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March 2024 Arts Calendar

Created by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, for the 9-county area of southern Minnesota.

Individuals can submit information for our calendar by emailing our office by the 15th of the preceding month.

***March 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Bonnie Drunken Lad performing Celtic music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

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

March 1-2 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 1-16 Emily Krestchmer's "51 Characters in Search of an Artist" Drawing and Painting Exhibit. Held at The Smallest Cog Bicycle Shop, 115 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Hours: Sun., Thurs. & Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (215) 272-9953 or info@thesmallestcog.com.

March 1-21 Ziba Rajabi's Exhibit. (March 13: Artist Talk 7-8 p.m., Reception, 8-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/conkling-gallery/>.

***March 1-22** Area Youth Art Exhibit, by students in preschool through 6th grade. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

***March 1-23** "Mingled Feats Further Down the Road" Exhibit of new paintings, relief prints, and ceramics by Charlie Putnam, paintings and ceramics by Jeff Johnson, and ceramics by Mark McLaughlin. 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 1-29 Movie Matinees for seniors, Fridays, 1-3 p.m. This month's theme is "Through the Decades". Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 1-April 7 Vick Quezada's "Cosmic Silicates" Interdisciplinary Visual Art Exhibit. (Reception & Artist Talk, March 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.) 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 26** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

March 1-May 11 Tri-City United Student Art Show. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

March 2 Mankato Ballet Performing Company presents “A Midsummer’s Eve”, performances at 1 p.m. and 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 2 Eat Your Words: Edible Book Festival, 1-3 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

March 5 OboeBass! and Mary Ellen Childs “There is a Humming” Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 6 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “Leap!”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 6 Virtual author event with Nina Totenberg. She will discuss her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book “Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships”, 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 6 Celtic Punk concert by Flogging Molly with special guest Amigo the Devil and Gen and the Degenerates, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$226. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

***March 6-30** “Endless Moil” Exhibition by Dave & Steve Ryan and “Crossing the Visible” Exhibition by Michon Weeks. (Reception, March 8, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

March 7-9 & 14-16 “A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline” Dinner Show. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$45. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

***March 7-10 & 14-17** Merely Players Community Theatre presents “9 to 5 The Musical”. Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 5:30 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. performance. Sunday, 1 p.m. dinner and 2:30 p.m. performance. Reserved seating with meal \$52, show only \$32, purchase tickets online. Held at the Venue at The Pond on Madison, 1850 Madison Ave., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

***March 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Mal Murphy performing original music and covers, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 8-23 Amber Rahe’s Painting Exhibition. (Reception, March 8, 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 9 Flip Flops, Hawaiian Tops, It's Tiki Time with Bob and the Beachcombers, 5-11 p.m. Includes dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$75 per person, \$150 per couple, or \$520 for a table of 8. Reservations required. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 9 "See, Hear, Play: Whiz Kids!" 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 Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.org.

March 9 Early Spring Band Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 9-10 Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra's Winter Concerts. March 9, 2 p.m., at Waseca High School, 71717 2nd St NW, Waseca. March 10, 3 p.m., at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffmann Rd., Mankato. www.mayso.net.

***March 10 & 24** 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.

March 10-28 Angela Justice's Moss Art Exhibit. (Reception, March 10, 2-3:30 p.m.) Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

March 11 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Mary Gauthier with special guest Jaimee Harris, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$15. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

March 11 Family Movie Monday, view "Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken", 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 11 Movie Monday, view "Singing in the Rain", 1 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

March 11-27 Don Moldstad's Watercolor Exhibit. (Reception, March 14, 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 11-28 Yellow Rabbit: GAC Faculty and Students Exhibit. (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/csu-gallery/>.

***March 12** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free entertainment by Lee Kanten. 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.

March 12 Screening and discussion of "The Crucible", 6:30 p.m. A series looking at famous courtroom dramas. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

March 13 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “Matilda”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 13-17 “Men on Boats” theater production, March 13-16 at 7:30 p.m. and March 16-17 at 2 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$15. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***March 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 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.

***March 14** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring graphic novel author Ngozi Ukazu. Workshop, 10-11 a.m., Memorial Library, 1st floor, MN State University, Mankato. Craft talk, 3-3:50 p.m., at Performing Arts Building Room 203A, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:15 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 245, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5144 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

March 14 Virtual author event with Christopher Paolini. He will discuss his fantasy novel “Murtagh”, 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 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Nate Boots performing folk music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 15 Vox Lucia Festival Evening Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 15-17 & 22-24 Mankato Playhouse presents performances of “Disney The Little Mermaid Jr.” March 15-16 & 22-23 at 7 p.m. and March. 17 & 24 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.

March 16 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s presents their “Prodigies” Concert, 7 p.m., featuring cellist Tony Ross. Adults \$25, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. www.mankatosymphony.org. (507) 625-8880.

March 16 Ladama Concert of rhythms and melodies of the rich cultures of Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela, woven together by the enchanting melodies, 7 p.m. Tickets: adult \$20 and students \$10, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Concert will be held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Sponsored by the Fairmont Opera House, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

March 16 Monthly Listening Series with Liz Draper: Twin Cities Bronze. Artist Talk at 4:30 p.m. and Performance at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

March 16 Honor Handbells Concert, 4 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 17 Souper Bowl fundraiser for the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 3-6 p.m. Bowls start at \$20 and include a serving of soup. Specialty pottery will also be for sale. Held at The Capitol Room, 419 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

March 17 Virtual book discussion about “Heaven to Betsy” by Maud Hart Lovelace, part 2, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

March 17 Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Concert featuring Dr. Esther Wang, 3:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 17 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 19** Bucket/Street Drumming performance by the 5th grade general music students, 10 a.m. Held at the St. Clair School Gym, 121 W. Main St., St. Clair. (507) 245-3533 or <https://www.stclair.new.rschooltoday.com/>.

March 19 Indigenous Flute and Drum Circle, 3-4 p.m. This gathering is an opportunity to play and listen to these beautiful instruments. The circle is led by Deb Egeland. No experience is needed and all are welcome. Held at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture’s Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 19 Author visit by Marcie Rendon, 6 p.m. She will discuss her Cash Blackbear Mystery Series. Held at the Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE. (507) 364-7615.

March 20 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “We Bought a Zoo”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 21 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Chicago Farmer & The Fieldnotes, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

March 21 View “Metropolis”, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9 p.m., free. Refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 21 Virtual author event with Madeline Miller. She will discuss retelling Greek classics and her books “The Song of Achilles” and “Circe”, 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 21 “She Did What?!” Stories You’ll Really Want to Hear. 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, \$30. Held at Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the Brown County Historical Society. (507) 233-2616 or www.browncountyhistorymn.org.

March 21-24 Waseca High School Drama Department presents Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast”. March 21-23 at 7 p.m. and March 24 at 2 p.m. Held at the Waseca High School Performing Arts Center, 1717 2nd St NW. (507) 835-1048 or “Waseca Drama Department” on Facebook.

***March 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Traveled Ground performing Americana music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 23 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by The Jimmys with City Mouse, 7 p.m. Admission: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Held at Hooligans, 1400 Madison Ave., Suite 210, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

March 23 Billy & Elton: The Hits - Vol. 2, tribute concert by Phil Thompson, 7 p.m. In advance \$30, at the door \$35. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 23 Poetry Read-Around, 4 p.m. Bring your work, a favorite author, or just come to listen. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com or “sidetracked” on Facebook.

March 23 PopRocks in concert, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Pop Rocks consists of a highly-talented backing band, and a rotation of singers who impersonate performers from all genres and eras of music. In advance \$15, at the door \$20. Held at Royal Oak Event Center, 301 20th St. S., New Ulm. (507) 354-4673 or www.royaloakeventcenter.com.

***March 23** Art Song to Broadway Concert by Paul and Kristin Johnson, 7 p.m. General Admission \$15, VIP Ticket with Reception \$25, tickets available online. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

March 24 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, “Bohemian Folk”, 3 p.m., Ages 18+ \$25, 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 26 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by John “Papa” Gros, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://secure2.mnsu.edu/EventsConferences/?Department=MusicTickets>.

March 26 A Morning with Betsy, Tacy, and Tib, 9-11 a.m. Includes play, acting, crafting, celebrating literacy and Maud Hart Lovelace’s birthday! Held at the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota, 224 Lamm St, Mankato. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

March 26 Becoming Mark Twain: Life, Death and Huck Finn on the Mississippi, 1 p.m. A virtual program shown at CAST Senior Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. All are welcome. (507) 354-3212 or www.communityandseniorstogether.org.

March 27 Wednesday Movie Matinee, view “The Little Rascals”, 12 Noon-2 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Eli Gardiner performing Americana and rock music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 29-April 13 Roya Nazari’s Exhibition. (Reception, March 30, 1-3 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***March 29-April 26** Minnesota State University, Mankato 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.org.

March 30 Author Series: Rachael Hanel, local author and professor, will talk about her book “Not the Camilla We Knew”, 1-2 p.m. Adults \$10, Children \$5, BECHS Members free. Held at the Blue Earth County Historical Society, 424 Warren St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or www.blueearthcountyhistory.com.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

***March 1-4** Register for South Central Service Cooperative’s Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-8, to be held March 5-6 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sessions are available in writing and fine arts to inspire youth to pursue passions in artists endeavors. Visit www.mnscsc.org/ywac for a brochure of sessions and a link to register. Registration is \$39. Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. <http://www.mnscsc.org>, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, or (507) 389-2509.

***March 2** 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 2 Skateboard Art Class, ages 11-18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join us as artist Mark Rivard teaches us how to make skateboard art with Sharpies! Participants will get their own skateboard deck to decorate and take home. Register at the library. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 5 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-5, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Includes a guided gallery visit! Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

March 5 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

March 6 or 21 Eric Carle Creations Class, ages 5-7. Explore the art of Eric Carle as we celebrate over 50 years of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”. March 6, 10:30 a.m. at the New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S. (507) 465-3708. March 21, 9:30 a.m., at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St. (507) 234-6605.

March 11 or 26 Emoji Painting Class, ages 8-12. Paint your emotions into this simple and expressive piece of art. March 11, 3:30 p.m., at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyron St. (507) 357-6792. March 26, 4 p.m., at the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

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

March 13 Creative Kids, 4-4:45 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***March 13 & 27** heART Therapy Sessions. 5:30-7:30 p.m. A guided class for middle school students to help them create, connect, and take care of themselves. Please call to register. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

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/513/Library.

March 21 Kids Paint! Class. 4 p.m. A guided, fun-filled painting class with Caitlin Lang, \$25. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

***March 22** Enter the South Central Service Cooperative Writing Contest. K–12 students have the opportunity to express themselves through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Entries should relate to the theme of “Communication”. Visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest for more information. Submissions are due by March 22. \$6/student entry. Contact Mary Hillmann, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, 507-389-2509 for more information.

March 22 Seashell Collage Class, 4 p.m., ages 9-12. Tweens will use seashells to create their own masterpieces! Seashells can be painted, maneuvered, and layered to create an animal or a scene constructed entirely from seashells. Held at the Waldorf Public Library, 119 S. Main St. (507) 239-2248.

March 23 Kids Create Class. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Kindergarten and up, \$30. Easter themed art! Your child will be taught a step-by-step creative project while also given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

March 30 Taste of Makerspace, Class Sampler “Speed Round” Style, 6-9 p.m. Glass, lathe, screen printing, leather, ceramics, painting, and more. Adults: In advance \$30, at the door \$35. Children 14 and under: in advance \$15, at the door \$20. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

March Register for the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Summer Session which runs April through June. www.mayso.net.

March Young Writer & Artist Competition. Students ages 7-18 qualify for the competition, no matter where you live! Submit a story around the theme of “Tradition” or submit a drawing/illustration of a scene from your favorite book. Details can be found at <https://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com/young-writers-artists-competition> Deadline for entries is April 30, 2024. Sponsored by the Deep Valley Book Festival, www.deepvalleybookfestival.com or contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

March 2 Improv for Fun. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Immerse yourself in the moment while learning improv skills and games in an encouraging group setting. Free to attend and all are welcome, with donations encouraged. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

March 2 Terrarium in a Jar Class, 1 p.m. Attendees will get their hands dirty putting together a beautiful terrarium using a curated selection of moss, rocks, and terrarium plants. Registration required, \$30. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

March 3-4 Auditions for the musical theater performances of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”, 7 p.m. each day. 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 May 3-19. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

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

March 4 Card Making Class, 6-7 p.m. Justine Buboltz will teach participants how to create homemade greeting cards! Each attendee will leave the class with four projects in total. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 4-May 30 Open Pottery Studio Time, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Punch cards are \$40 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing supplies. Our potter studio has potter’s wheels, slab roller, extruder, hand tools, glazes, greenware storage, updated electric kilns and more. This is not an instructional class. Previous pottery experience is required. The studio manager will be present to help with technical questions. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

March 5 Adaptive Recreational Services offers a monthly “Painting with Rhonda Class” for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

March 5 or 26 Book Planter Class. Create a literary garden by repurposing an old book into a succulent planter. March 5, 1 p.m. or 6 p.m., at the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662. March 26, 6 p.m., at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 833-2910.

March 5 & 19 Crafternoon Club. Join the club and bring a project you’re working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

March 6 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. \$20. Use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

March 6 & 20 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.

March 6-May 15 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 1:30-3:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 7 Monthly Fiber Arts Group. 6-8 p.m. Show and tell, demos, and more. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

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

March 7 Leather Dangle Earring Class, 6 p.m. Design and make a pair of leather dangle earrings to take home. Registration is required. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

March 9 Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Meeting, 12 Noon. Different features each month. Enjoy a delicious lunch. Held at Wow! Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 382-6351 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

March 11 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

March 11 Necklace Crafting Workshop, choose 5-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Leave the workshop with a necklace of your own, and some new jewelry-making skills. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 11-12 Auditions for the theater performances of Agatha Christie "And Then There Were None", 6 p.m. each day. Performances will be held April 26-28 and May 3-5. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Contact Merely Players for more information, (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

March 11-April 29 Writing Workshops. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. Teaching artist Alex S. French will foster discussion and craft writing lessons based around published works (and participants' interests), while also offering a space for participants' own writing through positive and constructive peer-workshopping. Writers of any genre and experience levels welcome. \$160. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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

March 14 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

March 16 Bob Ross Oil Painting Class - Spring 1, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$90. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 154, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

March 16 & 30 Adult Hand Building Ceramics - Wall Sconce, Meets twice on Saturdays, 2-4 p.m., \$37. Make a different object each month. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

March 18 Flintknapping & Mayan Culture Class, 5-7 p.m. Alex Ek will teach a class on flintknapping and Mayan culture. Learn how to create arrowheads with special tools, and learn a bit about Mayan culture in the

process. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 18 Memoir Writing Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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! Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

March 19 Bob Ross Oil Painting Class - Spring 2, 1-5 p.m., \$90. Register at www.mankato.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 154, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

March 19 Stamped Leather Keychains Class, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Create a chic, personalized leather keychain. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 833-2910.

March 20 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

***March 20** 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.

March 20 Writers Group, 6-7 p.m. Bring a piece of writing to share or just come for the fun writing prompts. All genres welcome! Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

March 23 Printing Beer Coasters Class, 12 Noon-3 p.m. Print your own handmade and personally designed beer coasters. \$20, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

March 25 Zentangle Drawing Class, 6-7 p.m. Learn how to create Zentangle drawings with Certified Zentangle Teacher Colette Carlson! Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 27-April 17 Sustainable Sewing Class. Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. Join local tailor/seamstress/costumer Bianca Wilson in creating new things from the inevitable scraps that are just part of sewing. In this course, we'll be making a mosaic inspired scrap quilted fabric, as well as making a stuffed soft good for the home using all recycled materials. \$80. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

March 30 Taste of Makerspace, Class Sampler "Speed Round" Style, 6-9 p.m. Glass, lathe, screen printing, leather, ceramics, painting, and more. Adults: In advance \$30, at the door \$35. Children 14 and under: in advance \$15, at the door \$20. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

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

and to submit a proposal:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTmbI5zUJ0OSELJefRbPr8w_8N4N7Ymmswm3jfPPdiFutIng/vi
ewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTmbI5zUJ0OSELJefRbPr8w_8N4N7Ymmswm3jfPPdiFutIng/vi
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Grant Opportunities

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

March 1 McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts is administered by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota to set aside time for study, reflection, opportunities, new projects, experimentation, and exploration. The fellowship includes: \$25,000 stipend, studio visits, travel, and more. There will be an informational Zoom session about the application on Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Application deadline is March 1. Go to <https://www.mnbookarts.org/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or email Anika Schnieder at aschneider@mnbookarts.org.

March 18 McKnight Media Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Media Artist Fellowships are administered by FilmNorth partnership with the McKnight Foundation. Four \$25,000 fellowships will be awarded to filmmakers, screenwriters, and other media artists beyond the stage of emerging who reside and work within the state of Minnesota. For more information go to <https://filmnorth.org/mcknight/>, (651) 644-1912, or Rndondolay@filmnorth.org.

March 22 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Visual Artist Fellowships are administered by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Six \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://www.mcad.edu/why-mcad/partnerships/mcknight-visual-artist-fellowships> or contact Melanie Pankau at gallery@mcad.edu or (612) 874-3803.

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

March 22 McKnight Community-Engaged Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Community-Engaged Artist Fellowships are administered by the Pillsbury House and Theater in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota artists who use their artistic practice to engage relationships 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.

March 28 McKnight Theater Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Theater Artist Fellowships are administered by the Playwrights Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. The intent of the

program is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-theater-artist-fellowships> or contact Julie Brown at juliab@pwcenter.org.

March 28 Paint the Town Grant Deadline. Free paint and coating products for a community mural, community welcome sign, historic structure, or public art/creative placemaking projects. This grant opportunity is available to small communities with a population under 10,000. Grant applications and guidelines are available at <https://smifoundation.org/grants/for-grant-seekers/paint-the-town-grants-2/>. Contact Alissa at the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for more information, (507) 214-7022 or alissao@smifoundation.org.

April 5 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Individuals Deadline. This program provides support to help individual artists and culture bearers develop or sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with Minnesotans. Grantees may use funds to support their creative practice and meaningfully connect to and engage with audiences, participants, students, and/or communities during the grant period. \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: April 5 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2670 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.