

## Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

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## December 2021 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.

**Dec. 1-4** Craig Groe and Charlie Putnam's "Convergence" Painting Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**Dec. 1-8** "Creative Summer" Exhibit of recent work by the Art and Art History Department's recipients of project grants during the summer of 2021. Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php>.

**Dec. 1-10** Guido Van Helten's "Photographs – The Mankato Project" Exhibit. 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/).

**Dec. 1-10** Fall Senior Exhibition #2, 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/).

**Dec. 1-11** Fall Campus Arts Show by students in fall semester art classes. 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](http://www.blc.edu).

**\*Dec. 1-17** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Artscape Juried Art Show, featuring artwork from local artists in two categories, students in grades 7-12 and adult. 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.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Dec. 1-23** Holiday Market 2021. Items from local artists will be available for purchase at different times during the multi-month market. December is Pottery, Woodwork, and Holiday Fare. 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*Dec. 1-23** "Potluck", a buy-and-take exhibition of functional pottery by Arts Center ceramists. 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*Dec. 1-Jan. 8, 2022** Gregory T. Wilkins' "We Shall Overcome" Mixed Media Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery and Peggy Larkin's Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery. 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Dec. 1-Jan. 25, 2022** "Battle at the River Bottom", Exhibit of Drawings and Videos by Kristen Lowe. 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](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom).

**Dec. 1-Jan. 28, 2022** New Ulm's Own: "Treasures from Around the World", displaying handcrafted goods. 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Dec. 1-April 30, 2022** The 2021 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

**Dec. 2** Pianist Lorie Line's Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. \$55, purchase tickets at <https://www.lorieline.com/tour>. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**Dec. 2** Holiday Concert with the Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet, 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**Dec. 2-6** Christmas at Bethany Concerts, Dec. 2-4 at 5 p.m., Dec. 5 & 6 at 3 p.m. Featuring the bands and choirs celebrating the season. Admission is free but advance reservations are strongly recommended, performances may sell out. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Dec. 2-18** 2021 Members Exhibition. 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.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com).

**\*Dec. 2-19** "The Holiday Show" theater performances. Dec. 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 5, 12 & 19 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](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

**\*Dec. 2-28** Exhibit by the Prairie Star Quilt Guild, held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Dec. 2-31** Holiday Boutique, unique handmade gifts created by local artists. 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](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**\*Dec. 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ben Marti 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec. 3** Robby Vee and His Rock and Roll Caravan Holiday Show, 7 p.m. Adults \$12, students \$6, tickets available online. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Dec. 3-4** Minnesota State University Fall Dance Concert. Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).

**\*Dec. 3-5 & 10-12** Merely Players Community Theatre presents "Rex's Exes", 7 p.m. each day. Adults \$16, seniors \$14, youth 12 and under \$11. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com).

**\*Dec. 3-19** Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Scrooge, The Musical”. 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 \$20-\$51, depending on meal choice, tickets available at [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com). Show Only tickets can be purchased online and if available, can be purchased at the door 30 min. before each show. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**Dec. 4** Holli-Stories Fundraiser, 7 p.m., with new stories and plays by Bette Traxler performed throughout the evening. Held at Rustic Farmer, 209 1<sup>st</sup> St. S., Montgomery. Sponsored by Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**Dec. 4** Instrumental Jazz and Contemporary Vocal Group Holiday 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](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**\*Dec. 4** Monoprinting Demonstration by Artist-in-Residence Rachel James, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. She will show her print work and do a demonstration of monoprinting. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*Dec. 4** Arli-Dazzle winter celebration, featuring demonstrations by the Sakatah Ice Carvers, the Schell’s Hobo Band Quartet, holiday caroling by DeCantus, The Govenaires, a lighted holiday parade at 5:30 p.m., Artisan Holiday Market, and more events all day, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Held on Main St., Arlington. Sponsored by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. (507) 964-2378 or [www.arlingtonmnchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonmnchamber.org).

**Dec. 4-5** “Christmas at the Hubbard House”, including holiday décor and “History Mystery” self-guided tours. Dec. 4, 3-7 p.m. and Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m. Adults \$10, Blue Earth County Historical Society members \$7, ages 5-17 \$5, and children under 5 free. Held at the Hubbard House, 606 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566.

**Dec. 4-5** Christmas Concerts by the Martin Luther College combined choirs, Wind Symphony, and Hosanna Ringers. Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**\*Dec. 5** Fairmont Concert Association sponsors Miss Myra and the Moonshiners, performing vintage jazz and blues music, 3 p.m. Concert series tickets will be sold. Held at Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center, 900 Johnson St. “Fairmont Concert Association” on Facebook for more information. (507) 236-0714 or (507) 235-9660.

**Dec. 5** MN State University, Mankato Holiday 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](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**Dec. 7** Gustavus Winds of Christmas Concert featuring the Wind Orchestra and Wind Symphony, 10 a.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 9-12** “The Nutcracker” presented by the Mankato Ballet Company. Dec. 9-10 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 11-12 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Adults \$25, students 12 and under \$15, children under 2 free but must sit on a lap. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or [www.mankatoballet.com](http://www.mankatoballet.com).

**Dec. 9** Country Music Concert by Clint Black and Lisa Hartman Black, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets \$49.50-\$119.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com/events-and-tickets](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com/events-and-tickets).

**Dec. 9** A small group of Mankato Symphony Orchestra musicians will present their “Winter Wonders” Concert at 12 Noon. Held at the VINE Faith in Action Community Center, 421 E. Hickory St., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**Dec. 10** Sale of 6”x6” donated, original artwork, \$25 each, 6 p.m. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**\*Dec. 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec. 10** Author Peter Razor will discuss his new memoir “While the Locust Slept”, 6 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Dec. 10-12** En Masse: The Choreographers’ Gallery, featuring student choreographers works. Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. Held at the Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 10-12** “Solstånd,” a devised slow tempo play in the style of Japanese theatre artist Shogo Ohta. Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. Held at the Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 10-12** “The Real World” performances of two one-act plays. Dec. 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**Dec. 10-19** Gustavus Adolphus College Senior Art Students Exhibition. (Reception, Dec. 10, 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](http://www.the410project.com).

**\*Dec. 11** Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration with music by the Mexican Mariachi band Mariachi America, 6:30-8 p.m. Held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 111 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Waseca. (507) 835-1222 or [www.sacredheartwaseca.org](http://www.sacredheartwaseca.org).

**\*Dec. 11** Holiday Concert by Musicorum, 7:30 p.m. Held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Tickets will be available at the door, \$15. [www.musicorum-mn.org](http://www.musicorum-mn.org) or (507) 933-7370.

**Dec. 11** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Winter Wonders” Family Series Concert, 1 p.m., free. Created for children and their caregivers. Held at the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**Dec. 11** “Comfort & Joy: Carols, Songs and Favorites Around the Piano” Concert by Zach Unke, 3 p.m., free. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**Dec. 11-12** “Peace, Hope & Belonging” Christmas Concert Cabaret by Becky Borneke and Megan Krause. Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$10. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

- \*Dec. 12** The Mankato Children’s Chorus will present their Winter Concert at 2 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 774-0597 or [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org).
- Dec. 12** Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).
- Dec. 12** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Oblivion” Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. 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](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).
- \*Dec. 14** Red Rock Center for the Arts hosts Lunchbox Entertainment the second Tuesday of each month at 12 Noon. This month features holiday entertainment by Bill Busse, Joyce Schultz, and Sandy Ettesvold. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).
- Dec. 14** Film screening and discussion of a film as part of the Outer Space Series, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).
- \*Dec. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).
- \*Dec. 17** “The Nutcracker” performance by the Youth Dance Ensemble and School from Burnsville, 6 p.m. Held at Tri-City United High School Performing Arts Center, 700 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Montgomery. Sponsored by Tri-City United Community Education, (507) 364-8100 or [www.tcu2905.us](http://www.tcu2905.us).
- \*Dec. 17** Holiday Concert by pianist Glenn Henriksen, 7 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$8, tickets available online. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).
- \*Dec. 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Miss Myra Duo performing holiday themed music, 7-9 p.m. Non-members \$15, members \$10, college students free. Light food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).
- Dec. 18** “Warmest Winter” Concert by Home Free, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$21.50-49.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com/events-and-tickets](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com/events-and-tickets).
- Dec. 19** The Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience Concert, 2 p.m. Adults \$35, seniors \$30, students \$15; available at [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://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](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).
- Dec. 19** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “The Snowman” Concert featuring music from the film, 3 p.m. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Ted Paul Theater, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Symphony Orchestra, [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com). (507) 625-8880.
- Dec. 31** New Year’s Eve Black and White Masquerade Ball, 6 p.m.-12 Midnight. Includes live music, dancing, entertainment, live auction, dinner, champagne, and a midnight balloon drop, \$75 per person. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statetstreetnewulm.org](http://www.statetstreetnewulm.org).

**Dec. 31** “New Year Eve Party” Radio Show, 2 p.m. The link to the virtual show will be posted online. Donations will be accepted to view the show. Sponsored by the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.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](http://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](http://www.chankaskawines.com) or (507) 931-0089.

Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or [www.morgancreekvineyards.com](http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com).

Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or [www.nextchapterwinery.com](http://www.nextchapterwinery.com).

## **Youth Opportunities/Classes**

**\*Dec. 1** Spring Registration begins for youth to participate in the three ensembles of the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, sessions begin in January. Session fees range from \$80 to \$130, and scholarships are available. Visit [www.mayso.net](http://www.mayso.net) for more information.

**\*Dec. 4** Children's Holiday Gift Making Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$40. Children will create a variety of holiday gifts to share with loved ones. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*Dec. 4** Children's Holiday Cookie Decorating Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 1-4 p.m. Grades Kindergarten+, \$30. Children will follow instruction to create unique designs for holiday cookies. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Dec. 7** 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. This month is “Construct a Christmas Gnome,” a fun 3D craft to decorate your home for the holidays. Registration required at <https://www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Dec. 7** 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. This month is “Make a Magical Forest” using construction paper, cardstock, and paint. Registration required at <https://www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**\*Dec. 18** 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

## **Adult Opportunities/Classes**

**Dec. 1 & 15** 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*Dec. 1-Jan. 31** Open Pottery Lab, 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](http://www.mankatocer.com).

**Dec. 13** 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](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**\*Dec. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 7-9:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec.** 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](http://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.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Dec.** Call for Artists. Do you have an idea for an exhibit at the Red Rock Center for the Arts? Solo and group shows welcome. Visit <https://www.redrockcenter.org/current-and-upcoming-exhibits.html> or call the Red Rock Center to submit a 2022 Exhibition Proposal today! [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**\*Adaptive Recreational Services** “On the Go” will distribute Painting with Rhonda canvases and post an online instruction video on their Facebook page. There are some fun paintings to look forward to in December! You can find information about ARS at [www.nuars.org](http://www.nuars.org). Adaptive Recreational Services is located in New Ulm, and offers creative, recreational and social events for teens and adults with disabilities from the surrounding communities. Contact Karrie Borchert, coordinator, at (507) 217-0383 with any questions.

**\*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 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn).

## **Grant Opportunities**

**Dec. 9** Fellowship Grant Deadline for Playwriting. The Playwrights’ Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and two \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to mid-career playwrights living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained body of work, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. Go to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-fellowships-in-playwriting> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the->

[mcknight-artist-fellowships/](https://www.mcknight-artist-fellowships/).

**Dec. 21 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Culture Bearers.** The Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and three \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to culture bearers who practice sacred and healing lifeways and share cultural art practices across generations. Go to <https://iroots-mcknight-culturebearers.org/> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

## **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](http://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](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes). Register for all classes at [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com) or [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://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](mailto:info@artscentersp.org) or [www.artscentersp.org](http://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](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net), (507) 625-2730, or [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com).

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

**Mankato Makerspace**, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.redrockcenter.org), (507) 235-9262, or [info@redrockcenter.org](mailto:info@redrockcenter.org).

**The 410 Project**, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [the410project@hotmail.com](mailto:the410project@hotmail.com) or [www.the410project.com](http://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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@wasecaartcenter.org) or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**Merely Players Community Theatre**, (507) 388-5483, [info@merelyplayersmn.org](mailto:info@merelyplayersmn.org), [www.merelyplayers.com](http://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.

**State Street Theater Company**, (507) 359-9990, [info@statestreetnewulm.org](mailto:info@statestreetnewulm.org), [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org). Performances at their building, 1 N. State St., New Ulm.