

## A Note From Our Executive Director:

Hello from Waseca, MN! I'm so excited to be writing to you as the new Executive Director of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. I am proud to be representing this organization as we move forward to make resources and funds more accessible to artists across the region. With this new role comes the exciting task of connecting to artists, events, and organizations in the nine county region of Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan.

**In the spirit of connection and communication, our newest update:  
we have new email addresses!**

If you're an artist or arts organization in the community and would like a chance to learn more about Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, our inboxes are open!

For any inquiries about partnerships, outreach, and our organization, you can contact me at [\*\*anna@plrac.org\*\*](mailto:anna@plrac.org).

For questions about grant writing, workshops, and eligibility, reach out to our Program Manager, Cindy Lewer at [\*\*cindy@plrac.org\*\*](mailto:cindy@plrac.org).

To submit events to our calendar and newsletter, or for questions about our online application system, please contact Pam Trumbull at [\*\*pam@plrac.org\*\*](mailto:pam@plrac.org).

For general questions contact [\*\*info@plrac.org\*\*](mailto:info@plrac.org).

I am so honored to be in my hometown of Waseca to do this work. I believe that art deepens our understanding of ourselves and each other, and I can't wait to understand more about you and your community.

With gratitude,

**Anna Pollock**

**Watch for a new  
Newsletter and Arts  
Calendar format  
coming soon!**

# Welcoming Our New Board Members

We are pleased to announce that five individuals have been appointed to the board. Justin Ek will represent the City of North Mankato; Moni Harper will represent the City of Fairmont; Michael Looft of Winthrop will represent Sibley County; Mikhail Rostislavovich of Waseca will represent Waseca County; and Dave Wahl of Springfield will represent Brown County.



Justin

**Justin Ek** is an artist from Mankato who is known for his community murals, paintings, social media presence, intricate weavings, and his work with youth and nonprofits in the area. He is passionate about using his skills to make a positive impact on the community and often volunteers his time to work with youth and nonprofits for free. Justin's art is a reflection of his love for nature and the world around him, and he is constantly looking for ways to use his art to inspire others and make a difference in the world. Justin also owns an art store in downtown Mankato where he sells his artwork and the work of other local artists as well as founded the Mankato Art Crawl through the store. Justin is an active board member of the City Center Partnership and is involved in the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour in Mankato that features a variety of sculptures throughout the city. He is also known for founding the Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Celebration with his family. The event is a celebration of life and death that takes place in Old Town Mankato every October. The event features art, music, food, and other cultural activities, and is a great way to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Mankato area. Justin is always looking for ways to use his talents to improve the community.



Moni

**Moni Harper** is a lifelong resident of Martin County and a graduate of Mankato (now Minnesota) State University with a BS in Business Administration Marketing and Management. She retired as MRCI Fairmont Brand Manager in 2019. Moni has participated in the Fairmont City band for 46 years and the Trimont Centennial Band for 20+ years. She is the bugler for Fairmont VFW and Legion Honor Guard. She was also a former chairman of the Martin County Area Foundation and past president of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce. She has served on the Fairmont Opera House and Civic Summer Theatre boards.



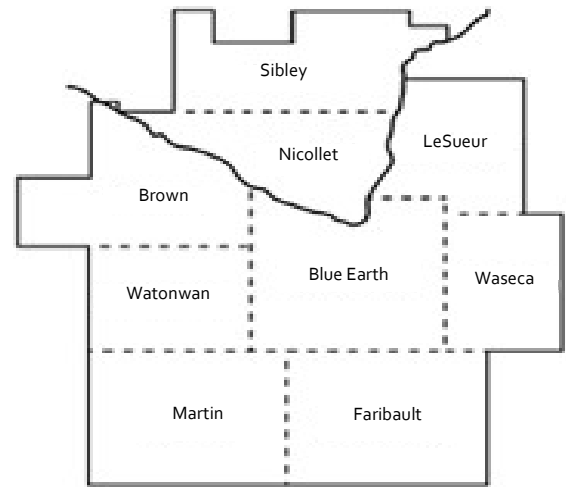
Dave

**Dave Wahl** is a Navy Veteran, accomplished DIY'er, and jack of all trades whose many talents include singer, actor, and former musician. He is currently the Maintenance Manager at Corteva Agriscience (Pioneer Hi-Bred) in Jackson, EMT with the Springfield Ambulance Service, American Legion Post Commander, and City Planning and Zoning Commission member. Dave was extensively involved in theatre and music throughout high school and returned to the stage over ten years ago. He has been a board member of the Springfield Community Theatre since 2012 and has shifted his focus from acting to working behind the scenes in set construction and stage crew for the last several SCT productions.

**Michael Looft** is the City Administrator for the City of Winthrop.

**Mikhail Rostislavovich** is active on the board of the Waseca Art Center and the Waseca County Historical Society.





## FY 2024 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**Deadlines are: August 1 and January 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 cash match is required.**

**ACH Arts Project Grant.** Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$9,000.

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 both age groups 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.**

## **Individual Artist Grants**

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, or artist time.

**Deadline: October 1 - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, \$3,000**

**Deadline: March 1 - Career Development Grant, \$1,500**



# FY 2024 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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](http://www.plrac.org).  
A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.

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

1st of the Month Deadline  
July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

**School Arts Project - \$2,500**

1st of the Month Deadline  
July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

**Youth Scholarship  
Grades 7-12 - \$300**

November 1 Deadline

**Arts and Cultural  
Heritage Grant**

Aug. 1 and Jan. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$9,000  
Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000  
Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

**Youth Scholarship  
Grades 3-6 - \$200**

November 1 Deadline

**Professional  
Mid-Career Artist  
Grant - \$3,000**

October 1, 2023 Deadline

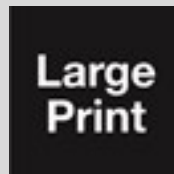
**Artist Career  
Development Grant**

\$1,500

March 1, 2024 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](mailto: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.





## FY 2024 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

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

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Deep Valley Book Festival, fees & publicity - \$2,500

### WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500  
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$2,135

## Three Small Arts Project Grants Awarded in July

Our Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, public organizations, or schools producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community or students. We encourage applications for artistic performances or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in the 9-county region. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

American Indian Service Learning Project - \$1,500. They will coordinate cultural interactive learning experiences for college students to interact and learn from American Indian artists and speakers at the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Mankato Powwow, September 15-17, 2023. Traditions about music, dance, food, and crafts will be shared. Funds will be used for artist fees and salaries.

Deep Valley Book Festival - \$2,500. They will host the 8th annual book festival October 7, 2023 at the Country Inn and Suites Conference Center in Mankato. The festival will include authors from Minnesota and the upper Midwest and the Young Writers and Artists Competition for ages 7-17. Funds will be used for publicity, rental fees, and cash awards.

Waseca Marching Classic - \$2,135. They will sponsor educational clinics for student marching band participants during the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Waseca Marching Classic, September 23, 2023. Student bands from many communities are anticipated as participants in the clinics. Funds will be used for clinician fees.

## Prairie Lakes FY 2023 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023)

**\$304,400 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants**  
to 47 arts organizations, community groups,  
and schools

**\$85,826** – State General funds (36 grants)  
Small Arts Project & School Grants

**\$30,800 - 121 Youth Scholarships** to Students in  
grades 3-12

**\$44,000** – Artist Development Grants (22 grants)  
Grant amount is \$2,000, with funds  
from the McKnight Foundation.

**Total Awarded: \$465,026**

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**



# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**Aug. 1** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Kraig Windschitl, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**Aug. 1-4** Justin Ek's "Leap of Faith" Painting and Installation 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. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**\*Aug. 1-11** Montana Becker's Painting Exhibit and Scott Markell's Painting Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Aug. 1-11** Creativity Camp Exhibit by the 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.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**\*Aug. 1-29** Henderson Music on Main Concerts, Tuesdays during the Classic Car Roll Ins, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

**\*Aug. 1-April 2024** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

**\*Aug. 2** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Miller Denn performing country, bluegrass, pop, and rock music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).

**\*Aug. 2-6** Sibley County Free Fair in Arlington, including polka and bluegrass music performances and historical presentations. View the complete schedule at [www.sibleycountyfair.com/](http://www.sibleycountyfair.com/).

**\*Aug. 2-26** 2023 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*Aug. 3** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Air Force Starlifter Band performing rock, jazz, country, and patriotic 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. 3** Get Crafty with the Mankato Makerspace, 10:30 a.m. After demonstrations from the Makerspace's experts, visit a variety of stations where you can explore different crafts and make your own creations. Held at Sibley Park, Shelter #3, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Aug. 3-5** "Leave Your Mark" Cultivate Mankato Art Show, inspired by THE DOT by Peter H. Reynolds. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com) or (507) 625-2730.

**\*Aug. 3-6** Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" theater performances, Aug. 3-5 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 6 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](http://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 Street, Winthrop. Sponsored by the T-Bird Community Arts. [www.tbirdcommunityarts.com](http://www.tbirdcommunityarts.com) or (507) 207-2226.

**Aug. 3-6** 25th Annual Ribfest. Musical Performances include: Aug. 3: Madam Driver, Viva Knievel, and Hairball. Aug. 4: BDE Boys, Too Hype Crew, and Flo Rida. Aug. 5: Barefoot Winos, Power House, Chris Kroeze, Tenille Arts, and Gary LeVox. Aug. 6: Red Dirt Road and Chris Hawkey. General Admission \$15, reserved seating for music \$60. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 309 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. For more information visit <https://mankatoribfest.myfreesites.net/>.



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

# Arts Events and Opportunities

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**Aug. 3-6** “Clue the Musical” performances. Aug. 3-4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 5-6 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10, available at the door. Held at the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Presented by the Blue Earth Town and Country Players, (507) 400-1827, [betcplayers1@gmail.com](mailto:betcplayers1@gmail.com), or “Blue Earth Town & Country Players” on Facebook.

**Aug. 3-26** Duane Jindra’s “At Home” Exhibit of kitchenware and gadgets from the past. 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](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**\*Aug. 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Amy Manette Band performing jazz music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Aug. 4-5** “Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr.” performances, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$23, seniors \$17, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$15, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).



**Aug. 4-6** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of Prince Street Players’ “Cinderella”. Aug. 4-5 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5-6 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15 and students \$13. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com) or (507) 508-6539.

**Aug. 4-19** Matthew P. Harding’s “Lost Time” Exhibit of New Work. (Reception, Aug. 4, 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](http://www.the410project.com).

**\*Aug. 5** Drum Corps Expo featuring the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps and other drum corps. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., show at 6 p.m., free. Held at St. Peter High School, Floyd B. Johnson Field, Sunrise Dr. (507) 990-9273 or <http://www.govenaires.org/expo-1>.

**Aug. 6** Giant Days parade in Le Sueur, including the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps, 1 p.m. View a schedule at <https://www.giantdays.org/schedule.html>.

**Aug. 7** Family Movie Monday Series, view Disney’s “Luca”, 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**Aug. 7** Concert in the Park by the Ken & Ken Show, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. <http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov> or (507) 359-8347.

**\*Aug. 8** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by Big John and Connie Pedersen. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Aug. 8** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Christine Schulz, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**Aug. 8** Tour the Betsy-Tacy Houses in Mankato, 10:30 a.m., 332 Center St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**Aug. 8** Common Grounds Series: Bike Polo and Vampire Novels, 6 p.m. This is a fun and educational conversation where we take two seemingly unrelated topics, learn about them from local community experts, and then work together to find the common ground that connects them. Held at LocAle Brewing Company, 228 Poplar St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center. (507) 389-4272 or [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org).

**Aug. 8** Screening and discussion of “Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan” from 1982, 6:30 p.m. Fourth in a series looking at the history of special effects in cinema. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**\*Aug. 9** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: His By Grace performing bluegrass and 70’s music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).



**Aug. 9-13** Brown County Free Fair in New Ulm, view a complete schedule at <https://browncountyfreefair.com/>.

**Aug. 9-13** Nicollet County Fair in St. Peter, view a complete schedule at <https://nicolletcountyfair.com/>.

**\*Aug. 10** Music in the Park series: South 40 Band performing country 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](http://www.winthropminnesota.com) or (507) 647-5306.



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**\*Aug. 11** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Sitting in with EZ Jazz, 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*Aug. 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Colby Straka performing acoustic music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Aug. 11-Sept. 8** Harold Enamorado's Cala Woodworking 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. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Aug. 12** "Air Margaritaville" Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**Aug. 8** Community Open House, 2-4 p.m. Explore make and take stations, a special music performance by Fiona Green and Liam Edberg at 3 p.m., refreshments, and more. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**\*Aug. 13** Music Festival and Threshing Day in Fairmont, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adam Sandhurst and the Jolly Jammers will perform Czech, German, and Dutchmen 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. (507) 238-4645 or "Heritage Acres Agricultural Interpretive Center" on Facebook.

**\*Aug. 13** Summerburst Concert Series: Salsa del Sol performing Latin-American music and familiar show tunes, 3:30-5 p.m. Held at the New Richland City Park. Rain location is Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 1<sup>st</sup> St. NW, New Richland. (507) 521-1209.

**\*Aug. 13 & 27** Open Clay Studio in English or Spanish, 3-5 p.m. Try your hand at clay or develop your skills, with guidance and encouragement from an experienced potter. Free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Aug. 14** Author Joh Megahan will discuss his new book "In Deadly Rainbows", 6 p.m. Held at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St. (507) 357-6792.

**Aug. 14** Flamenco Dance and Music Presentation by Sachiko "La Chayi" and the Twin Cities Flamenco Collective, 2 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**Aug. 14-20** Martin County Fair in Fairmont, view a complete schedule at [www.mnotherbigfair.com](http://www.mnotherbigfair.com).

**Aug. 15** Virtual author event with Robert Jones Jr. He will discuss his novel "The Prophets", 3 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**Aug. 15** Concert by Blues Traveler and Big Head Todd and the Monsters performing blues music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$43-\$175, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock Street, Mankato. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**\*Aug. 16** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Todd Anderson performing Frank Sinatra music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).

**Aug. 16** Concert by Buckcherry with special guest L.A. Guns & Venrez performing rock music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$27.50-\$66.50, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**Aug. 17** 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 Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato. (507) 387-1256 or [www.singinghillsschorus.org](http://www.singinghillsschorus.org).

**Aug. 17** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Event for the Mankato Ballet Company, 4-7 p.m. Celebrate with food, games, performances, face painting, and more. Held at Mankato Ballet Company, 1650 Tullamore St., Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or <https://mankatoballet.org/>.

**\*Aug. 17-20** Le Sueur County Fair in Le Center, featuring music by the New Prague Area Community Band, the Czech Area Concertina Club and Little Chicago. View a schedule at [www.lesueurcountyfair.org](http://www.lesueurcountyfair.org).

# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**\*Aug. 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Southern Minnesota Real Big Band performing big band and jazz music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**\*Aug. 19** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Anja Menk Quartet, 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Aug. 19** Waseca Art in the Park, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The art and cultural festival will feature art booths, family art activities, live music, and more. Held at Trowbridge Park, 409 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Art Center, (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or [info@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:info@wasecaartscouncil.org).

**Aug. 19** Visit by author and forensic psychologist Frank F. Weber, 10:30 p.m. He will speak about writing true crime, forensic work, and his latest book, "The Haunted House of Hillman", based on the true story. He will also give a live demonstration of a lie detector test (volunteer a friend!), answer questions about his work, sign and sell his books, and discuss the latest forensic tools. For ages 18 and up. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Aug. 21** Concert in the Park by Chris & Chris, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. [http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov](mailto:http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov) or (507) 359-8347.

**\*Aug. 23** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Benson Family Singers performing barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. [www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce) or (507) 237-5535.

**Aug. 23** Virtual author event with Cassandra Clare. She will discuss her final book in the Last Hours Series, "Chain of Thorns", 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**\*Aug. 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet performing jazz and pop music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Aug. 25-Sept. 9** Exhibition of artwork by Minnesota State Univ., Mankato Art Students. (Reception, Aug. 25, 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](http://www.the410project.com).



**Aug. 26** Artisan Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Held at Curiosity Tea House, 1745 Commerce Drive, North Mankato. [www.curiositeahouse.net](http://www.curiositeahouse.net) or (507) 317-5354.

**Aug. 26** Artist talk by ceramic artist Mika Negishi Laidlaw, 10:30 a.m. She will discuss how her art showcases the way Minnesota nurtures immigrant artists and how immigrants enrich Minnesota in return. She will also explain how her ceramic sculptures explore her journey as an immigrant. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Aug. 26** Concert by Kip Moore performing country music with special guest The Cadillac Three, 7 p.m. Tickets \$37.50-\$121, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock St., Mankato. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**Aug. 27** Open Mic Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at the Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org) or (507) 389-4272.

**Aug. 28** Concert in the Park by West Central Connection Barber Shop Chorus, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8347 or [http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov](mailto:http://parkandrec@newulmmn.gov).

**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](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

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**\*Aug. 30** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Whitesidewalls performing barbershop, 50's and 60's rock music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).

**Aug. 30** Virtual author event with Jeffrey Selingo. He will discuss his recent book "Who Gets in and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions", 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

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**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](http://www.chankaskawines.com) or (507) 931-0089.

Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or [www.morgancreekvineyards.com](http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com).

Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or [www.nextchapterwinery.com](http://www.nextchapterwinery.com).

## Youth Opportunities

**Aug. 1** 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 Tues. of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Aug. 1** 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Aug. 2** 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. Meets first Wed. of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**\*Aug. 5-26** Music Therapy for Kids Class, Saturdays, ages 4-10 at 9-10 a.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. [www.mankatosom.com](http://www.mankatosom.com) or (507) 519-0860.

**Aug. 6-7** Auditions for the musical theater performances of "Cats, Teen Edition", 5 p.m. each day, ages 12 and up. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held Sept. 29-Oct. 1 and Oct. 6-8. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. Contact Davori Productions for more info., (507) 317-1245, [info@davoriproductions.com](mailto:info@davoriproductions.com), or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**Aug. 8** Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-6, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Aug. 9** Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m. ages 13+, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Aug. 14-18** Little Rembrandts Summer Camp, Grades K-3, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com> with Waseca Community Education. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Aug. 14-18** Club Picasso Summer Camp, Grades 4-6, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Aug. 14-18** Cassatt Society Summer Camp, Grades 7-12, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Aug. 18** Clay Creative Hour, grades 3-8, 6-7:30 p.m., \$35. Flex your creative muscles with air dry clay. You will be able to take home your amazing creations. Register at <https://mankato.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at Prairie Winds Middle School, 1200 Prairie Winds Dr, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, (507) 387-5501 or <https://www.mankatocer.com/>.



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**\*Aug. 19** Children's Learn to Paint Class with Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**Aug. 22 & 31** Back to School Crafts, ages 8-12, choose a date and location. Celebrate the start of the new school year with a trio of crafts you can use at school. Aug. 22, 1-5 p.m., at the Waldorf Public Library, 119 S. Main St. (507) 239-2248. Aug. 31, 4-5 p.m., at the Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

**Aug. 24** Basic Drawing and Painting Class, 2-4 p.m., ages 9-17. Instructor Andrew Young will teach the basics of drawing and painting. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Aug.** Fall Registration for the Mankato Area Youth Choirs, (formerly the Mankato Children's Chorus), for the 2023-2024 season. Participation is open to students entering grades 1-12 for the upcoming school year. Go to the Member Portal at [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org) to complete the online registration. (507) 774-0597 or [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org).

## Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

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

Mankato Ballet Company: [www.mankatoballet.org](http://www.mankatoballet.org) under the "Summer Classes tab" or (507) 625-7716.

## Adult Opportunities

**Aug. 1 & 22** Tea Towel Class, for adults, choose a date and location. Create a custom family heirloom tea towel with a handwritten recipe printed onto it. Bring in a handwritten recipe. Registration required. Aug. 1, 2-5 p.m., at Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (507) 234-6605. Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708.

**Aug. 2** Colorful Abstract Painting Class for adults, 6 p.m. Learn how to create a cohesive palette, then evaluate and build your work of art. Registration required. Held at the Elysian Public Library, 202 E. Main St., (507) 267-4411.

**Aug. 2 & 16** 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 Wed. of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**\*Aug. 3-24** Music Therapy for Adults Class, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. [www.mankatosom.com](http://www.mankatosom.com) or (507) 519-0860.

**Aug. 5** Memoir Writing Workshop, 2:30-4 p.m. for retired individuals, 5-6:30 p.m. for ages 18+. Glenda Reed, will teach the two workshops centered on writing our stories and how we can find healing through the recollection and relationship of our narratives and histories. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Aug. 7** 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. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Aug. 7-Sept. 25** Beginning Pottery Class. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m. Instructor AJ Aburto will teach the fundamentals of working with clay to create functional forms. No experience necessary. \$180, registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Aug. 10** Generative Writing Workshop. 6-7:30 p.m. A writing experience for absolute beginners and anyone looking to shake up their creative process! The instructor will provide everything you need: paper, writing utensils, and prompts. Participants will be encouraged but not required to share what they produce. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**\*Aug. 12-13** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Aug. 13 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$75, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**Aug. 13** Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration recommended. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. [www.betsy-tacysociety.org](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org) or (507) 345-9777.

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**Aug. 14** 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.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

\***Aug. 16** Open Knitting. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**Aug. 22 or 23** Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create a bandana sunflower wreath. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**Aug. 24** Basic Drawing and Painting Class, 6-8 p.m. Andrew Young will teach the basics of drawing and painting. Registration required. Held at North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Aug. 27** Open Mic Night, 7-8:30 p.m. Calling all musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform. Held at Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org) or (507) 389-4272.

**Aug. 29** Auditions to sing with the Minnesota Valley Chorale. Contact the Chorale for audition time and location information. [www.minnesotavalleychorale.org](http://www.minnesotavalleychorale.org) or [minnesotavalleychorale@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotavalleychorale@gmail.com).

\***Aug.** Register to Participate with the Singing Hills Chorus. The fall session will begin Sept. 7 and will continue on Thursdays with social hour at 9:30 a.m. and rehearsal at 10 a.m. The chorus is made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their care partners. \$25 per person. 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.singinghillsschorus.org](http://www.singinghillsschorus.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:arsnu@newulmtel.net), or [www.nuars.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn).

## Grant Opportunities

**Sept. 6 McKnight Choreographer Fellowship Intent to Apply Deadline**. The McKnight Fellowship for choreographers is administered by the Cowles Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity, or work on a new project. Three unrestricted fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. Intent to Apply application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Final Application deadline is March 20, 2024.

Go to <http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org/choreographer-fellowships-overview> for more information or email [mckfell@thecowlescenter.org](mailto:mckfell@thecowlescenter.org).

**Sept. 6 McKnight Dancer Fellowship Intent to Apply Deadline**. The McKnight Fellowship for dancers is administered by the Cowles Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity, or work on a new project. Three unrestricted fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. Intent to Apply application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Final Application deadline is March 20, 2024.

Go to <http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org/dancer-fellowships-overview> for more information or email [mckfell@thecowlescenter.org](mailto:mckfell@thecowlescenter.org).

# 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](http://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](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes). Register online for classes at [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com) or [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://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. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730, [www.thecarnegiemandato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com), or [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net).

**Mankato Makerspace**, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.redrockcenter.org), (507) 235-9262, or [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net).

**The 410 Project**, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com) or [the410project@hotmail.com](mailto: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. Artist studios available for rent on third floor. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org](mailto:laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org).

**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts**, 523 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. [officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org](mailto:officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org), (507) 508-7165 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**Waseca Art Center**, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecartcenter.org](http://www.wasecartcenter.org), or [info@wasecartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecartcenter.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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.net) or (507) 744-8497.

**Mankato Playhouse**. 12 Civic Center Plaza Ste 1700, Mankato. [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://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](mailto:info@merelyplayersmn.org), [www.merelyplayers.com](http://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](mailto:info@statestreetnewulm.org), [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://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.