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February 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.

Feb. 1-2 Harold Enamorado's Cala Contemporary Woodwork Exhibit of handmade furniture. 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.

Feb. 1-2 Linda Lopez and Mathew McConnell's "Sweep" Exhibit. 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/>.

Feb. 1-3 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.

Feb. 1-7 Zahra Fariha's "Painting My Emotions" Exhibit. (Reception, Feb. 2, 6-8 p.m.) 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 <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 1-11 Theresa Crozier and Jenna Freimuth's "Lady to Lady" Exhibit. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Feb. 1-17** Bob Vogel's Stained Glass 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.com.

***Feb. 1-April 30** 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.

Feb. 2-10 Exhibit by Kinship of Martin County. See stories and photos that represent the legacy of mentoring. 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.

Feb. 2-18 Evan Mykel's Exhibit in the Fireplace Gallery; Kay Herbst Helms' "Honor the Water" Exhibit in the Hope Cook Gallery; and "A Common Thread" Work of the Artists of the Textile Center. 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.

Feb. 2-25 Susan Altoff's Painting Exhibit. 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.

***Feb. 3** Opening Reception for the Artist of the Month, 6:30 p.m. Each month students from area schools are invited to share their work with the community. Local school teachers work with students to prepare and opening receptions are held the first Friday of the month. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Feb. 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Tony Rook Band performing bluegrass 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.

Feb. 3-5 & 10-11 "Once Upon a Mattress" theater performances, Feb. 3-4 & 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 3-25 73rd Annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival. Feb. 18: parade at 12 Noon. Feb. 19: Kite Festival on Clear Lake. Feb. 25: Winter Charm on the Farm at Farmamerica with horse drawn wagon rides, snow painting, snowshoe trails, and more. Winter Charm advance tickets adults \$8, kids \$7, under 2 is free. For more information go to www.sleighandcutterfestival.org.

Feb. 4 Author David LaRoche will share his picture books for young people, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 4 Dancing with the Mankato Stars, 7 p.m., A night of competitive dancing featuring local celebrities to benefit the Minnesota Region of the American Red Cross. Tickets \$35. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at <https://dancingwiththemankatostars.com/>.

Feb. 7 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys, performing folk and original music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Feb. 7 Virtual book discussion about "Carney's House Party" by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

Feb. 7-March 2 Ephraim Pottery Exhibit from rural Wisconsin. (Reception, Feb. 9, 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.

***Feb. 9** "Splendors of Baroque Italy" Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets, at the door \$15. 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, 312 5th St., Gaylord. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

Feb. 9 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring multi-media artist, poet, and novelist Rachel Eliza Griffiths. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at the Hubbard Building, Room 201, 424 N. Riverfront Dr., 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/>.

Feb. 9 Virtual author event with Lana Harper. She will discuss the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular The Witches of Thistle Grove series, “Back in a Spell”, 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.

Feb. 9-11 “Tony and Tina’s Wedding” Dinner Theater. Doors open at 6 p.m., wedding at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets \$45. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

Feb. 9-26 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Assassins”. Feb. 9-11, 17-18 & 24-25 dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Feb. 12, 19 & 26 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. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***Feb. 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the singer/songwriter Luke Smith, 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.

Feb. 10-26 “Native Gardens” theater performances. Feb. 10-11, 17-18, & 24-25 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 12, 19 & 26 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. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

Feb. 11 Poodle Skirts & Pompadours Fabulous 50’s Gala, 5:30-11 p.m. Featuring Robbie Vee and his Rock ’n Roll Caravan, appetizers & dinner, silent auction, and more. Ticket reservations \$75. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Feb. 11 Concert by The Ericksons, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20, seating is limited. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Feb. 11 Virtual evening with the Deep Valley Grandchildren, 6:30 p.m. Meet Tacy and Harry Kerr’s granddaughters, Carney’s granddaughter, Winona I’s granddaughter, and Cab’s grandson. Betsy-Tacy Society members \$20; non-members \$35. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

Feb. 11 Author Allen Eskens will discuss his latest novel “Forsaken Country”, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 11 Gustavus Choir Home Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Feb. 12** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors The Travis Anderson Trio, performing a modern twist to classic jazz and pops favorites, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Ticket holders can also attend four concerts sponsored by the Watonwan County Entertainment Association in St. James. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com.

***Feb. 12** 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.

Feb. 12 Wind Symphony Concert, 3 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

Feb. 13 “Love Letters” theater performance, 7 p.m. General admission tickets \$40. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

Feb. 13-24 Kelly Munson and Kristen Brown’s MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 13-24 Carolyn Hartwell’s MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m.) 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 <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 13-April 23 “Improvised Structures” Exhibit of recent sculptural works by Nicolas Darcourt and Elizabeth Catlett. (Reception, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m.) 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.

Feb. 14 The Mankato Riverblenders will deliver a singing valentine, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., in the greater Mankato area. \$50, for two songs, a long-stemmed rose, a card, and a photo. Call to make an appointment: (507) 995-2273. www.singmankato.com.

Feb. 14 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.

Feb. 14-March 30 Sarah Vanasse Miles’ Exhibit in the disciplines of oil, graphite, and others. (Reception, Feb. 19, 1:30-4 p.m.) 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.

***Feb. 16** View “Fruitvale Station”, as part of the ArtHouse 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.

Feb. 16 Virtual author event with Grace M. Cho. She will discuss her memoir, “Tastes Like War: A Memoir”, 12 Noon. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 16-18 & 23-26 “Marisol” theater production, Feb. 16-18 & Feb. 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25-26 at 2 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$15. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***Feb. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Everett Smithson performing blues 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.

Feb. 17 Country music concert by Old Dominion with special guests Frank Ray, Kassi Ashton, and Greylan James. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$51-\$134.50. 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

Feb. 17-19 “Radium Girls” theater performances, Feb. 17-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

Feb. 17-March 4 Annual Juried Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 17, 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.

***Feb. 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by GunnerB 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.

***Feb. 18** The BriTins Concert, a Beatles Tribute Band., 7 p.m. In advance \$25, at the door \$30. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Feb. 18 Concert by The Benson Family Singers performing barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Feb. 18 Concert by Six Appeal, performing a cappella music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, 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.org.

Feb. 18 Gustavus Wind Orchestra Home Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 19 Masopust, the Czech Mardi Gras, 12 Noon-4 p.m. Event includes music by George’s Concertina Band, performances by the St. Paul Czech and Slovak adult Folk Dancers, costume ball, silent auction, and Czech food. Adults \$5, children under 15 are free. Held at the Rustic Farmer and the Revival on Main, 209/213 1st St. S., Montgomery. (507) 953-0046.

Feb. 19 Bunny Just Piano Festival Event featuring Douglas Ashcraft, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Feb. 21 Concert Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$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/>.

Feb. 23 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring MN Poet Laureate, Gwen Westerman. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at the Hubbard Building, Room 201, 424 N. Riverfront Dr., 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/>.

Feb. 23-26 “Spring Awakening” theater performance, Feb. 23-25 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 25-26 at 2 p.m. Not recommended for children. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

***Feb. 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Steely Ann performing rock, 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.

Feb. 24 Minnesota Poetry Out Loud State Finals, 4 p.m. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board and SCSC. Join us for the performances of the state finalists. The event is free and open to the public. Held at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Hosted by South Central Service Cooperative. Contact mhillmann@mnspsc.org or 507-389-2509 for more information.

Feb. 24 Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

***Feb. 24-March 24** Autumn Carolynn's Photography 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.com.

Feb. 25 Jazz Groups and Contemporary Singers Concert, 2 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$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/>.

Feb. 26 Watonwan County Entertainment Association sponsors Dan Miller Cowboy Revue, performing cowboy, country, gospel, bluegrass, and Americana music, 7 p.m. Tickets at the door \$20. Held at Armstrong Auditorium, 500 3rd Ave. S., St. James. "Watonwan County Entertainment Association" on Facebook.

Feb. 26 Winter Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Feb. 28 Concert Band Tour Performance, 7:30 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

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

Feb. 7 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.

Feb. 7 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be “heart study”. 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.

Feb. 7 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.

***Feb. 11** Kidcasso, Open Art Studio, Valentine’s Party, 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.

Feb. 14 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$20. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be designing and painting nesting dolls. 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.

***Feb. 15** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for middle school students experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 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 or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 21 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.

***Feb. 25** Letterpress 2 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 15 and up, \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 25 Edible Book Festival, 1-3 p.m., ages 10 and under. Pick a book or author and create an edible creation based on the story to bring to the library. Registration forms available at the library or online. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***Feb.** Register for South Central Service Cooperative’s Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-8, to be held March 7-8 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Visit www.mnscsc.org/ywac for a brochure of sessions and a link to register. Registration prior to Feb. 25 is \$29; after Feb. 25 is \$39. Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. <http://www.mnscsc.org>, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, or (507) 389-2509.

***Feb.** Enter the South Central Service Cooperative Writing Contest. K–12 students have the opportunity to express themselves through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their love of language! Visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest for more information. Submissions are due by March 24. \$5/student entry. Contact Mary Hillmann, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, 507-389-2509 for more information.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

***Feb. 1** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for adults experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 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.

Feb. 1-22 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Feb. 2** Valentine's Love Bunting Class, for adults, 6 p.m. There will be lots of fun materials, patterns and colors for you to mix and match and create something unique to your style. \$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.

***Feb. 4-5** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Feb. 5 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.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 7-28** 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.

Feb. 6 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/363/Library.

Feb. 8 "Let's Talk About it: Race and Resilience" with CLIMB Theatre, Two sessions to choose from 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. They will use facilitated discussions and theatre based activities so participants engage in a discussion that seeks to propel them towards action. Sessions limited to 25 participants; RSVP is required. Held at Alumni Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 8-9 Drop Off Dates for the Annual Juried Exhibition, 2-6 p.m. each day. \$5 per piece of work, up to three works per artist. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Feb. 10 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will host refreshments and their business meeting at 9 a.m. Program runs 9:30-11 a.m. Annual membership \$30, guests can attend a

meeting free of charge. This month is a piano teacher appreciation party. Held at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

Feb. 12 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.

Feb. 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.

Feb. 18 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Feb. 22** 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.

***Feb. 25** Letterpress 2 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 25 Bob Ross Painting Class, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$55. Paint along with Bob Ross instructor Dennis Neidt and create a Bob Ross style painting. Registration required with the Art Center. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.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

***Feb. 1** PLRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Deadline. For arts organizations and festivals. \$7,000 available for arts organizations, \$5,000 for schools and festivals. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that

includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Application deadline is Feb. 1. Guidelines can be downloaded from our website: www.plrac.org, along with a link to the online grant application. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or plrac@hickorytech.net.

March 1 McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts is administered by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota to set aside time for study, reflection, opportunities, new projects, experimentation, and exploration. The fellowship includes: \$25,000 stipend, funding for professional digital documentation of artwork, studio visits, and travel. There will be an informational Zoom session about the application Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. Application deadline is March 1. Go to <https://www.mnbookarts.org/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or email Torey Erin at terin@mnbookarts.org.

March 14 McKnight Composers Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship for composers is administered by the American Composers Forum in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It encourages applicants from the full range of musical approaches and perspectives, and is committed to supporting a diverse pool of artists who demonstrate compelling artistic work. The four fellowships include: \$25,000 stipend, and an opportunity to attend an artist residency program. There will be informational Zoom sessions about the application Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. Application deadline is March 14. Go to <https://composersforum.org/programs/mcknight-composer-fellowships/> for more information or email Carolina Heredia at cheredia@composersforum.org.

March 17 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Visual Artist Fellowships are administered by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Six \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://www.mcad.edu/why-mcad/partnerships/mcknight-visual-artist-fellowships> or contact Melanie Pankau at gallery@mcad.edu or (612) 874-3803.

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, 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.