Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

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July 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.

- **July 1-Aug. 11** Creativity Camp Exhibit by the Creativity Camp students. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.
- *July 1-April 2024 The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.
- **July 2** Concert by Roll On, an Alabama Tribute Band, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$25, seniors \$20, youth \$10, Veterans/Active Duty \$10, available online at https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.
- **July 3** Concert in the Park by Off the Strings, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov or (507) 359-8347.
- **July 4** 4th of July parade in St. Peter, including the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps and the Parade and Concert Corps, 10 a.m. (507) 934-3400.
- July 4 4th of July parade in Elysian, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 2 p.m. (507) 267-4708.
- **July 4** Lakefest Festival at Clear Lake Park in Waseca, free. Live music by Pete Klug at 12 Noon, Generation Gap at 1:45 p.m., Melissa Schulz at 3:30 p.m., Los T's at 5 p.m., and Gary West Band at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, coolers permitted but no glass bottles. Other events include a bean bag tournament, volleyball tournament, a boat parade, and food vendors. Fireworks at 10 p.m. "Waseca Lakefest" on Facebook.
- *July 5 Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Traveled Ground performing folk, blues, and Americana music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.
- *July 6 Music at the Broz Concert Series: Smisek Bros. performing gospel, country, and rock music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council.
- **July 6-8** "Through The Lens" Photography Exhibit 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.
- *July 7 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jazz 10 performing jazz music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

- *July 7-8 Madelia Park Days. July 7: Parade at 7 p.m. Free music in the park by IV Play at 8:30 & 10:30 p.m. Fireworks at 10 p.m. July 8: Rivers Edge Arts & More Fair, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and free Blues Music Festival, beginning at 11:40 a.m., including performances by Billy and The Bangers, Bambi Alexandra, Everett Smithson Band, Inside Straight Band, and Lamont Cranston Band. Held at Watona Park, Madelia. Sponsored by the Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 642-8822 or www.visitmadelia.com.
- **July 7-Aug. 4** Justin Ek's Painting and Installation Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.
- *July 7-Aug. 26 2023 Membership Show of visual and literary art. (Reception, July 15, 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.
- **July 8** Fun Days parade in North Mankato, including the Govenaires Parade and Concert Corps, 11 a.m. (507) 625-4141.
- *July 9 & 23 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.
- **July 10** Summer Symphony Concert, 7 p.m. This ensemble is comprised of string, brass, woodwind, and percussion-playing community members aged 7th grade and up performing classical, folk, and movie music. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.
- **July 10-21** "But Not All is Lost", an Art Exhibit of One Ukrainian Family by local artist Abigail Skorenkyi. She will share her moving and personal exhibit showing her husband's family since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. (Presentation, July 12, 6:30 p.m.) Hours: Mon.-Thurs 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Fri. and Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.
- *July 11 Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Terry Klein. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.
- **July 11** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Garrett Steinberg, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org. Additional recitals will be held throughout the summer.
- **July 11** Thunder of Drums, Drum and Bugle Corps Show and Competition at Blakeslee Field, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 7 p.m. Show includes the Govenaires, Colt Cadets, Madison Scouts, River City Rhythm, Blue Stars, Crossmen, and Genesis. Reserved seats in advance \$23, at the door \$25; general admission in advance \$12, at the door \$15, youth 12 and under \$6. General admission tickets available at Mankato grocery stores, Music Mart, and Community Bank; reserved tickets available at www.thunderofdrums.org. (507) 382-2739 or TODtickets@gmail.com.
- **July 11** Screening and discussion of "Jason and the Argonauts" from 1963, 6:30 p.m. Third in a series looking at the history of special effects in cinema. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

- **July 11** Dragons, Flutes, and Monkeys, 1 p.m. Explore ancient Chinese culture with traditional instruments and folklore storytelling. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St., (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.
- *July 11-25 Henderson Music on Main Concerts, Tuesdays during the Classic Car Roll Ins, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.
- *July 11, 18 & 25 The Mankato Area Community Band will perform free outdoor concerts in Mankato at 7:30 p.m. Concerts will be in Sibley Park at 900 Mound Ave. We play all of your favorites. These family concerts are for all ages. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain or extreme heat will cancel the performance. (507) 387-6990 or "Mankato Area Community Band" on Facebook.
- *July 12 Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Divers performing folk, rock, bluegrass, blues, and jazz music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.
- **July 12 & 26** CLIMB Theater presents "The Ant and the Grasshopper". July 12: 10:30 a.m., held at the Snowbirds Event Center, 224 State Hwy. 30, Amboy. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org. July 26: 10 a.m., held at the North Mankato Police Annex, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.
- **July 12** Kinder Konzert for kids of all ages, 10 a.m. Experience the wonder of classical music through literature. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.
- **July 12, 19 & 26** New Ulm Municipal Band Concerts, 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/.
- July 12-16 Waseca County Fair in Waseca. Learn more at https://wasecacountyfreefair.com/.
- *July 13 Music at the Broz Concert Series: Prairie Potluck performing bluegrass music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council.
- *July 13 Music in the Park series: Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers Band performing country, instrumental, modern, and swing music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or www.winthropminnesota.com.
- *July 13 Lake Crystal Area Community Band Concert, 6:30 p.m. Held at First Presbyterian Church, 302 E. Prince St., Lake Crystal. (507) 726-2747.
- **July 13** Music in the Park Series: Joe Tougas & Associates, performing roots rock music, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

- July 13-16 Watonwan County Fair in St. James. Learn more at www.watonwancountyfair.com.
- **July 13-Aug. 26** Duane Jindra's "At Home" Exhibit of kitchenware and gadgets from the past. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.
- *July 14 Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by The Masa Ishikawa Trio, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.
- *July 14 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring The Lone Canary performing folk and Americana music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.
- *July 14 Final performance by students that attended the New Ulm Suzuki School Pops Camp, 6 p.m. Admission \$2. Held at the New Ulm High School, 1600 Oak St. Sponsored by the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, www.newulmsuzuki.org or (507) 276-5874.
- **July 14** Concert by Walker Hayes performing country music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$43-\$150, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com
- **July 15** Virtual author event with Charles Soule. He will discuss his novel "The Endless Vessel", 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.
- *July 16 Summerburst Concert Series: Meghan Krause and Gavin Berg performing jazz music and familiar show tunes, 3:30-5 p.m. Held at the New Richland City Park. Rain location is Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 1st St. NW, New Richland. (507) 521-1209.
- **July 18** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Wayne Wagner, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org. Additional recitals will be held throughout the summer.
- **July 18** Author visit by Chris Norbury, 6 p.m. He will discuss his mystery, suspense, thriller books. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.
- **July 17** Family Movie Monday Series, view Disney's "Lightyear", 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.
- **July 17** Concert in the Park by the Wendinger Band, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov or (507) 359-8347.
- *July 19 Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Crista Bohlmann performing rock, folk, country, and bluegrass music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

- *July 19-23 Minnesota Original Music Festival, free concerts and educational workshops hosted by Minnesota artists at multiple locations in St. Peter, including the 72 Hour Band Challenge, singer/songwriter showcases, and music jams. Go to www.mnomf.org for a complete schedule of events.
- *July 20 Music at the Broz Concert Series: Eddie Shimota performing polka music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council.
- **July 20** Music-a-long with the Rosie Posies, 10:30 a.m. Featuring Ms. Rose, singer/songwriter and founder of Ukulele Storytime, and Ms. Caitlin, percussionist and music educator. Held at Sibley Park, Shelter #3, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.
- **July 20** Virtual author event with Ethan Kross. He will discuss his book "Chatter: The Voice in Our Head", 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.
- **July 20** Music in the Park Series: In A Bind, performing country, pop, and rock music, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.
- **July 20 & 25** Arn Kind's Northfield Band Raid performance. Arn Kind will come in costume to present an interactive look at the demise of one of the most notorious gangs in history, the James-Younger Gang. July 20, 3 p.m., at the Mapleton Library, 104 1st Ave., (507) 524-3513. July 25, 1 p.m., at the Lake Crystal Library, 100 Robinson St., (507) 726-2726.
- July 20-23 Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City. Learn more at www.blueearthcountyfair.org.
- **July 20-23** Bavarian Blast, a German & American Music Festival on multiple stages. Visit www.bavarianblast.com for a complete schedule of events. Held at the Brown County Fairgrounds, 1201 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 233-4300.
- **July 20-23 & 27-30** "The Sound of Music" performances, July 20-22 & 27-29 at 7 p.m. and July 23 & 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$15, youth \$5, Veterans/Active Duty \$12, available online at https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.
- *July 21 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Dan Duffy Orchestra performing swing music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.
- **July 24** Concert in the Park by Larry Mages & The Mages Family, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov or (507) 359-8347.
- **July 25** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Craig Hirschmann, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org. Additional recitals will be held throughout the summer.
- **July 25** Virtual author event with Erika L. Sanchez. She will discuss her memoir-in-essay "Crying in the Bathroom", 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.

- *July 26 Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Jolly Ramblers performing German/Czech old-time, swing, '50s, and country music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.
- *July 26-29 Faribault County Fair in Blue Earth. Including three performances each day by the Blue Horse Theatre and a vintage apron display by Yvonne Cory. Yvonne will present programs July 26 at 4:30 p.m., July 27 at 7 p.m., and July 28 & 29 at 5 p.m. Learn more at www.faribaultcountyfair.com.
- *July 27 Music at the Broz Concert Series: Czech Area Concertina Club performing polka music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council.
- *July 27 Music in the Park series: Country-Fried Grubers Family Band performing country music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or www.winthropminnesota.com.
- July 27 Siama's Congo Music performance, 6 p.m. Join a very special musical journey to the heart of Africa. Siama will play traditional instruments like the mbira and balafon while singer Dallas tells us stories and encourages everyone to sing along. This event offers an immersive way to experience the community-centered, celebratory nature of rural African music and culture. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.
- **July 27** Music in the Park Series: DW3, performing R&B and jazz music, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.
- *July 28 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring 651 Jazz performing jazz music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.
- *July 28 Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Hannah Bretz & Frinds, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.
- **July 28-30** Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" theater performances, July 28-29 at 7 p.m. and July 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, ages 12 and under \$5, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, at the theater box office, or online. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.
- **July 28-Aug. 5** "Leave Your Mark" Cultivate Mankato Art Show, inspired by THE DOT by Peter H. Reynolds. (Reception, July 28, 5-7 p.m.) 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.thecarnegiemankato.com.
- **July 28-30 & Aug. 4-6** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of Prince Street Players' "Cinderella". July 28-29 & Aug. 4-5 at 7 p.m. and July 29-30 & Aug. 5-6 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15 and students \$13. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

- **July 30** Kolacky Days parade in Montgomery, including the Govenaires Parade and Concert Corps, 12 Noon. (507) 953-0094.
- **July 30** Open Mic Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at the Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.
- **July 31** Concert in the Park by The Schell's Hobo Band, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov or (507) 359-8347.

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.

<u>Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery</u>, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. <u>www.chankaskawines.com</u> or (507) 931-0089. <u>Indian Island Winery</u>, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. <u>www.indianislandwinery.com</u> or (507) 234-6222. <u>Morgan Creek Vineyards</u>, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or <u>www.morgancreekvineyards.com</u>. <u>Next Chapter Winery</u>, 16945 320th St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or <u>www.nextchapterwinery.com</u>.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

- *July 1-Aug. 26 <u>Music Therapy for Kids Class</u>, Saturdays, ages 4-10 at 9-10 a.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. <u>www.mankatosom.com</u> or (507) 519-0860.
- **July 5** 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.
- **July 5-6** Youth Birdhouse Workshop, \$20, 10-11 a.m., both days. Students will design and paint their very own pre-made wooden birdhouse. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.
- **July 6 & 20** <u>Wacky Wonders</u>, 2:30-3:30 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 <u>www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library</u>.
- **July 7** Silhouette Art Class, 1-2 p.m., ages 6-12. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.
- **July 11** <u>Little Rembrandts Class</u>, 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.
- July 11 <u>Club Picasso Class</u>, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Meets first

- Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.
- **July 11** Beeswax Photo Class. Ages 13-18. Learn how to turn simple blocks of wood, photocopies, and beeswax into personal works of art. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St., (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.
- **July 12** <u>Crafters Guild</u>, 4:30-6 p.m. ages 13+, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Meets second Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.
- **July 12 & 26** Creative Kids, 2:30-3:30 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/513/Library.
- **July 13** Swing Dance Class, 6-7 p.m., ages 15 and up. Join instructors Jennifer and Eric Page as they demonstrate East Coast Swing, a simplified version of the original swing dance and Lindy Hop, the original swing dance. No dance experience or partner required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.
- *July 15 Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.
- **July 17** <u>Diamond Painting Class</u>, 2-4 p.m., ages 12-18. Each participant will receive their own kit to work on with other teens. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.
- *July 17-20 Summer Fiber Arts Camp. For students who have completed grades 5-12, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day. This camp will explore everything from leather work to sewing and fabric dying to the many career opportunities in textiles. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed at https://newulm.ce.eleyo.com/. Scholarships are available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.
- **July 18** Teen Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 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/513/Library.
- **July 18** <u>Craft Club</u>, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-6, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.
- **July 24-28** <u>Little Rembrandts Summer Camp</u>, Grades K-3, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Camp will also be offered Aug. 14-18. Register with Waseca Community Education at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.
- **July 24-28** Club Picasso Summer Camp, Grades 4-6, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Camp will also be offered Aug. 14-18. Register with Waseca Community Education at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/. Held at

Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

- **July 24-28** Cassatt Society Summer Camp, Grades 7-12, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Camp will also be offered Aug. 14-18. Register with Waseca Community Education at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.
- **July 25** Solar Printing Class. Ages 13-18. Harness the power of the sun to create beautiful prints with botranicals. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St., (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.
- **July 31** Teen Intro to Improv Class, 2-4 p.m., ages 12-18. Have a blast doing improv with COMPAS Artist Jen Scott. You can take any size risk you want while "getting out of your head." Explore the skills taught by improv theater in this workshop for teens. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.
- **July-Aug.** Fall Registration for the Mankato Children's Chorus for the 2023-2024 season. Participation is open to students entering grades 1-12 for the upcoming school year. Go to the Member Portal at www.mankatochildrenschorus.org to complete the online registration. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota: https://www.dcsmdance.com/performances or (507) 625-2005. Mankato Ballet Company: www.mankatoballet.org "Summer Classes tab" or (507) 625-7716.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

- **July 3** Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.
- **July 5 & 19** 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.
- *July 6-Aug. 24 <u>Music Therapy for Adults Class</u>, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. <u>www.mankatosom.com</u> or (507) 519-0860.
- **July 9** <u>Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge</u>. 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 <u>www.betsy-tacysociety.org</u>.
- **July 10** Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.
- *July 13 <u>Urban Sketching Class</u>. 6-8 p.m. Join Michael Callahan to learn about the portability of watercolor and ink, while emphasizing speed and freshness over realism. Meets at the Arts Center, first in the lower

- gallery, then the group will hit the sidewalks. 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.
- **July 13** Swing Dance Class, 6-7 p.m. Join instructors Jennifer and Eric Page as they demonstrate East Coast Swing, a simplified version of the original swing dance and Lindy Hop, the original swing dance. No dance experience or partner required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.
- **July 17** Colorful Abstract Painting Class for adults, 6 p.m. Learn how to create a cohesive palette, then evaluate and build your work of art. Registration required. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St., (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.
- *July 19 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.
- July 20 Generative Writing Workshop. 6-7:30 p.m. A writing experience for absolute beginners and anyone looking to shake up their creative process! The instructor will provide everything you need: paper, writing utensils, and prompts. Participants will be encouraged but not required to share what they produce. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.
- **July 22** <u>Telling True Stories: Memoir Writing Workshop</u>, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Try your hand at writing exercises to spark your memory and tell your history! Join us for a memoir writing workshop with local author Rachael Hanel. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.
- **July 24 or 26** Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create Mason jar string art. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.
- **July 30** Open Mic Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Calling all musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at the Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.
- July Accepting Applications for Waseca Art in the Park. The art and cultural festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., featuring art booths, family art activities, live music, and more. Waseca Art Center is accepting applications for artisan booth spaces. \$50 for a 12'x12' space. Art in the Park seeks original work in the areas of painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, sculpture, metalwork, glass, fiber, paper, jewelry, wood, textiles, and mixed media. All items for sale must be the work of the exhibiting artist. Held at Trowbridge Park, 409 2nd Street NE, Waseca. Interested vendors can contact Jess Stuckmayer for more information at info@wasecaartscouncil.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

July 21 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Experiences Deadline. This program supports individuals and organizations in providing meaningful arts experiences for Minnesotans within their communities. Funds may be used for a variety of arts programming such as creating and/or presenting concerts, plays, tours, exhibitions, arts festivals, public art, or other kinds of activities that provide Minnesotans opportunities to engage in arts activities that are instilled into community or public life. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: July 21 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or Annick.Dall-Desbois@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

July 28 <u>Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Individuals Deadline</u>. This program is meant to provide support to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers develop or sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with Minnesotans. Grant range: \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: July 28 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or <u>CreativeIndividuals@arts.state.mn.us</u>. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: <u>www.arts.state.mn.us</u>.

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.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.

<u>Carnegie Art Center</u>, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month

for gallery installation. artctr@hickorytech.net, (507) 625-2730, or www.thecarnegiemankato.com.

<u>Mankato Makerspace</u>, 1700 3rd Ave., Mankato. They offer art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org. carnegie

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or info@redrockcenter.org.

<u>The 410 Project</u>, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. the410project@hotmail.com or www.the410project.com.

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be scheduled in-person as possible and virtually, promoted via our web site and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.-Fri. 10a.m.-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor of The Grand. www.thegrandnewulm.org, (507) 359-9222, or laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org.

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

<u>Waseca Art Center</u>, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, and weekly art appreciation discussions. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon–5 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (507) 835-1701, <u>info@wasecaartcenter.org</u> or <u>www.wasecaartcenter.org</u>.

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.

<u>Conkling Art Gallery</u>, 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 <u>www.mnsu.edu/artdept</u>.

<u>Hillstrom Museum of Art</u>, 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/.

<u>South Central College Lookout Gallery</u>, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: <u>michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu</u>.

<u>Student Union Gallery</u>, 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

<u>Curtain Call Theatre</u>, (507) 744-8497, <u>www.curtaincalltheatre.net</u>. 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.

<u>Merely Players Community Theatre</u>, (507) 388-5483, <u>info@merelyplayersmn.org</u>, <u>www.merelyplayers.com</u>. 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.

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