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October 2021 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.

***Oct. 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents a virtual music concert by Betty and Ocho, performing folk and eclectic music, 7-9:30 p.m. To view the live show, subscribe to The Grand's YouTube channel at www.thegrandnewulm.com/youtube. Sponsored by the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 1 Arla Mae's Booyah Wagon Tour, a poignant musical comedy that will travel to communities in Minnesota, 6 p.m. Adults \$15, children \$5. Held at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, 41142 160th St., Waseca. <https://www.sodhousetheater.org/arla-maes-booyah-wagon>

Oct. 1-2 "But I Guess I'm Already There" Group Exhibition by Izel Vargas, Kathleen Hawkes, Alessandra Sulpy, James Wade, and Rachel Cox. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Oct. 1-2 & 8-9 Oktoberfest in New Ulm. Go to www.newulm.com/oktoberfest to view a schedule of locations, music events, and times. (507) 233-4300.

Oct. 1-3 "H.M.S. Pinafore" theater production, Oct. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 2-3 at 2 p.m. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***Oct. 1-9** Gerry Tostenson's Drawing 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. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at www.thegrandnewulm.com. (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 1-20 Arlene Birt's "Putting Data Into Context" Installation Exhibit featuring participant based art which uses data as a means of visual creativity. (Reception, Oct. 5, 5-7 p.m. and Artist Talk, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m.) Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

Oct. 1-29 Brett Kallusky's "Landfill: Elegy for the Santa Maria Valley" Exhibition, (Lecture & Reception, Oct. 6, 7 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

***Oct. 1-30** Exhibit of works done by LeSueur County artists, artwork is owned by the LeSueur County Historical Society. 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.

***Oct. 1-30** Pam Bidelman's Painting Exhibit. 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.

***Oct. 1-Nov. 5** Stitcher's In Time, a Local Quilters Guild Exhibit and the Waseca Art Center Member Show. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Oct. 1-Nov. 5 Joan Krikava's collection of Czech glassware. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 1-Nov. 7 Art for All: The Swedish Experience in Mid-America Exhibit, co-organized with the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas. (Nobel Conference Reception, Oct. 5, 3:30-5:30 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.

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

***Oct. 2** American Indian Cultural Arts: Dance, Crafts and an all-ages Creator's Game, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This event is an opportunity for local community members of all ages to learn about Indigenous Culture (Lakota, Ojibwe, Dakota) in a smaller, informal setting with the activity leaders. History, cultural significance, etc. will be presented with each activity, with a chance to ask questions and/or participate in the activity. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato.

***Oct. 2** Concert by The Okee Dokee Brothers, performing folk music, 7 p.m. Adults \$20; students 14 and under \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

***Oct. 2** Deep Valley Book Festival, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Meet authors, illustrators, and publishers; book sales and signings; speakers and programs; Young Writer & Illustrator Contest Awards; and more. Free admission for most of the festival. Two programs will require tickets: 10 a.m., \$10, Coffee with "Cooked to Death" Authors panel and 11:30 a.m., \$25, Lunch with Will Weaver. Tickets can be purchased online; virtual tickets for the two programs are also available. Held at Loose Moose Saloon & Conference Center, 119 S. Front St., Mankato. www.deepvalleybookfestival.com or contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com.

Oct. 2 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "America's Soundtrack" Family Series Concert, 1 p.m., free. Held at the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

Oct. 2 "Waking Up America" New Ulm Community Concert by Croatian pop star Tatiana Cameron, 7:30 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Community Concert Association, (507) 766-1900 or (507) 776-0725.

Oct. 3 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Vänskä Plays Mozart" Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, standard seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

Oct. 3 Wind Symphony Concert, 1 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

Oct. 3-4 Jazz Ensemble Fall Concerts held outdoors on campus, 5 p.m. each day. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Oct. 3-27 Author Haylee Blauert and illustrator Jason Jaspersen’s “Stars in the Sky” Exhibit. (Reception and discussion, Oct. 7, 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.

***Oct 4** “Preserving Memories”, VINE Memoir Writers Group Book Launch Party, 12 Noon-1 p.m. The public is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Held at VINE Adult Community Center, 421 Hickory St., Mankato, 5th Floor.

Oct. 4 MN State University, Mankato’s Performance Series Concert: Todd Clouser and A Love Electric performing punk jazz and rock music, 7:30 p.m. In advance \$10, at the door \$12, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***Oct. 5** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Ball in the House, performing soulful A Cappella music, 7 p.m. The Five-Concert Series tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$100. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com.

***Oct. 7** Fairmont Concert Association sponsors Waking Up in America, performing cabaret style show of the American Songbook and well-known country favorites, 7 p.m. Concert series tickets will be sold at the first concert. Held at Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center, 900 Johnson St. “Fairmont Concert Association” on Facebook for more ticket information.

Oct. 7 “Minnesota Not So Nice” Author Panel, 6:30 p.m. Panelists will include authors and editors of their latest chapter anthology: “Minnesota Not So Nice: Eighteen Tales of Bad Behavior”: Doug Dorow, Barbara Deese, Michael Allan Mallory, and Timya Owen. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Oct. 7 Author Allen Eskens will discuss his new book “The Stolen Hours”, 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

Oct. 7-10 Community Film Showing of “Dakota 38” in honor of Indigenous People’s Day. Oct. 7, 7 p.m. at Minnesota State University Mankato, Centennial Student Union rooms 253-255. Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. outdoors at the HUB Food Park, 512 N. Riverfront Dr, Mankato. Sponsored by the Indigenous People’s Day Mankato Committee, <https://www.facebook.com/IPDMankato/>.

Oct. 7-10 & 13-17 “Good for Otto” theater production, Oct. 7-9 and 13-16 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 and 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/.

***Oct. 7-23** Shelley Caldwell’s “Effusive Expanse” Exhibit of installation and works on paper and Noël Van Tol’s “Gardening With a Paintbrush” Exhibit of mixed media paintings. (Reception, Oct. 9, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

***Oct. 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring violinist Gary Schulte performing 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.com.

***Oct. 8-10** “Over the River and Through the Woods” theater performance, Oct. 8-9 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets: In advance \$12, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org, at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce or New Ulm HyVee; at the door \$15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Oct. 8-23 Mai Tran’s Woodcut Prints Exhibit. (Reception, Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Oct. 8-24 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”. Friday and Saturday dinner seating at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Sunday lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$58, depending on meal choice, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets can be purchased online and if available, can be purchased at the door 30 min. before each show. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***Oct. 9** Meet Artist-in-Residence Rachel James, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. She will show her print work and do a demonstration of the etching press. Rachel will also present a Monoprinting Workshop, 1-4 p.m., \$35, registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 9 Concert by Aby Wolf, performing music that blurs the lines between chamber music, jazz and electro-R&B, 7 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students 14 and under \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Oct. 9 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Zack Hammond Comey Comedy Show, 7-9 p.m. Non-members \$10, members \$7. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 9 Author Joe Kimball will discuss writing and reporting true crime and his book “Secrets of the Congdon Mansion”, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Oct. 10** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s concert, “National Monuments”, 3 p.m., featuring great American composers such as Copland, Barber, and Gershwin. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Ted Paul Theater, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Symphony Orchestra, www.mankatosymphony.com. (507) 625-8880.

Oct. 11 Indigenous People’s Day Panel with Small Group Discussions, 6 p.m. Held at Minnesota State University Mankato, Centennial Student Union rooms 253-255. Sponsored by the Indigenous People’s Day Mankato Committee, <https://www.facebook.com/IPDMankato/>.

***Oct. 11** “Songs for Strings” Concert by the Two Rivers Orchestra featuring light classical music, 7 p.m. Admission is an “at-will” donation at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (612) 251-8492.

Oct. 12 MN State University Mankato’s Performance Series Concert: David Huckfelt with Jeremy Ylvisaker and JT Bates performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. In advance \$12, at the door \$15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***Oct. 12** Author Brian Malloy will read from his novel “After Francesco”, 7:30-8 p.m., free. Register online at: <https://www.thegrandnewulm.com/register/october-12-brian-malloy-reading-writing-workshop>. Brian will lead a Novel Writing Workshop in conjunction with this event at 6 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 13 “Country Comes to Town” Concert by Toby Keith, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$249. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 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/events-and-tickets.

***Oct. 13-Dec. 23** Holiday Market 2021. Items from local artists will be available for purchase at different times during the 3-month market. Oct. 13-31, Jewelry, Textiles, and Personal Care; Nov. 3-28, Books, Prints, Photography; Dec. 1-23, Pottery, Woodwork, and Holiday Fair. 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.

***Oct. 14** “Colorful Asia” Cultural Dance Performance by the Pan Asian Arts Alliance, 6 p.m., free. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

***Oct. 14-15** Global Connections Conference, virtual events begin at 8:30 a.m. each day, free. Learn about cultures from around the world with a special focus this year on Asian Culture. Go to <https://southcentral.edu/Global-Connections/global-conference.html> to access the Zoom links for the keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online vendors. Sponsored by South Central College. (507) 389-7407 or www.southcentral.edu.

Oct. 14-17 Fairmont Area Community Theater presents performances of “Drinking Habits”. Oct. 14-16 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. General admission \$20; seniors \$15; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

***Oct. 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music featuring pianist Masa Ishikawa performing 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.com.

Oct. 15 “Baby Snooks and Daddy: Halloween Show” Radio Show, 2 p.m. The link to the virtual show will be posted online. Donations will be accepted to view the show. Sponsored by the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Oct. 15 Organ recital by professor Chad Winterfeldt, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Oct. 15-Nov. 12** “Jane Liedman’s World of Art” Painting Exhibit. (Reception Oct. 15, 5 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. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at www.thegrandnewulm.com. (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 16 Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Singers Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 16 Chamber music concert by the Mill City Quartet, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students \$5. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Oct. 16 Author Chris McCormick will read from his new novel, “The Gimmicks” and discuss writing fiction, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Oct. 16 Virtual Concert of Beethoven and Music from Japan by Yumiko Oshima-Ryan, 3 p.m. Contact the school for login information. Sponsored by Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Oct. 17 University Fall Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 19 Authors Benjamin Percy and Sarah Stonich will discuss their new books, 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

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

Oct. 22 “Almost Cooper” a Halloween Tribute to the music of Alice Cooper, 7 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students 14 and under \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Oct. 23 “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” movie screening, 8:30 p.m. There will be pre-movie games, “Mistress of Ceremonies,” and a shadow cast. Patrons are encouraged to dress as their favorite character from the show with added steampunk flair and participate along with the movie. Movie only tickets \$10, “The Slab” pre-event tickets \$25, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Oct. 23 Author Chad Lewis will make a virtual historical presentation featuring tales of deadly bank robberies, explosive shootouts, brutal murders, and daring kidnappings, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact the library for the Zoom link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Oct. 24 University Concert Band Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 24 Concert by Nelly with special guests Blanco Brown and Harper Grace, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$39-\$99. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 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/events-and-tickets.

Oct. 25 “Freedom to Dance” from the Twin Cities, performing at 7 p.m., free. Fellowship time with refreshments starting at 6:15 p.m. Held at Gaylord United Church of Christ, 318 4th St. (507) 237-2595 or uccgaylord@gmail.com.

Oct. 27-Nov. 6 Annual Halloween Exhibition. (Reception, Oct. 29, 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.

Oct. 28 New Ulm Community Concert by The Masters of Soul performing Motown music, 7:30 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Community Concert Association, (507) 766-1900 or (507) 776-0725.

Oct. 28 Mankato Playhouse presents a performance of “Broadway Teens Cabaret”, 7:30 p.m. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Oct. 28 Author Frank Weber will discuss his new book “Burning Bridges”, 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

***Oct. 28-30** Merely Players Community Theatre presents the musical “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”, 7:30 p.m. each night. General Admission \$25. Not recommended for children. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St. Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

Oct. 29 C.Willi Myles Comedy Club performance, 7 p.m. General admission \$25, on the stage seating \$35, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org, at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce or New Ulm HyVee. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***Oct. 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 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.com.

Oct. 29 Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Oct. 30** Old Town Mankato Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring dance troupes, a Mariachi band, art experiences, a pinata market, vendor market, food trucks, games and activities, and more. Held on Riverfront Dr., Downtown Mankato. (507) 469-8015.

Oct. 30 The Great Fall Get Back Together fundraiser for the Waseca Art Center, 6-9 p.m. Food, music games, and more. Prizes for best costume. Tickets: in advance \$35, at the door \$40. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Oct. 31-Nov. 24 Steven Lemke’s “Deconstructed Paradise” Sculpture Exhibit. (Reception and presentation, Nov. 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.

***GSR Fine Art Festival**

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

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.

Youth Opportunities/Classes

Oct. 5 Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is “Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” illustrate a spooky story using stencils and print making. Registration required at <https://www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Oct. 5 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is “Ominous Forest Shadow Box,” cutting and layering paper to create depth. Registration required Registration required at <https://www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***Oct. 6** Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting technique. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 20-22 Craft Club, 3:15-4:40 p.m. each day. Grades K-6, \$32. Create fall and Halloween themed projects. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Adult Opportunities/Classes

Oct. 4 Paint Dipping Class with Mankato Makerspace, 6 p.m. An artist will teach various techniques for paint pouring, allowing them to practice, play, and create a piece of art. Registration is required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Oct. 4-Jan. 31** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Education Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

Oct. 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/363/Library.

Oct. 6-27 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Oct. 8 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association business meeting and program at 9-11 a.m., presentation by guitar teacher and performer Logan Burns. Annual membership \$30. Held at the Emy Frentz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. If you would prefer to join virtually, email ivory88@mac.com for the Zoom link prior to the meeting. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

***Oct. 9** Monoprinting Workshop with instructor Rachel James, 1-4 p.m. Participants will explore monoprinting using our the new Takach etching press. Build up layers of color using brushes, brayers, and stencils on plexi-glass plates, adding found objects to create unique works of art. Materials included and no experience necessary, \$35. Rachel will show her work and do a demonstration of the etching press in conjunction with this event, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 10-11 Musical theater auditions for Mankato Playhouse's performances of "Scrooge", 7-9 p.m. each night. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. A pianist will be provided to accompany you. Go to <https://mankatoplayhouse.com/broadway-series-auditions> for additional audition information. Held at the Mankato Playhouse, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Oct. 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 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***Oct. 12** Novel Writing Workshop with author Brian Malloy, 6-7:30 p.m., free. Register online at: <https://www.thegrandnewulm.com/register/october-12-brian-malloy-reading-writing-workshop>. Brian will conduct a reading of his novel "After Francesco" in conjunction with this event at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 18 Wire Jewelry Making Class with Shayna Swiers from the Mankato Makerspace, 6 p.m. Create a piece of jewelry you will want to wear everyday. Registration is required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Oct. 18-Nov. 8** Intermediate Knitting Class, Socks. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. Create natural-fiber socks while adding to your knitting skills. \$40, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Oct. 20-21 Entry Day for the Annual Halloween Exhibition, 2-6 p.m. both days. \$5 per piece, artists can enter up to 3 pieces. Any Halloween or Harvest themed art accepted. Exhibition Dates: Oct. 27-Nov. 6; Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

***Oct. 21-Nov. 4** Modern Love: The Essay Challenge Class. Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. The New York Times column "Modern Love" is a long-standing literary tradition. We will read and deconstruct a few essays, and then write out our own Modern Love stories. Drafts will be shared in each class and then the final drafts will be submitted to the New York Times. \$30, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 Creating a Barn Quilt Class, 5-10 p.m. each day. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of board, using paint colors of their choice. Materials \$30, class fee \$45, for a total of \$75. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Oct. 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 7-9:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. This group works on different techniques and learns new things from each other. Every week is different. Sign up at the Waseca Art

Center or online at www.wasecaartscenter.org. Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecartcenter.org.

Oct. Call for Artists. Do you have an idea for an exhibit at the Red Rock Center for the Arts? Solo and group shows welcome. Visit <https://www.redrockcenter.org/current-and-upcoming-exhibits.html> or call the Red Rock Center to submit a 2022 Exhibition Proposal today! www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

***Adaptive Recreational Services** “On the Go” will distribute Painting with Rhonda canvases and post an online instruction video on their Facebook page. There are some fun paintings to look forward to in October! You can find information about ARS at www.nuars.org. Adaptive Recreational Services is located in New Ulm, and offers creative, recreational and social events for teens and adults with disabilities from the surrounding communities. Contact Karrie Borchert, coordinator, at (507) 217-0383 with any questions.

***Mankato Makers Space** is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Classes may have limited numbers of participants. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 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

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

Oct. 18 Forecast Public Art Grant Deadlines. Forecast Public Art is offering four different grant programs to support Minnesota artists looking to advance their work in public art. All programs have a deadline of Oct. 18. Grants available are: Mid-Career Project Grant, five \$10,000 grants will be awarded; Mid-Career Professional Development Grant, two \$5,000 grants will be awarded; Early-Career Artist Project Grant, two \$8,000 grants will be awarded; and Early-Career Artist Research and Development Grant, four \$2,500 grants will be awarded. For more information contact (651) 641-1128 or <https://forecastpublicart.org/artist-support-2-2/mid-career-project-grant/>. There will be two virtual information sessions offered via Zoom: Sept. 1 from 6-7 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 3-4 p.m. Contact info@forecastpublicart.org to register and to receive the Zoom link.

Oct. 29 Minnesota State Arts Board and Arts Midwest American Rescue Plan Grant Deadline. American Rescue Plan Grants will help small and midsized Minnesota nonprofit arts organizations and arts affiliates support costs related to their employees or contractors, facilities, health and safety, and marketing or promotion. These will be flexible operating grants that can be used to help organizations sustain their people and programming, rebuild, and reopen from COVID-19. Approximately 65 grants of \$15,000 each, will be awarded. Grants will be distributed proportionally based on population, to organizations in each of Minnesota’s eleven arts regions. Application deadline: Oct. 29 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or

richard.hitchler@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/arp.htm>.

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.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, (Temporarily Closed) 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios and gallery space. (507) 779-7206, emyfrenzartsguild@gmail.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.

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. 10-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor of The Grand. www.thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or grand@thegrandnewulm.com.

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, and weekly art appreciation discussions. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701, info@wasecaartcenter.org 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 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 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, “Springfield Community Theatre, Springfield, MN” on Facebook. Performances are held at the Springfield High School.

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