

March 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.

March 1-2 Ephraim Pottery Exhibit from rural Wisconsin. 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.

March 1-4 Annual Juried Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

March 1-4 “At Home at the Zoo” 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/.

***March 1-17** Michael Aasness’ Mixed Media Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and James Taylor’s Photography Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. (Reception, March 17, 5-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***March 1-24** Autumn Carolynn’s Photography Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 1-31 Minnesota State University, Mankato Prints Exhibit by Josh Winkler and students Elisabeth Buffeta, Jennifer Burress, Taryn Sakry, Alice Smith, Hanne Tebben, and Mai Tran. Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php>.

March 1-April 7 Wendi and Matt Ringhofer’s Nature Art Exhibit, featuring Lake Superior agates. 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.

March 1-April 23 “Improvised Structures” Exhibit of recent sculptural works by Nicolas Darcourt and Elizabeth Catlett. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

***March 1-April 30** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

March 2 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “The Greatest Showman”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March. 2-18** Mav Arts Showcase Exhibit. (Reception, March 17, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemankato.com.

March 2-30 Sarah Vanasse Miles' Exhibit in the disciplines of oil, graphite, and others. 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.

March 2-May 13 Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit. March 2-24 for grades K-4, March 30-April 15 for grades 5-8, and April 20-May 13 for grades 9-12. 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.

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

***March 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Off the Strings performing acoustic music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 3 "Coppelia" performed by the Mankato Ballet Company, 5 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and students \$8, veterans/active duty \$12; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

March 3 Twin Cities Jazz Composers Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***March 4** Concert by the Southern Minnesota Real Big Band, with featured guest Peruvian jazz saxophonist Lucia Sarmiento, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students ages 5-12 \$8. Advance tickets available at <https://buytickets.at/southernminnesotarealbigband> or at Music Mart, 1014 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Theater, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 386-7003 or "Southern Minnesota's Real Big Band" on Facebook.

March 4 Concert by Harper's Chord, performing modern folk, country, and Americana music, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$12, at the door \$15, students \$6. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

March 4 Mankato Ballet Performing Company presents "Coppelia", 5 p.m. In advance: adults \$15 and children under 12 \$12. Ticket prices increase at the door. Held at Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr. Mankato Ballet Company (507) 625-7716 or www.mankatoballet.org.

***March 4-5** "Alice on Ice" show by students of the New Ulm Figure Skating Club. March 4 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., March 5 at 1 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Civic Center, 1212 N. Franklin St. Sponsored by the New Ulm Figure Skating Club. www.nuskate.org.

***March 4-April 29** Photographic Journeys Exhibit by the late Jonathan Zierdt. (Reception, March 4, 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.

March 5 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Inspired Impressions” Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, general seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

March 5 A day with piano professor Derek Polischuk. Lecture and discussion at 2 p.m., recital at 6 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 9 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Sing”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Lonesome Dan Kase performing blues music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 10 Concert by Okra Playground, performing traditional Finnish music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$15, youth free, 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.

***March 10-12 & 17-19** Merely Players Community Theatre presents “The Nerd”, March 10-11 & 17-18 at 7 p.m., and March 12 & 19, at 2:30 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and youth 12 and under \$15. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

March 10-25 Emily Kretschmer’s “Versatility” Mixed Media Exhibition. (Reception, March 10, 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.

***March 11** Ballet Folklorica Mexico Azteca dance performance, 7 p.m. Adults \$15, ages 12 and under \$5, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, by calling 507-359-9990, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 11 Poet Nancy Cook brings the generative Pecha Kucha Challenge, the poetic pecha kucha unites a series of visual images with poetic quatrains, 12:30 p.m. Held at Fillin’ Station Coffeehouse, 630 S. Front St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

***March 11-12** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra’s “Fantastic Film Favorites” Concerts. March 11, 2 p.m., at Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial High School, 607 Knights Lane, Lake Crystal. March 12, 3 p.m., at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. www.mayso.net.

***March 12** Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

March 13 Virtual author event with David Epstein. He will discuss his latest book, “Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World”, 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.

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

March 13-24 Sam Brown's MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, March 13, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

March 14 Virtual book discussion about "Emily of Deep Valley" by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

March 14 Screening and discussion of a film by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 14-April 5 "Our Story: The Road Less Traveled", Lance and Annette Hartzell Retrospective Exhibit. (Reception, March 16, 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.

March 16 Jazz Combo and Contemporary Vocal Groups Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

***March 16** View "It Happened One Night", as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 16 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view "Mary Poppins", 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Chris Holm performing country blues music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 17-19 Friends of Friends Series: "Live at The Prague III" improv performances. March 17-18 at 7:30 p.m. and March 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20. This production is recommended for ages 16 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

***March 17-19 & 24-26** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of "Junie B. Jones The Musical Jr." March 17-18 & 24-25 at 7 p.m. and March 19 & 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15 and students \$12. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***March 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

March 18 "See, Hear, Play: Making a Splash" Family Concert Series, 10:30 a.m., free, created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

March 18 Concert by Dallas String Quartet, performing a fusion of classical and contemporary music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$15, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

March 18 Honor Handbell Concert, 4 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 19 Percussion Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

March 19 Concert by the Charles Gorczynski Tango Quartet, 6 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 19 College Choir Homecoming Concert, 3 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

***March 20** Come and hear a talk about fiber arts with Jen Kahler, 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Makers Club. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

March 21 Virtual author event with chef Jernard A. Wells. He will discuss his newest book, “Southern Inspired: More Than 100 Delicious Dishes from My American Table to Yours”, 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.

***March 23** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring Eddice B. Barber Visiting Writer, memoirist and fiction writer, Toni Jensen. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at the Hubbard Building, Room 201, 424 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

***March 23** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys, performing folk and original music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

March 23 Free community storytelling event, “Tell Me A Story: Forgiveness”, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Throw your name in the hat if you'd like to share a story of a time you forgave or were forgiven (up to five minutes). Bring your own refreshments. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

March 23 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Encanto”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet 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.com.

March 25 Comedian Tommy Ryman and musicians Andrea Lyn and the Wildflowers, 7 p.m. In advance \$15, at the door \$20, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, by calling 507-359-9990, or

online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 25 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "Liquify", 7 p.m., featuring violinist Eunice Kim and new work by composer Michael Abels. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. www.mankatosymphony.com. (507) 625-8880.

March 25 Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Wind Symphony and Chamber Winds Concert featuring the Gustavus Choir, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 25 Civil War Symposium "The Tide Turns: 1863", 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Presentations, costumed interpreters, exhibits, Civil War era music, panel discussion, books and authors, lunch, and more. Special guest authors Tamara Thayer and Col. Gary Carlberg. Registration includes lunch: adults \$30, students 18 and under \$20. Virtual Zoom registration \$20. Held at the Morson-Ario-Strand VFW, 1900 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by The Boy in Blue Civil War Memorial. www.boyinblue.org.

***March 26** ProMusica Chamber Music Series in New Ulm: "The Emperor and Brahms" Concert, 3 p.m., with violinists Susie Park and Ben Odhner; cellist Tony Ross; violaist Hyobi Sim; and pianist Bethel Balge. Adults \$20, youth and students \$5, available online at www.promusicamn.com/concerts. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 205-2249 or www.promusicamn.com.

March 26 Gustavus Lucia Singers and Chapel Choir Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 28 Virtual author event with Pam Jenoff. She will discuss her latest historical fiction book, "Code Name Sapphire!", 6 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 28 Author visit with Amy Gregg, 4 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 30 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view "Soul", 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 31** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Crista Bohlmann performing folk music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***March 31-April 28** Minnesota State University, Mankato's Installation Art Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

ShopART Midwest

ShopART Midwest is a non-commission online gallery that connects Midwest artists to buyers. This is a service by Twin Rivers Council for the Arts to support local culture makers and to make it easier to anyone to have access to handmade art. Search their ShopART gallery at: www.shopartmidwest.com

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

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

Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.
Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or www.morgancreekvineyards.com.
Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or www.nextchapterwinery.com.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

***March 1-6** Registration for South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-8, to be held March 7-8 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Visit www.mnscsc.org/ywac for a brochure of sessions and a link to register. Registration is \$39. Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. <http://www.mnscsc.org>, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, or (507) 389-2509.

***March 1-24** Enter the South Central Service Cooperative Writing Contest. K-12 students have the opportunity to express themselves through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their love of language! Visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest for more information. Submissions are due by March 24. \$5/student entry. Contact Mary Hillmann, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, 507-389-2509 for more information.

***March 4** 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.

March 7 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be cherry blossom art. 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.

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

March 7 Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 10 Graphic Novel Workshop, 1-3 p.m., grades 2-8. Learn how to create your own graphic novel or comic book. Registration forms available at the library or online. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***March 11** Letterpress 2 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 15 and up, \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***March 11** Inter-Cultural Dance Workshops by Ballet Folklorica Mexico Azteca. 12 Noon-1:15 p.m. for grades 1-3, 1:15-2:30 p.m. for grades 4-7, 2:30-3:45 p.m. for grades 8-12. Students will be taught a basic traditional Mexican dance and will perform the dance they learned at 7 pm, before the start of the full ballet and will have free admittance to the full ballet. Workshops are free, however there is a limited number of spots per

age group. Please reserve a spot by calling 507-359-9990 or emailing info@statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 14 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$20. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be cardboard wall art. 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.

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

***March 18** Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 21 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/363/Library.

***March 25** Kids Recycled Art Class, \$5, PreK-Grade 1 at 9 a.m., Grades 2-3 at 10 a.m., Grades 4+ at 11 a.m. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

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

March 1 & 15 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 1-29 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 5-6 Auditions for theater performances of "Nunsense", 7 p.m. each night. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held April 27-May 14 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

March 6 Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***March 7-28 Artist Meet-Up.** 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, free. Artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels can share in the creative process. Led by artist, Maggie Schwab, the meet-up is an opportunity to create and collaborate with other artists. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***March 11 Letterpress 2 Class** with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 12 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration recommended. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

March 13 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***March 15-April 26 Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle.** Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join seamstress Bianca Wilson and sewing enthusiast Ann Rosenquist Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community studio experience. Bring your sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We'll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration as needed. Must be 21+. No registration required; free, donations encouraged. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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

***March 22 Open Knitting.** 4th Wednesday each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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

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

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

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

March 27 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@pillsburyhousetheatre.org or (612) 824-0708.

April 21 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Individuals Application Deadline. 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: April 21 at 4:30 p.m. A second deadline will be July 28, 2023. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeIndividuals@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

Artist Resources

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

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

Read a brief description of all Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists topics and find upcoming Work of Art

workshops, panels, classes or events on their website <https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/>

Non-Profit Art Centers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

College Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

Community Theaters

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

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

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

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

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