

# **June 2021 Arts Calendar**

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**\*June 1-11** Dana Rose'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. 12 noon-5 p.m. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com). (507) 359-9222.

**June 1-25** "1862" Exhibit by the Johnson Brothers, an abstract representation of the uprising in New Ulm in 1862. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**June 1-July 2** Two large paintings by Robert Clunie and Henry Gasser that were donated by Ohio collector James Woods, will be on display through the front window. The campus of Gustavus Adolphus College is open to the public. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/exhibitions.php>.

**June 1-July 15** Mary Walchuk's "2020 in Colored Pencil" Drawing Exhibit, telling the story of a year of pandemic, politics, and social unrest. Held at Raydiance Salon Art Gallery, 11 Civic Center Plaza Suite 101, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. [raydiance@raydiancesalon.com](mailto:raydiance@raydiancesalon.com)

**June 1-Sept. 30** "Marian Anderson: Her Personal Collection" Exhibit highlighting many of Marian's original works that her fine art prints have been made from. Held at Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. [www.blueearthcountyhistory.com](http://www.blueearthcountyhistory.com) or (507) 345-5566.

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

**\*June 2-4** Whitey Thompson's "Covid Colors" Painting Exhibit, Leilla Johannsen's Drawing Exhibit, and an Interactive Art Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**June 3** "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Jeremy Poland Band performing pop and folky pop music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or [www.greatermankato.com](http://www.greatermankato.com).

**\*June 3-July 3** Kim Loranger's Exhibit of works in a variety of mediums. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**\*June 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Nate Boots & The High Horses performing acoustic and alternative folk music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**June 4-20** James Mackey's "Faster Than Speed" Painting Exhibit. (Reception, June 4, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**\*June 4-July 3** Gary Campbell's Exhibit of new work. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**June 5** "Madams, Matrons, and Madwomen: Extraordinary Women in American History" Concert by Elisa Korenne. This program will be presented virtually through Zoom, so registration is encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*June 6-10** ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival with Artistic Directors Peter McGuire and Bethel Balge, Minnesota Orchestra's Associate Principal Cello Silver Ainomäe, and violinist Colin McGuire performing select concerts. June 6, 4 p.m., "Kreutzer" Concert featuring works by Beethoven and Grieg. June 8, 7 p.m., "Élégiaque" Concert featuring works by Bach and Rachmaninoff. June 9, 7 p.m., Young Artists Recital featuring standout student musicians from Minnesota. June 10, 7 p.m., "Bonn Revolutionary" Concert featuring works by Beethoven and Mendelssohn. Individual Festival Pass for all four concerts \$40, Family Festival Pass \$100, individual concert \$15, individual concert student \$5, purchase at [www.promusicamn.com](http://www.promusicamn.com). Concerts held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 766-7561, (507) 205-2249, or [www.promusicamn.com](http://www.promusicamn.com).

**June 7** Concert in the Park Series: Concord Singers performing at 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/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

**June 7-Aug. 6** Gregory T. Wilkins' "Black Lives Matter: Teach Your Children Well" Exhibit, held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Wilkins is a fiscal year 2021 recipient of a Creative Support for Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Guests attending who have not been vaccinated are required to wear masks; physical distancing is expected of all attendees. The art gallery is located on the lower level. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/).

**\*June 8** Community Common Ground Series including fun and educational conversations that take two seemingly unrelated topics, learn about them from local community experts, and then work together to find the common ground that connects them, 5:30-7:30 p.m. June's event will feature beer brewing presented by Locale Brewing Company and blowing glass presented by artist April Malphurs. The event will be held virtually on Zoom. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org).

**June 8** Summer Concert Series: Michael Shynes performing R&B, pop, and blues music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com).

**\*June 8** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Tom Andrews from Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosioxtrails.org](http://www.agosioxtrails.org).

**\*June 8-25** Prairie Star Quilt Show. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*June 8, 15, 22 & 29** The Mankato Area Community Band Concerts for 2021 will take place in Sibley Park, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato, at the Leas Schwickert Memorial Band Shell, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn

chair. Rain cancels. The band will rehearse outdoors this year on Mondays at the bandshell 6:30-8:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. before each concert. The public is invited to attend band practices or listen while doing other park activities. (507) 387-6990 or [www.mankatoareacommunityband.us](http://www.mankatoareacommunityband.us).

**June 9-12** “Some Enchanted Evening; The Songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. All tickets are general admission and must be purchased in advance at [www.msutheatre.com](http://www.msutheatre.com) for \$24. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or [www.msutheatre.com](http://www.msutheatre.com).

**\*June 9-July 23** Arron Rykhus and Micayla Best’s Exhibits, and the Youth Membership Show. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**June 9, 16, 23 & 30** New Ulm Municipal Band Concerts, 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8347.

**\*June 10** Music in the Park series: Alan Carlson performing at 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](http://www.winthropminnesota.com).

**June 10** “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, Mark Joseph and the American Soul performing soul and blues music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or [www.greatermankato.com](http://www.greatermankato.com).

**\*June 10** Meet the 2021 Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band, 4:50-8:15 p.m. Held at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Rd. [www.77lancers.com](http://www.77lancers.com) or (507) 381-0316.

**\*June 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Maygen & The Birdwatchers performing indie folk and bluegrassy soul music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**June 11** “The Johnny Cash Story” performance, 7 p.m. Tickets: In advance \$20, available online at [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org); at the door \$25. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**June 12** St. Peter Ambassadors Blues Festival, 12 Noon-9:30 p.m., free. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. [www.stpeterambassadors.com/2021-ambassadors-blues-fest/](http://www.stpeterambassadors.com/2021-ambassadors-blues-fest/) or [contact@stpeterambassadors.com](mailto:contact@stpeterambassadors.com).

**June 13** Country Music Concert by Jamey Johnson with special guest Whiskey Myers, doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$28-\$73. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone](http://www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone).

**June 14** Concert in the Park Series: Tricia and the Toonies performing at 6:30 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/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

**June 15** Summer Concert Series: Patsy O’Brien performing folk and acoustic music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com).

**\*June 15** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Chad Winterfeldt from Gustavus Adolphus College, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosioxtrails.org](http://www.agosioxtrails.org).

**June 17** Music on Parkway: Neon Live performing rock, pop, funk and country music, 7 p.m. Held at the city owned green space between the American Legion and Eagles Nest along Parkway Ave. in Eagle Lake. Sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake. (507) 257-3218 or <https://eaglelakemn.com/>.

**June 17** “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, Irie Minds performing reggae rock and ska music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or [www.greatermankato.com](http://www.greatermankato.com).

**\*June 18** Music in the Park Series: Red Rock Center’s Summer Kamp Kids and their Instructors will perform 12 Noon-1 p.m. Hot dogs available for purchase. Held at Citizen’s Park, downtown Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*June 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring The Bockfest Boys performing popular music, 6-8 p.m., free.. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*June 19** Juneteenth Celebration, 12 Noon-4 p.m., commemorating the historical beginnings of African-American independence in the United States. Events include live jazz, R&B, Soul, and Hip Hop performances by the Hip Hop Coalition, Tanaya, and Prate; performance by TKO Drumline; kids activities; a Black Business Expo with keynote speakers, a panel discussion, and more. Held on the lawn of the Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by the Greater Mankato Diversity Council, [www.mankatodiversity.org](http://www.mankatodiversity.org) or (507) 385-6653.

**June 19** ArtSplash, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Taylor Library. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Including local arts and crafts, live music, children’s art activities, food and drink vendors, and more. Held at South Central College Campus, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. On Facebook: ArtSplash Art Fair in North Mankato, (507) 345-5120.

**June 19** Country Music Concert by Aaron Lewis and the Stateliners, doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$37-\$77. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone](http://www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone).

**\*June 19-July 16** Nan Karr Kaufenberg’s Prints Exhibit featuring landscapes, architecture, and every day scenes. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com). (507) 359-9222.

**June 21 & 28** Concert in the Park Series: Garage Band performing at 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/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

**June 22** Summer Concert Series: Joyann Parker performing blues music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com).

**\*June 22** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring David Fienen from Gustavus Adolphus College, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosioxtrails.org](http://www.agosioxtrails.org).

**\*June 22** Author Gail Boe will be reading, discussing, and signing her children's book, "Lettuce", 6:30 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*June 24** Music in the Park series: Dains Dutchmen performing country, waltz, and polka 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](http://www.winthropminnesota.com).

**June 24** "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Chemistry Set performing Americana, rock, and alternative country music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or [www.greatermankato.com](http://www.greatermankato.com).

**\*June 25** Music in the Park Series: Matt & Laurel performing acoustic music from the 60's to today, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Pizza slices available for purchase. Held at Citizen's Park, downtown Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*June 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Ace in the Whole performing bluegrass, blues, jazz, folk, and western music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*June 25-27** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of "Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr." June 25-26 at 7:30 p.m., and June 27 at 2 p.m. Tables for 2, 4, or 6 people will be sold. Empty seats at a sold table will not be sold to another guest and table price is not reduced if all seats are not filled. Purchase tickets online at [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com). Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**\*June 25-27** Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music and other events will take place. Watch Facebook for a schedule of events. (507) 248-3234 or "Henderson Sauerkraut Days" on Facebook.

**June 26-27** Shakespeare in the Park performances of "Twelfth Night". June 26 at 2 & 7 p.m. and June 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$10 and students \$8, available from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm HyVee, or online at [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org). Held at the German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**\*June 29** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Garrett Steinberg, 12:10 p.m., free. Held at Garrett's church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosioxtrails.org](http://www.agosioxtrails.org).

**June 29** Summer Concert Series: Fellow Pynins performing folk music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com).

#### **\*GSR Fine Art Festival**

The GSR Fine Art Festival in Mankato continues as a virtual gallery to purchase local artists' work. Search their ShopART gallery at: <https://shopart.gsrfineartfestival.com>

## **\*Project GEM**

Project GEM is hosting their Annual Creative Youth Show virtually in 2021, showcasing student artwork from the area. Go to their website and click on the Gallery link to view the artwork. [www.projectgemMN.org](http://www.projectgemMN.org) or (507) 726-6047.

Area Wineries have brought back live musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please contact them for times and musicians.

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. [www.chankaskawines.com](http://www.chankaskawines.com) or (507) 931-0089.

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

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

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

## **Youth Opportunities/Classes**

**June 1** Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is “Marvelous Matisse Fish” using collage and mixed media. Registration required with Waseca Community Education 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**June 1** Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is “Creepy Crawly Bugs”, create a paper Flutterbye and a Polymer clay beetle. Registration required with Waseca Community Education 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**June 1-12** ArtSplash Children’s Booths Registration. Children under 18 can sign up to have a booth free of charge at the annual Art Splash event, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Taylor Library. The event will be held June 19 at South Central College in North Mankato. Stop by the library or contact Katie to register. [kheintz@nmlibrary.org](mailto:kheintz@nmlibrary.org) or (507) 345-5120. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**June 1-30** Enter the Young Writer and Artist Competition, for ages 7-18, sponsored by The Deep Valley Book Festival. Writers: submit a story, in 1,500 words or less, on the theme of “Family”. Artists: choose your favorite book and illustrate your favorite scene on an 8.5” x 11” sheet. Go to <https://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com/young-writers-artists-competition> for more information, submission instructions, and entry forms. [www.deepvalleybookfestival.com](http://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com) or [contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com](mailto:contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com).

**\*June 1-30** Poetry Speaks! Registration. The Poetry Recitation Contest is for ages 12 and up. Four locations in Minnesota will be hosting events. Students can participate live or submit a recording for judging. July 8 in the Twin Cities, **July 10 in Mankato**, July 14 in Rochester, and July 23 in Duluth. Register online at [www.mnscsc.org/poetry-out-loud](http://www.mnscsc.org/poetry-out-loud). For more information contact Melanie or Mary at [poetry@mnscsc.org](mailto:poetry@mnscsc.org). Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. [www.mnscsc.org](http://www.mnscsc.org) or (952) 715-8745.

**\*June 3-4** Artwork Drop Off Days for the Youth Member Art Exhibit for grades K-12. Artwork does not need to be framed. Please put the child’s name and title of the artwork on the back. Open to any Waseca Art Center members or family members. Exhibit will be June 9-July 23. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**June 5, 12, 19 & 26** Billy & The Kids Program, an inclusive program to reach youth on the Autism Spectrum through the dramatic arts, Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 12 Noon, free. Youth on the Autism Spectrum will work with other students to create an original theater production, loosely based on Shakespeare's comedy, Twelfth Night and will have a chance to get involved with all aspects of a theater production including theater basics, writing a script, acting, set design, props, costumes, and more. For more information or to register, contact Michael at [koestermichaelj@gmail.com](mailto:koestermichaelj@gmail.com) or 507-240-0869. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**\*June 7-10** Summer Creativity Camp. For students who have completed K-7th grade. Morning sessions from 9 a.m.-12 Noon will be for grades K-3 and afternoon sessions from 1-4 p.m. will be for grades 4-7. Students participate in a variety of fine arts activities. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed at [www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/](http://www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/). Scholarships are available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**June 8** Art Start for Tots, ages 18 months-4 years old with an adult, 10-11 a.m., \$8. Explore colors, shapes, counting, and cultures. Create artwork to take home. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/).

**\*June 10** Beautiful Art for Beautiful Brains Class. Ages 7 and up, 2-4 p.m., free. Join author and writing instructor Kirstin Cronn-Mills to make and take a book about your mind and its unique ideas! Families will be provided with craft materials for book creation, plus writing and drawing prompts to fill the book. Register at [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Class will be held in the Art Center's back parking lot. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**June 14-18** Music and Arts Summer Camp, For students entering grades 1-6, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$40. Explore the visual and performing arts in a welcoming and supportive community. Bring a bag lunch each day. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/).

**June 17** Teen Writing Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon. Join award-winning author Kirstin Cronn-Mills for a fun, inspiring workshop and start writing some stories of your own. Limited to 20 participants. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**\*June 19** 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 technique. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*June 22-23** Auditions for Springfield Community Theatre and Springfield Community Education's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" production. Auditions are open to those beginning 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. June 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and June 23 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. There will be a sign up for a children's youth choir for grades 3-6 prior to the new school year. Performances will be in November. Auditions held at Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 S. Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315, Springfield Community Theatre on Facebook, or [neidt@newulmtel.net](mailto:neidt@newulmtel.net).

**June 22-25** Summer Explorers Make and Take Summer Camp, Grades K-3, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$55. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, Batik butterflies, music, and more. There will be a student show June 25, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Art Center and the projects will also be on display at the Waseca County Fair, July 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**June 22-25** Club Picasso Summer Camp, Grades 4-6, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$55. A fun twist to art including painting, contour drawing, tie-dye t-shirts, ripped paper collage, and more. There will be a student show June 25, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Art Center and the projects will also be on display at the Waseca County Fair, July 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**June 22-25** Summer Art Camp, Grades 7-12, 1:30-4 p.m. each day, \$55. A fun twist to art including mixed media collage, abstract painting, bleach and tie-dye t-shirts, and more. There will be a student show June 25, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Art Center and the projects will also be on display at the Waseca County Fair, July 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

#### Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota: <https://www.dcsmdance.com/performances> or (507) 625-2005.  
Mankato Ballet Company: <http://mankatoballet.org/classes/summer/> or (507) 625-7716.

## **Adult Opportunities/Classes**

**\*June 1-3** Community Mural Painting. Red Rock Center for the Arts is painting a large scale mural on the exterior wall located at 406 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. Come be part of this fun community collaboration. Go to [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) to sign up for a painting time. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*June 1-July 16** Artist-in-Residence Application Entry. The Grand Center for Arts and Culture will host up to three artists for individual two-three week artist residencies for Fall 2021 and Winter 2022. Artists will have the opportunity to use the Cellar Press printmaking studios and create works as an integral part of their artistic practice. For more information go to [www.thegrandnewulm.com/artistinresidence-program](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/artistinresidence-program). The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**June 2 & 16** Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*June 5** Writing in the Park Class. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Bring a notebook, a pen, and a lawn chair, and join poet Ronda Redmond for writing prompts to strengthen your creative muscles. For all types of creatives at all levels. Additional sessions will be held July 3 and Aug. 7. \$25 for all three sessions if you register in advance, \$10 drop-in fee to participate in single sessions. Register at [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). First class will be held at the Minnesota Square Park Pavilion, St. Peter. Other meeting places to be determined. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**June 5** Making Local History Come Alive through Character Writing Workshop with Elisa Korenne, 6:15 p.m. Learn how to create engaging and lifelike characters in family or local history writing. This program will be presented virtually through Zoom, so registration is encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*June 5 & 12** En Plein Air Tapestry Weaving Class. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This beginner class will teach you the skills to create a tapestry from start to finish. Incorporate materials from the natural world into your weaving while exploring basic tapestry skills such as warping, clasped weft, seamless color changes, weave patterns and more. \$20, register at [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Class will be held outdoors at the Treaty Site



History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**June 8, 10 & 12** Watercolor Painting and Natural Florals Class, 5:30 p.m. each day. Learn the basic techniques of this beautiful medium working with natural floral themes. By the end of the sessions you will complete 2-3 paintings. \$50, includes supplies you can take home. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**\*June 10** Write the Book of Your Beautiful Brain for Adults Class. 7-9 p.m., free. Do you have a unique/unquiet/expansive/unruly/different/neurodivergent brain? Join author and writing instructor Kirstin Cronn-Mills for an evening of writing and drawing prompts about your brain and its fantastic possibilities. Materials provided by the Arts Center. Register at [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Class will be held in the Art Center's back parking lot. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*June 14-Aug. 23** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).

**June 16-18** Community Mural Workshops, 3-5 p.m. each day, all ages welcome, free. The Waseca Arts Center will be holding three workshops with muralists to help hand paint two murals that will be displayed in Waseca. Community members will have the chance to help paint the murals with the theme "Waseca welcomes you". Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**\*June 17** Painting with Rhonda Class for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. The in-person class will be held outside at the New Ulm Community Center lower level parking area, 600 N. German St. There will be some canvases available for painting at home. Call to schedule pick up or delivery. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, [arsnu@newulmtel.net](mailto:arsnu@newulmtel.net), or [www.nuars.org](http://www.nuars.org).

**\*June 19 & 24** Tapestry Wall Hanging Class. 10 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Use a tapestry loom to create a weaving from warping to finished project. The Art Center will provide a loom and the necessary fiber materials. \$20, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

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**June 23-July 3** Artwork Entry Days for the 2021 Membership Show at the Arts Center of Saint Peter. Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sun. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Up to two pieces will be accepted. No entry fee. You need to be a member to participate. You can join or renew your membership when you drop off your artwork. Exhibit will be by July 9-Aug. 28. Contact the Arts Center for more information and to download an entry form. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*June 26-27** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, June 26 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 27 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will create a quilt pattern to paint on their 2' x 2' board. \$75, materials provided. Registration required. Held at the

Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**June Art Appreciation Group**, meets every Wednesday, except holidays. Two sessions available: Morning sessions 10 a.m.-12 Noon or afternoon sessions 5:30-7:30 p.m. This group works on different techniques and learns new things from each other. Every week is different. Sign up at the Waseca Art Center or online at [www.wasecaartscenter.org](http://www.wasecaartscenter.org). Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartscenter.org](http://www.wasecaartscenter.org).

\***Mankato Makers Space** is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Classes may have limited numbers of participants. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).

\***The Grand Center for Arts and Culture** in New Ulm has an opportunity for artists, historians, and makers in all disciplines to curate a bi-monthly exhibit in “The Smallest Museum in Minnesota”. The museum cabinet is 31.75” wide, 32.75” high and 7.5” deep. The museum is located outside The Grand’s front entrance and can be visited anytime at 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Find more information at [www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn).

## **Grant Opportunities**

**June 4 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Individuals Deadline.** This program is flexible and meant to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers adapt to a changing and challenging environment in which to work. This grant program will help them maintain their visibility and financial sustainability. Grantees will be able to use funds to sustain their practice and stay relevant and connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities now and in the future. Grant range: \$2,000-\$6,000. Application deadline: June 4 at 4:30 p.m., a 2nd deadline will be Aug. 6. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or [CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us). For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

**June 25 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Organizations Deadline.** This program is flexible support for Minnesota arts organizations and for non-arts organizations that regularly offer arts programming as an integral part of their missions. It is meant to help rebuild, reimagine, and continue to adapt arts programming in response to the changing environment caused by the global pandemic. This grant program is intended to help Minnesota organizations maintain the long-term viability of their arts programming so that Minnesota residents and communities will maintain access and connection to the arts. Grant range: \$5,000-\$25,000. Application deadline: June 25 at 4:30 p.m., a 2nd deadline will be Oct. 1. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or [CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us). For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

## **Non-Profit Art Centers**

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

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

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net), (507) 625-2730, or [www.thecarnegiemankato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemankato.com).

**Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery**, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios and gallery space. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 1-6 p.m. (507) 779-7206, [emyfrenzartsguild@gmail.com](mailto:emyfrenzartsguild@gmail.com).

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

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

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

**Waseca Art Center**, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, and weekly art appreciation discussions. Gallery hours: Wed 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701, [info@wasecaartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecaartcenter.org) or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

## **College Galleries**

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

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

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

**South Central College Lookout Gallery**, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: [michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu](mailto:michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu).

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