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May 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.

May 1 Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert, 5 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

May 1 Author visit with Catherine Haala, 10:30 a.m. She will discuss her new picture book “Does This Thought Serve Me?” Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 1-4 Senior Exhibition 2. 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/>.

May 1-5 Exhibit by Museum Studies Students. 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/>.

May 1-5 Spring Semester Campus Art Show. (Reception, May 4, 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.

May 1-17 “Everything and the Kitchen Sink” the Juniors Studio Art Majors Exhibition. 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>.

May 1-June 19 Montserrat Alejandra Ulloa Romero’s Mini Gallery of Masterpieces Exhibit. This exhibit will present reinterpretations of works of art by famous artists in minimalist form. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 2 “Living the Dream” Historic Homes of Minnesota presentation by photographer Doug Ohman, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or www.gaylordmnlbrary.org.

***May 2-5** Layl McDill’s Mixed Media Exhibit. 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.

May 3 Virtual author event with Britt Hawthorne. She will discuss her book “Raising Anti-Racist Children”, 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.

May 3-6 Markus Bean's "Mystic Wild" Painting Exhibit. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

May 4 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view "The BFG", 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 4-13 Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit, 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.

***May 4-13** Lisa Bergh and Andrew Nordin's sculpture, installation, and painting Exhibit. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

***May 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Bad Liquor Management with Steve Vonderharr performing rock music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 5 Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert, 7 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 5-14 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of "Nunsense". Fridays and Saturdays dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Sundays lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets also available. Recommended for all ages. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***May 5-21** "Bright Star" theater performances. This show is currently sold out. Go to www.dalekoarts.com to sign up for the wait list. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

***May 5-26** Area High School Student Art Exhibit. (Reception, May 5, 6:30 p.m.) 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.

***May 5-June 24** Brian Frink's "Mythic Gardens of the Future" Exhibit.(Reception, May 6, 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.

May 6 Drumline Theatre Show, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

May 6 Author visit by Patrick Ryan. He will discuss his short story collection "The Baseball Diet Book" and his other books for young people, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 6 Gustavus Honors Recital, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 6 Choral Showcase featuring the Lucia Singers, Choir of Christ Chapel, and Gustavus Choir, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 6-27 Senior Show 2023. (Reception, May 6, 4-6 p.m.) 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.

***May 7** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors “How Sweet It Is”, Nashville based Steve Leslie performing a Tribute to James Taylor, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Ticket holders can also attend four concerts sponsored by the Watonwan County Entertainment Association in St. James. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com.

May 7 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Inspired Energy” 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.org.

May 7 Concert by nationally known pianist Jacqueline Schwab, 3-4:30 p.m. Non-member \$10, member \$7, and students \$5. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 7 Spring Jazz Showcase Concert by Adolphus Jazz and Gustavus Jazz, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 7 Spring Jazz Showcase Concert by Jazz Combos, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Vocal Jazz Soloists, 4:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***May 9** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by 3 CDs. 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.

May 9 Virtual book discussion about “Betsy Wedding” 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.

May 9 Presentation by editor Mary Krugerud discussing the book “The Girl in Building C: The Story of a Teenage Tuberculosis Patient”, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or www.gaylordmnlibrary.org.

May 9 Screening and discussion of “The Wizard of Oz” from 1939, 6:30 p.m. First in a series looking at the history of special effects in cinema. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 10 Virtual author event with Jena Friedman. She will discuss her book “Not Funny: Essays on Life, Comedy, Culture, Et Cetera”, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 11 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Big Hero 6”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 11-13 “Fewer Emergencies” theater performance. May 11-12 at 8 p.m. and May 14 at 2 p.m. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***May 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Watermelon Slush performing country music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 12 Concert by Southern Minnesota’s Real Big Band, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

May 12 Raw Fusion Fashion Show, built on innovation, community and creative energy, while bringing awareness to the local building industry, 7 p.m. Tickets \$50-\$100. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Grand Hall, 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

***May 12-14 & 19-21** Merely Players Community Theatre presents “Oklahoma”, May 12-13 & 19-20 at 7 p.m., and May 14 & 21, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

May 12-27 Shelley Caldwell’s Installation Exhibit. (Reception, May 12, 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.

***May 12-June 23** Robin Waburton’s Wood Carving Exhibit and Bradley Donner’s Painting Exhibit. (Reception, May 12, 5-7 p.m.) Robin will also do a “See how it’s Created” carving demo, May 19 at 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. Robin received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in FY 2023 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***May 13** Singing Hills Chorus presents their “Good Vibes” Concert, 1 p.m. Admission \$10, children ten and under are free. Visit www.singinghillsschorus.org for information about tickets. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato. www.singinghillsschorus.org.

***May 13** Manifest, an art, music and community event featuring art vendors, art raffle, silent auction, food trucks, kids activities, live music, and indigenous centers classes. 12 Noon-8 p.m. Held at Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. Sponsored by Midwest Art Catalyst. (507) 720-0040 or www.midwestartcatalyst.com.

May 13 Year End Band Concert by Gustavus Chamber Winds, Gustavus Wind Symphony, and Gustavus Wind Orchestra, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***May 13-14** Mankato Ballet’s spring recital, “Little Mermaid, Part of Your World”, showcasing all levels of dancers, 12 Noon & 5 p.m. both days. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$12, children 2 and under free but must sit on a lap. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 W. Broadway Ave. (507) 625-7716 or www.mankatoballet.org.

May 14 Handbell Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 14 Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

***May 14 & 28** 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.

May 15 Classic Movie Monday, view “The Philadelphia Story”, 1 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

May 16 Presentation by authors Dennis & Karen Vinar discussing their book “How Did You Find Me...After All These Years”, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or www.gaylordmnlbrary.org.

***May 18** View short films created by students from area colleges and universities, 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.

May 18 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Up”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 18-July 8 Photography Exhibit by local artists. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

***May 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Rob Stokes with Javier Trejo performing ska, reggae, and country music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 20 Virtual author event with Courtney Summers. She will discuss her book “I’m the Girl”, 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***May 20-April 2024** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

***May 20** 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.org.

May 23 Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

May 23 Minnesota in the Civil War presentation by historian Arn Kind, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or www.gaylordmnlbrary.org.

May 24-27 “The Smell of the Kill” theater production. Watch <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/theatre-arts/performances-tickets/> for performance times and ticket prices. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661.

***May 25** “Dine Out” Supper and Songs Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets, at the door \$15. Ticket price does NOT include the cost of a meal, should you choose to have one. Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. Held at Arlington Haus Too, 147 W. Main St., Arlington. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

***May 25** “Elder’s Celebration” Spring Program of plays and songs by K-6 students of Green Isle Community School honoring a local Elder by telling their story, 7 p.m. Plays by Bridget Stewart with music and lyrics by Autumn Santovi. Held at the Green Isle Community School, 190 McGrann St., Green Isle. (507) 326-7144.

May 25 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Wall-E”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 26 Gustavus Wind Orchestra Finale Concert, 7 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 27 Concert by Gary Allan and Tracy Lawrence, 7 p.m. Tickets \$43-\$123, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

May 30 Chad Lewis presents Minnesota’s Gangster Past: Land of 10,000 Crimes, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or www.gaylordmnlbrary.org.

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

***May 1** Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Anything Goes Youth Edition”, 6 p.m., grades 6-12. 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 June 16-25 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

May 2 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. 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.

May 2 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 “cubism”. 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.

May 8 Painting Practice for Young Artists, ages 10-18. Young artists, along with their paints and canvases will be creating one of the kind creations. Artists will be given creative freedom but will start with some fun creative prompts for brainstorming. Helpful painting and drawing tips will be discussed. \$5, registration required at <https://forms.gle/omEJnor87ewbolyP8>. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

May 9 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 creations. 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.

May 9 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/513/Library.

May 11 Creative Kids, 3:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***May 13** 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.

May 16 Pressed Flower Jars Class, 4 p.m., ages 9-17. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

May 18 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.

***May 20** Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

May 22 Painting Party with Sammy Jo Miller, 6-8 p.m. Ages 12 and up. Follow step by step instruction to create a beautiful acrylic painting. All material will be provided. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May Theater Camp Registration. Fairmont Area Community Theater is hosting theater camp for grades K-2. Learn how to audition, the basics of theatre, how to build props, and perform with friends. Camp days June 12-16, 1-4 p.m. Student showcase, June 16 at 5 p.m. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

May Youth Theater Registration. Fairmont Area Community Theater is presenting “Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr.” for grades 3-12. Placements announced June 17, rehearsals July 26-28 & July 31-Aug. 4, 1-4:30 p.m. Performances Aug. 4-5. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota: <https://www.dcsmdance.com/performances> or (507) 625-2005.

Mankato Ballet Company: www.mankatoballet.org “Summer Classes tab” or (507) 625-7716.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

May 1 Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 1-15 Artwork Drop Off Dates for the Queer Experience Regional Exhibition. Pieces can be dropped off at The 410 Project and Carnegie Art Center in Mankato, Art Center of Saint Peter, and The Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm. The exhibition will be held in June at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. The Carnegie Art Center will host "making meet-ups" during regular operating hours, if artists need art supplies and/or space to create work, at 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

May 2 In Stitches: Knitting and Crochet, 2-4 p.m. Bring a project you're working on, get help on a project, or just join for the fun. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

May 3 & 17 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.

May 3, 10, 17 & 31 Inclusive Theater for All. Four Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Join in on theater games, embodiment exercises, voice warm-ups, and more in this dramatic arts class. Open Arts Minnesota and Waseca Public Library have partnered to bring this unique opportunity. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

May 3-31 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/513/Library.

May 5-6 Open Auditions for the upcoming theater production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella”. May 5 at 3-5 p.m. and May 6 at 1-3 p.m. Roles available for all levels, ages, and abilities. Be prepared to sing 30 seconds from the song “Impossible”, “The Sweetest Sounds”, or a song of your choosing. Performances will be held July 28-30. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***May 6 Letterpress Basics using Metal Type Class.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$35. Learn the basics of printing using a small platen press. You will hand-set type, “lock up the form,” set up a printing job, and printing a card.

Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

May 7 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.

May 8 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***May 11** Urban Sketching Class. 6-8 p.m. Join Michael Callahan to learn about the portability of watercolor and ink, while emphasizing speed and freshness over realism. Meets at the Arts Center, first in the lower gallery, then the group will hit the sidewalks. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

May 11 Anishinaabe Bead Class, 1-3 p.m. Learn how patterns and colors can reflect tribal and family affiliations, as you create your own beaded work of art. Registration is required by calling the library or online at <https://forms.gle/RDYU4aWg629e1qXH7>. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

May 11 & 13 Fairmont Area Community Theater is hosting Auditions for the upcoming theater production of “The Sound of Music”. May 11 at 5:30-8 p.m. and May 13 at 9 a.m.-Noon. Performances will be held July 20-29. Instrumentalists are also needed for the orchestra, email info@fairmontoperahouse.org. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

***May 17** 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.

May 17 Writers Group, 6:30 p.m. Share your work with others and get feedback, or just come for the writing prompts and inspiration. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

May 20 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.org.

May 22 Painting Party with Sammy Jo Miller, 6-8 p.m. Follow step by step instruction to create a beautiful acrylic painting. All material will be provided. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 23 or 24 Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create memo boards from pizza pans. Participants will choose to either make a magnet memo board or a chalkboard. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

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

May 19 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Education Application Deadline. This program is meant to help 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. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: May 19 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or msab@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

May 19 McKnight Fellowship for Ceramic Artists Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship for Ceramic Artists is administered by the Northern Clay Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It supports outstanding Minnesota ceramic artists who identify with any methodology: functional, sculptural, relational; all techniques are welcome. The intent is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota, who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Two fellowship of \$25,000 each will be awarded. Application deadline is May 19 at 5 p.m. Go to <https://northernclaycenter.org/artist-services/grants-for-artists/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or email nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org.

June 16 Minnesota State Arts Board Cultural Expression Deadline. This program supports activities that share, explore, pass on, express, or celebrate culture through the arts. Culture may be defined by a common ethnicity, tribal affiliation, geographic or regional identity, occupation, language, or recreation. Traditional and contemporary forms of cultural expression may be funded in this program. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: June 16 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a virtual information session May 16 at 12 Noon. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or culturalexpression@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

June 30 Minnesota State Arts Board Accessible Arts Deadline. This program offers project grants to increase the capacity of the arts sector to make arts experiences more accessible. Funds will be used for investments that will have a longer-term impact on the applicant, such as professional development related to accessibility, hiring accessibility consultants to conduct accessibility audits and/or develop accessibility plans, etc. Funds may also be used for small physical or equipment investments (costing less than \$5,000). Grant range: \$10,000-\$20,000. Application deadline: June 30 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a virtual information session May 12 at 1 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or Annick.Dall-Desbois@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

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.org, (507) 359-9222, or laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org.

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.