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ARTS ADVOCACY WEEK

A SUCCESS IN MARCH

In March, we were able to do Zoom meetings with eight Legislators in our 9-county area and had many arts constituents from the region take part in the meetings coordinated by MN Citizens for the Arts and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, noted Brenda Byron.

Our district meetings with legislators included: District 16 Sen. Gary Dahms, 16B Rep. Paul Torkelson, 18B Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, 19 Sen. Nick Frentz, 19A Rep. Susan Aklund, 20 Sen. Rich Draheim, 20B Rep. Todd Lippert, and 23 Sen. Julie Rosen.

We are Thankful that for many years our legislators have understood the “Value of the Arts” and many noted they were familiar with arts activities in their district. Several mentioned that they receive “Thank You Notes” from students who received youth scholarships from Prairie Lakes, and many arts organizations, schools and community groups that received State arts grants, noted Brenda Byron. **It was noted that the Arts have a positive economic impact on the community when arts activities happen in town,** and people also buy gas and food in town, and may do other shopping while being in town for an arts event. (Continued on page 2.)



Arts constituents met with **Senator Julie Rosen** from District 23. Pictured from the Zoom meeting are: Top Row: Brenda Bryon; Cindy Lewer; Sarah Fossen, Executive Director of MCA; and Dan Zielske. Middle Row: Pam Trumbull; Yvonne Cory; Alice De Yonge; and Steve & Karl Davis. Bottom Row: Senator Julie Rosen; Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence; and Sen. Rosen’s staff.

Arts Organizations Need COVID Relief in Minnesota



Brenda Byron,
Executive Director

“It was great to participate in Virtual Arts Advocacy Week March 14-18, 2022 which was coordinated by MN Citizens for the Arts”, noted Brenda Byron, MCA board member and Executive Director of PLRAC.

Over 300 Arts advocates from across Minnesota participated and shared their stories with their Legislators.

We were pleased that so many artists and arts organization staff and board members could join us from the 9-county area as we did Zoom calls with legislators. Each person could share the importance of the arts to them personally, to their organization and their community.

This discussion helped our Representatives and Senators understand that State funding for the Arts is critical and reaches every district in the region. A list of Arts grantees from Prairie Lakes for the last year was provided to the Legislators.

“In our meetings with Legislators we asked for their support of one-time COVID relief funds to help Arts and Culture across the state,” noted Brenda Byron. **The Bill called Cultural Community Rescue Restart Grants, S.F. 2551 and H.F. 2637 requests \$100,000,000** in fiscal year 2022 from the State fiscal recovery fund to the

commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations that have suffered financial losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. *The co-author of the bill is Senator Julie Rosen, District 23.*



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your help to raise the curtain for Minnesota's arts community! **Sign the petition by April 1st.** Minnesota is recovering from the pandemic but there is more work to do! Half of the Minnesotan's employed in the arts and culture sector lost their jobs during the pandemic. The economic impact of arts and culture to the state of Minnesota is \$12.6 billion annually. That's why we need the legislature to pass the **Arts and Culture Covid Rescue legislation** that will impact every corner of the state. The legislation would use one-time COVID relief funds to help arts and cultural groups recover from a one-time challenge. <https://bit.ly/3tJA5Rg>



The Story of Arts & Cultural Heritage (Legacy) Grants



What's really made a difference in our region has been the Legacy Arts grants that were available starting in 2008. Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council receives Legacy funds that are used to award Arts and Cultural Heritage grants in the 9-county area we serve in south central Minnesota, noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director.

Prairie Lakes has supported many arts projects, artists, and arts organizations with these State funds. In the next year we will be sharing the story of the Impact that these grants have had in our region, through a series of videos. We'll be talking about projects, arts organizations, and communities that are better because of the Legacy Amendment. Arts events happening in the community stimulate the local economy, promote tourism, and people eat in local restaurants and buy gas while they are in town.

We want to thank the voters of Minnesota for this huge vote of confidence that the Arts are worth investing in, in our State.



Our first video is an overview of the availability of Legacy grants from Prairie Lakes. The second video features Arts and Cultural Heritage grantee Uniting Cultures/Uniendo Culturas in St. James, who sponsor the Multicultural Fiesta in their community.

Pat Branstad and Brenda Byron met in January to record the first video, with the assistance of Triple Falls Productions, Mankato. Pat noted that the Multicultural Fiesta held in September is the signature event of their group and its mission of acknowledging and celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the St. James community.

The Fiesta brings residents of the community together with a festive, family friendly atmosphere in an outdoor space in downtown St. James. Featuring ethnic music performances, international cuisine, and programming for children, the Fiesta's attendance has grown each year along with the involvement of other community groups.

Check out the Prairie Lakes YouTube channel or Facebook page to find these video links.

1. PLRAC Legacy Overview:
<https://youtu.be/SF-thYamiRE>
2. St. James Legacy Video:
<https://youtu.be/MGvoRARb8XA>



On left is Pat Branstad, organizer of the Multicultural Fiesta in St. James and the Uniting Cultures organization, with Brenda Byron, Prairie Lakes.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants of \$178,725 were awarded to 23 Area Organizations

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that **Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of \$178,725 were awarded to twenty-three arts organizations in the region on February 24, 2022.** The organizations are listed alphabetically with a brief description of their artistic activities and events.

The grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater and dance performances, exhibitions, festivals, public art, and classes for youth and adults are being funded. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts. The next ACH Grant deadline is August 1, 2022. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

4-Unity, Cornstalk Festival, Dunnell - \$6,000. They will host two music festivals in the summer of 2022, June 25-26 and August 26-28. The festivals will include performances and children's theater activities. Funds will be used for artist fees.

City Center Partnership, Mankato - \$8,000. They will sponsor the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour consisting of 31 juried outdoor sculptures in downtown Mankato and North Mankato, May 2022 to April 2023. Funds will be used to pay stipends to eight artists.

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota - \$13,000. They will provide summer 2022 dance programs including modern/contemporary, pre-pointe, ballet, boys hip hop, boys tap/jazz, beach party, themed camps, improv, and technique classes. They will also offer free summer camps for children to try dance. Funds will be used for studio rent.

Good Thunder Reading Series - \$8,000. They will bring in six to eight authors for the 40th Good Thunder Reading Series during the 2022-2023 season. Funds will be used for Métis author, Toni Jensen, March 20-24, 2023. Her books include "Carry: A Memoir of Survival on Stolen Land" and the short story collection "From the Hilltop."

Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps - \$8,000. They will perform in several Drum and Bugle Corps competitions throughout Minnesota and the Midwest, perform in several parades, and host the Drum Corps Expo, August 2022. Funds will be used for salaries.

Green Isle Community School - \$4,375. They will sponsor an Artist in Residency where students interview an elder from the community and work with local artists to create a play and music based on the elder's life. A public performance of the work will be held May 26,

2022. Funds will be used for artist fees, rent, costumes, sets, and publicity.

Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce - \$6,000. They will sponsor the annual Watona Park Blues Festival during Madelia Park Days; July 9, 2022, featuring musicians from Minnesota and Nashville, Tennessee. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and stage sound and lighting.

Mankato Area Community Band - \$4,400. They will present free outdoor concerts in the summer of 2022. Five concerts will be at Sibley Park, Mankato in June and July; and one patriotic concert will be at Lincoln Park, Mankato on June 28. Funds will be used for the conductor, staff salaries, musician stipends, publicity, and music.

Mankato Area Public Schools - StoryArk - \$6,000. The school will partner with StoryArk to host an online Storytelling Camp in the summer of 2022. At the end of camp, there will be a Red Carpet Celebration to feature the works created by high school students from Mankato Area Public Schools, St. Peter, and Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school districts. Funds will be used for artist fees and staff to implement the camp.

Mankato Ballet Company - \$13,000. They will present "Swan Lake" in March 2022 by students in the Mankato Ballet Performing Company, held at the Mankato West High School Auditorium; and the full, original ballet production of "Beauty" in May 2022 by all students, held at the St. Peter High School's Performing Arts Center by all students. They will also add more virtual options with monthly livestreamed performances through Facebook. Funds will be used for artist fees, costumes, sets, and publicity.

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These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

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Mankato Community Education – Pottery Studio - \$6,000. They will enhance the Pottery Studio by replacing two pottery wheels. They will also expand their ACCESS program for youth and adults with disabilities to have year-round programming with an Art Sampler Series of classes. Funds will be used for artist fees, pottery studio supplies, and two replacement pottery wheels.

Mankato School of Music - \$8,000. They will implement five new programs for their students in 2022 including group classes for string and band students at Mankato East and West High Schools; adult string group instruction classes; Fiddlesticks Classes to teach Celtic, old-time, and bluegrass fiddling; a preschool and school age Music Therapy Class; and an older adult Music Therapy Class at the VINE Community Center. Funds will be used for artist fees and travel, salaries, and publicity.

Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$8,000. They will present their season premiere Symphonic Series Concert, October 9, 2022, in the Ted Paul Theatre at Minnesota State University, Mankato as part of their 2022/23 season. Funds will be used for artist stipends and conductor salary.

Mankato Youth Place - \$5,950. They will offer 30-minute art classes to its members in kindergarten through 5th grade four days a week in the spring of 2022. Classes will be taught by an art education major and will include concept, overview, and creative time. Funds will be used for salaries and art supplies.

Minnesota Original Music Festival - \$8,000. They will present free concerts and educational workshops hosted by Minnesota artists in St. Peter, July 19-24, 2022. Events include the 72 Hour Band Challenge, singer/songwriter showcases, and music jams. Workshops will be held by professional musicians with topics including music composition, songwriting, improvisation, the use of technology, and accessing resources available to Minnesota artists. Funds will be used for artist fees and travel.

Minnesota “Over-60” Band - \$8,000. They will perform in many parades and concerts in Minnesota during the summer of 2022. Funds will be used for artist travel and stipends, salaries, music, rent, and publicity.

Minnesota State University, Mankato, Music Performance Series - \$8,000. They will sponsor six music performances by Minnesota artists as part of their 2022 Performance Series. They will also include two outreach activities for the community. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, and publicity.

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music - \$8,000. They will sponsor their annual Summer Pops Camp in June and conduct their season of rehearsals and concerts in 2022. Funds will be used for the Pops Camp clinician, facility rent, and salaries.

Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Festival - \$8,000. They will host the A Día De Los Muertos and Halloween festival outdoors on North Riverfront Drive in Mankato, October 29, 2022. There will be traditional Latino Day of the Dead activities, a vendor market, and ethnic dance and music performances. Funds will be used for artist fees and supplies.

Rock Bend Folk Festival - \$6,000. They will sponsor the 31st annual two-day festival featuring local and regional Minnesota folk musicians on two stages and local artists displaying their work at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter; September 10-11, 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees, artist travel, and equipment rental.

T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon - \$8,000. They will sponsor an Art Camp for grades 3-8, including painting and set design, vocal performance, acting, dance/choreography, and costume design, June 13-24, 2022, and a summer musical performance of “The Sound of Music, August 4-7, 2022. Funds will be used for music and scripts, sets, costumes, art camp supplies, and salaries.

The Grand Center for Arts and Culture - \$13,000. They will continue their 2022 performing arts series which features many Minnesota artists presenting a variety of music genres each weekend, and display art exhibitions in their 4 Pillars Gallery. They will also provide alternative experience formats including online gallery tours and outdoor performances. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, salaries, and supplies.

Uniting Cultures Multicultural Fiesta - \$7,000. They will host the free, outdoor fiesta September 17, 2022, including international food samples and vendors, children’s activities, community information tables, and ethnic music and dance performances. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and stage rental.



Small Arts Grants Awarded in March Totaling \$14,000

Our Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, public organizations, or schools producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community or students. Five Small Arts grants were awarded totaling \$14,000.

We encourage applications for artistic performances or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in the 9-county region. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

Funds are depleted for this program. Small Arts Grants can be submitted on June 1, 2022 for events taking place July to December 2022.

City of Winthrop (SA) - \$2,000. They will sponsor four in-person concerts by local music groups for the Winthrop Music in the Park series, June to August 2022. Concerts will be held at the Winthrop City Park. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Faribault County Fair (SA) - \$3,000. They will sponsor the Woodpicks to perform two shows of gospel, bluegrass, and country music on July 29th, during the fair. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce (SA) - \$3,000. They will sponsor "Music on Main" with weekly concerts in downtown Gaylord, June through August 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.

Sibley County Fair (SA) - \$3,000. They will sponsor a variety of events including polka, old-time, and Americana music, Yvonne Cory as the Apron Lady, and Kartoon Caricatures Minnesota caricaturist during the fair, August 3-7, 2022.

Summerburst Concert Series, New Richland (SA) - \$3,000. They will host three concerts during the summer of 2022 including the Benson Family Singers on June 12, Garrett Steinberg on July 10, and the Wendt Sisters on August 14. Concerts will be held at the New Richland city park. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.

FY 2022 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips. These Small Arts grants were awarded July 2021 to March 2022.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School - \$3,000
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist fees - \$2,000
Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$1,800
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Comm. Ed. - \$1,750
Mankato Community Ed., cultural performance - \$3,000
Mankato Community Ed., social justice theater - \$3,000
Mankato East High School, guest conductors - \$1,550
Open Arts Minnesota, theater - \$3,000
Safe Relations Space, Mankato, youth classes - \$5,000
Southern Minnesota Real Big Band, concerts - \$3,000

BROWN COUNTY

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000
Springfield Community Theatre, performances - \$3,000
Two Rivers Community Orchestra, concerts - \$2,300

FARIBAULT COUNTY

Faribault County Fair, music performances - \$3,000

LESUEUR COUNTY

Arts and Heritage Center, Montgomery, exhibit - \$1,225
New Prague Area Arts Council, concerts - \$3,000

NICOLLET COUNTY

American Indian Cultural Events Group, events - \$3,000
Bothy Folk Club, performances - \$2,000
Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, performances - \$3,000
Saint Peter Community Ed., summer art classes - \$5,000
South Central Service Cooperative, writing contest - \$5,000

SIBLEY COUNTY

City of Winthrop, summer concerts - \$2,000
Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, concerts - \$3,000
Henderson Lions Club, music performances - \$2,000
Sibley County Fair, performances - \$3,000

WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500
New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School - \$3,000
Project G.E.M., Latino artist residency - \$3,000
Summerburst Concert Series, New Richland - \$3,000
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,660
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$1,980

WATONWAN COUNTY

Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet, performances - \$2,000
Madelia High School, field trip - \$2,000

Prairie Lakes FY 2022 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

Total Awarded: \$587,270

\$422,705 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants to 50 arts organizations & community groups

\$90,765 – State General funds (34 grants)
Small Arts Project & School Grants to date

\$27,300 - 108 Youth Scholarships to Students in grades 3-12

\$46,500 – Artist Development Grant (31 grants)
Grant amount is \$1,500, with funds from the McKnight Foundation.

Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota Legislature through the **Legacy Amendment** from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, State General funds, and the McKnight Foundation.



MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

Approved 4/19 and updated 5/21.

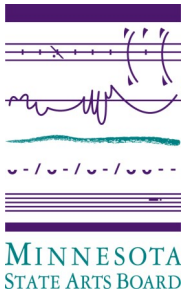
The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) recognizes arts and culture as inherent and vital aspects of life. Art is a proven proponent of healthy, balanced, and prosperous communities. The creation and experience of cultural and artistic expression contribute to both individual and community well-being. We believe in the ability to build increased connectivity through supporting cultural and artistic expression of all social identities including race, tribal affiliation, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, sexuality, religion, ability, socio-economic background and the intersectionality of these identities.

This may include historically marginalized and underserved groups such as: Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), Youth, Senior Citizens, People with Disabilities and LGBTQ+.

We are committed to closing access gaps in the arts with urgency and accountability. We believe sustained impact requires authentic relationships and transformative work, and to this end we are deeply invested. As stewards of public funds, including those allocated by the Legacy Amendment, PLRAC embraces the unique opportunity to ensure that all residents of the nine-county area have access to quality arts experiences. We celebrate our region as an artistic cultural hub where artists and community members from all walks of life intersect. PLRAC dedicates its work to providing key support at these vital intersections where art and community align. PLRAC is committed to engaging in the relationship building, self-reflection, community discourse, and hands-on work imperative to make our region a place where all artistic communities can thrive.

PLRAC will focus our resources to educate ourselves, modify our practices and shift our own organizational culture to challenge racial disparities as we move toward equitable arts communities. We embrace our responsibility to lead racial equity work in funding, while informing and learning from equity and inclusion in the artistic practices and programming of our constituents.





State Arts Board Funding is Awarded to Ten Organizations in Region 9, Totaling \$239,000

A total of \$239,000 has been awarded to 10 Arts Organizations from the Prairie Lakes Region by the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) in their Creative Support for Organizations grant program. We are pleased to announce these grantees, noted Brenda Byron. I listened to the MSAB meeting on March 10, 2022, and I have collected this information for our region. It is wonderful that these additional State funds from the MN State Arts Board have been awarded into our 9-county region!

In this March 2022 meeting the Arts Board approved a total of 274 grants and awarded \$6,068,743. A total of 99.6% of the applications were approved! The maximum size grant was \$25,000. It was interesting to note that 111 applications were from Greater MN (40.5%), 68 were from BIPOC organizations (24.8%) and 22 applications from Arts Disability organizations (8%).

1. **DalekoArts, New Prague - \$25,000.** DalekoArts will return to live programming in its 2022-2023 season, the company's tenth anniversary season, with Cesta Festival, a new play festival with works inspired by community stories.

2. **Davori Production Company Inc. (Mankato Playhouse), North Mankato - \$25,000.** Davori Productions will produce high quality musical theater performances and Broadway teen workshops each season to showcase the talent in its local and surrounding communities.

3. **La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$25,000.** La Grande Bande will engage rural audiences through thoughtful, engaging, and educational musical programs using virtual and in person programming.

4. **Mankato School of Music, North Mankato - \$25,000.** Mankato School of Music will continue to offer its rich variety of music instruction across Mankato and south central Minnesota.

5. **Martin County Preservation Association (Red Rock Center for the Arts), Fairmont - \$25,000.** The Red Rock Center for the Arts will develop new opportunities and create safe access to visual arts and music programs within its rural community.

6. **Minnesota Makers And Artists Guild (Mankato Makerspace), Mankato - \$25,000.** The Mankato Makerspace will increase community outreach and opportunities by improving the quality of classes and events with much needed supplies and equipment, offer incentives to underserved populations, and implement an intern program.

7. **Minnesota State University, Mankato, Good Thunder Reading Series, Mankato - \$24,000.** Good Thunder Reading Series at Minnesota State University, Mankato will bring seven acclaimed authors to the region for public workshops, craft talks, and readings.

8. **State Street Theater Co., New Ulm - \$25,000.** State Street Theater Co. will continue to carry out its mission, engaging its community in provision of and learning through the performing arts, all from its historic site.

9. **Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Mankato - \$25,000.** Twin Rivers will produce SiloArt Experience, an immersive exhibit depicting reconciliation activities, such as the Mahkato Waicipi and the 38+2 Dakota Ride, celebrated in the silo art mural that is now iconic in the region.

10. **Waseca Arts Council (Waseca Art Center), Waseca - \$15,000.** The Waseca Art Center will provide multiple ways to safely deliver local artists' exhibitions and art programming, while enhancing its interactive online gallery, e-commerce, and in person gift shop for the people of the greater Waseca County area.

(Additional MN State grants continued on pages 9-10)

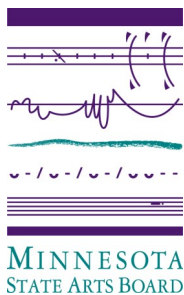
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Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away!

Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, workshop videos, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, and more!



State Arts Board Funding is Awarded to 24 Artists in Region 9, Totaling \$142,989



A total of \$142,989 has been awarded to 24 Artists from the Prairie Lakes Region by the Minnesota State Arts Board in their Creative Support for Individuals grant program. This grant program was created as a response to the coronavirus pandemic and the profound impact it has had on Minnesota artists and culture bearers. Creative individuals can use these grants to adapt to an ever changing and challenging environment in which they make and offer their work. “We are pleased to announce these artist grantees,” noted Brenda Byron. “I have been listening to the MSAB meetings the last few months and have collected this information for our region. These additional State funds from the MN State Arts Board awarded into our 9-county region that Prairie Lakes serves is wonderful!”

1. **Michael Asmus, Gaylord - \$6,000.** Musician Asmus will present three live concerts in the summer of 2022 to continue to provide high quality arts events.
2. **Robin Becker, Mankato - \$6,000.** Becker will work to complete her memoir, Roadkill.
3. **Bradley Coulter, Mankato - \$5,990.** Coulter will integrate digital mark making, computer aided manufacturing, and artisan printing to explore the collective and individual emotional response.
4. **Paloma Mendoza, Mankato - \$6,000.** Mendoza will produce a zine, new mixed media art pieces, and partner with local organizations to produce site-specific murals.
5. **Denise Friesen, North Mankato - \$6,000.** Friesen will create monotypes and oil paintings in a series and explore opportunities to exhibit locally as southern Minnesota galleries return to scheduling.
6. **Brian Frink, Mankato - \$6,000.** Frink will create a new body of work and will seek the exhibition of that work within galleries in the state of Minnesota. He will curate exhibitions in the Rural American Contemporary Art/Gallery.
7. **David Hamlow, Good Thunder - \$6,000.** Hamlow will continue to refine and expand his online, collaborative recycled object collage projects, expanding them to include new patterns, audiences and collaborators, and new public school and social media collaborations.
8. **Nicholas Healy, Mankato - \$6,000.** Healy will revise a novel in progress and prepare it for an agent, and he will conduct readings/talks in greater Minnesota communities.
9. **Carol Herden, Amboy - \$6,000.** Herden will share her sculpting skills with the public and broaden her audience to include the general public.
10. **Justin Hicks, New Ulm - \$6,000.** Hicks will continue to support local podcasters and musicians through teaching and production to help them meet their creative goals.
11. **Jennifer Hildebrandt, Mankato - \$6,000.** Hildebrandt will update her website and blog to reflect new work; create workshops for Minnesota residents that couple explorative movement with journaling; and create a movement memoir performance that entwines movement arts with related personal essays.
12. **David Hoehn (Publicity name: Eli Hoehn), Saint Peter - \$6,000.** Hoehn will create five new works focusing on the nature of being human, including our need for acceptance, to feel important, and our difficulty in understanding truth, as told through his fictional Captain Gravitone characters.
13. **Masayoshi Ishikawa, Saint Peter - \$6,000.** Ishikawa will record his second original small jazz ensemble album (titled Shinoburemembering) The music will be distributed in both physical and digital formats. Album showcase concerts will be held at several musical venues.
14. **Teresa Konechne, Henderson - \$6,000.** Gaming is changing how we interact with stories. Who makes them and what stories are told lacks a diversity of voices. Konechne will advance game writing and career building skills while locally connecting older women, rural people, and eco-gamers.
15. **Christopher McCormick, Mankato - \$6,000.** McCormick will work toward the completion of his third book, a novel set in southern Minnesota.
16. **Liz Miller, Good Thunder - \$6,000.** Miller will create a series of ten wall based fiber works that integrate architectural fragments from the small town where she lives, using visual and written documentation to create a record of place, identity, and connection.
17. **Pegeen Rozeske, New Ulm - \$6,000.** Rozeske will use the grant to expand her knowledge and skills of boot making, introduce two new styles of footwear, and increase her virtual outreach.
18. **Patti Ruskey, Mankato - \$6,000.** Ruskey, will create an interactive photography series engaging the public to view everyday life through a different lens.

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State Arts Board Funding is Awarded to 24 Artists

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19. **David Sandersfeld, North Mankato - \$4,999.** Sandersfeld will purchase recording equipment to allow him to explore his musical ideas at home and in a cost-effective way. He will utilize the equipment to release new music to the public.

20. **Mairead Small Staid, Mankato - \$6,000.** Small Staid will launch her debut work, *THE TRACES*, with readings at bookstores in Minneapolis, Mankato, and throughout greater Minnesota; and will continue work on a second book length essay about translation, religion, and marriage.

21. **Elizabeth Torres** (Publicity name: Elizabeth Horneber), **Mankato - \$6,000.** Horneber will compose new essays towards the completion of her first book length collection and create an artist website.

22. **Reed White, North Mankato - \$6,000.** White will merge animation and live acting to make an entertaining, artistic, educational video about painting. The video will be posted on YouTube. He will speak at three local high schools about his video process and experience as an artist.

23. **Gregory Wilkins, Mankato - \$6,000.** Wilkins will create and exhibit sixteen mixed media works, which will be part of a larger solo exhibition at the Blue Earth County Historical Society, the Whit Gallery in Saint Cloud, and the Hutchinson Center for the Arts.

24. **Amanda Wirig, Mankato - \$6,000.** Wirig will create twenty-six small paintings and mixed media works to be exhibited and available to the public through her website and open studio events.

State Arts Board Funding is Awarded to Seven Arts Organizations in Region 9, Totaling \$119,450

A total of \$119,450 has been awarded to seven Arts Organizations from the Prairie Lakes Region by the Minnesota State Arts Board in their Creative Support for Organizations grant program. We are pleased to announce these grants were awarded at the November 2021 MSAB meeting, noted Brenda Byron. It is wonderful that these additional State funds from the MN State Arts Board have been awarded into our 9-county region.

In the Creative Support for Organizations program, 178 grants, totaling \$4,016,307, were awarded to arts organizations, arts affiliates, and non-arts organizations that regularly offer arts programming as an integral part of their mission. The coronavirus pandemic brought about profound changes for organizations providing arts programming in Minnesota, and has taken a serious toll on Minnesota's arts and cultural sector. These grants can help organizations reimagine and rebuild their arts programming, and adapt to the changing environment in which they make and offer their work.

1. **Deep Valley Book Festival, Madison Lake - \$12,000.** The Deep Valley Book Festival will expand its audience in the southern Minnesota region by offering high quality literary arts experiences during the 2022 festival, namely through the presence of keynote speaker Curtis Sittenfeld.

2. **Fairmont Opera House, Fairmont - \$21,500.** The Fairmont Opera House will offer a virtual after-school children's theater residency with Compass Creative, an in-

person children's theater program, and an adult community theater program culminating in productions.

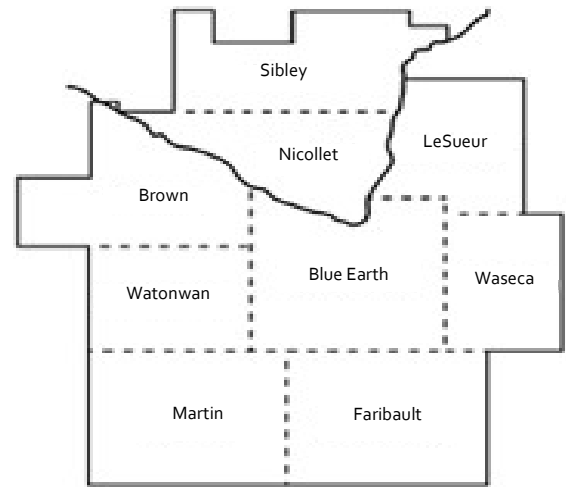
3. **The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, New Ulm - \$11,000.** The Grand Center for Arts and Culture will continue to develop programming to further engage area residents in arts access and education, including live shows, gallery shows, arts workshops, artisan gift shop, artists in residence, Cellar Press, and artist studio space.

4. **Mankato Ballet Company, Mankato - \$14,950.** Mankato Ballet Company will put on a nine-month virtual concert series sharing guest works and in-house works of all styles of dance that will reach the broader community, rural areas, schools, seniors, and many others.

5. **Mankato Symphony Orchestra, Mankato - \$25,000.** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra will offer south central Minnesota a hybrid symphony concert, reaching both a live and virtual audience.

6. **Open Arts Minnesota, Mankato - \$25,000.** Open Arts Minnesota will develop and implement plans to deliver in person and virtual theatrical and literary programming for people of diverse abilities and backgrounds in communities throughout southern Minnesota.

7. **ProMusica Minnesota, Mankato - \$10,000.** ProMusica Minnesota will offer a variety of the highest quality instrumental chamber music to nourish, educate, and inspire its southern Minnesota community.



FY 2022 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: Aug. 1, Sept. 1, and Feb. 1

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council will fund projects from non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations or those using a fiscal sponsor that are producing or sponsoring an arts activity in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. This includes arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **No specific cash match is required.**

ACH Large Arts Organization Stability Grant. Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$13,000. **Eligibility:** They must be a 501c3 Arts Organization that has year-round arts programming, has paid staff, and owns their building (or have a yearly lease for performance space).

ACH Arts Project Grant. Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$8,000.

Funds may be used for Arts programming that is in-person or virtual. Expenses may include artist fees, artist travel, salaries, equipment, technology, training, promotion, monthly rent (lease payments) and utilities.

ACH Arts & Music Festivals Grant. Maximum request \$6,000. For non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations that are sponsoring arts/music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions.

ACH Education Grant. Maximum request \$6,000. For arts education programs by non-profit community groups and schools. This may include arts classes, author reading, artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops, or arts related field trips for schools.

ACH Youth Scholarship. Youth Scholarship for Students (grades 7-12) – \$300, and (grades 3-6) - \$200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. **Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1; and grades 3-6 is November 1.**

Small Arts Project Grant

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The grant may be up to \$3,000. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$5,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until March.**

School Arts Project Grant

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$3,000 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until March.**

Artist Development Grant \$1,500

Artist Grants are for a specific project that contributes directly to their artistic growth and professional development in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. Funds may be used for supplies, matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, studying with a mentor, artist time, and/or living expenses.

Deadline: September 1

Earliest start date: October 1

The applicant or organization must have an address and provide arts programming within the Prairie Lakes region; the counties are: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093
plrac@hickorytech.net Online Application through our website, www.plrac.org.

FY 2022 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Organizational Grants - Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Fundable projects may include: community choirs & bands, dance activities, literary readings, music presentations, theatre productions, visual arts classes and exhibitions, folk and traditional art, etc. Maximums for the Arts and Cultural Heritage grants vary, please check guidelines for details.

\$5,000 Arts Project Grants for Underserved Areas. Small Arts Project Grants for BIPOC cultural projects and underserved areas has increased to \$5,000. We are interested in receiving new applications for arts projects for cultural activities and/or underserved populations.

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will advance your work and arts career.

Applications are online at www.plrac.org.

Small Arts Project - \$3,000

BIPOC Projects - \$5,000

School Arts Project - \$3,000

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022

FY 2022 grant applications
are online at www.plrac.org.

A tutorial that explains the
online process is on our
website.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and
Feb. 1 Deadline

Large Arts Organization

Stability Grant - \$13,000

Arts Project Grant - \$8,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000

Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

Artist Development Grant - \$1,500

Sept. 1, 2021 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

If any of the information in the grant guidelines is unclear, contact the Prairie Lakes office at (800) 298-1254, (507) 833-8721 or plrac@hickorytech.net.

Upon request, Prairie Lakes grant application materials will be made available in an alternate format such as large print, computer flash drive, or on audiotape. Please call the Prairie Lakes office in Waseca at 1-800-298-1254. For TTY, contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.



Prairie Lakes Updated our Mission and Value Statements in 2021

The Prairie Lakes board met several times in 2020 to discuss updates to their Mission Statement and Value Statements. It has been a few years since the mission statement has been revised. Since we were doing planning for FY 2022-23 it seemed like a good time to revisit this topic. Members provided information and feedback about the need to simplify the mission statement and to create some new value statements that would clarify the different categories we are trying to address through our arts grant programs and services. We were pleased with the outcome and everyone was comfortable with the updated information, which was approved at the January 2021 board meeting.

Mission Statement

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves the artistic communities of the 9-county area of southcentral MN by supporting the creation and presentation of diverse art forms, fostering equitable access to arts opportunities, and integrating arts and culture to enhance quality of life in our communities.

We value: The Arts, Artistic Merit, Creativity, Community, Accessibility, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.



Value Statements:

The Arts

We value all forms of artistic expression, and resist the notion that there is but one universal definition of art or one best type of art. Instead, we embrace all artistic disciplines, genres, and subgenres, and encourage work that uses imagination, emotion, and craft to communicate.

Artistic Merit

We value artistic merit that promotes growth and development of creative knowledge, skills and understanding.

Creativity

We value the dedicated pursuit of and engagement with the arts. Creative expression contributes to the health of individuals and communities alike.

Community

We value art that reflects a rich and expansive range of cultures, traditions, experiences, and perspectives. The art created by and supported by the community deepens our understanding of ourselves and each other.

Accessibility

We value arts programming and arts education that is available to everyone.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion

We value an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community. We are committed to countering systemic inequities that exclude individuals and communities from access to the arts based on race, gender, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, class, age, and geography.

We support the creation and presentation of diverse art forms, fostering equitable access to arts opportunities, and integrating arts and culture to enhance quality of life in our communities.

Prairie Lakes Board Positions are Open for the City of Fairmont and Sibley County

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has two vacant positions on the Board for representatives for the **City of Fairmont** and **Sibley County**.

The deadline for submitting an application is May 1st. Interested persons residing in Fairmont or Sibley County should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org.** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

This is a great opportunity to understand the workings of the granting process, to be more involved with the arts and artists of our region, and to enjoy camaraderie with others who appreciate the arts. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art.

Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran

College. The monthly meetings have been conducted as online meetings this year and will continue virtually through May 2022. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

- Blue Earth County Liz Miller
- Brown County Beth Steffl
- Faribault County..... Julie Forderer
- LeSueur County Larry Pint
- Martin County.....Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence
- Nicollet County..... Rita Rassbach
- Sibley County Open
- Waseca County..... Karen Krause
- Watsonwan County Steve Davis
- City of Fairmont..... Open
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- City of North Mankato Dana Sikkila
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Staff

- Executive Director Brenda Byron
- Program Manager..... Cindy Lewer
- Program Assistant..... Pam Trumbull

FY 2022 Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff



Front Row (L to R): Cindy Lewer, Program Manager; Dana Sikkila; Julie Forderer; Rita Rassbach; April Malphurs; and Brenda Byron, Executive Director. **Back Row:** Beth Steffl; Karen Krause; Pam Trumbull, Program Assistant; and Larry Pint. Not pictured: Carolyn Borgen; Steve Davis; Kristi Gaalswyk-Pomerence; Diana Joseph, and Liz Miller.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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***April 1** Opening Reception for the Artist of the Month, 6 p.m. Each month students from area schools are invited to share their work with the community. Local school teachers work with students to prepare and opening receptions are held the first Friday of the month. Held at the 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***April 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ace in the Whole performing bluegrass, blues, jazz, folk, and western music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***April 1** Fairy Tales on Ice performance, 7 p.m. Adults \$35, students \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.



April 1-3 “Legally Blonde: The Musical” theater performance. April 1-2 at 7 p.m. and April 3 at 4 p.m. Advanced tickets \$7, available at Waseca Music; at the door \$10. Held at the Performing Arts Center, Waseca Junior/Senior High School, 1717 2nd St. NW. (507) 835-5470 or www.waseca.k12.mn.us.

April 1-8 Wardah Sabrie’s MA Thesis Exhibition. Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, Minnesota 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. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6767.

April 1-3 & 8-9 “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” theater performances, April 1-2 & 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m. Adults \$10, students \$5. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. www.blc.edu or (507) 344-7000.

April 1-16 Hend Al-Mansour’s “Portraits from the Margins” Exhibition of Prints and Paintings of Arab American Women. (Reception, April 1, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 South Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

April 1-24 “Fevzi Yazici: Dark White” featuring over 40 drawings by the imprisoned Turkish journalist and artist Fevzi Yazici; and “Recent Donations and Other Acquisitions” Exhibit featuring over 30 pieces acquired by the museum since mid-2018. 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.

***April 1-29** Project GEM’s Annual Creative Youth Show, showcasing student artwork from the area in several locations: St. Peter Community Recreation Center, 600 S. 5th St.; St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave.; and St. Clair City Hall, 304 W. Main St. The artwork can be viewed during normal business hours. (507) 726-6047 or www.projectgemMN.org.

***April 1-29** Ann Judkins’ Painting Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and the Annual High School Show in the Great Hall Gallery. The juried show will feature student work from select high schools in the area. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***April 1-29** MN State University, Mankato, Installation Art Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***April 1-30** 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.

April 1-May 14 Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit. April 1-26 for grades 5-8 and April 28-May 14 for grades 9-12. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

April 2 Gustavus Jazz Home Concert with Adolphus Jazz, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

Prairie Lakes is on Facebook!



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Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos
and other important information to be posted!

Arts Events and Opportunities

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***April 2-3** “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” theater performances by the Springfield Community Theatre and Springfield Community Education. April 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Advance tickets available at Springfield Advance-Press, adults \$12, preschool and K-12 students \$8; at the door adults \$15, preschool and K-12 students \$8. Held at the Springfield Public School Performing Arts Theatre, 12 Burns Ave. (507) 723-4284 or go to “Springfield Community Theatre (SCT)” on Facebook.



***April 2-3** Minnesota Valley Chorale will present their spring concert, featuring Vivaldi’s “Gloria”. April 2 at 7 p.m. and April 3 at 3 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Tickets \$10, available online or at the door. (612) 251-8492 or www.minnesotavalleychorale.com.

***April 3** Two Rivers Community Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (612) 251-8492.

April 3 The Choirs of Christ Chapel & the Lucia Singers Concert, 2 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

April 3-16 Studio Art Capstone 2 Exhibit by senior art students displaying the skills and talents they have learned. (Reception, April 7, 7-8:30 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.

April 4-15 Spring Senior Exhibition #2. (Reception, April 5, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

April 4, 11, 18 & 25 “Words & Wine” for National Poetry Month, 7-8 p.m. Come on Monday evenings throughout April for readings with award-winning Minnesota poets. April 4: Su Hwang and Matt Rasmussen; April 11: Michael Bazzett and Marlin Jenkins; April 18: Gretchen Marquette and Michael Torres; and April 25: Sun Yung Shin and Claire Wahmanholm. Held at the Wine Café, 301 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

April 6 “Romeo & Juliet” theater performance by the professional Classical Actors Ensemble, 7 p.m., free. Held at Performing Arts Center, Waseca Junior/Senior High School, 1717 2nd St. NW. www.waseca.k12.mn.us or (507) 835-5470.

***April 7** Fairmont Concert Association sponsors Alliance Brass, 7 p.m. Concert Series tickets will be sold at the door. Adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$100. Held at Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center, 900 Johnson St. “Fairmont Concert Association” on Facebook.

April 7 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring poets Ross Gay and Anthony Procopio Ross. Workshop from 10-11 a.m., craft talk from 3-4 p.m., and reading from 7:30-8:30 p.m. All events will be virtual on Zoom. Go to <https://gt.mnsu.edu/this-years-events/ross-gay/> for access. Events are free and open to the public. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. <http://gt.mnsu.edu/> or (507) 389-1354.

***April 7-10** Mankato Figure Skating Club presents their “Inside and Out on Ice” show. April 7-9 at 7 p.m. and April 10 at 1 p.m. Adults \$7, Senior Citizens and children \$5. Held at All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Ave., Mankato. www.mankatofigureskatingclub.org/.

April 7-10 “To Love the World Harder”, The Gustavus Dance Company in Concert. April 7-9 at 8 p.m. and April 10 at 2 p.m. Held at Rob and Judy Gardner Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 7-9 & 14-17 “The Sound of Music” theater production, April 7-9 & 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. and April 16-17 at 2 p.m. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

April 7-23 Craig Groe’s “Random Notes” Painting and Drawing Exhibit. (Reception, April 16, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 South 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.thecarnegiemandakato.com.



***April 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Traveled Ground performing folk, blues, roots rock, and Americana music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

April 8 We are the Willows in concert performing orchestral indie rock, 7 p.m. Tickets available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.



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***April 8-30** Changing Minds III: Work by Patients at the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center 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.

April 8-June 3 Cellar Press Exhibit of printmaking products and equipment, celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of the Grand's Cellar Press. 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.

April 9 Performance by the Church Basement Ladies, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. General admission \$30, seniors \$25, students \$8; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.

April 9 Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

April 10 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross" Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m., featuring Haydn's adapted version for string quartet. 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.

April 10 Handbell Concert, 3 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

April 11-May 6 Undergraduate Research: Creative Works 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

April 12 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Humbird, performing folk and Americana music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***April 18** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Miss Myra & The Moonshiners performing vintage jazz music, 7 p.m. The 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 North Grove Street. (507) 526-7186 or www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com.

April 18 MN State University, Mankato, Jazz Mavericks with Grammy winner Eric Marienthal Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

April 19 Spring Honors Recital, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 20-23 "The Wolves" theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. Held at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

April 20-May 11 Junior Studio Arts Major Exhibition. (Reception, April 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.) Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom or (507) 933-7200.

April 22 Rock & Roll Revue to benefit the Waseca County Historical Society, begins at 5 p.m. with a silent auction, a beer and wine tasting, and Oscar's Taco Bar. Music begins at 5:30 p.m. featuring Los T, Bob Stephan, Miller-Denn, Family Tradition, and Cletus Hane Band. In advance \$30, at the door \$35. Held at The Mill, 310 2nd Ave. SW, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca County Historical Society, www.historical.waseca.mn.us or (507) 835-7700.

***April 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jim McGurie Jazz Trio performing jazz music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

April 22-23 11th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, "The Magical Waters of Fairmont," starring local cast members, 6 p.m. each night. Members \$39, non-members \$45, table of 8 \$280, advanced purchase required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

April 22-24 "The 39 Steps" theater performance, presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. April 22-23 at 7 p.m. and April 24 at 2 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.



Arts Events and Opportunities

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April 22-May 7 Vincent Kenobbie's Paintings and Drawings Exhibition. (Reception, April 22, 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.



***April 23** "Charlie Leftridge: Prima Materia" Spring Concert by Musicorum, 7:30 p.m. Musicorum singer Charlie Leftridge is also a composer, and they will be performing his wonderful four-movement work for choir and strings along with other pieces. Held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Tickets will be available at the door, \$15. www.musicorum-mn.org or (507) 933-7370.

April 23 MN State University, Mankato, Instrumental Jazz and Contemporary Vocal Groups Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

April 24 MN State University, Mankato, Spring 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. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

April 24 Brassworks Concert by various brass ensembles, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

April 24 Percussion Ensemble Concert, 3:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

April 24-May 7 Spring Campus Art Show. (Reception, May 5, 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. www.blc.edu or (507) 344-7000.

**Arts Event Happening
in Your Area?**

**Please submit the event information to us
by the 15th of the prior month to be
included in an upcoming newsletter!**

Email the date, time, location, ticket price,
and a brief description of the event to:
plrac@hickorytech.net.

April 25-May 6 Spring Senior Exhibition #3. (Reception, April 27, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6412.

April 26 Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra Finale Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

April 28 MN State University, Mankato, Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 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.

***April 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Man's Last Chance performing a wide variety of 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.

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

April 29-30 Minnesota State University, Mankato, Spring Dance Concert. April 29 at 7:30 p.m. and April 30 at 2 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$9. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

***April 29-May 15** Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of "Grease". 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 \$42-\$58, depending on meal choice, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets \$20 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.

***April 29-May 15** "Once" theater performances. April 29-30, May 5-7 & 12-14 at 7:30 p.m.; May 1, 8 & 15 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$15, \$20 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$15 are sold first, then \$20, then \$25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

***April 30** Jazz Concert by Jiven' Ivan & the Kings of Swing, 7 p.m. Adults \$10 and Students \$5. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

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April 30 The Mankato Riverblender's annual spring show, "Back on Track" including the Coulee Classic Quartet from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 1 p.m. In advance \$13, available at Cub Foods and HyVee in Mankato and Nutter Clothing in St. Peter; at the door \$15; students \$5. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr, Mankato. www.singmankato.com or (507) 420-5847.

April 30 Gustavus Campus Band and Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, 2 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 30 Gustavus Chamber Winds, Gustavus Wind Symphony and Gustavus Wind Orchestra Spring Concert, 4:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

April 30 Children's Theatre Performance of "The Elves and the Shoemaker", 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

***April is National Poetry Month**

Experience New Ulm's 'Downtown Poetry Path'. Poems written by local poets will be hung in the windows of downtown businesses. There will be a poetry scavenger hunt and an opportunity to vote for the 'People's Choice Award'. For more information contact the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***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, 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

April 2 Musical Storytime and Instrument Petting Zoo with Mary from the Mankato School of Music, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Explore various woodwind, percussion, string, and brass instruments. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

April 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. Registration is required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets the first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

April 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. 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.

***April 9** Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$6, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Open studio invites children into the world of imagination through exploring, tinkering, making decisions, and enjoying the process of creating using selected materials in the studio to create their ideas at their own pace. Prompts are set up to stimulate creativity and staff is present to support ideas and facilitate projects. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver. Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

***April 9** Poetry and Paint Class for Children 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. For National Poetry Month participants will include a poem with the painting. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

April 12 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-6, \$30, WAC Members \$15. Come have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration is required. Go to <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.

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April 13 The Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7 and up, \$30, WAC Members \$15. Come have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.



***April 16** Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Class is for grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

April 23, 30 & May 14, 21 Figure Skating Lessons by the New Ulm Figure Skating Club, times vary. These lessons are available to all levels of skaters from beginners and up. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning how to skate in a safe, encouraging, and fun environment. \$44. Signup online at www.nuskate.org/shop. Contact nufclub@gmail.com.

Adult Opportunities

***April 2** Basic Bookbinding and Printmaking Class with instructor Brad Widness. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. In the morning, students will learn to create their own handmade book, using accordion folds and other techniques. In the afternoon, students will learn basic printmaking techniques using simple materials. No experience needed. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***April 4-May 23** Open Pottery Studio, 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.

April 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. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

April 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 North Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

April 8 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association business meeting and program at 9-11 a.m., this month is an open forum. Bring your questions! Bring your problems! Bring your ideas! It is time to take on the topics that are tough to tackle! Annual membership \$30. Held at the Emy Frenz 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.

***April 9** Peace Crane Workshop with instructor Wilbur Neushwander-Frink. 10 a.m.-12 Noon, \$15. Participants will learn the history of the Peace Crane and will make several of them. Simple instructions will be provided so that participants can make more at home. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

April 9 Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Monthly Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Free, visitors welcome. Held at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

April 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.

***April 27** Open Knitting. 4th Wednesday each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

April 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.wasecaartcenter.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.wasecaartcenter.org.

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April 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 Makers Space is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes and the restrictions for each class. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

WORK OF ART: BUSINESS SKILLS FOR ARTISTS

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/>

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 front entrance at 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. For more information visit www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn.

Grant Opportunities

April 12 GIG Fund Grant Deadline. This is a flexible grant of \$2,500 that helps Midwestern nonprofit organizations bring professional artists into their community. Funded projects must occur between July-December 2022. For more information visit <https://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/gigfund/guidelines>. Contact Joshua Feist at (612) 238-8054 or gig@artsmidwest.org with questions.

May 6 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Individuals Deadline. This program is meant to provide support to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with their communities in a time of transition. This grant program is designed to be flexible and allow for adaptability in response to unexpected changes during the grant period. Grant range: \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: May 6 at 4:30 p.m., a 2nd deadline will be July 15. For a link to the online application go to the Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us. For more information contact CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us or (800) 866-2787.

May 20 McKnight Ceramic Artist Fellowship Deadline. The McKnight Ceramic Artist Fellowships are administered by the Northern Clay Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support midcareer ceramic artists living and working in Minnesota, who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://northernclaycenter.org/artist-services/grants-for-artists/mcknight-fellowships/> or contact nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org or (612) 339-8007.

Non-profit Art Centers

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

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 online for 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. info@artscentersp.org, (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad Street, 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. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemandkato.com, artctr@hickorytech.net or (507) 625-2730.

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

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 redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

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

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be promoted via our website 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 a.m.-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor. www.thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or grand@thegrandnewulm.com.

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Wed 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartcenter.org, or info@wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Mon.-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. 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. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations. www.curtaincalltheatre.net or (507) 744-8497.

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

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

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

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

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