chris & Chris, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. <http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov> or (507) 359-8347.

***Aug. 23** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Benson Family Singers performing barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

Aug. 23 Virtual author event with Cassandra Clare. She will discuss her final book in the Last Hours Series, "Chain of Thorns", 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.

***Aug. 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet performing jazz and pop 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.

Aug. 25-Sept. 9 Exhibition of artwork by Minnesota State University, Mankato Art Students. (Reception, Aug. 25, 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.

Aug. 26 Artisan Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Held at Curiosi-Tea House, 1745 Commerce Dr., North Mankato. www.curiositeahouse.net or (507) 317-5354.

Aug. 26 Artist talk by ceramic artist Mika Negishi Laidlaw, 10:30 a.m. She will discuss how her art showcases the way Minnesota nurtures immigrant artists and how immigrants enrich Minnesota in return. She will also explain how her ceramic sculptures explore her journey as an immigrant. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Aug. 26 Concert by Kip Moore performing country music with special guest The Cadillac Three, 7 p.m. Tickets \$37.50-\$121, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

Aug. 27 Open Mic Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at the Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

Aug. 28 Concert in the Park by West Central Connection Barber Shop Chorus, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. <http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov> or (507) 359-8347.

***Aug. 30** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Whitesidewalls performing barbershop, 50's and 60's rock music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

Aug. 30 Virtual author event with Jeffrey Selingo. He will discuss his recent book "Who Gets in and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions", 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.

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

Aug. 1 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. 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.

Aug. 1 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.

Aug. 2 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***Aug. 5-26** Music Therapy for Kids Class, Saturdays, ages 4-10 at 9-10 a.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

Aug. 6-7 Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Cats, Teen Edition”, 5 p.m. each day, ages 12 and up. 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 Sept. 29-Oct. 1 and Oct. 6-8. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Aug. 8 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-6, \$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.

Aug. 9 Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m. ages 13+, \$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.

Aug. 14-18 Little Rembrandts Summer Camp, Grades K-3, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

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Aug. 14-18 Cassatt Society Summer Camp, Grades 7-12, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Aug. 18 Clay Creative Hour, grades 3-8, 6-7:30 p.m., \$35. Flex your creative muscles with air dry clay. You will be able to take home your amazing creations. Register at <https://mankato.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at Prairie Winds Middle School, 1200 Prairie Winds Dr, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, <https://www.mankatocer.com/> or (507) 387-5501.

***Aug. 19** 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.

Aug. 22 & 31 Back to School Crafts, ages 8-12, choose a date and location. Celebrate the start of the new school year with a trio of crafts you can use at school. Aug. 22, 1-5 p.m., at the Waldorf Public Library, 119 S. Main St. (507) 239-2248. Aug. 31, 4-5 p.m., at the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

Aug. 24 Basic Drawing and Painting Class, 2-4 p.m., ages 9-17. Instructor Andrew Young will teach the basics of drawing and painting. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Aug. Fall Registration for the Mankato Area Youth Choirs, (formerly the Mankato Children's Chorus), for the 2023-2024 season. Participation is open to students entering grades 1-12 for the upcoming school year. Go to the Member Portal at www.mankatochildrenschorus.org to complete the online registration. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota: <https://www.dcsmdance.com/performances> or (507) 625-2005.

Mankato Ballet Company: www.mankatoballet.org "Summer Classes tab" or (507) 625-7716.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

Aug. 1 & 22 Tea Towel Class, for adults, choose a date and location. Create a custom family heirloom tea towel with a handwritten recipe printed onto it. Bring in a handwritten recipe. Registration required. Aug. 1, 2-5 p.m., at Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St. (507) 234-6605. Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708.

Aug. 2 Colorful Abstract Painting Class for adults, 6 p.m. Learn how to create a cohesive palette, then evaluate and build your work of art. Registration required. Held at the Elysian Public Library, 202 E. Main St., (507) 267-4411.

Aug. 2 & 16 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.

***Aug. 3-24** Music Therapy for Adults Class, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

Aug. 5 Memoir Writing Workshop, 2:30-4 p.m. for retired individuals, 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 18+. Glenda Reed, will teach the two workshops centered on writing our stories and how we can find healing through the recollection and relationship of our narratives and histories. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Aug. 7 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/513/Library.

Aug. 7-Sept. 25 Beginning Pottery Class. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m. Instructor AJ Aburto will teach the fundamentals of working with clay to create functional forms. No experience necessary. \$180, registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Aug. 10 Generative Writing Workshop. 6-7:30 p.m. A writing experience for absolute beginners and anyone looking to shake up their creative process! The instructor will provide everything you need: paper, writing utensils, and prompts. Participants will be encouraged but not required to share what they produce. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 12-13** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Aug. 13 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.

Aug. 13 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3 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.

Aug. 14 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.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***Aug. 16** 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.

Aug. 22 or 23 Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create a bandana sunflower wreath. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Aug. 24 Basic Drawing and Painting Class, 6-8 p.m. Instructor Andrew Young will teach the basics of drawing and painting. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Aug. 27 Open Mic Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Calling all musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at the Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

Aug. 29 Auditions to sing with the Minnesota Valley Chorale. Contact the Chorale for audition time and location information. www.minnesotavalleychorale.org or minnesotavalleychorale@gmail.com.

***Aug.** Register to Participate with the Singing Hills Chorus, The fall session will begin Sept. 7 and will continue on Thursdays with social hour at 9:30 a.m. and rehearsal at 10 a.m. The chorus is made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their care partners. \$25 per person. Concert will be held in December. Held at The Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 519-0626 or www.singinghillsschorus.org.

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

Sept. 6 McKnight Choreographer Fellowship Intent to Apply Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship for choreographers is administered by the Cowles Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity, or work on a new project. Three unrestricted fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. Intent to Apply application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Final Application deadline is March 20, 2024. Go to <http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org/choreographer-fellowships-overview> for more information or email mckfell@thecowlescenter.org.

Sept. 6 McKnight Dancer Fellowship Intent to Apply Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship for dancers is administered by the Cowles Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity, or work on a new project. Three unrestricted fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. Intent to Apply application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Final Application deadline is March 20, 2024. Go to <http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org/dancer-fellowships-overview> for more information or email mckfell@thecowlescenter.org.

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.thecarnegiemankato.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., Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 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.