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May 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.

May 1 Virtual author event with Douglas Brunt. He will discuss his non-fiction book “The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I”, 2 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 1 Performance by comedian Jim Breuer, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$37-77.50. 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.

May 1-2 Spring Semester Campus Art Show. 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 1-2 Senior Show 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/conkling-gallery/>.

May 1-2 URS Exhibition. 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/>.

May 1-4 Exhibition of work by a Greater Mankato Tattoo Artist. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

May 1-14 Junior Art Exhibition “Trample, Yearn, Crash and Burn”. 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 1-25** ”Changing Minds IV” Exhibit of work by patients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. 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 1-June 8** Eric Zuccola ’s Collage Exhibit and Wednesday Art Appreciation Group’s French Impressionist Exhibit. (Reception, May 9, 5-7 p.m.) 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.

May 1-June 14 Deb While Groebner’s exhibit displaying encaustic mixed-media paintings. 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 Concert by Steel Panther with special guest Stitched Up Heart, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets \$27.50-\$81. 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

May 2-11 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.

***May 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Tennessee Stiffs performing folk, blues, rock, and country 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.

May 3 Raw Fusion Fashion Show, built on innovation, community and creative energy, while bringing awareness to the local building industry, 7 p.m. Tickets \$40-50. 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 3 Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Concert featuring Concerto Winners, 7 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 3 Senior Move Matinee, view “The Man Who Came to Dinner”, 1 p.m. Sponsored by the CAST Senior Center. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***May 3-5** Merely Players Community Theatre presents “Agatha Christie and Then There Were None”. May 3-4 at 7 p.m. & May 5 at 2:30 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and youth \$15. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

May 3-5 Books in Bloom, a biennial event that features floral arrangements by designers and florists who interpret a book, film, or other academic resource selected from the Library’s holdings. May 3 from 3-5 p.m., May 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and May 5 from 12 Noon-3 p.m. Held at Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 3-19 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”. Fridays and Saturdays dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show only seating at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Sundays lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show only seating at 1:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Show tickets: Adults \$23, students \$21, add dinner for \$30. Tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***May 3-31** Andy Kahmann’s “A to Z Letterpress” Printmaking Exhibit of art prints, posters, books, and more. (Reception, May 3, 6:30-8:30 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 4 Cellar Press 5-year Anniversary, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., includes press demonstrations, souvenirs, and fun activities for kids and adults. Held at the Cellar Press, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 4 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra presents their “Fantasy & Beauty” Concert, 7 p.m., featuring violinist Rui Du. Adults \$25, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave., St. Peter. www.mankatosymphony.org. (507) 625-8880.

May 4 B-Town Drumline Spring Show, performances at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center's Sigurd K. Lee Theater, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

May 4 LIVE performance at the Carnegie by cellists Jacqueline Ultan and Michelle Kinney. 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.

May 4 Poetry Live! Open mic and live music, 2-3 p.m. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

May 4 "Sincerely Yours, The Comeback Kids" Seniors Exhibition Opening Reception, 4-6 p.m. Held at the Hillstrom Museum, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 4 Choral Showcase Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 4 Alice in Wonderland Spring Play, at 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. \$3. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

May 4 "World According to Garth" Garth Brooks Tribute Concert, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

May 5 Spring Jazz Showcase Jazz Ensemble Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 5 Spring Jazz Showcase Jazz Combos and Vocal Jazz Soloists Concert, 4:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 5 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.

May 5 "Here Comes the Sun" Beatles Tribute Concert, 2:30 p.m. Contact the New Ulm Concert Association at (507) 766-0725 for ticket information. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

May 8 Virtual author event with Nina Simon. She will discuss her mystery novel "Mother-Daughter Murder Night", 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.

***May 8-25** Annual Juried Show. (Reception, May 10, 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.thecarnegiemandato.com.

***May 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, including singers, musicians, poetry readings, comedians, and more, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 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.

***May 9** Waterville Art Walk including: W.E.M. Elementary Annual Art Show and Ice Cream Social, 4-6 p.m., at the school, 500 E. Paquin St.; W.E.M. High School Ceramics Students Showcase, 6-7:30 p.m., at Make It, Waterville, 103 S. Third St.; and Downtown Mural Tour, 5-7:30 p.m., take a self-guided tour of existing and upcoming murals. Hosted by W.E.M. Schools and the Waterville Chamber of Commerce, (507) 461-8700 or www.watervillemn.com.

May 9-12 “Peter and the Starcatcher” theater performances. May 9-11 at 8 p.m. and May 11-12 at 2 p.m. Held at Rob and Judy Gardner Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***May 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Andrea Lyn performing original 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.

May 10 Senior Move Matinee, view “Harvey”, 1 p.m. Sponsored by the CAST Senior Center. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***May 11** Singing Hills Chorus presents their “Travelin’ Tunes” Concert with special guest The Largest Crescendo, 1 p.m. Tickets available at the door. General admission \$10, children 10 and under are free. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato. www.singinghillchorus.org or katoactonalz@gmail.com.

***May 11** “Together We Sing” Concert by the Waseca Area Chorale with special guests the Faribault Beau Chant Chorale, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, ages 12 and under \$7. Held at the Waseca Jr./Sr. High School Performing Arts Center, 1717 2nd St NW, Waseca. Waseca Area Chorale, (507) 521-4731 or “Waseca Area Chorale” on Facebook.

May 11 Manifest, an art, music and community event featuring live music, art vendors, an art raffle/silent auction, food trucks, kid’s activities, and a 2024 Mankato Community Collage photo shoot. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Held at Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. Sponsored by Midwest Art Catalyst. (507) 720-0040 or www.midwestartcatalyst.com.

May 11 Machinery Hill in Concert, 7 p.m. In advance \$15, at the door \$20. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

May 11 Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet, #1 Hit Parade Music Concert, 2 p.m.. Held at Park Grand Opening, 107 Willis St., Elmore. (Next to the Library.) (507) 399-1489.

***May 11-12** Mankato Ballet’s spring recital, “Snow”, 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 12 Handbell Spring Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***May 12 & 26** 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 13 Movie Monday, view “Fried Green Tomatoes”, 1 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***May 14** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free entertainment by Bill Busse, Sandy Ettesvold, Joyce Schultz. 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 14 Screening and discussion of “Privilege”, 6:30 p.m. As part of a series looking at mockumentaries. 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 15** Theater performance of the “Jungle Book” by 2nd-4th graders, 6 p.m. Free will donation accepted. Held at North Elementary School, 815 N. 9th St., St. Peter. (507) 934-3260.

May 16 View multiple short films that were submitted 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 16 Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos Show, 7-10 p.m. Experience the high energy mix of comedy, music, and audience participation. Held at Chankaska Creek Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. (507) 931-0089 or www.chankaskawines.com.

May 16-July 6 Joe Deutsch’s Multi-Media Mental Health Display. 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 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jason Helder performing folk, rock, and jazz 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.

May 17 Senior Move Matinee, view “Witness for the Prosecution”, 1 p.m. Sponsored by the CAST Senior Center. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***May 18** St. Peter Festival of Nations, 12:30-5 p.m., including live music performances and food. Held at Johnson Hall at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds, 400 Union St., St. Peter. Sponsored by the St. Peter Good Neighbor Diversity Council. (507) 327-2149 or www.stpetergoodneighbor.org.

May 18 Trivia with Allen Eskens, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Test your knowledge about Allen Eskens’ books with the author himself! Also, hear Allen speak about his newest book. In advance \$15, at the door \$20. All proceeds will go to the annual Summer Learning Program. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

May 18 Author fireside chat and book signing with Minnesota authors Jess Lourey, Kristi Belcamino, and Sarah Stonich, 4-5:30 p.m. \$5, pre-registration required. Held at Lykke Books, 203 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 276-8724 or www.lykkebooks.com.

May 18 Visit by author Staci Andrea. She will discuss her thriller and suspense novels, especially “Beneath Her Lies”, 1 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 18 Concert by distinguished pianist and composer, Philip Daniel, 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***May 18-April 19, 2025** 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 19 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 21 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.

May 21 Virtual author event with Rebecca F. Kuang. She will discuss her novel "Yellowface", 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.

May 21 Becoming Mark Twain: Life, Death and Huck Finn on the Mississippi Program, 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.

***May 23** "Supper & Songs" Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets, at the door \$15. Come early, at 6:45 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. Enjoy a meal with family and friends! (Meal is not included with ticket price.) A free open rehearsal time will be announced. Held at the Arlington Haus Too, 147 W. Main St., Arlington. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

***May 24** "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 24 Gustavus Wind Orchestra Finale Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 24 Senior Move Matinee, view "The Long, Long Trailer", 1 p.m. Sponsored by the CAST Senior Center. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 26 Virtual book discussion about "Betsy in Spite of Herself" by Maud Hart Lovelace, part 2, 6-7 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.

***May 28** Henderson Music on Main Concert by the Bob Kahle Polka Band, 5:30-7:30 p.m., during the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

May 29-June 1 Highland Summer Theatre performances of “The Miss Firecracker Contest”, 7:30 p.m. each day. 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/.

***May 30** Montgomery’s Music in the Park Series Concert by the Tri-City United Pep Band, 6 p.m. Held at Memorial Park, 500 5th St. SE, Montgomery. (507) 364-8888 or www.cityofmontgomerymn.com.

***May 30** Music in the Park Series with In A Bind performing, 5:30-8 p.m. Food vendors will be on site. Held at the Veteran’s Memorial Park, 303 W. Front St., Janesville. (507) 420-0613 or “City of Janesville, MN” on Facebook.

***May 31** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ace in the Whole performing eclectic 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.

May 31 Senior Move Matinee, view “12 Angry Men”, 1 p.m. Sponsored by the CAST Senior Center. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***May 31-June 29** James Taylor’s Photography Exhibit. (Reception, June 1, 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.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

May 5-6 Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Into the Woods Jr.”, 6 p.m. each day, grades 7-12. 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 21-30. 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.

May 7 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.

May 7 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.

May 7 & 14 Youth Hand Building Ceramics - Luminary, Meets twice on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., grades 3-9, \$37. Make a useful object from a lump of clay. 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.

***May 8 & 22** 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.

May 14 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.

May 15 Weaving Class, 1-2 p.m. Learn how to weave with us! We'll use a small loom and wool yarn to create a beautiful hanging masterpiece. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***May 16** 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.

May 21 Plant Pot Painting Class, 4-5 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 Register for the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music Pops Camp. Held June 24-28, half day camp and full day camp is available. Half day, 9 a.m.-12 Noon, \$125. Full day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$250. Registration required. Final performance concert on June 28th. Held at the New Ulm High School. Sponsored by the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, (507) 276-5874 or <https://newulmsuzuki.org/pops-camp/>.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

Bluejay Dance Studio: Register at www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com. (507) 835-5626.

Borchardt Dance Company: <https://borchardtdance.com/summer-dance-classes/> or (507) 432-6719

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.

Spotlight Dance Company: www.spotlightdancecompany.net. Summer options under each age group. (507) 720-6025.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

May 1 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.

May 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/513/Library.

May 1-15 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.

May 2 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.thecarnegiemandato.com.

May 2 or 3 Mosaic Flower Pot Craft for Adults. May 2 at 5:30 p.m. or May 3 at 9:30 a.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

May 2 & 4 Auditions for the Fairmont Area Community Theater's performances of "Mary Poppins, the Broadway Musical". May 2 from 6-9 p.m. and May 4 from 9 a.m.-12 Noon. Held at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center, 900 Johnson St. Performance dates: July 23-28. (507) 238-4900 or <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/community-theater/>.

May 2-30 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.

May 4 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.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

May 4, 11, or 25 Drawing Shapes Class, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. \$40, choose a day. This class is designed to teach the basics of drawing shapes using highlights, the difference between charcoal pencil, and shadowing. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

May 6 Short Film Submission Deadline for the ArtHouse Film Series. To submit a short film or ask questions, email newulmfilmsociety@gmail.com. Submissions are free, one submission per person. The showing event will take place May 16 at 7 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 6-27 Drop-In Community Writing Workshops. Mondays, 6-8 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.

May 7 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.

May 7 & 21 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.

May 8 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.

May 9 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local singers, musicians, poets, comedians, and more, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 7-9:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

May 9 Flower Arrangement Class, 6:30 p.m. Zinnias Boutique will be joining us to teach this class. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

May 11 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.

May 11 Introduction to the Construction of Japanese Bookbinding Class, time TBD. This short class will provide an introduction to “stab binding”, a traditional bookbinding technique from Japan, suitable for photo albums and scrapbooks, \$40. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

May 11 Watercolor - Color Theory Class, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. \$60. This class is designed to determine which colors might be most effective for your money. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

May 11 & 18 Adult Hand Building Ceramics - Luminary 2, Meets twice on Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$37. 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.

May 13 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

May 15 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.

***May 15** 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 15 Faux Celebration Cakes, 2-3 p.m. Join Courtney Cerruti and Twinkie Chan in celebrating Creativebug's 12th birthday! They will be making faux celebration cakes full of fun colors, "frosted" bows, rosettes, and topped with faux fruit and sprinkles. These fun cakes can be made for any occasion and will last for many years to come. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. 507-304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***May 16** 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.

***May 16** Join the Lafayette Band! Practice starts at 7 p.m. with lunch and annual meeting to follow. Held at the Lafayette Community Center, 540 7th St. For more information call (507) 276-0426 or (218) 491-5036.

May 16 Knitting Circle, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All skill levels are invited to join our unstructured knitting circle in the library. No instructor, just friendly conversation and knitting. Meetings will be the third Thursday of each month. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

May 16 & 18 Two-Color Linoleum Block Carving and Printing Class, May 16 from 6-9 p.m. and May 18 from 12 Noon-3 p.m. Carve two-color blocks and print your design. Should be suitable for framing and for printing in our annual letterpress Grand calendar, \$15. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

May 18 Watercolor - Wet on Wet Techniques Class, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. \$60. This class is designed to provide

exposure to a variety of wet on wet techniques. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

May 18 Bob Ross Oil Painting Class - Green Flower, 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.

***May 18-19** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, May 18 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and May 19 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$100, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

May 18-19 The Blue Earth Town & Country Players will be holding auditions for their summer musical, "Church Basement Ladies," 1-3 p.m. both days. Held in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room, 1125 Hwy 169, Blue Earth. Show dates will be July 18-21. For more information, contact director Nancy Steinke at (507) 525-0409. "Blue Earth Town & Country Players" on Facebook.

May 19 Live Figure Painting Class. 2-3 p.m. \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

May 22 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.

May 23 Bend of the River Photography Club Meeting, 6 p.m. All are welcome! Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. "The Bend of the River Photography Club" on Facebook.

May 25 Watercolor - Negative Painting Class, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. \$60. This class is designed to show layering and painting backgrounds. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

May 29 or 30 Adult Craft Night, 6-8 p.m., choose a night. Create a pressed flower bookmark. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

May-June Call for Work. The Carnegie Art Center is conducting a call for photos, reflections, and artwork for the upcoming Hope Cook Retrospective Exhibit to be held July 31-Aug. 17. Contact the office to contribute. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730, carnegiemandato@gmail.com or www.thecarnegiemandato.com.

Grant Opportunities

May 3 Minnesota State Arts Board Accessible Arts Deadline. This program will offer 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 (i.e., staff or volunteer training, etc.), 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) that will make programming more accessible (i.e. assisted listening, captioning equipment, grab bars, etc.) \$10,000-\$20,000. Application deadline: May 3 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2657 or AccessibleArts@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 17 McKnight Ceramic Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Fellowships for Ceramic Artists are administered by the Northern Clay Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. Two \$25,000 fellowships will be awarded for experimenting with new techniques and materials; purchasing materials and equipment; collaborating with other artists; or pursuing education, exhibition, or travel opportunities. The 2024 fellows will also deliver a workshop and at the culmination of the grant period. For more information go to <https://northernclaycenter.org/artist-services/grants-for-artists/mcknight-fellowships/>, (651) 339-8007, or nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org.

May 20 Springboard for the Arts Rural-Urban Solidarity Deadline. Springboard for the Arts invites artists and creatives across Minnesota to develop projects that explore and shed light on the concept of rural-urban solidarity. Culture bearers, makers, artists, writers, filmmakers, musicians, performers, and other creatives are invited to apply for project support for projects that help build understanding, interaction, compassion, joy, and solidarity between rural and urban communities. Staff will host an online info session May 3, 12 Noon-1 p.m. For more information go to <https://springboardforthearts.org/rural-urban-solidarity/>, (651) 292-4381, or ricardo@springboardforthearts.org.

June 21 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Experiences Deadline. This program will support individuals and organizations in providing meaningful arts experiences for Minnesotans within their communities. Funds may be used for a variety of arts programming such as creating and/or presenting concerts, plays, tours, exhibitions, arts festivals, public art, or other kinds of activities that provide Minnesotans opportunities to engage in arts activities that are instilled into community or public life. \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: June 21 at 4:30 p.m. An online information session will be held May 21, 12-1 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2671 or ArtsExperiences@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.