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December 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.

Dec. 1 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring fiction writer Maurice Carlos Ruffin. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

Dec. 1 Author Sara Biren will discuss her latest work, 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.

Dec. 1-2 Senior Show. Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Dec. 1-3 Minnesota State University Fall Dance Concert. Dec. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 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/.

Dec. 1-4 Christmas at Bethany Concerts, Dec. 1-2 at 5 p.m., Dec. 3-4 at 3 p.m. Featuring the bands and choirs celebrating the season. Admission is free but advance reservations required. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Dec. 1-9 Mark Krambeer's Nature Art Exhibit, 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.

Dec. 1-9 Fall Semester Campus Art Show. (Reception, Dec.1, 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.

Dec. 1-14 Marlena Myles' "Indigenous Salon" Dakota Digital Art Exhibit. Artwork will be installed daily through Dec. 5. During the installation time, the public is invited to participate in the creative process of an installation on the second floor, as well as meet Marlena Myles and discuss the process and ideas behind the artwork from 1-5 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 <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php>.

Dec. 1-16 Waseca Art Center's Juried Art Show. (Reception, Dec, 15, 5:30-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Dec. 1-17 2022 Member Show. (Reception, Dec. 2, 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.

***Dec. 1-18** Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" theater performances. Dec. 1-3, 8-9 & 15-17 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 11 & 18 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.

***Dec. 1-23** SHOP: A buy-and-take Exhibition by AJ Aburto, Shelley Caldwell, Randy Dinsmore, Rachael James, Shorty Johnson, Larissa McConnell, Charlie Putnam, and Emily Stark. (Reception, Dec. 3, 3-5 p.m.) 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.

Dec. 1-29 Exhibit by the Prairie Star Quilters. 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.

Dec. 1-31 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.

Dec. 1-Jan. 27 "Making Your Mark: Prints and Drawings from the Hechinger Collection" Exhibit. 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.

***Dec. 1-April 2023** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

***Dec. 2** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Derrickson Duo performing folk 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.com.

Dec. 2 Holiday Concert by Armstrong Brass, 6:30 p.m. Held at Triumph Hall, 546 Main St E., Trimont. Sponsored by the Martin County Library. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

Dec. 2-4 Christmas in Christ Chapel, "Celestial Wonder, Joy Unfolding". Dec. 2-3 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3-4 at 2:30 p.m. Featuring the Gustavus Choir, Choir of Christ Chapel, Christ Chapel Ringers, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Lucia Singers, and dancers. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Dec. 2-4 "A Christmas Carol" theater performances. Dec. 2-3 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3-4 at 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Dec. 2-17 Khyron Winfield's "Fornever" Photography Exhibit. (Reception, Dec. 2, 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.

***Dec. 2-30** 14th Annual Artscape Juried Art Show, featuring artwork from local artists in two categories, students in grades 7-12 and adult. (Reception, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.) 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.

***Dec. 3** Arli-Dazzle winter celebration, featuring ice sculpture artist demonstrations, the Schell's Hobo Band Quartet, holiday caroling by DeCantus, The Amazing Hoopsters Dance, The Jake Nelson Band, a lighted holiday parade at 5:30 p.m., and more. Events all day, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Held on Main St., Arlington. Sponsored by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. (507) 964-5555, www.arlingtonmnchamber.org, or "Arli-Dazzle" on Facebook.

Dec. 3 Holli-Stories Fundraiser, 7 p.m., with new stories and plays performed throughout the evening. Tickets \$10, reservations available. Held at Revival on Main, 213 1st St. S., Montgomery. Sponsored by Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

Dec. 3 Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Singers Concert, 2 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Dec. 3-4 "Christmas at the Hubbard House", including holiday décor and historical self-guided tours. Enjoy a special display, stories, and crafts celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Yule, and Kwanzaa. Dec. 3, 3-7 p.m. and Dec. 4, 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. 3-4 "Dawn of Redeeming Grace" Christmas Concerts by the Martin Luther College Choirs and Wind Symphony. Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 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.

***Dec. 3 & 10** Victorian Christmas at the Betsy-Tacy homes, 1-4 p.m. each day. Dec. 3 music by the Riverblenders and Dec. 10 music by the Young Blossom Singers. Also enjoy decorations, crafts, readings, and refreshments. Guests are encouraged to dress in period clothing, and costumed characters from the books, including Betsy, Tacy, and Tib, will make special appearances. Held at the Betsy-Tacy homes, 332 & 333 Center St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

***Dec. 4** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5th St., Mankato. (507) 386-7003.

Dec. 4 Holiday Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7, held at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

***Dec. 4-20** Chris Smith's "White Chrismith" original theater performances. Dec. 4-6, 11-13, & 18-20 at 7 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.

Dec. 6 Virtual author event with Geraldine Brooks. She will discuss her body of work and highlight her most recent New York Times Bestselling novel "Horse", 6 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Dec. 6 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.

Dec. 8 Holiday Concert by Armstrong Brass, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Fairmont Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

Dec. 8-11 “The Nutcracker” presented by the Mankato Ballet Company. Dec. 8-9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10-11 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.org.

***Dec. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Andrea Lyn performing original 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.com.

***Dec. 9** “A French Baroque Christmas” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in section A \$20, section B \$15, and section C and students \$10, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets. Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. A free open rehearsal time will be announced. Held at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 605 N. State St., New Ulm. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

Dec. 9-11 “Fuzzy Gray Line” theater performances. Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Held at the Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Dec. 9-11 “Shared Space: Tangled Relations” dance production. Dec. 9 at 9:30 p.m., Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Held at the Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Dec. 9-11 “Inside the Fourth Wall” one-act play performances. Dec. 9-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 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.

***Dec. 10** “Christmas with Musicorum” Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Hickory St., Mankato. General admission \$15 and students \$5. www.musicorum-mn.org or (507) 933-7370.

***Dec. 10** 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 4th St. NW, Waseca. (507) 835-1222 or www.sacredheartwaseca.org.

***Dec. 10** “Christmas in the Country” events begin at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Featuring music by the Thunderbird Carolers, art projects for students, spruce pots for adults, and a stationary parade. Held in downtown Winthrop. Sponsored by Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, (612) 986-5709 or www.winthropminnesota.com/chamber-of-commerce/.

Dec. 10 “See, Hear, Play: Winter Wonders!” Family Concert Series, 1 p.m., free, created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

Dec. 10 Virtual author event with Fredrik Backman. He will discuss his body of work and highlight his newest novel “The Winners”, 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.

Dec. 10 “Murder: The Wedding at The Ben Franklin” murder mystery dinner theater event, 5 p.m. Tickets \$59 and includes show, 3 course dinner, and one cocktail. Space is limited, purchase tickets in advance. Held at Inspire Weddings + Events, 126 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.inspireweddingsandevents.com or brittany@inspirebridalboutique.com.

Dec. 10 “Ebenezer Duke” A Musical re-telling of a Christmas Carol, 4:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***Dec. 11** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. (507) 386-7003.

***Dec. 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jeremy Hiniker Meyer performing classical guitar music, 3-4:30 p.m., Members \$7, non-members \$10. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Dec. 11** The Mankato Children’s Chorus will present their Winter Concert “Silent Night for All the World” at 2 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

Dec. 11 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Inspired Knowledge” Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, general seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

Dec. 11 Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

***Dec. 11** Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Dec. 13 Screening and discussion of a film by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Dec. 14 Virtual author event with Dr. Nicole Eustace. She will discuss her award winning book “Covered With Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America”, 11 a.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.

***Dec. 15** View “White Christmas”, as part of the Art House Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Dec. 15-18 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances and audience participation program of “Who Kidnapped Santa Claus”. Dec. 15-17 dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets also available. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***Dec. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Solstice Soirée, an evening to sit back, relax, and enjoy time with family and friends, featuring music by 651 Jazz, 3-4:30 p.m., Members \$10, non-members \$15, purchase online. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Dec. 16 Holiday Concert by pianist Glenn Henriksen, 7 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$6, tickets available online. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Dec. 16 An intimate Christmas Concert with pianist Lorie Line, 7 p.m. Tickets \$60, available online 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.

Dec. 16-Feb. 3 Ingrid and Lowell Liedman's "Christmas Around the World" Exhibit, featuring ornaments and decorations from a variety of countries. 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.

Dec. 17 Curtain Call Theatre presents "Toast to Talent", an evening of musical performances by local dancers, singers, performers, songwriters, and musicians, 7 p.m. Tickets \$12. Held at Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. www.curtaincalltheatre.net or "Curtain Call Theater, Inc." on Facebook.

Dec. 17 Mankato School of Music's First Annual Student-Wide Holiday Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Belgrade Methodist Church, 325 Sherman St., North Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato School of Music. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

***Dec. 18** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at First Lutheran Church, 719 6th Ave. S., St. James. (507) 386-7003.

Dec. 18 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "The Snowman", 3 p.m., featuring music from The Snowman, The Polar Express, and more. There will also be a Christmas Sing-a-Long. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. www.mankatosymphony.com. (507) 625-8880.

Dec. 18 "Family Christmas" Concert by Home Free with special guests Texas Hill and Abby Anderson, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets \$21.50-51.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

***Dec. 21-Jan. 27** Wade Davis' Printmaking Exhibit. (Reception, Dec. 22, time TBD) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Dec. 31 Ring in the new year with music by the winner of the Bacontown Throwdown competition, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets \$30; 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.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve Party with live music by Distilled performing top hits from the 80s and 90s, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Event is for guests 21 and older. Held at Inspire Weddings + Events, 126 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.inspireweddingsandevents.com or brittany@inspirebridalboutique.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

Dec. 1 Young Artist Concerto & Ensemble Competitions Deadline, The Mankato Symphony Orchestra is hosting its first concerto and ensemble competition, with applications due on Dec. 1. The competition is Sat., Feb. 25, 2023 and has two categories: a solo competition and an ensemble competition. There will be cash prizes totaling up to \$5,000 plus an opportunity to perform with the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. High School students, grades 9-12, from Blue Earth, Nicollet, Brown, LeSueur, Waseca, Faribault, Martin, and Watonwan counties are eligible. Go to www.mankatosymphony.org/competitions for more information. Held at the Schaefer Fine Arts Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.org.

***Dec. 3 Children's Holiday Gift Making Class** with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 12 Noon-4 p.m. Grades Kindergarten and up, \$40. Participants will follow instructions to create a variety of holiday-themed gift items. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Dec. 3 Turkish Paper Marbling Class** with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$75, ages 15 and up. Learn the basics of fine Turkish style marbling, using a “comb” or “rake” to manipulate paint floating on a liquid surface. You will make multiple sheets of marbled paper suitable for framing, hanging or gift wrapping. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Dec. 3 Kids Christmas Arts Class, Pre-K-Grade 1 at 9 a.m.; grades 2-4 at 10 a.m.; and grades 5+ at 11 a.m. Come create 2 ornaments that you can proudly hang on the tree or give to someone as a gift. \$5, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Dec. 3 D.I.Y. Holiday Gifts Class. 10:30 a.m., ages 3 and up. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

Dec. 6 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be painted gingerbread houses. 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.

Dec. 6 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 will be pet portraits. 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.

Dec. 6 Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Dec. 7 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.

Dec. 7, 14, & 21 3-D Printing Design Sessions. 3:30-5:30 p.m., ages 10 and up. Design a backpack charm or bookmark. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

Dec. 8 Creative Kids, 3:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Dec. 10** Linoleum Block Carving and Holiday Card Printing Class with instructor Sarah Huttner. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$40, ages 16 and up. Introduction to linoleum block printing using your own drawings or designs. Learn how to transfer artwork to the block, carve and print it. You will leave with your own cards. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Dec. 10** Observational Drawing Class with instructor Courtney Sieh. 1-5 p.m., \$25, ages 12 and up. An intensive class for students to develop fundamental drawing skills using still life practice. Learn to control value in charcoal, assess proportion, find composition, and use mark making for the best effect. Beginner friendly, more advanced artists are welcome. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Dec. 10** Kidcasso, Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for creative learners from high chair to high-school to experience, explore, and create a variety of open ended arts and crafts using a variety of fun supplies and embellishments. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration appreciated, however walk-ins welcome. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Dec. 13 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-8, \$10. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be creating Christmas decorations and presets. 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.

Dec. 15 Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 2-5. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Dec. 17** 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.

Dec. 29 School's Out: Journal & Sketchbook Club. 1-3 p.m. Show off your creativity to others and get inspired by your friends. Share your junk journals, sketchbooks, bullet journals, artwork, or anything crafty, and we'll hang out, journal, and draw together. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Dec. 30 Winter Printmaking Art For All Ages Class, 10-11 a.m. An introductory look into printmaking. Design and construct your own printing block, then create some prints from it. No matter what age you are or which skill level you are at; you will be successful! \$5, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

***Dec. 3** Turkish Paper Marbling Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$75. Learn the basics of fine Turkish style marbling, using a "comb" or "rake" to manipulate paint floating on a liquid surface. You will make multiple sheets of marbled paper suitable for framing, hanging or gift wrapping. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Dec. 5 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.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library.

Dec. 5 Deadline to sign up to perform at Curtain Call Theatre's "Toast to Talent", an evening of musical performances by local dancers, singers, performers, songwriters, and musicians. Held at Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. Go to www.curtaincalltheatre.net for more information and the sign up link.

Dec. 6 Kusudama Workshop. 12 Noon or 6 p.m. Learn how to make stunning paper origami flower balls originally used in Japan for incense and potpourri. Free, registration is required. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

Dec. 6 or 7 Adult Wreath Making Class, 7 p.m. either day. Create a new style using scarves. We will also arranging greenery and make a little Christmas Gnome to tuck into our wreaths. \$20, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Dec. 6-27** Artist Meet-Up. 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, free. Artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels can share in the creative process. Led by artist, Maggie Schwab, the meet-up is an opportunity to create and collaborate with other artists. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Dec. 7 & 21 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.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library.

***Dec. 7-28** Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle. Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join seamstress Bianca Wilson and sewing enthusiast Ann Rosenquist Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community studio experience. Bring your sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We'll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration as needed. 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.

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Dec. 10 Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Monthly Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Free, visitors welcome. Bring your own lunch at 12:30 p.m. Held at Emy Frentz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

Dec. 11-12 Auditions for theater performances of "Assassins", 7 p.m. each night, ages 18+. 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 Feb. 9-26 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Dec. 12 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.

Dec. 13 & 27 In Stitches Club. Join the knit and crochet club, bring a project you're working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

***Dec. 28** 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.

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Dec. 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

Dec. 5 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Printmaking. The Highpoint Center for Printmaking administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and two \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence in the field of printmaking. Go to <https://www.highpointprintmaking.org/access/mcknight> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

Dec. 15 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Playwriting. The Playwrights Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and recognizes and supports mid-career playwrights living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained body of work, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. The two fellowships include: a \$25,000 stipend, an additional \$2,500 to support a play development workshop and other professional expenses, and \$1,400 in travel funds. Go online to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-fellowships-in-playwriting> for more information. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

Dec. 31 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/>.

Jan. 20 Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support Deadline. Operating Support Funds provides general operating support to high quality, established arts organizations that produce, present, or exhibit works of art; to organizations that provide a broad range of services to artists; and to community arts schools and conservatories. Amounts vary. Application deadline: Jan. 20 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2658 or sue.gens@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

Artist Resources

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

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

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

Non-Profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Gallery Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Register for all classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. artctr@hickorytech.net, (507) 625-2730, or www.thecarnegiemandato.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. 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.com, (507) 359-9222, or grand@thegrandnewulm.com.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org, (507) 508-7165, or www.twinriversarts.org.

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

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Monthly art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits are on display. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept.

Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/.

South Central College Lookout Gallery, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-

Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu.

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

Community Theaters

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

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

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

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

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