



Prairie Lakes Welcomes New City of Mankato Board Member



Bethany Truman

Although she holds a few titles, the one most precious to Bethany is the title of mom. When Bethany isn't worm hunting or playing trains, she is busy engaging with her community as the southern regional representative for the Minnesota Hip Hop Coalition to further her local youth's equity in the community and in youth serving organizations. Through her work with MN-HHC she also serves her time sitting on active boards and committees such as: MAPS SRO advisory committee, Minnesota State University Mankato education reform committee, Mankato Public Safety Advisory Committee, and The Mankato Makerspace. She also organized the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Mankato Juneteenth Celebrations in partnership with a local area non-profit and co organized the Inaugural MN Statewide Juneteenth Celebration in 2022 with True Essentials Consulting. She has plans to complete her Masters degree in Pastoral Counseling with Crisis and Trauma Response in 2023.

Other recently appointed members are listed on page 3. Two positions are open for the City of Fairmont and Sibley County. Details on page 7.

Grant Writing Workshops

Artists Grant Writing
Tuesday, August 2 or 9 at 5 p.m.
Held virtually through Zoom.

Organizations Grant Writing
Tuesday, August 23 at 5 p.m.
Held virtually through Zoom.

There will be online webinars to discuss the guidelines for the grant programs, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new applicants to attend. [Email plrac@hickorytech.net to obtain meeting login information.](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net)

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



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

Artist Development Grants of \$2,000 are Available.

Prairie Lakes will be continuing the \$2,000 Artist Development Grant program in FY 2023. 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 \$2,000 has a deadline of September 1, 2022, with the earliest starting date of October 1, 2022.

This 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 six 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.

An Artist Grant Writing Workshop tutorial is available on the Workshop page under the Services Tab of our website, www.plrac.org.

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 25 Artist Grants for a total of \$50,000 with funds from the McKnight Foundation. Please contact the staff at the Prairie Lakes office at plrac@hickorytech.net to discuss your artist project idea, we would be happy to assist you.

Artist Grant Webinars

**Tuesday, August 2 at 5 p.m. or
Tuesday, August 9 at 5 p.m.**

PLRAC staff will conduct online webinars about the new guidelines for the grant program, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new applicants to attend. Email plrac@hickorytech.net to obtain meeting login information.

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Have you visited www.plrac.org lately?

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!



Welcoming Our New Board Members



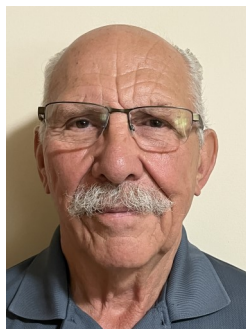
Tom



April



Sandy



Dennis



Mark

We are pleased to announce that five individuals have been appointed to the board. Tom David Barna of Eagle Lake will represent Blue Earth County; April Malphurs will represent the City of St. Peter; Sandy Sunde of St. James will represent Watonwan County; Dennis Van Moorlehem of Arlington will represent Sibley County; and Mark Wamma of St. Peter will represent Nicollet County.

Tom David Barna has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, former Peace Corps Volunteer. He is a writer, director, producer and actor. He is an affiliate and former board member of Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, a founding member of the Blue Earth Readers Workshop, and a member of the 4Playwrights Project. Tom is a former board member of the Mankato Playhouse. He has received several Artist grants from Prairie Lakes and recently received a Minnesota State Arts Board Artist grant. Tom has created many theatrical and musical productions, staged readings, published works as a children's author and published eBooks.

April Malphurs has been reappointed to a second term. April has a MA in Art Education and BS in Interior Architecture/Design. She is a practicing artist in sculpture, glass and jewelry. Currently she is teaching community art camps and classes for children in St. Peter and at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. April was the founder of Creative Play Place in St. Peter and served as board member and director for eight years. She is currently on a leave of absence from her position as a K-5 elementary art teacher at Hoover Elementary School, Mankato. April worked with South and North Elementary Schools in St. Peter as Art Adventure Coordinator for five years and was a guest artist and volunteer with the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota in Mankato for eight years.

Sandy Sunde has a BA in English and MA in Education. She is a retired Language Arts educator at St. James High School. Sandy was the co-editor of and contributor to "Your Story, My Story, Our Story" a published collection of immigrant stories. Sandy currently is a member of Uniting Cultures, Community Theater Board, multi-cultural fiesta planning committee, CAPP-Comprehensive Arts Planning Program, and council member and chair of Worship, Music, Arts Board First Lutheran Church. She previously was the director of 25 high school musical theater productions, 6 community theater musical productions, artistic director of St. James Trust Company, director of adult, youth and children's choirs.

Dennis Van Moorlehem has a degree in Secondary Education and has taught Auto Mechanics. He is a board member of the Sibley County Fair, MN Federation of County Fairs, Sibley County Fair grant writer for the Entertainment Committee, Arlington Chamber of Commerce grant writer and entertainment committee, and 4H Advisor. Dennis previously served on the PLRAC board from 2013-2019.

Mark Wamma has a BA in Honors Music Performance. He is the Music Director and Operations Director for Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra. He teaches violin and viola privately, at the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, and as an adjunct instructor for these organizations: MN State University, Mankato, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, and Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. He performs as a soloist and an orchestral musician. He is a founding member of the Two Rivers Community Orchestra and River Valley String Quartet serving as the coordinator and violinist for the latter.

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Prairie Lakes FY 2022 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022)

Total Awarded: \$596,995

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

\$100,490 – State General funds (37 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.



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

Approved 4/19 and updated 5/21.

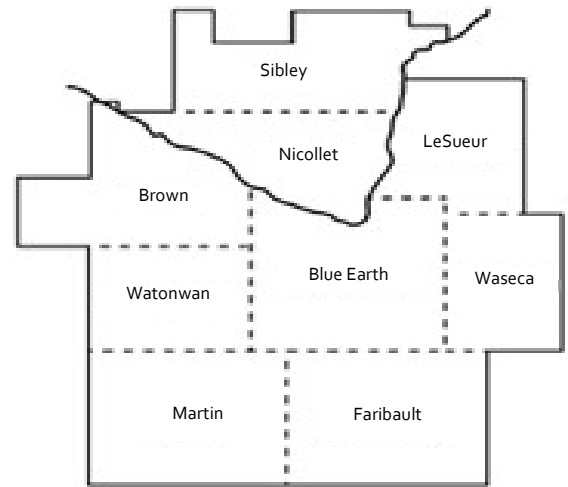
The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) recognizes arts and culture as inherent and vital aspects of life. Art is a proven proponent of healthy, balanced, and prosperous communities. The creation and experience of cultural and artistic expression contribute to both individual and community well-being. 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.





FY 2023 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: August 1 and February 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 Arts Project Grant. Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$7,000.

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 \$5,000. 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 \$5,000. 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 \$2,500. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$4,000. 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 April.**

School Arts Project Grant

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,500 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 April.**

Artist Development Grant \$2,000

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 2023 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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.

Small Arts Project Grant maximum is \$2,500 and BIPOC cultural arts project may request up to \$4,000. PLRAC is interested in receiving new applications for BIPOC cultural activities that engage the public.

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

Applications are available online at www.plrac.org.

Small Arts Project - \$2,500 and BIPOC Projects - \$4,000

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023

School Arts Project - \$2,500

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023

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

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

Artist Development Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 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 has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

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

The deadline for submitting an application is August 15th. Interested persons should contact Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at plrac@hickorytech.net. **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.

Board members can anticipate that their tasks will include reading and evaluating about 100 applications per year from artists, art organizations, community groups and schools.



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 may continue virtually or in person. 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	Tom David Barna
Brown County	Beth Steffl
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Staff

Program Manager.....	Cindy Lewer
Program Assistant.....	Pam Trumbull

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/>



Arts Events and Opportunities

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

Aug. 1 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. 1-19 Exhibit of Mini Canvases painted by the Summer Creativity Camp Students, 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-April 2023** The 2022 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** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Jeff Christ performing classic rock, country, and folk music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

Aug. 2 Virtual author reading about book banning in the Real People, Real History series, 6 p.m. Register to attend online at <https://wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered/>. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

Aug. 2 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Kraig Windschitl from Saint Philip the Deacon in Plymouth, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org.

Aug. 2 Explore the World of Betsy & Tacy from the popular Mankato native author Maud Hart Lovelace, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon. Held at the Betsy and Tacy Houses, 332 Center St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.



***Aug. 2-12** David Hyde Duke's Sculpture 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. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Aug. 4-28 Community Art Exhibit. (Reception, Aug. 28, 2 p.m.) 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. 3** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Dick Kimmel and Kelly Coyle performing bluegrass and folk music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

***Aug. 3-7** Sibley County Free Fair in Arlington, including polka and Americana music performances and historical presentations. View a complete schedule at www.sibleycountyfair.com/.

***Aug. 3-27** 2022 Membership Show of visual and literary art. 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. 3-Sept. 2** Art Appreciation Exhibit and Al Volbright's Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Matt Willemsen's Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Aug. 4** Music at the Broz Concert Series: The Echos performing big band music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or <https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council>.

Aug. 4 Reading and conversation with Minnesota author Sequoia Nagamatsu, 1 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Aug. 4-6 "Broadcasting Live From the Triangle" Exhibit of vintage radios by Dwyane Jindra. 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. 4-7** "The Sound of Music" theater performances, Aug. 4-6 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. In advance: reserved seating, adults \$12, seniors and children \$10; general admission balcony \$10. Purchase advance tickets at www.tbirdcommunityarts.com. At the door: reserved seating, adults \$14, seniors and children \$12; general admission balcony \$12. Tickets will be available at the door, while supplies last. Held at Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop High School Auditorium, 1001 N. Cottonwood St., Winthrop. Sponsored by T-Bird Community Arts. (507) 207-2226 or www.tbirdcommunityarts.com.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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Aug. 4-7 Blue Earth Town and Country Players will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Cinderella". Aug. 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 6-7 at 2 p.m. All seats are \$10 general admission and will be sold at the door. Children 12 and under \$5 for the Aug. 6-7 shows. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, Highway 169 N. "Blue Earth Town & Country Players" on Facebook or (507) 525-0409.

Aug. 4-7 24th Annual Ribfest. Musical Performances include: Aug 4: Craig Morgan with Little Texas and the Jensen Sisters. Aug. 5: 80s Night with Warrant, Lita Ford, and FireHouse. Aug. 6: Gin Blossoms with Gear Daddies, The Belfast Cowboys, and American Scarecrows. Aug. 7: City Mouse with Mary Jane Alm and Erik Koskinen. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Reserved seating for music \$39.50 each day. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. For more information go to www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/events-and-tickets/ribfest.

***Aug. 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Joyann Parker Duo performing blues music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 5** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Steely Ann, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 5-6** Waseca Community Education sponsors Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "Pinocchio", Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 2 p.m., \$4 at the door. Held at the Waseca High School Performing Arts Center, 1717 2nd St. NW, Waseca. (507) 835-5626 or <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>.



Aug. 5-20 "Art Inside" Exhibition of artwork created by incarcerated students from the Faribault Men's Correctional Facility. (Reception, Aug. 5, 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. 6** Drum Corps Expo featuring the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps and other drum corps. Gates open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m., free. Held at St. Peter High School, Floyd B. Johnson Field, Sunrise Dr. (507) 990-9273 or www.govenaires.org/expo.

Aug. 8 Concert in the Park Series: Bob and the Beachcombers 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. 9** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Farmer Josh performing folk, country, and rock music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

Aug. 9 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Christine Schulz from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd Street, Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosioxtrails.org.

Aug. 9 Concert in the Park by Roll On performing at 7 p.m., free. Held at Sylvania Park, 401 Lake Ave., Fairmont. Sponsored by the Fairmont Opera House, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Aug. 9 Film screening and discussion of a film as part of the "Clint Eastwood Directs Series", 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library.

***Aug. 10** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Kris and the Riverbend Dutchmen performing polka music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.



Aug. 10-14 Brown County Free Fair in New Ulm, view a complete schedule at <https://browncountyfreefair.com/>.

Aug. 10-14 Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter, view a complete schedule at <https://nicolletcountyfair.com/>.

***Aug. 11** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Eddie Shimota Band performing polka music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or <https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council>.

Aug. 11 Alive After 5 Concert featuring The Hoppers performing 50s rock and roll music, 5-7:30 p.m. Held at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by City Center Partnership. www.citycentermankato.com/city-center/things-to-do/alive-after-5/ or (507) 388-1062.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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***Aug. 11** Music in the Park series: Kris and the Riverbend Dutchman performing old-time and dance music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 North Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. www.winthropminnesota.com or (507) 647-5306.

Aug. 11 Music in the Park by Galaxy, performing 50's and 60's music, 6:30 p.m. Held at Sylvania Park, 401 Lake Ave., Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Aug. 11 Concert by the Musik Meisters performing German, old time, country and patriotic music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Aug. 11-14 Gaylord's Eggstravaganza Days, including a concert by the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. Visit www.facebook.com/GaylordEggDays/ for details.

Aug. 11-Sept. 24 Tom Miller's Exhibit. 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. 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Watermelon Slush performing folk music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 13** sPARK Mobile Art Studio Art Show, showcasing the collaborative work created by participating students. Reception at 10 a.m. at the St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave. Sponsored by St. Peter Community Education. (507) 934-3048 or www.stpetercommunityedonline.com.



Aug. 13 Concert by Jamey Johnson with special guests Blackberry Smoke with Ella Langley, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$39-\$99. 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. Visit www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone for more information.

***Aug. 14** Summerburst Concert Series: The Wendt Sisters performing music from the 50's to the 90's, 3:30-5 p.m. Held at the New Richland City Park. Rain location is Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 1st Street NW, New Richland. (507) 521-1209.

***Aug. 14** Music Festival and Threshing Day in Fairmont, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Leon Olsen Show will perform polka music along with kids games, building tours, wagon rides, and more. Free, held at Heritage Acres, South Central Minnesota Interpretive Center, 507 W. Lake Ave., Fairmont. www.heritageacresmn.org or (507) 238-4645.

Aug. 15 Virtual author reading about censorship in the Real People, Real History series, 6 p.m. Register to attend online at <https://wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered/>. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

Aug. 15 Concert in the Park Series: Ken & Ken Show 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. 15-21 Martin County Fair in Fairmont, view a complete schedule at www.mnotherbigfair.com.

***Aug. 16** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Dirt Roads Band performing classic rock music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

***Aug. 17** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Larry Mages and the Mages Family Band performing country and rock music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

Aug. 18 Summer Sing-Along with the Singing Hills Chorus, 10-11 a.m. Have an uplifting time singing well-loved and well-known music. No registration required. The chorus is made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their care partners. Held at The Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. www.singinghillsschorus.org or (507) 387-1256.

Aug. 18 Voices from Pejuhutazizi: Dakota Stories and Storytellers presentation, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Held at the Brown County Historical Society Museum Annex, 12. N. Broadway, New Ulm. www.browncountyhistorymn.org or (507) 233-2621.



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Aug. 18 Alive After 5 Concert featuring The DW3 performing acoustic rock and funk music, 5-7:30 p.m. Held at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by City Center Partnership. www.citycentermankato.com/city-center/things-to-do/alive-after-5/ or (507) 388-1062.

Aug. 18-21 LeSueur County Fair in LeCenter, view a complete schedule at www.lesueurcountyfair.org.

***Aug. 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Amy Manette Band performing jazz music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 19** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Masa Ishikawa Trio, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 19** Blue Earth Area Community Education sponsors Prairie Fire Children's Theatre performance of "Cinderella" by grades 1-8, 7 p.m., \$4. At the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-3172 or <https://sites.google.com/beas.blueearth.k12.mn.us/commed/home>.

Aug. 19-21 "The Savannah Sipping Society" comedy theater performance, Aug. 19-20 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.



***Aug. 19-Sept. 16** Bradley Donner's Wildlife and Nature Painting Exhibit. (Reception, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m.) Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Aug. 20 Summerfest Weekend parade in Sleepy Eye, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 6 p.m. View a complete schedule at www.sleepyeyesummerfest.com.

Aug. 20 The Grand Art Heist Summer Fundraiser, an evening filled with music, mystery theater, dinner, silent and live auction, scavenger hunt, and more, beginning at 5:30 p.m. \$75, tickets are limited due to space, purchase online. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 21 Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

Aug. 22 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 New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or (507) 233-4300.

***Aug. 23** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Bob Kahle Band performing polka and old-time music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

***Aug. 24** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Todd Anderson performing music by Neil Diamond, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.



Aug. 25 Alive After 5 Concert featuring Seasaw performing indie pop music, 5-7:30 p.m. Held at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by the City Center Partnership. www.citycentermankato.com/city-center/things-to-do/alive-after-5/ or (507) 388-1062.

***Aug. 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Mike Munson & Mikkell Beckman performing blues music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 26-28** Cornstalk Festival, beginning at 4 p.m. on Aug. 26. Celebrate and enjoy live music, children's theater activities, art, and more. Free camping. Held at 437 40th Ave., Dunnell. www.cornstalkconvergence.com or "Cornstalk Convergence" on Facebook.

Aug. 26-Sept. 10 Edson Rosas and Sam Brown's "Wonkist" Exhibition of Prints and Paintings. (Reception, Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

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

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

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Aug. 26-Oct. 7 Kathy Moe's Hardanger Exhibit, held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Aug. 30** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Beka Lang performing Christian pop and rock music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

***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 for 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

***Aug. 1-4** 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 including ceramics, leather work, painting, drawing, etching press, and more. \$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. 1-5** 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. \$20, register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Mankato East High School Auditorium, 2600 Hoffman Rd., Mankato. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Aug. 2 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Aug. 2 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.

***Aug. 2-30** Music Therapy for Kids Class, Tuesdays, ages 3-5 at 1-2 p.m. and ages 5-9 at 2:15-3:15 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Court, Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

Aug. 3 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7-12, \$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 Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Aug. 4-5** sPARK Creativity Mobile Art Studio, a free art program for ages 5-12 in St. Peter. Thursdays: 9 a.m. at Gorman Park and 4 p.m. at Park Row Apartments. Fridays: 9 a.m. at Summit Park, 11 a.m. at Green Valley, 1 p.m. at Fairview Apartments, and 3 p.m. at Marway. Sponsored by St. Peter Community Education. (507) 934-3048 or www.stpetercommunityedonline.com.

Aug. 9 Music and Movement Class, ages 0-5 with a caregiver at 9-9:30 a.m. and grades K-2 at 10-10:30 a.m., \$7. Sing, dance and play using a variety of percussion instruments that engage both fine and motor skills in a fun, multi-sensory environment. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 www.redrockcenter.org/.

Aug. 13 Poetry in the Parks with Minnesota's Poet Laureate Gwen Westerman. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-8. In this daylong writing workshop students will explore the beauty of nature and write their own poems in their home languages and well as English. Pens and notebooks will be provided. Workshop is free, registration is required at www.thefriends.org/poetryinparks. Refreshments will include snacks and lunch. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

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***Aug. 13** 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. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Aug. 16** Creating Comics Writing Workshop. 1-4 p.m., for ages 10-14. Students will be instructed on story and character development for a comic book. They will be given the freedom to create their own story narrative along with creating illustrations that accompany the story. \$25, registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Aug. 20** Creative Kids Summer Art Class. Creating a Recycled Bird Feeder with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Participants will be instructed in the process of creating this craft. Each individual will leave with their own unique creation. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. Fall Registration for the Mankato Children's Chorus for the 2022-2023 season. Participation is open to students entering grades 1-12 for the upcoming school year. Visit www.mankatochildrenschorus.org and go to the Member Portal to complete the online registration. (507) 774-0597 or www.mankatochildrenschorus.org.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

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

Mankato Ballet Company: (507) 625-7716 or
www.mankatoballet.org/classes/summer/.

Adult Opportunities

Aug. 1 Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Aug. 1-29** Adult String Group Class, Mondays, 7-8 p.m. For adult beginners who are eager to experience playing music with others. \$50, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

Aug. 3 & 17 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

***Aug. 2-30** Music Therapy for Adults Class, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

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

Aug. 10 Japanese Origami and Ribbon Ornament Class, 1-2:30 p.m. Class participants will be making ornaments using traditional origami paper folding techniques as taught by Linda Hashimoto, founder of Sansei Yonsei Kai Japanese Dance Ensemble. This class is designed for ages 16 and up. Call (507) 359-8331 to register. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***Aug. 20** Urban Sketching. 2-4 p.m. Urban sketching capitalizes on the portability of watercolor and ink, while emphasizing speed and freshness over realism. This class will include a discussion of image theory, followed by plenty of hands-on experimentation. Drop-in fee \$5-\$10, no registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

***Aug. 24** 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.

***Aug. 27** Sewing Show-and-Tell. 2-4 p.m. Bring your project, your questions, and an open mind. There will be a "speed show-and-tell" for participants to share about their work-in-progress. Leave with fresh inspiration and some new friends. Drop-in fee \$5-\$10, no registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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***Aug. Register to Participate with the Singing Hills Chorus**, Rehearsals begin Sept. 8 and will continue on Thursdays with a ½ hour of social time and an hour of rehearsal. The chorus is made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their care partners. \$25 per person to participate in the season, concert will be held in December. Held at The Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 519-0626 or www.singinghillchorus.org.

Aug. Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. This group works on different techniques and learns new things from each other. Every week is different. Sign up at the Waseca Art Center or online at www.wasecaartscenter.org. Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Aug. Call for Panelists. The Minnesota Humanities Center is seeking Minnesota-based grant reviewers who understand the depth and breadth of the lived experiences of the legislatively named cultural groups and individuals working to create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture, & heritage of diverse Minnesota communities. Compensation range of \$250-\$750 is based on participation. If interested, contact Laura at laura@mnhum.org or (651) 772-4244.

Aug. 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.

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

***Aug. 1 PLRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Deadline**. For arts organizations, schools, and festivals. \$7,000 available for arts organizations, \$5,000 for schools and festivals. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Deadline is Aug. 1. A second deadline is Feb. 1. Guidelines can be viewed at www.plrac.org, along with a link to the online grant application. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or plrac@hickorytech.net.

Aug. 17 MCBA/Jerome Book Arts Mentorship Deadline. The program sponsored by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts and the Jerome Foundation gives early career artists working in a variety of disciplines (writing, photography, sculpture, film, dance, etc.) an introduction to art forms including bookbinding, printmaking, and papermaking. An information session will be held Aug. 3, 6-7 p.m., registration is required. Go to: www.mnbookarts.org/mentorships to learn more and apply. (612) 215-2520.

***Sept. 1 PLRAC Artist Development Grant Deadline**. This \$2,000 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 Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Deadline is Sept. 1. Guidelines can be viewed at www.plrac.org, along with a link to the online grant application. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or plrac@hickorytech.net.

Sept. 9 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Organizations Deadline. This program provides support to help organizations deliver arts programming and meaningfully engage their communities in a time of transition. Grant range: \$5,000-\$30,000. Application deadline: Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us for more information. For a link to the online application go to the MN 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. 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. & Sat. 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.

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 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 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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Prairie Lakes Mission and Value Statements

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.

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