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February 2024 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 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Pieta Brown, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 1-2 Exhibit by Future Art Teachers. 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/csu-gallery/>.

Feb. 1-3 “Seminar” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. Held at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

Feb. 1-9 Minnesota State University, Mankato Graphic Design Faculty 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/conkling-gallery/>.

Feb. 1-10 Kandace Creel Falcón’s Painting Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Feb. 1-16** Michael Wiechmann’s Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

Feb. 1-17 “Handle Without Care” Art Exhibit by Michael Wiechmann featuring fascinating artwork created on cardboard. Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***Feb. 1-24** “A Common Thread” Exhibition from the Textile Center of Minnesota. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

Feb. 1-24 Wood and Metal 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. 1-March 2** Linda Snouffer’s Botanical Printmaking Exhibit and Dan Petrov’s painting exhibit. (Reception, Feb. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Feb. 1-April 26** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

***Feb. 2** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring The Eclectics, 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.org.

Feb. 2 Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos “Clash of the Keys” performance. Doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$40. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

Feb. 2 Warren Zieders in concert with special guest Clayon Mullen, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets available \$26.50-\$130. 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. 2-4 & 9-10 “My Fair Lady” theater performances, Feb. 2-3 & 9-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 4 & 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$18, children 17 and under \$10. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 2-24 74th Annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival. **Feb. 2:** Winter Charm on the Farm at Farmamerica with snow painting, snowshoe trails, and more. Winter Charm advance tickets adults \$8, kids \$7, under 2 are free. **Feb. 14-16:** Ice Sculpting in front of the Waseca Public Safety Building. **Feb. 16:** Festival dinner and dance featuring Poor Cousin John Band, 7:30-11:30 p.m. **Feb. 17:** parade at 12 Noon. **Feb. 18:** Kite Festival on Clear Lake. **Feb. 24:** Fireworks. For more information go to www.sleighandcutterfestival.org.

***Feb. 2-March 23** ”Mingled Feats Further Down the Road” Exhibit of new paintings, relief prints, and ceramics by Charlie Putnam, paintings and ceramics by Jeff Johnson, and ceramics by Mark McLaughlin. (Reception, Feb. 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.

Feb. 3 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert: an Elton John Tribute featuring Garrett Steinberg, 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Held at Hooligans, 1400 Madison Ave., Suite 210, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Feb. 5 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Cantus, 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 5-29 Eric Gapstur’s Illustration Exhibit. (Reception, Feb. 8, 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. 7 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “Dolittle”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Feb. 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 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.org.

Feb. 8 Virtual author event with Rom-Com author Tessa Bailey. She will discuss her new book “Fangirl Down”, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 8 Author visit by Scottish Historical Romance author, April Holthaus, 6 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***Feb. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ben Scruggs Band performing folk, blues, and Americana music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

Feb. 9-24 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Little Shop of Horrors”. Fridays and Saturdays dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show only seating at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Sundays lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show only seating at 1:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Show tickets: Adults \$23, students \$21, add dinner for \$30. Tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***Feb. 10** Chase & Ovation “A Salute to the Music of Prince” Concert, 7 p.m. Reception at the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, 27 Broadway St. N. prior to the show. Concert only tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Reception and concert tickets \$40 in advance only. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Feb. 10 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. 10 Swing Dance hosted by the Waseca Jazz Bands. Dance lessons available from 7:7:30 p.m. by TC Dance Studio. Dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$7, seniors and students \$4, 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Waseca Music Store and 4-Seasons Apparel & More in Waseca. Held at Farmamerica, 7367 360th Ave., Waseca. (507) 835-2052 or <https://www.farmamerica.org/event/swing-dance-hosted-by-the-waseca-jazz-bands/>.

Feb. 10-March 16 Emily Krestchmer’s “51 Characters in Search of an Artist” Drawing and Painting Exhibit. (Opening Party, Feb. 10, 5-7 p.m.) Held at The Smallest Cog Bicycle Shop, 115 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Hours: Sun., Thurs. & Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (215) 272-9953 or info@thesmallestcog.com.

***Feb. 11** ProMusica Chamber Music “A Flight of Concerts” Series in New Ulm: “to 1930s Russia & America” Concert, 3 p.m. Single concert adult \$25, and single concert student \$5. Purchase online at <https://promusica.ticketleap.com/>. Additional concert on April 7. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 205-2249 or www.promusicamn.com.

***Feb. 11** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors “Kiss Me Once: Stories From the Homefront” performance, 1 p.m. Tickets are sold as a Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or <https://concertassociation.net/blueearthmn/>.

Feb. 11 Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Chad Winterfeldt, 4 p.m., free. A recital series celebrating the renovation of the organ. Held at First Lutheran Church, 1114 W. Traverse Rd., St. Peter. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosioxtrails.org.

***Feb. 11 & 25** Open Clay Studio in English or Spanish, 3-5 p.m. Try your hand at clay or develop your skills, with guidance and encouragement from an experienced potter. Free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Feb. 12 Family Movie Monday, view “Elemental”, 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 12 Movie Monday, view “Sleepless in Seattle”, 1 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Feb. 12-28 Minnesota State University Ceramics 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 <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/csu-gallery/>.

Feb. 13 Screening and discussion of “The Accused”, 6:30 p.m. Fourth in a series looking at famous courtroom dramas. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

Feb. 14 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “Minions”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 14 The Mankato Riverblenders will deliver a singing valentine in the greater Mankato area. \$50, for two songs, a long-stemmed rose, a card, and a photo. A form can be completed online to order at www.singmankato.com. (507) 340-0713.

Feb. 14 Love Songs performed by Uccellino, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 833-2910.

Feb. 15 View “Salt of the Earth”, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9 p.m., free. Refreshments 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.org.

Feb. 15-17 & 22-25 “Clue” theater production, Feb. 15-16 & 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 17 & 24-25 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. 15-18 “Cymbeline” theater performance, Feb. 15-17 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 <https://gustavus.edu/>.

***Feb. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Amy Manette Band 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.org.

Feb. 16-March 2 Annual Juried Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 16, 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 Bunny Just Piano Festival Event featuring Adam Clark, 3-4:30 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 18 Virtual book discussion about “Heaven to Betsy” by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$10 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. 20 Indigenous Flute and Drum Circle, 3-4 p.m. This gathering is an opportunity to play and listen to these beautiful instruments. The circle is led by Deb Egeland. No experience is needed and all are welcome. Held at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture's Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

Feb. 20 Virtual author event with Jason Mott. He will discuss his recent novel "Hell of a Book", 3 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 20 The Music of Frederic Chopin: The Poet of the Piano program, 1-2 p.m. A virtual program shown at CAST Senior Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. All are welcome. (507) 354-3212 or www.communityandseniorstogether.org.

Feb. 21 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view "Night at the Museum", 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Feb. 22** "Holy Week in France" 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 6:45 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 the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 605 N. State St., New Ulm. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

Feb. 22 Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 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. 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jesse Anderson Band performing pop, folk, and rock 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.org.

Feb. 23-25 "The Importance of Being Earnest" theater performances, Feb. 23-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. Adults \$8, seniors and students \$6. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

***Feb. 23-March 22** Area Youth Art Exhibit, by students in preschool through 7th grade. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

Feb. 24 Children's Music and Entertainment show by The Jolly Pops, 11 a.m. Tickets: ages 13 and up \$5; ages 12 and under free, must be accompanied by an adult. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Feb. 24 Poetry Read-Around, 4 p.m. Bring your work, a favorite author, or just come to listen. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com or "sidetracked" on Facebook.

Feb. 24 Grades 9-12 Honor String Orchestra Concert, 5 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 25 Winter 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. MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 25 Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert, 4 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 26 Jazz Mavericks and Jazz Combo Concert, 7:30 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 27 Contemporary Vocal Groups Concert, 7:30 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 27 Concert Band Tour Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 28 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “The Princess Bride”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 28 Virtual author event with Kim Scott. She will discuss her book “Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity”, 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.

Feb. 28-March 21 Ziba Rajabi’s Exhibit. (March 13: Artist Talk 7-8 p.m., Reception, 8-9 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/conkling-gallery/>.

***Feb. 29** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring author Eduardo C. Corral. Workshop, 10-11 a.m., Memorial Library, 1st floor, MN State University, Mankato. Craft talk, 3-3:50 p.m., at Centennial Student Union, Room 253/4/5, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:15 p.m., at Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5144 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

Feb. 29 Concert Bands Concert, 7:30 p.m. General Admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

Feb. 29-May 11 Tri-City United Student Art Show. 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.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

Feb. 1 Introduction to Simple Folded Books & Pamphlets Class. 6-9 p.m. Ages 15 and up, \$35. This short class will introduce participants to basic terms, style, and constructions of simple folded and stitched books. Participants will leave the class with three simple book styles. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 3** Polymer Clay Heart Class. Artist of Tomorrow Youth Class, 10-11:30 a.m., for ages 6-12, \$15. Create a heart and attach it to a keychain or bookmark. Register online. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Feb. 6 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-5, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Includes a guided gallery visit! 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. 6 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$20. 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. 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.

***Feb. 10** Gouache Painting Class. Artist of Tomorrow Youth Class, 10-11:30 a.m., for ages 6-12, \$15. Create an entry-level gouache painting on black paper of a night-time winter scene with the aurora and a fox. Register online. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Feb. 10 Kids Create Class. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Kindergarten and up, \$30. Valentine Day themed art! Your child will be taught a step-by-step creative project while also given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 13 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Feb. 14 Creative Kids, 4-4:45 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/513/Library.

***Feb. 14 & 28** heART Therapy Sessions. 5:30-7:30 p.m. A guided class for middle school students to help them create, connect, and take care of themselves. Please call to register. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 15 Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:15 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/513/Library.

***Feb. 17** Music Interpretation Drawing Class. Artist of Tomorrow Youth Class, 10-11:30 a.m., for ages 6-12, \$15. Students will learn about musician Romare Bearden and listen to snippets of blues, jazz, and hip hop music. Then make a drawing of their interpretation of the sound patterns, feelings, and colors of the music. Register online. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

***Feb** Register for South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-8, to be held March 5-6 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sessions are available in writing and fine arts to inspire youth to pursue passions in artists endeavors. Visit www.mnscsc.org/ywac for a brochure of sessions and a link to register. Registration prior to Feb. 23 is \$29; after Feb. 23 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. Entries should relate to the theme of “Communication”. Visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest for more information. Submissions are due by March 22. \$6/student entry. Contact Mary Hillmann, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, 507-389-2509 for more information.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

Feb. 1 Monthly Fiber Arts Group. 6-8 p.m. Show and tell, demos, and more. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

Feb. 1 Introduction to Simple Folded Books & Pamphlets Class. 6-9 p.m. \$35. This short class will introduce participants to basic terms, style, and constructions of simple folded and stitched books. Participants will leave the class with three simple book styles. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 3 Crochet and Conversation, 10-11 a.m. Dianne Gahler will be on hand to demonstrate stitches and help with your current projects. You supply the yarn and project, Dianne supplies her expertise on stitches and crochet terms. Held at the Elysian Public Library, 202 E Main St. (507) 267-4411.

***Feb. 3-4** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Feb. 4 at 12 Noon-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. \$100, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 5 Solar Printing Class, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Harness the power of the sun to create beautiful prints with botanicals. Held at the New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708.

Feb. 5-March 4 Drop-In Community Writing Workshops. Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. A positive, welcoming space for writers of all levels and interests to meet and work toward their individual goals in a community setting. The host will lead 10 minutes or so of light chat, intros, speaking about goals, etc., and an optional prompt to work toward or consider during writing. No registration required; free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Feb. 6 Learn to Crochet Class, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dianne Gahler will teach the basics of crocheting. Supplies will be provided. Registration required. Held at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St., (507) 357-6792.

Feb. 6 & 20 Crafternoon Club. Join the club and 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.

Feb. 7 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. \$20. 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 Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Feb. 7-8 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. 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.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

Feb. 8 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 7-9:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

***Feb. 8** Adaptive Recreational Services offers a monthly Pottery Class for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

Feb. 7-May 15 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. 1:30-3:30 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. 9 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. and is a Teacher Appreciation Party. Treat yourself to a morning of laughter and relaxation, including yummy treats, entertainment, games, and door prizes. Don't forget to browse our gently used music giveaway to find gems to take home for your students. Alumni and new members are welcome! Annual membership is free this year. Held at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

Feb. 9 Valentine Craft for adults with disabilities, 1 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

Feb. 10 Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Meeting, 12 Noon. Different features each month. Enjoy a delicious lunch. Held at Wow! Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 382-6351 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

Feb. 11 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 required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

Feb. 12 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

Feb. 12 Valentine's Day String Wreath Class, 6-7:30 p.m. Create a heart-shaped string wreath for Valentine's Day. Materials will be provided. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 13 & 20 Adult Hand Building Ceramics - Mug, Meets twice on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$37. Make a different object each month. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

Feb. 14 Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m., \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***Feb. 17-18 Making a Journal: Introduction to the construction of Hardback Books.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each day, \$60. This two-day class will introduce the basic construction of hard-back books. Day one will include a brief history of bookmaking, terminology and the construction of signatures (inside pages) and covers. Participants will leave the two-day class with a hard-bound journal they have created. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 21 Open Knitting.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Feb. 21 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. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

Feb. 21 Writers Group, 6-7 p.m. Bring a piece of writing to share or just come for the fun writing prompts. All genres welcome! Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Feb. 27 or 29 DIY Tote Bag Class, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Learn the basics of using a sewing machine from Barb Keith of Mankato Makerspace, and walk away with a completed first project. Held at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St., (507) 234-6605.

Feb. 29-May 30 Open Pottery Studio Time, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Punch cards are \$40 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing supplies. Our potter studio has potter’s wheels, slab roller, extruder, hand tools, glazes, greenware storage, updated electric kilns and more. This is not an instructional class. Previous pottery experience is required. The studio manager will be present to help with technical questions. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

Feb.-March Mankato Community Education has a great opportunity for artists to teach classes and share their knowledge! They have recently received a grant to expand Art & Music programming and are looking for local artists and musicians interested in teaching hands-on, interactive classes. Individuals will be offered a stipend of \$100 per class. There also is funding available to help cover art supplies. Here is the link for more information and to submit a proposal:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTmbI5zUJ0OSELJefRbPr8w_8N4N7Ymmswm3jfPPdiFutlng/vi ewform

Grant Opportunities

Feb. 14 RSDP Call for Ideas Deadline. Do you have an idea for sustainability in your community? If so, you are welcome to apply to the Regional Sustainable Development Partnership’s “Call for Ideas”. RSDP supports local innovation across rural Minnesota by connecting community ideas to University of Minnesota resources in four focus areas: natural resources, clean energy, agriculture and food systems, and resilient communities. Community members interested in submitting ideas can reach out to Andi Sutton, Southeast RSDP executive director, at sutto364@umn.edu or 857-928-4196 to discuss their ideas and ask questions. To submit an idea visit <https://extension.umn.edu/regional-partnerships/submit-idea-rsdp>.

Feb. 14 RSDP Empowering Small Minnesota Communities Program Deadline. This program by the

Regional Sustainable Development Partnership is a community-centered collaboration with the University of Minnesota to support small communities in becoming well-positioned to benefit from federal, state, and local investments. Community members interested in submitting proposals can reach out to Andi Sutton, Southeast RSDP executive director, at sutto364@umn.edu or 857-928-4196 to discuss their ideas and ask questions. To submit a proposal visit <https://www.cts.umn.edu/programs/empoweringcommunities>.

March 1 PLRAC \$1,500 Artist Career Development Grant Deadline. Artists may expand their present work, advance in skill or technique, or move in a new direction. They can apply for a specific project that contributes directly to their growth and development as a professional. For more information and to apply online, contact Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, www.plrac.org or (507) 833-8721.

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, studio visits, travel, and more. There will be an informational Zoom session about the application on Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Application deadline is March 1. Go to <https://www.mnbookarts.org/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or email Anika Schnieder at aschneider@mnbookarts.org.

March 22 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.

March 22 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Education Deadline. This program helps Minnesotans develop personal relationships with an art form(s) by supporting learning experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities. Project grant funds may be used for age-appropriate classes, workshops, camps, after-school programs, online education programs, community arts education, school residences or partnerships, etc. \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: March 22 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2672 or ArtsEducation@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

March 22 McKnight Community-Engaged Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Community-Engaged Artist Fellowships are administered by the Pillsbury House and Theater in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota artists who use their artistic practice to engage relationship aimed at producing social transformation. And this intention drives choice and process throughout the conception, design, and implementation of their work. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org/mcknight-artist-fellowships/> or contact info@pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org or (612) 824-0708.

March 28 McKnight Theater Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Theater Artist Fellowships are administered by the Playwrights Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. The intent of the program is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-theater-artist-fellowships> or contact Julie Brown at juliab@pwcenter.org.