



FY 2022 Grants Available

(July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

August 1 – Small Arts Project and School Project Grant. Due the 1st of the month through May 2022

August 1 – Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

September 1 - Artist Development Grant \$1,500

October 1 – Youth Scholarship (grades 7-12)

November 1 – Youth Scholarship (grades 3-6)

Details are listed on pages 5-6 in the newsletter.

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

In-Person Artist Grant Workshop

At the 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato

Monday, August 9 at 6 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Grant Writing Information for the \$1,500 Artist Grant due September 1, 2021

6:30 p.m. Artist Marketing Workshop, presented by Dana Sikkila of North Mankato. We will use materials from Springboard for the Arts "Work of Art" Business Skills for Artists workbook.

To register, please email plrac@hickorytech.net.

Grant Writing Workshops

Tuesday, August 10

Held virtually through Zoom.

Artist Workshop at 4 p.m.

Details on page 7-8.

Organization Workshop at 5 p.m.

Details on page 4.

Our Executive Director, Brenda Byron, will conduct an online webinar about the new guidelines for the grant program, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new applicants to attend. **Please email plrac@hickorytech.net to obtain meeting login information.**

If you're not able to participate in our virtual workshop, check out our new Grant Writing Workshop Videos and Workshop documents that are available on www.plrac.org. Click on the Services Tab, then Workshops to access the videos and documents.

We launched our new Website!

The three Prairie Lakes staff members attended several Digital Arts Workshops in fall 2020 and spring 2021, every month for seven months by Adam Reinwald, and Open Voices, LLC.

In April 2021 we began conversations with our individual consultant about How Prairie Lakes Could Improve Our Online Presence. We started with small improvements to Facebook posts and our YouTube channel.

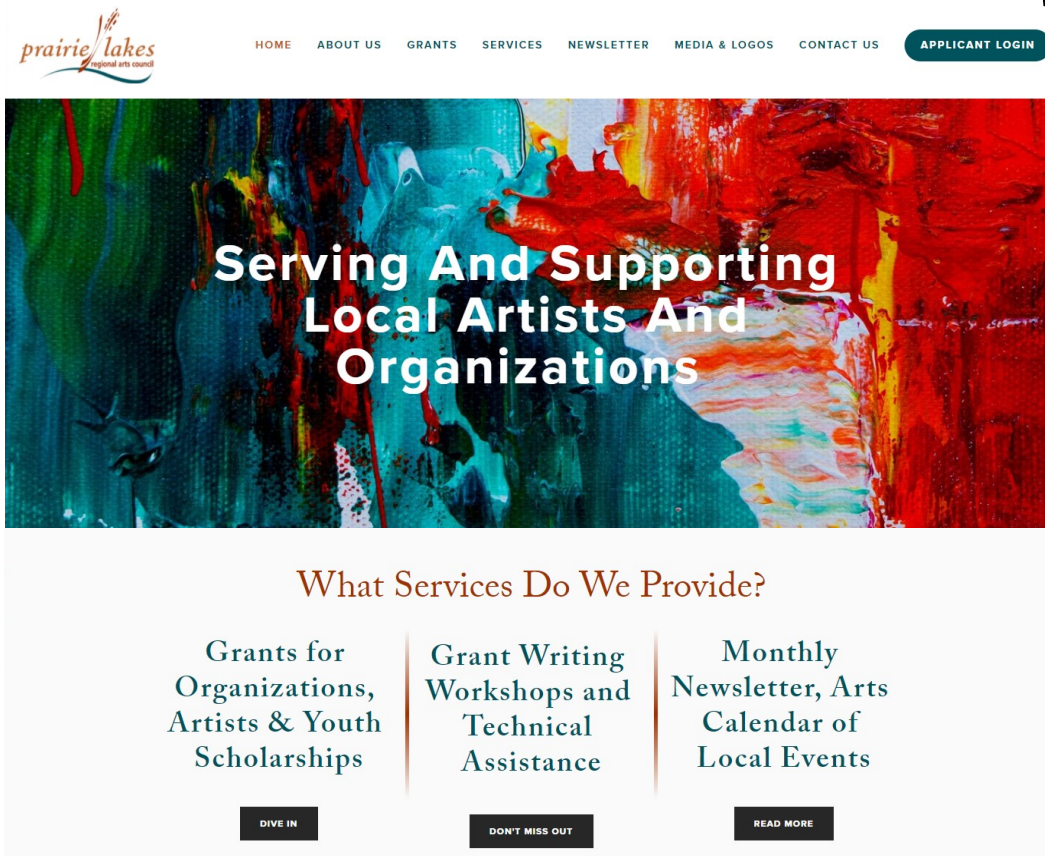
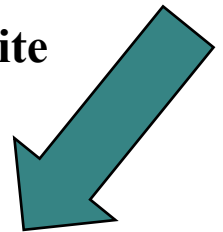
Next, we were ready to update our twenty-year-old website, and created a new site using the website software Squarespace. We worked with our current Webmaster to create our new site and launched it with the New Fiscal Year which began July 1, 2021.

- **The site is now Mobile Friendly and can be viewed on your cell phone or tablet.**
- **The site is ADA compliant!**
- **It is easier to navigate and includes more information.**

- **There is a separate Arts Calendar document of arts events in addition to the monthly E-Newsletter.**
- **There are Grant Writing Workshop videos for both Artists and Organizations.**
- **We have a list of current Board Members, and information about their arts background.**
- **Stay connected by referring monthly to our online newsletter.**
- **You can access the August Newsletter on our site, under "Current Newsletter".**

We encourage you to read about our activities and arts news for the 9-county region!

Check out our new website
www.plrac.org



FY 2022 Arts Grants and Funding Has Increased (7/1/21 to 6/30/22)

We are pleased to let constituents know that our State funding for this fiscal year has increased. Arts grants are available for non-profit arts organizations, community groups and schools, that are sponsoring arts activities, in the 9-county area. Deadlines for applying are August 1 and September 1st for our Small Arts Community Project, School Arts Project, or August 1st for the Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) Grant.

We encourage new applicants and especially BIPOC artists and BIPOC community focused arts activities to apply as well as activities to benefit people with disabilities, LGBTQ+, youth and seniors. Grant information is on pages 5-6.

The ACH Youth Scholarships for grades 3-6 and 7-12 have deadlines on Oct. 1, and Nov. 1, 2021.

We are estimating that ACH grant funds for organizations will be about \$427,218 in FY 2022 which is a substantial increase. Details are listed below about the Distribution of Funds for the year.

FY 2022 Distribution of Funds by Grant Program

State Small Arts and School Arts Project Grant	\$95,000
Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) Grants to organizations	\$427,218
ACH Youth Scholarships	\$34,000
McKnight Artist Development Grant	\$49,500
	Total: \$605,718

Note: We may not award all of the Arts and Cultural Heritage grant funds and could carry-over some money into FY 2023.

In FY 2021 Prairie Lakes awarded 196 Grants totaling \$387,239

Here's a summary of Grants awarded:

\$52,500 - McKnight Artist Grants (35 grants)

\$79,309 - State General funds (24 grants) Small Arts Project & School Grants

\$255,430 - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) (137 grants); 29 organizational grants & 108 Youth Scholarships.

The three categories of ACH grants and the amounts awarded were:

- (1) Arts Programming/Arts Access \$213,552, which includes grants to 27 nonprofit arts organizations and community groups, for their arts programs and activities.
- (2) Arts Education \$41,878, which includes 2 school grants and 108 Youth Scholarships of \$300 or \$200 each.
- (3) Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals \$0; most community festivals were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Small Arts Grants Are Available for Arts & Cultural Activities

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has Arts grants available for Black, Indigenous and People of Color led Arts Initiatives, and arts projects for underserved groups, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+, etc., in the 9-county area of southern Minnesota. The purpose of our Arts Grant is to provide funding for non-profit organizations directly engaged in the creation of art, the production of artistic performances or arts services, or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in our local communities. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

“Prairie Lakes is encouraging arts projects for cultural activities and underserved populations as identified in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement. This includes: Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), Youth, Senior Citizens, People with Disabilities and LGBTQ+.”

Arts Organization, Community Group and School Grant Writing Workshop

Tuesday, August 10th, 5 p.m.

Held virtually through Zoom.

Email plrac@hickorytech.net
to receive the meeting link.

Small Arts Project Community Grants & School Arts Project Grants are due Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, 2021; Arts & Cultural Heritage grants are due Feb. 1, 2022. Details about the different grants programs and what types of projects can be funded will be discussed at the meeting. This includes dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc. Review the guidelines at: www.plrac.org.

RSVP by Monday, August 9th to
plrac@hickorytech.net

New applicants are encouraged to attend! If you are a past applicant you don't need to attend, but can call the office to discuss your project with Brenda Byron, Executive Director, 1-800-298-1254.

noted [Brenda Byron, Executive Director](#). Contact our office at plrac@hickorytech.net to discuss your project idea, we would be happy to assist you!

The next FY 2022 Small Arts Grant deadlines are September 1 and October 1, 2021. The Small Arts Grant maximum is \$2,000 or \$3,000 for BIPOC projects and underserved Arts activities. Please contact the PLRAC staff to find out if your project is eligible.

The Small Arts Project Grants are made possible by funds provided by the Minnesota State Legislature. **No cash match is required this year.**

In July we were pleased to award \$11,480 in State arts grants to five arts organizations.

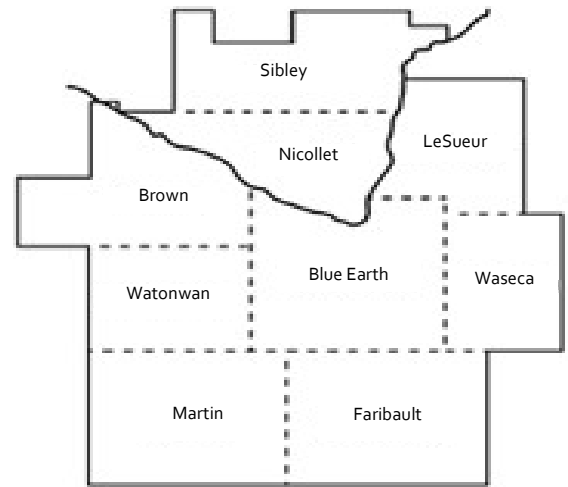
American Indian Cultural Events Group - \$3,000. They will provide informal, hands-on activities that teach about Dakota, Ojibwe, and Lakota culture. The three events include an outdoor youth camp to teach sports and history, a storytelling event, and a dance event that includes mini-lessons. The events will take place August through October 2021 in outdoor settings.

American Indian Service Learning Project - \$1,500. They will coordinate cultural interactive learning experiences for college students and young adults to interact and learn from American Indian artists and speakers at the Mankato Powwow, September 2021. Traditions about music, dance, food, and crafts will be shared.

Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet - \$2,000. They will offer ten live music performances for senior citizens, veterans and other members of our population of the nine-county area that, due to health problems, are confined to full time residence in health facilities.

Mankato Area Community Education, Cultural Dance Performance - \$3,000. They will host the Hmong dance group Pan Asian Arts Alliance performing their Colorful Asia program at Lincoln Community Center, October 14, 2021, at 6 p.m. The performance will be free and open to the public. This event is in conjunction with the Hmong dance group performing at the Global Connections Conference at South Central College early that day.

Waseca Marching Classic - \$1,980. They will sponsor educational clinics for student marching band participants during the Waseca Marching Classic, September 18, 2021. Student bands from several communities are anticipated as participants in the clinics.



FY 2022 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: Aug. 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.



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.

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 \$2,000. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$3,000. 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 May.**

School Arts Project Grant

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,000 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 May.**

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

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.

Organizations can only receive one grant per year. We encourage arts projects for BIPOC arts and cultural activities and 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 - \$2,000

BIPOC Projects - \$3,000

School Arts Project - \$2,000

1st of the Month Deadline

July 1, 2021 to May 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 & 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

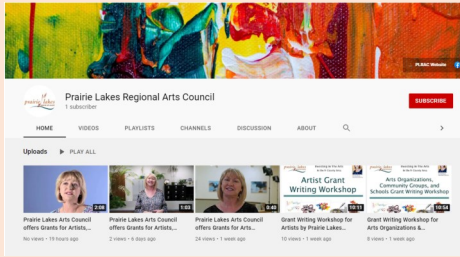
Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

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.





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Search for “Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council”.



Artists: Do you need funds to create new work? We can help!

Artist Development Grants of \$1,500 are Available.

Prairie Lakes will be continuing the \$1,500 Artist Development Grant program in FY 2022. This will allow more artists to apply for funding and will provide more flexible support. Applications are encouraged from artists in all art disciplines. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional arts, etc.

The Artist Development Grant of \$1,500 has a deadline of September 1, 2021, with the earliest starting date of October 1, 2021. *The application is available online at www.plrac.org.*

This \$1,500 project grant provides financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists at all stages of development are eligible. Artists may expand their present work, advance in skill or technique, or move in a new direction.

Applicants must have resided in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County for a minimum of twelve months prior to application.

This grant is for a specific project that contributes directly to your growth and development as a professional. Funds may be used for art supplies, materials, equipment, mentorships, workshops, creative time, living expenses, etc.

A new Artist Grant Writing Workshop Video and a PDF document is available on the [Workshop page](#) of our website, www.plrac.org.

Here is a link to the **Artist Grant Writing Video:**
https://youtu.be/Nem47_C2mPQ

To access the Artist Grant Writing Workshop PDF document, go to the Workshops page, under the Services tab of the PLRAC website.

Prairie Lakes values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community and this is reflected in our policies and programs. 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 encourage Artists that are BIPOC and LGBTQ+ to apply, as well as artists with disabilities. If you need extra assistance in the application process, please contact the PLRAC office and we would be happy to assist you.

Prairie Lakes plans to Award 33 Artist Grants for a total of \$49,500 with funds from the McKnight Foundation. Artists that were awarded \$1,500 in June of 2020 are not eligible to apply for this grant. Please contact Brenda Byron, at the Prairie Lakes office at plrac@hickorytech.net to discuss your artist project idea, we would be happy to assist you.

[Artist grant questions and more details are on page 8.](#)

Artist Grant Webinar Tuesday, August 10 at 4 p.m.

Our Executive Director, Brenda Byron, will conduct an online webinar about the new guidelines for the grant program, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new artists to attend. Email plrac@hickorytech.net to obtain meeting login information.

MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

Artists: Do you need funds to create new work?



Brenda Byron,
Executive Director

Prairie Lakes will continue to offer Artist Development Grants at \$1,500 in FY 2022. The deadline is September 1st and we anticipate that 33 individual artists can be awarded funds, totaling \$49,500. Funds are provided by the McKnight Foundation, noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director.

We encourage Artists to think about applying. To get you started, here are a few of the questions in the online application:

1. Project Description. Describe the project you will carry out with the grant funds. Provide as much detail as possible, including what, where and when. Provide details about the timeline associated with the project.
2. Describe Your Career As An Artist (Past Experience)

3. Describe Where You Are Now as an Artist (Present Experience)
4. Describe Your Career Goals as an Artist (Future Experiences)
5. How Is This Project Going To Help in Your Career Development?
6. Artist Statement. An artist statement is text that accompanies and explains the artist's intentions of their body of work.

The following documents are also needed:

- **Artistic Resume**
- **Work Samples**
- **Work Sample Description Page**

Please contact our office to discuss your artist project idea and ask questions about how you can use the grant to expand your artistic practice.

We would be happy to assist you!



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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.

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)
- People with Disabilities
- LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, etc.)
- Youth and Seniors

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.

The Prairie Lakes Equity Taskforce Members Concluded their Meetings in April 2021.

The Prairie Lakes Equity Taskforce meetings concluded in April and we are thankful to the six community members that participated. A diverse group of BIPOC individuals participated (Black, Latinx, and Native American), two people from the disability community, and one person who works with at-risk youth. It should also be noted that three members of the Executive Committee participated in these five meetings and were considered as members of the Taskforce. *In addition, the three Prairie Lakes staff members participated, and minutes were compiled for each meeting.*

It was nice to get to know these individuals and discuss equity and inclusion topics. We really appreciated their time to learn about our non-profit organization and make suggestions on how Prairie Lakes can adjust our systems and processes to identify barriers that underserved communities have in participating with us.

Prairie Lakes was able to create more inclusive language in our grant application guidelines based

upon suggestions from the group. More importantly, we learned more about listening and hearing how others perceive our organization.

“We have made some small steps forward on our journey of understanding how our organization can be more inclusive in our programming, and these individuals were part of that journey,” noted Brenda Byron.



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 from the **City of Fairmont** and **Sibley County**.

The deadline for submitting an application is Sept. 1. 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 until further notice. 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-Pomeranke
- Nicollet County Rita Rassbach
- Sibley County Open
- Waseca County Karen Krause
- Watonwan County Steve Davis
- City of Fairmont Open
- City of Mankato Diana Joseph
- City of New Ulm Ginny Walters
- City of North Mankato Dana Sikkila
- City of St. Peter April Malphurs

Staff

- Executive Director Brenda Byron
- Program Manager Cindy Lewer
- Administrative 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, Administrative Assistant; and Larry Pint. Not pictured: Steve Davis; Kristi Gaalswyk-Pomeranke; Diana Joseph, Liz Miller and Ginny Walters.

Arts Events and Opportunities

(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

Aug. 1 Fairmont Area Community Theater presents the musical “Mama Mia!”, 2 p.m. General admission tickets: adults \$20, students \$8, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza. (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Aug. 1 “Little Theatre” theater performances by Minnesota Playwright Productions, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Good will donations accepted at the door. Held at the Coffee Hag, 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Contact Tom Barna at (507) 508-3336 for more information.

Aug. 1-13 Gregory T. Wilkins’ “Black Lives Matter: Teach Your Children Well” Exhibit, held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Wilkins is a fiscal year 2021 recipient of a Creative Support for Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The art gallery is located on the lower level. 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/.

***Aug. 1-28** 2021 Membership Show. 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.



Aug. 1-Sept. 3 The Heinselmannchen Familie’ Whimsical Exhibit of German Fairytale. 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.

Aug. 1-Sept. 30 “Marian Anderson: Her Personal Collection” Exhibit highlighting many of Marian’s original works that her fine art prints have been made from. Held at Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. www.blueearthcountyhistory.com or (507) 345-5566.

Aug. 1-Sept. 30 Kay Herbst Helms’ “Pity the Water” Photography and Word Exhibit. Held at Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. www.blueearthcountyhistory.com or (507) 345-5566.

***Aug. 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.

Aug. 2 Concert in the Park Series: The Misfits performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or (507) 233-4300.

***Aug. 3** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Kraig Windschitl from Wayzata Community Church in Wayzata, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or www.agosiouxtrails.org.

Aug. 3 Jolly Pops Music Show, 10 a.m. Held at Storybook Park, 900 Nicollet Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

***Aug. 3-27** Carter and Matt Johnson’s “Desolate Ways” Mixed Media Exhibit featuring photography and woodworking. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m. Viewing also available in our online Virtual Gallery. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 4** Dick Kimmel and Kelly Coyle perform as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. www.gaylordmnchamber.com or (507) 237-5535.

***Aug. 4-8** Sibley County Free Fair in Arlington, view a complete schedule at www.sibleycountyfair.com/.

***Aug. 4-Sept. 10** Mary Walchuk’s “Then Sings My Soul: A Celebration in Color” Drawing Exhibit and Jacky Garlock’s Painting Exhibit. (Reception, Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m., with Bully Pulpit performing.) 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. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org or .

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.



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Aug. 5-8 23rd Annual Ribfest. Musical Performances include: Aug. 5: Church of Cash, The Kentucky Headhunters, and Steve Earle & The Dukers. Aug. 6: Arch Allies, Vertical Horizon, and Scott Stapp the voice of Creed. Aug. 7: Lonesome Losers, Viva Knieval, and Hairball. Aug. 8: Tribute to Steve Murphy featuring The Murphy Brothers Band, The Jade Murphy Band, the Rain Kings, and more. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Reserved seating for music \$39.50 each day. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock Street, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Go to www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone for times and more information.

***Aug. 5-21** Community Art and Photography Show. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Aug. 5-Sept. 4** Czech Heritage Club's Exhibit featuring memorabilia of the Czech Republic. 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.

***Aug. 6** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Morgan Myles performing soul, pop, country, and rock music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Aug. 6** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Concert by The EZ Jazz Trio, 7 p.m. Limited refreshments will be for sale by local vendors. Free, bring your own chair, coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Aug. 6-22 Beth Ann Hamilton's "Domestic Multiplexity" Mixed Media Exhibit. (Reception, Aug. 6, 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.

Aug. 8 "This and That" theater performance by Minnesota Playwright Productions, 2 p.m. Good will donations accepted at the door. Held at The Blue Boat, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1710, Mankato. Contact Tom Barna at (507) 508-3336 for more information.

***Aug. 8** Music Festival and Threshing Day in Fairmont, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchman performing German polka and Czech music. Kids games, building tours, wagon rides, and more. Free, held at Heritage Acres, South Central Minnesota Interpretive Center, 507 W. Lake Ave., Fairmont. (507) 238-4645 or www.heritageacresmn.org.

Aug. 8 Giant Days parade in LeSueur, including the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps, 1 p.m. (507) 665-2501.

Aug. 9 Concert in the Park Series: Larry Mages and the Mages Family Band performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/.

***Aug. 10** Community Common Ground Series including fun and educational conversations that take two seemingly unrelated topics, learn about them from local community experts, and then work together to find the common ground that connects them, 5:30-7:30 p.m. August's event will feature punk rock music and pollinator gardens. The event will be held virtually on Zoom. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. www.livingearthcentermn.org or (507) 389-4272.

***Aug. 10** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Christine Schulz from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or www.agosiouxtrails.org.

***Aug. 11** Kris and the Riverbend Dutchmen perform as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. www.gaylordmnchamber.com or (507) 237-5535.


Aug. 11-15 Brown County Free Fair in New Ulm, view a complete schedule at <https://browncountyfreefair.com/>.

Aug. 11-15 Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter, view a complete schedule at <https://nicolletcountyfair.com/>.

Aug. 12 The Beach Boys, 2021 Feel Flows World Tour Concert, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$40-\$130. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone.

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***Aug. 12** Music in the Park series: Larry Mages performing pop, country, and polka music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. www.winthropminnesota.com or (507) 647-5306. 

Aug. 12-15 Gaylord's Eggstravaganza Days, including a concert by the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. View a complete schedule online at www.facebook.com/GaylordEggDays/.


***Aug. 13** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring The Langer's Ball performing Irish punk music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Aug. 13** Music in the Park Series: Big John & Connie Pedersen performing country music, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Pizza slices available for purchase. Held at Citizen's Park, downtown Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

Aug. 13-14 Disney's Moana Jr./Sr. High Musical Theater performance, 7 p.m. each day. Held at the Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 South Riverfront Drive, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Aug. 13-15 "Into the Woods" theater performance by the Protean Players, Aug. 13-14 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets: In advance adults \$10, students \$5, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org; at the door adults \$15, students \$10. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Aug. 15 Maker Market, sponsored by the Minnesota Makers & Artist Guild, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., in-person. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Live performances and food vendors on site. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Aug. 16 Concert in the Park Series: Original German Band performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or (507) 233-4300. 

Aug. 16-22 Martin County Fair in Fairmont, view a complete schedule at www.mnotherbigfair.com/.

***Aug. 18** Larry Mages and the Mages Family Band perform as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmnchamber.com.

Aug. 19 Music on Parkway: City Mouse performing at 7 p.m. Held at the city owned green space between the American Legion and Eagles Nest along Parkway Ave. in Eagle Lake. Sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake. (507) 257-3218 or <https://eaglelakemn.com/>.

Aug. 19-22 LeSueur County Free Fair in LeCenter, view a complete schedule at www.lesueurcountyfair.org/.

***Aug. 20** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring The Blue River Combo performing swing music, 6-8 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.

***Aug. 20** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Concert by Adrian Barnett & The Questet, 7 p.m. Limited refreshments will be for sale by local vendors. Free, bring your own chair, coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 21** "Droppin' Beets" Community Concert in the Garden, 5-7 p.m. Three bands will perform. Free, bring a canned food item for the ECHO Food Shelf. Food trucks will be onsite. Held outside the Living Earth Center, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

***Aug. 21** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Adrian Barnett & The Questet, performing jazz music, 7-9:30 p.m., tickets will be sold. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

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Aug. 23 Concert in the Park Series: Worst Band Ever performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German Street, New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/.

***Aug. 25** Todd Anderson performs a Neil Diamond tribute as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmnchamber.com. 

Aug. 26 Author Pamela Nowak will discuss her book "Never Let Go" Survival of the Lake Shetek Women", based on the real women and events of the 1862 Dakota War conflict, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***Aug. 27** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Los Rebeldes, performing Tex-Mex music, 6-8 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.

Aug. 27-Sept. 12 "Selfhood" Exhibit by Minnesota based female, femme, trans, and non-binary artists. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Aug. 28-29** American Indian Creator's Game Camp for youth from grades 5-8 to learn about and play lacrosse. Choose a two-hour camp time either day, 10 a.m.-12 Noon or 1-3 p.m. Learn about the culture, sport, and history from Dakota and Ojibwe perspectives. The sport will be played the historical way, to educate them on the origins of the game. The event is free and open to the public. Held at Wheeler Park, Center St., lower North Mankato.

Aug. 30 Concert in the Park: Teddy Bear Band at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/.

***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 brought back 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

***Aug. 2-5 Summer Creativity Camp.** For students who have completed K-7th grade. Morning sessions from 9 a.m.-12 Noon will be for grades K-3 and afternoon sessions from 1-4 p.m. will be for grades 4-7. Students participate in a variety of fine arts activities. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed at www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/. Scholarships are available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 2-14 Disney's Moana Jr./Sr. High Musical Theater, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, for ages 11-18. Youth cast in this show will participate in all aspects of play production from acting to set creation, costumes and make up. \$80, register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Aug. 3 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 "Very Hungry Caterpillar Art" using watercolor resist techniques. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 3 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 "Printmaking City Skylines." Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 5 Messy Art Fun, for all ages, under age 10 with an adult, 10-11 a.m., \$10. An outdoor class to learn new and favorite messy art techniques and experimentation. Rain or shine! Dress for the mess and for the weather. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 www.redrockcenter.org/.

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Adult Opportunities

***Aug. 2-23** 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.

Aug. 4 & 18 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the 1st & 3rd 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.

Aug. 5-20 Drawing Fundamentals Class, Thursdays and Fridays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. each day. Develop your drawing skills and technique with every class focusing on a different element or principle of design. \$10 per class, pick and choose. 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.

***Aug. 7** Writing in the Park Class. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Bring a notebook, a pen, and a lawn chair, and join poet Ronda Redmond for writing prompts to strengthen your creative muscles. For all types of creatives at all levels. \$10, register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Contact the Arts Center for class location. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Aug. 9 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.

Aug. 10 Jewelry Making Hematite Bracelet Class, 6-7 p.m., \$29. Learn what hematite is and create a beautiful piece of art to take home. Register with Waseca Community Education at www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Held at Waseca Central Building, 501 E. Elm Ave. (507) 835-5626 or www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com.

***Aug. 15-16** Auditions for the Mankato Playhouse's performances of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.", 7 p.m. each day. Callbacks, if needed, will be Aug. 17. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned, a pianist will be provided. Do not use a song from the show. Performance dates: Oct. 8-24. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Ste. 1700. www.mankatoplayhouse.com or (507) 508-6539.

Aug. 5-20 Drawing Fundamentals Class, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon each day, for grades 7-12. Develop your drawing skills and technique with every class focusing on a different element or principle. \$10 per class, pick and choose. Register 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.

***Aug. 9-13** Introduction to Social Justice Theatre for Youth Camp, 1-3:30 p.m. each day, for grades 5-8. Learn how to use the arts and theatre to highlight social justice issues such as environment, inclusion, bullying and more. \$30, register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center Auditorium, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Aug. 10 Stained Glass Art Class, 12:30-2 p.m. for ages 7-11. Create a freeform style stained glass project on glass, using kid friendly materials. Please dress appropriately or bring a paint shirt. All materials provided! \$18, register with New Ulm Community Education. Held at the Washington Learning Center, Room 104, 910 14th St. N., New Ulm. (507) 233-8307 or www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed.

Aug. 10 Art Start for Tots, ages 18 months-4 years old with an adult, 10-11 a.m., \$8. Explore colors, shapes, counting, cultures, and more. Create artwork to take home. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org/.

***Aug. 21** Children's Learn to Paint Class. 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 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. Fall Registration for the Mankato Ballet Company. Classes start on Sept. 13 with in-person classes being held in the new location, 1650 Tullamore St., Mankato. Contact Mankato Ballet Company for class offerings and scheduled class times. www.mankatoballet.org or (507) 625-7716.



Aug. Fall Registration for the Mankato Children's Chorus for the 2021-2022 season. Students in all choirs will automatically qualify for a one-time, 50% "Welcome Back" discount. Go to www.mankatochildrenschorus.org to complete the online registration. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

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***Aug. 26** Painting with Rhonda Class for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required via call, text, email or website. The in-person class will be held outside at the New Ulm Community Center lower level parking area, 600 N. German St. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, arsnu@newulmtel.net, www.nuars.org, or (507) 217-0383.

***Aug.** Singing Hills Chorus Fall Session Registration. Rehearsals for the "Hearts & Harmony" fall season will be held from Thursday, Sept. 9-Dec. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m., including a half hour social time. Fee: \$25.00 per person. The chorus is accepting registrations for "singing duets", a person living with Alzheimer's or a related dementia and a care partner (family or friend). The fall concert will be held on December 11. Held at School Sisters of Notre Dame, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. Visit www.singinghillchorus.org for more information.

Aug. Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays. Two sessions available: Morning sessions 10 a.m.-12 Noon or afternoon sessions 5:30-7:30 p.m. 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. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 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.

Aug. GSR Fine Art Festival Applications. The GSR Fine Art Festival is a juried exhibition held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Applications are being accepted through Sept. 1. All sales go to the artists. Accepted artists will be included in the online gallery, ShopART, <https://shopart.gsrfineartfestival.com/>. Festival dates are Nov. 27-28, 2021. For more information contact (507) 351-5008 or www.gsrfineartfestival.com.

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 and the restrictions for each class. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Minnesota State Arts Board is conducting an open call for Grant Application Reviewers. The Minnesota State Arts Board seeks generous involvement of Minnesota citizens to review grant program applications remotely, serving a four-week term during Aug. 2021-March 2022. Receive a modest financial stipend for your time providing feedback on assigned applications and help determine which will be recommended to receive funding. For more information contact (800) 866-2787, Jenea.Rewertz-Targui@arts.state.mn.us, or go to www.arts.state.mn.us/reviewer.htm.

***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, to visit anytime. Go to www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn for more information.

Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Opportunities

Aug. 6 Creative Support for Individuals Deadline. This program is flexible and meant to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers adapt to a changing and challenging environment in which to work. Grantees will be able to use funds to sustain their practice and stay relevant and connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities now and in the future. Grant range: \$2,000-\$6,000. Application deadline: Aug. 6 at 4:30 p.m. For more information: (800) 866-2787 or CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us.

Oct. 1 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 intended to help organizations maintain the long-term viability of their arts programming so that Minnesota residents 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 info: (800) 866-2787 or CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us.

For a link to the online applications go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.



Non-profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 N. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. 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 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. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org, or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, **(Temporarily Closed)** 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. artctr@hickorytech.net, (507) 625-2730, or www.thecarnegiemankato.com.

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. Gallery hours: Thurs. 3-6 p.m., Fri. 2-6 p.m., and Sat. 3-6 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 a.m.-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor of The Grand. www.thegrandnewulm.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, 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 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.

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Springboard offers The Work of Art Toolkit; available for Free as a digital download.



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