



## Arts Needs Assessment Survey

is being conducted in December 2022

by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

A constituent survey is being conducted in the 9-county area served by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. **Two electronic Survey Forms have been created for Artists and Organizations using Survey Monkey.** The surveys have been sent to over 1,500 individuals on the PLRAC mailing list.

**We hope you will participate!**

As part of our reporting to the Minnesota State Arts Board and McKnight Foundation, we are conducting a short survey about your interaction with Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. We will be developing our State plan for the next two years and are seeking your opinions. With your input, we can make our programs more relevant to artists, arts and community organizations and schools in the area. Your input would be greatly appreciated!

Please take a few minutes to complete the Artist Survey and/or the Organizational Survey, both of these can be completed electronically and should take less than 15 minutes.

**Please respond before December 31st.**

Artists are being asked about their background in the arts and years of experience. We are asking you to prioritize the current artist grant programs available, how large the grants should be to serve your needs, and artist workshop topics. We utilize McKnight funds for our Artist programs.

**The Artist Survey can be accessed at this link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GM6GNMX>

Arts Organizations, Community Groups and Schools are being asked about the arts activities they produce, how they would prioritize the current grant programs available, how large the grants should be to serve their needs, and what types of workshops you'd like to attend.

**The Organization Survey can be accessed at this link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GN6JL8C>

The goal of PLRAC as an organization is to strive for Equity and Inclusion in our policies and programs. Last year Prairie Lakes awarded 226 grants for a total of \$596,995 (87 organizational grants, 108 youth scholarships and 31 artist grants with McKnight funding).

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the PLRAC office. Thank you!



# 66 Area Students in grades 7-12 were Awarded Youth Art Scholarships for a total of \$19,800

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that scholarships of \$19,800 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 66 students in grades 7-12 throughout the region. They each receive \$300. The Youth Scholarships will provide these students the opportunity to take lessons with an instructor over a period of months. A variety of lessons in cello, clarinet, dance, drums, figure skating, guitar, organ, piano, theater, viola, violin, visual art, and voice will be provided.

Youth Scholarship recipients live in nineteen different communities representing seven counties. We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be involved in. They will be taking lessons and participating with many area arts groups including Dance Conservatory of Southern MN, Mankato Ballet Company, Mankato Playhouse, Mankato School of Music, New Ulm Figure Skating Club, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, Spotlight Dance Company, and Waseca Art Center. Many independent music instructors throughout the area will also be providing lessons for these students.

**The next deadline for Youth Scholarships, grades 7-12, is October 1, 2023.**

## Youth Scholarships, Grades 7-12, listed by County and Community

A total of \$19,800 was awarded to 66 students for scholarships of \$300 each; and they live in 19 different communities, representing seven counties.

### **Blue Earth County - \$4,800**

Mankato: Eleanor Coons-Ruskey, Leo Harstad, Evie Johnson, Lucy Kelly, Mollie Kelly, Aubree Kuglin, Grace MacPherson, Price MacPherson, Rose MacPherson, Tyler Schmitz, Blake Thielsen, Amelia Valdez

Eagle Lake: Anne Wersal

Lake Crystal: Mathias Barents

Rural Lewisville: Emily Kleidon

St. Clair: Gracelyn Freitag

### **Brown County - \$4,800**

Hanska: Jonathan Makela

New Ulm: Elizabeth Borgen, Joshua Carlovsky, Nathaniel Carlovsky, Isaiah Correa, Calleigh Frederickson, Natalia Frederickson, Jonah Hermanson, Jamis Martens, Gabriella Smith, Isaiah Smith, Sebastian Smith, Bethany Spike, Ezra Spike, Karlee Stocker, Ainsley Tess

### **LeSueur County - \$900**

LeSueur: Gabriel Roby

Rural St. Peter: Julie Weber, Molli Weber

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



### **Nicollet County - \$4,800**

Lafayette: Emma Hoffmann, Mathias Uher

North Mankato: Marco Jakovich, Sasha Jakovich, Kyle Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Ian Kim, Kaitlyn Rudolf

St. Peter: Henry Jacobs, Ruby Lindstrom, Adela Madson, Linnea Miller, Alexa Rassbach, Quinn Rassbach, Rebekah Roemhildt, Micah Stoll

### **Sibley County - \$1,500**

Gaylord: Colten Kranz

Gibbon: Estella Ortiz

Henderson: Erin Kolter

Winthrop: Gordon Matzke, Natalie Matzke

### **Waseca County - \$1,200**

Janesville: Isaac Feldkamp, Joseph Feldkamp, Stella Ziemke

New Richland: Alexis Olson

### **Watonwan County - \$1,800**

Madelia: Karl Davis

Lewisville: Adriel Martinez

St. James: Isaiah Rete, Lydia Rete, Katelyn Runge, Keeley Runge

# 55 Area Students in grades 3-6 were Awarded Youth Art Scholarships for a total of \$11,000

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that scholarships of \$11,000 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 55 students in grades 3-6 throughout the region. They each receive \$200. The Youth Scholarships will provide these students the opportunity to take lessons with an instructor over a period of months. A variety of lessons in dance, figure skating, piano, violin, and voice will be provided.

Youth Scholarship recipients live in fifteen different communities representing seven counties. We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be involved in. They will be taking lessons and participating

with many area arts groups including: BlueJay Dance Studio, Mankato Children's Chorus, Mankato School of Music, New Ulm Figure Skating Club, and New Ulm Suzuki School of Music. Many independent instructors throughout the area will also be providing lessons for these students.



**The next deadline for Youth Scholarships, grades 3-6, is November 1, 2023.**

## Youth Scholarships, Grades 3-6, listed by County and Community

A total of \$11,000 was awarded to 55 students for scholarships of \$200 each; and they live in 15 different communities, representing seven counties.

### **Blue Earth County - \$2,000**

Lake Crystal: Brytyn Barents, Kijana Barents

Mankato: Alisha Davis, Chris Davis, Caleb Etta, Favor Etta, Newman MacPherson, Adyson Troidahl, Zachariah Wentz, Brea Willaert

### **Brown County - \$2,600**

Hanska: Andrew Makela, Eli Makela

New Ulm: Eden Carlovsky, Aubrey Correa, Ayden Correa, Henley Harrison, Himalaya Harrison, Theory Harrison, Amelia Hermanson, Mallory Larson, Karl Martens, Levi Martens, Nathanael Smith

### **LeSueur County - \$400**

LeSueur: Nathan Heim, Clara Roby

### **Nicollet County - \$3,400**

Lafayette: Mollie Berdan, Avery Fischer, Kate Fischer, Ellie Hoffmann, Arianna Uher, Maria Uher

North Mankato: Thea Hanel, Andree Jakovich, Lena Kim

St. Peter: Noah Horak, Abram Madson, Hugh Madson, Naomi Madson, Ally Peterson, Makayla Peterson, Anya Stoll

Rural New Ulm: Emmalie Fluegge

### **Sibley County - \$800**

Gaylord: Ada Kranz, Autumn Kranz, Taytem Muchow

Winthrop: Marion Matzke

### **Waseca County - \$600**

Waseca: Kenzie Morrissey, Morgan Pena, Ava Trumbull

### **Watonwan County - \$1,200**

Butterfield: Adyson Steinle, Aubrey Steinle

Madelia: Noah Halverson

St. James: Naomi Rete

Rural Truman: Carolyn Groskreutz, Ethan Groskreutz

### **We Encourage New Students to Apply Next Year!**

Students will answer these types of questions in their online application.

1. Why are you interested in this art form?
2. Why are you willing to commit this amount of time to your art form?
3. What do you expect to learn from a mentor, instructor, or by participating in this activity?

**We are also looking for new teachers who provide lessons to students, to be added to our mailing list.**

## FY 2023 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. There is an application deadline the 1st of each month.

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Betsy-Tacy Society, mural - \$2,500  
Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School - \$2,500  
Deep Valley Book Festival, artist fees - \$2,500  
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist stipends - \$2,500  
Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$2,035  
Minnesota River Bend Brass Choir, concerts - \$2,500  
Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, chapbook - \$2,496  
Open Arts Minnesota, theater performance - \$2,500  
St. Clair Public School, music artist residency - \$2,500

### BROWN COUNTY

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000  
Sleepy Eye High School, field trip - \$2,140

### LE SUEUR COUNTY

Park Elementary School, dance performance - \$1,250

### MARTIN COUNTY

Martin County Historical Society, mural - \$2,310

### NICOLLET COUNTY

Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, performances - \$2,500

### SIBLEY COUNTY

City of Green Isle, town celebration music - \$1,300  
Christmas in the Country, festival - \$1,500  
Henderson Sauerkraut Days, performances - \$2,500

### WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500  
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,050  
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$2,070

## Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grants Awarded in November Totaling \$9,535

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. Four Small Arts Project and School Arts Project grants were awarded totaling \$9,535.

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.

Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School (SCH) - \$2,500. They will have students paint murals inside the Lincoln Community Center, including the Adult Basic Education Hub, the meditation room, and the preschool stairwell. Funds will be used to purchase supplies and for salaries.

Henderson Sauerkraut Days (SA) - \$2,500. They will provide three days of musical performances free to the public at the annual celebration, June 23-25, 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Lake Crystal Community Band (SA) - \$2,035. They will perform free concerts around the Lake Crystal area during the summer of 2023. Musicians of all ages can participate in the band. Funds will be use for the director's stipend, new music, and trailer storage.

Minnesota Shorts Play Festival (SCH) - \$2,500. They will present a two-day festival of 10-minute plays, three from Minnesota playwrights, three from playwrights across the Midwest; and four one-minute plays. The festival will be held September 7-8, 2023, at Mankato West High School. Funds will be used for artist stipends, venue and rehearsal rental, and publicity.

**The Prairie Lakes Office  
will be closed  
Mondays, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2  
in honor of  
Christmas and the New Year**

# Artist Grants totaling \$44,000 were Awarded to 22 Artists from the Area

We are pleased that twenty-two artists were each awarded a \$2,000 Artist Development Grant. We are excited that these artists will be creating new works in a variety of media, and they include eleven visual artists, six literary artists, three musicians, one dancer, and one media artist.

Artists are using the funds for a variety of needs which may include art supplies, matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, using a mentor or an editor, artist creative time or living expenses, etc. We hope that other artists will be inspired and plan to apply for a future grant from Prairie Lakes, and the next deadline will be September 2023.

**Artists represent six different counties**, including 11 artists from Blue Earth County, 5 from Nicollet County, 2 from Brown County, 2 from Waseca County, 1 from Faribault County, and 1 from Martin County. The artists are listed below in alphabetical order along with their project descriptions.

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Angela Anderson, New Ulm. Angela is a musician and will use the grant to perform her original music in the Mankato area and to record original songs for a CD or online streaming service.

Juana Arias, St. Peter. Juana is a visual artist and will use the grant to implement screen printing into her 3D ceramic process, including drawing, burning, and printing to prepare the transfers.

Vicki Beckendorf, Odin. Vicki is a visual artist and will use the grant to expand her skills in nature painting. She will experiment with watercolor and oil paint in both small and large sizes and combine multiple scenes into one fantasy design.

Virginia Bergerson, Janesville. Virginia is a visual artist and will use the grant to frame her original mixed media paintings and create prints of the work to accommodate selling then at larger shows and artisan fairs. She will also update her website.

Yvonne Cory, Easton. Yvonne is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a website to document the legacy of her fiber apron artistry and vintage apron program series called “Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings”.

Wade Davis, Mankato. Wade is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a series of multicolor woodcut and linocut prints that celebrate his youth and nostalgia about growing up in the 1980’s through relief printmaking.

Craig Groe, Mankato. Craig is a visual artist and will use the grant to create and exhibit two large scale paintings that will be 6 feet by 7.5 feet in size.

Connor Hopkins, Mankato. Connor is a musician and will use the grant to create a short album of original music titled “Where Are We Going”. He will also perform locally with a combination of recorded electronic sound and live instrumentation.

Rachael Jaeger, Mankato. Rachael is a writer and will use the grant to continue working with an editor to complete her book “The David Project: The Forgotten”.

Tinner Johnson, Mankato. Tinner is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a collection of twenty art dolls to be sold at the Mankato Makerspace Maker Market. She will learn new skills, upgrade her equipment, and launch a website.

Andrea Lynn, New Ulm. Andrea is a musician and will use the grant to complete an album with eight original songs. She will spend time creating the last three songs, recording the music in a studio, and creating a professionally produced music video.

Jerry Mollenhauer, St. Peter. Jerry is a writer and will use the grant to have the final edit completed for his World War II novel “The Death of Angels”, work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of his crime novel “First Ice-Out”, and to work on a book-length compendium of short stories showing the adverse effects of climate change.

Jim Muyres, Mankato. Jim is a writer and will use the grant to develop as a fiction writer by creating four pieces varying in length. He will also take two classes at The Loft in Minneapolis, “Getting Your Word Out: Polishing, Submitting, and Marketing Your Writing” and “Submitting to Paid Literary Markets”.



# PLRAC/McKnight Artist Development Grants

## Artist Grantees (continued from page 5)

Charles Putnam, St. Peter. Charles is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a series of ceramic and multi-media two-dimensional images to exhibit and sell, using a variety of relief printmaking techniques and potential digital applications.

Tracy Ross, Mankato. Tracy is a writer and will use the grant to make a transition from poetry to non-fiction. She will be writing “Ragged Edges of Reason”, a collection of essays exploring how the challenges in her life shaped her insights about the importance of nature, empathy, transformation, and expression.

Evan Ryan, North Mankato. Evan is a film maker and will use the grant to create fully-rigged, “game-ready” 3D humanoid models for use in film, game, simulation, and other new media applications over the next year.

Colin Scharf, Mankato. Colin is a visual artist and will use the grant to produce a series of enlarged prints of Polaroid photos that he took during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown. He will exhibit the prints at multiple galleries in the region throughout 2023.

Julia Snelson, Mankato. Julia is a visual artist and will use the grant to attend two clay workshops; The Advanced Raku Workshop in Willamina, Oregon and the Weber Woodfire Workshop in Herbst, Wisconsin. She will also share what she learns through a community education program.

Molly Stoltz, St. Peter. Molly is a dancer and will use the grant to take online classes from three master teachers in tap and flamenco dancing.

James Sullivan, Mankato. James is a writer and will use the grant to push his short story collection, “Harboring”, to publication. He will also submit individual short stories to journals and magazines.

Robin Warburton, Janesville.

Robin is a visual artist and will use the grant to create six carved 6-inch flammulated owls out of wood. The series will show the steps she uses to create a wooden sculpture, with the six owls being at different stages of the artistic process. She will exhibit the series at the Waseca Art Center in April 2023.

Jason Willis, Mapleton.

Jason is a writer and will use the grant to publish “The Alchemist’s Ring”, the third novel in his series.

## 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.

# **\$148,000 in Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded in Fall 2022**

A total of 22 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) grants, totaling \$148,000 in fall 2022 by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The organizations are listed alphabetically.

The grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater and dance performances, exhibitions, festivals, and classes for youth and adults are being funded. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts. The next ACH Grant deadline is February 1, 2023. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

**Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle - \$5,000.**

**Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$7,000.**

**Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - \$7,000.**

**DalekoArts, New Prague - \$7,000.**

**Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - \$7,000.**

**Fairmont Opera House - \$7,000.**

**La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$7,000.**

**Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's - \$7,000.**

**Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$7,000.**

**Mankato Children's Chorus - \$5,000.**

**Mankato Makerspace - \$7,000.**

**Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - \$7,000.**

**Merely Players Community Theatre - \$7,000.**

**Minnesota New Country School - \$5,000.**

**Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$7,000.**

**Musicorum, Mankato - \$7,000.**

**New Ulm Figure Skating Club - \$7,000.**

**Project G.E.M. - \$7,000.**

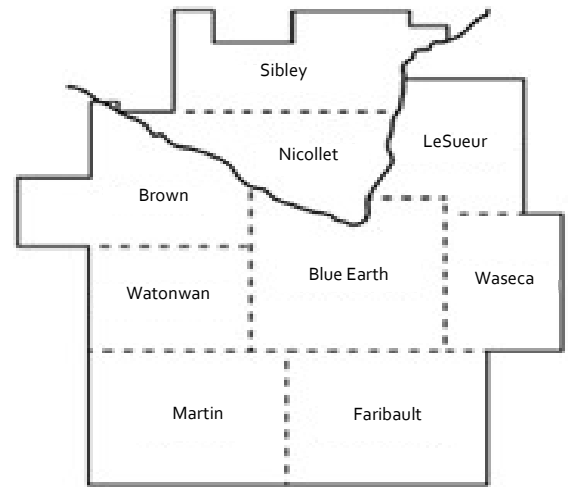
**ProMusica Minnesota - \$7,000.**

**South Central Service Cooperative - \$7,000.**

**State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - \$7,000.**

**Waseca Arts Council - \$7,000.**





## 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](http://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](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.



# Prairie Lakes has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

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

**The deadline for submitting an application is Dec. 15th.** Interested persons should contact Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net). **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, [www.plrac.org](http://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 will be conducted as in-person meetings, with the option to join virtually. 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

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Happy Holidays!



## FY 2023 Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

**Front Row** (L to R): Julie Forderer; Beth Steffl; Sandy Sunde; April Malphurs; and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager.  
**Back Row:** Larry Pint; Pam Trumbull, Program Assistant; Tom David Barna; Karen Krause; Mark Wamma; and Kristi Gaalswyk-Pomerenke. Not pictured: Carolyn Borgen; Dana Sikkila; and Bethany Truman.

# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**Dec. 1** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring fiction writer Maurice Carlos Ruffin. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

**Dec. 1** Author Sara Biren will discuss her latest work, 6 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**Dec. 1-2** Senior Show. Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

**Dec. 1-3** Minnesota State University Fall Dance Concert. Dec. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$9. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).

**Dec. 1-4** Christmas at Bethany Concerts, Dec. 1-2 at 5 p.m., Dec. 3-4 at 3 p.m. Featuring the bands and choirs celebrating the season. Admission is free but advance reservations required. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Dec. 1-9** Mark Krambeer's Nature Art 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Dec. 1-9** Fall Semester Campus Art Show. (Reception, Dec.1, 7 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Dec. 1-14** Marlana Myles' "Indigenous Salon" Dakota Digital Art Exhibit. Artwork will be installed daily through Dec. 5. During the installation time, the public is invited to participate in the creative process of an installation on the second floor, as well as meet Marlana Myles and discuss the process and ideas behind the artwork from 1-5 p.m. Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php>.

**Dec. 1-16** Waseca Art Center's Juried Art Show. (Reception, Dec, 15, 5:30-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Dec. 1-17** 2022 Member Show. (Reception, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegiemandato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com) or (507) 625-2730.

\***Dec. 1-18** Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" theater performances. Dec. 1-3, 8-9 & 15-17 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$15, \$20 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$15 are sold first, then \$20, then \$25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

\***Dec. 1-23** SHOP: A buy-and-take Exhibition by AJ Aburto, Shelley Caldwell, Randy Dinsmore, Rachael James, Shorty Johnson, Larissa McConnell, Charlie Putnam, and Emily Stark. (Reception, Dec. 3, 3-5 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**Dec. 1-29** Exhibit by the Prairie Star Quilters. 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](http://www.redrockcenter.org).



**Dec. 1-31** Holiday Boutique, unique handmade gifts created by local artists. 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).

**Dec. 1-Jan. 27** "Making Your Mark: Prints and Drawings from the Hechinger Collection" Exhibit. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or [www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom).

\***Dec. 1-April 2023** The 2022 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.

**Dec. 2** Holiday Concert by Armstrong Brass, 6:30 p.m. Held at Triumph Hall, 546 Main St. East, Trimont. Sponsored by the Martin County Library. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).



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**\*Dec. 2** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Derrickson Duo performing folk 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.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec. 2-4** Christmas in Christ Chapel, “Celestial Wonder, Joy Unfolding”. Dec. 2-3 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3-4 at 2:30 p.m. Featuring the Gustavus Choir, Choir of Christ Chapel, Christ Chapel Ringers, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, Lucia Singers, and dancers. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 2-4** “A Christmas Carol” theater performances. Dec. 2-3 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3-4 at 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, available online at [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org). Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**Dec. 2-17** Khyron Winfield’s “Fornever” Photography Exhibit. (Reception, Dec. 2, 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).

**\*Dec. 2-30** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Artscape Juried Art Show, featuring artwork from local artists in two categories, students in grades 7-12 and adult. (Reception, Dec. 2, 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. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Dec. 3** Arli-Dazzle winter celebration, featuring ice sculpture artist demonstrations, the Schell’s Hobo Band Quartet, holiday caroling by DeCantus, The Amazing Hoopsters Dance, The Jake Nelson Band, a lighted holiday parade at 5:30 p.m., and more. Events all day, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Held on Main Street, Arlington. Sponsored by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. [www.arlingtonmnchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonmnchamber.org), (507) 964-5555, or “Arli-Dazzle” on Facebook.



**Dec. 3** Holli-Stories Fundraiser, 7 p.m., with new stories and plays performed throughout the evening. Tickets \$10, reservations available. Held at Revival on Main, 213 1st St. S., Montgomery. Sponsored by Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery. [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org) or (507) 364-8107.

**Dec. 3** Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Singers Concert, 2 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

**Dec. 3-4** “Christmas at the Hubbard House”, including holiday décor and historical self-guided tours. Enjoy a special display, stories, and crafts celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Yule, and Kwanzaa. Dec. 3, 3-7 p.m. and Dec. 4, 1-4 p.m. Adults \$10, Blue Earth County Historical Society members \$7, ages 5-17 \$5, and children under 5 free. Held at the Hubbard House, 606 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566.

**Dec. 3-4** “Dawn of Redeeming Grace” Christmas Concerts by the Martin Luther College Choirs and Wind Symphony. Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Ct., New Ulm. [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu) or (507) 766-1990.

**\*Dec. 3 & 10** Victorian Christmas at the Betsy-Tacy homes, 1-4 p.m. each day. Dec. 3 music by the Riverblenders and Dec. 10 music by the Young Blossom Singers. Also enjoy decorations, crafts, readings, and refreshments. Guests are encouraged to dress in period clothing, and costumed characters from the books, including Betsy, Tacy, and Tib, will make special appearances. Held at the Betsy-Tacy homes, 332 & 333 Center Street, Mankato. Sponsored by the Betsy-Tacy Society. [www.betsy-tacysociety.org](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org) or (507) 345-9777.

**\*Dec. 4** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5th St., Mankato. (507) 386-7003.



**Dec. 4** Holiday Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7, held at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad Street, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

**\*Dec. 4-20** Chris Smith’s “White Chrismith” original theater performances. Dec. 4-6, 11-13, & 18-20 at 7 p.m. General admission tickets \$15, \$20 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$15 are sold first, then \$20, then \$25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

**Dec. 6** Virtual author event with Geraldine Brooks. She will discuss her body of work and highlight her most recent New York Times Bestselling novel “Horse”, 6 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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**Dec. 6** Gustavus Winds of Christmas Concert featuring the Wind Orchestra and Wind Symphony, 10 a.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 8** Holiday Concert by Armstrong Brass, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Fairmont Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).

**Dec. 8-11** “The Nutcracker” presented by the Mankato Ballet Company. Dec. 8-9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10-11 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Adults \$25, students 12 and under \$15, children under 2 free but must sit on a lap. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or [www.mankatoballet.org](http://www.mankatoballet.org).

**\*Dec. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Andrea Lyn performing original 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.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Dec. 9** “A French Baroque Christmas” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in section A \$20, section B \$15, and section C and students \$10, available at [www.lagrandebande.org/tickets](http://www.lagrandebande.org/tickets). Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. A free open rehearsal time will be announced. Held at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 605 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 995-7086 or [www.lagrandebande.org](http://www.lagrandebande.org).



**Dec. 9-11** “Fuzzy Gray Line” theater performances. Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Held at the Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 9-11** “Shared Space: Tangled Relations” dance production. Dec. 9 at 9:30 p.m., Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Held at the Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Dec. 9-11** “Inside the Fourth Wall” one-act play performances. Dec. 9-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu).

**\*Dec. 10** “Christmas with Musicorum” Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Hickory Street, Mankato. General admission \$15 and students \$5. [www.musicorum-mn.org](http://www.musicorum-mn.org) or (507) 933-7370.

**\*Dec. 10** Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration with music by the Mexican Mariachi band Mariachi America, 6:30-8 p.m. Held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 111 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Waseca. [www.sacredheartwaseca.org](http://www.sacredheartwaseca.org) or (507) 835-1222.

**\*Dec. 10** “Christmas in the Country” events begin at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Featuring music by the Thunderbird Carolers, art projects for students, spruce pots for adults, and a stationary parade. Held in downtown Winthrop. Sponsored by Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, [www.winthropminnesota.com/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.winthropminnesota.com/chamber-of-commerce/) or (612) 986-5709.



**Dec. 10** “See, Hear, Play: Winter Wonders!” Family Concert Series, 1 p.m., free, created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 East Main Street, Mankato. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com) or (507) 625-8880.

**Dec. 10** Virtual author event with Fredrik Backman. He will discuss his body of work and highlight his newest novel “The Winners”, 1 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.

**Dec. 10** “Murder: The Wedding at The Ben Franklin” murder mystery dinner theater event, 5 p.m. Tickets \$59 and includes show, 3 course dinner, and one cocktail. Space is limited, purchase tickets in advance. Held at Inspire Weddings + Events, 126 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.inspireweddingsandevents.com](http://www.inspireweddingsandevents.com) or [brittany@inspirebridalboutique.com](mailto:brittany@inspirebridalboutique.com).

**Dec. 10** “Ebenezer Duke” A Musical re-telling of a Christmas Carol, 4:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**\*Dec. 11** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. (507) 386-7003.

**\*Dec. 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Jeremy Hiniker Meyer performing classical guitar music, 3-4:30 p.m., Members \$7, non-members \$10. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.



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**\*Dec. 11** The Mankato Children's Chorus will present their Winter Concert "Silent Night for All the World" at 2 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org) or (507) 774-0597.

**Dec. 11** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Inspired Knowledge" Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, general seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com) or (507) 625-8880.

**Dec. 11** Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org) or (507) 514-2921.

**\*Dec. 11** Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**Dec. 13** Screening and discussion of a film by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Dec. 14** Virtual author event with Dr. Nicole Eustace. She will discuss her award winning book "Covered With Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America", 11 a.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).

**\*Dec. 15** View "White Christmas", as part of the Art House Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec. 15-18** Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances and audience participation program of "Who Kidnapped Santa Claus". Dec. 15-17 dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com). Show Only tickets also available. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**\*Dec. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Solstice Soirée, an evening to sit back, relax, and enjoy time with family and friends, featuring music by 651 Jazz, 3-4:30 p.m., Members \$10, non-members \$15, purchase online. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Dec. 16** Holiday Concert by pianist Glenn Henriksen, 7 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$6, tickets available online. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Dec. 16** An intimate Christmas Concert with pianist Lorie Line, 7 p.m. Tickets \$60, available online at [www.lorieline.com/tour](http://www.lorieline.com/tour). Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9990.

**Dec. 16-Feb. 3** Ingrid and Lowell Liedman's "Christmas Around the World" Exhibit, featuring ornaments and decorations from a variety of countries. 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Dec. 17** Curtain Call Theatre presents "Toast to Talent", an evening of musical performances by local dancers, singers, performers, songwriters, and musicians, 7 p.m. Tickets \$12. Held at Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. [www.curtaincalltheatre.net](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.net) or "Curtain Call Theater, Inc." on Facebook.

**Dec. 17** Mankato School of Music's First Annual Student-Wide Holiday Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Belgrade Methodist Church, 325 Sherman St., North Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato School of Music. (507) 519-0860 or [www.mankatosom.com](http://www.mankatosom.com).

**\*Dec. 18** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at First Lutheran Church, 719 6th Ave. S., St. James. (507) 386-7003.

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


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**Dec. 18** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "The Snowman", 3 p.m., featuring music from The Snowman, The Polar Express, and more. There will also be a Christmas Sing-a-Long. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com). (507) 625-8880.

**Dec. 18** "Family Christmas" Concert by Home Free with special guests Texas Hill and Abby Anderson, 8 p.m. Tickets \$21.50-51.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**\*Dec. 21-Jan. 27** Wade Davis' Printmaking Exhibit. (Reception, Dec. 22, time TBD) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Dec. 31** Ring in the new year with music by the winner of the Bacontown Throwdown competition, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets \$30; available at [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com). 

**Dec. 31** New Years Eve Party with live music by Distilled performing top hits from the 80s and 90s, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Event is for guests 21 and older. Held at Inspire Weddings + Events, 126 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.inspireweddingsandevents.com](http://www.inspireweddingsandevents.com) or [brittany@inspirebridalboutique.com](mailto:brittany@inspirebridalboutique.com). 

**ShopART Midwest** is a non-commission online gallery that connects Midwest artists to buyers. This is a service by Twin Rivers Council for the Arts for anyone to have access to handmade art. Search their ShopART gallery at: [www.shopartmidwest.com](http://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](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

**Dec. 1** Young Artist Concerto & Ensemble Competitions Deadline, The Mankato Symphony Orchestra is hosting its first concerto and ensemble competition, with applications due on Dec. 1. The competition is Sat., Feb. 25, 2023 and has two categories: a solo competition and an ensemble competition. There will be cash prizes totaling up to \$5,000 plus an opportunity to perform with the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. High School students, grades 9-12, from Blue Earth, Nicollet, Brown, LeSueur, Waseca, Faribault, Martin, and Watonwan counties are eligible. Go to [www.mankatosymphony.org/competitions](http://www.mankatosymphony.org/competitions) for more information. Held at the Schaefer Fine Arts Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.org](http://www.mankatosymphony.org).

**\*Dec. 3** Children's Holiday Gift Making Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 12 Noon-4 p.m. Grades Kindergarten and up, \$40. Participants will follow instructions to create a variety of holiday-themed gift items. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*Dec. 3** Turkish Paper Marbling Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$75, ages 15 and up. Learn the basics of fine Turkish style marbling, using a "comb" or "rake" to manipulate paint floating on a liquid surface. You will make multiple sheets of marbled paper suitable for framing, hanging or gift wrapping. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Dec. 3** Kids Christmas Arts Class, Pre-K-Grade 1 at 9 a.m.; grades 2-4 at 10 a.m.; and grades 5+ at 11 a.m. Come create 2 ornaments that you can proudly hang on the tree or give to someone as a gift. \$5, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Dec. 3** D.I.Y. Holiday Gifts Class. 10:30 a.m., ages 3 and up. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org) or (507) 238-4207.

**Dec. 6** 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. This month will be painted gingerbread houses. 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).

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**Dec. 6** Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be pet portraits. Visit <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com> to register. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Dec. 6** Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Dec. 7** 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 Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Dec. 7, 14, & 21** 3-D Printing Design Sessions. 3:30-5:30 p.m., ages 10 and up. Design a backpack charm or bookmark. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park Street, Fairmont. [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org) or (507) 238-4207.

**Dec. 8** Creative Kids, 3:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*Dec. 10** Linoleum Block Carving and Holiday Card Printing Class with instructor Sarah Huttner. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$40, ages 16 and up. Introduction to linoleum block printing using your own drawings or designs. Learn how to transfer artwork to the block, carve and print it. You will leave with your own cards. No experience required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.



**\*Dec. 10** Observational Drawing Class with instructor Courtney Sieh. 1-5 p.m., \$25, ages 12 and up. An intensive class for students to develop fundamental drawing skills using still life practice. Learn to control value in charcoal, assess proportion, find composition, and use mark making for the best effect. Beginner friendly, more advanced artists are welcome. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Dec. 10** Kidcasso, Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for creative learners from high chair to high-school to experience, explore, and create a variety of open ended arts and crafts using a variety of fun supplies and embellishments. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration appreciated, however walk-ins welcome. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Dec. 13** Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-8, \$10. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be creating Christmas decorations and presents. Visit <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com> to register. 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.

**Dec. 15** Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 2-5. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*Dec. 17** Children's Learn to Paint Class. 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. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec. 29** School's Out: Journal & Sketchbook Club. 1-3 p.m. Show off your creativity to others and get inspired by your friends. Share your junk journals, sketchbooks, bullet journals, artwork, or anything crafty, and we'll hang out, journal, and draw together. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Dec. 30** Winter Printmaking Art For All Ages Class, 10-11 a.m. An introductory look into printmaking. Design and construct your own printing block, then create some prints from it. No matter what age you are or which skill level you are at; you will be successful! \$5, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.



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## Adult Opportunities

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**Dec. 5** 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/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Dec. 5** Deadline to sign up to perform at Curtain Call Theatre’s “Toast to Talent”, an evening of musical performances by local dancers, singers, performers, songwriters, and musicians. Held at Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th Street, New Prague. Go to [www.curtaincalltheatre.net](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.net) for more information and the sign up link.

**Dec. 6** Kusudama Workshop. 12 Noon or 6 p.m. Learn how to make stunning paper origami flower balls originally used in Japan for incense and potpourri. Free, registration is required. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 North State Street. (507) 835-2910 or [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com).

**Dec. 6 or 7** Adult Wreath Making Class, 7 p.m. either day. Create a new style using scarves. We will also arranging greenery and make a little Christmas Gnome to tuck into our wreaths. \$20, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**\*Dec. 6-27** Artist Meet-Up. 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, free. Artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels can share in the creative process. Led by artist, Maggie Schwab, the meet-up is an opportunity to create and collaborate with other artists. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Dec. 7 & 21** 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**\*Dec. 7-28** Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle. Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join seamstress Bianca Wilson and sewing enthusiast Ann Rosenquist Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community studio experience. Bring your sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We'll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration as needed. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

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**Dec. 10** Southern Minnesota Poet’s Society Monthly Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Free, visitors welcome. Bring your own lunch at 12:30 p.m. Held at Emy Frentz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. [www.southernmnpoets.org](http://www.southernmnpoets.org) or (507) 345-1174.

**Dec. 11-12** Auditions for theater performances of “Assassins”, 7 p.m. each night, ages 18+. 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 Feb. 9-26 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, [info@davoriproductions.com](mailto:info@davoriproductions.com), (507) 317-1245, or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**Dec. 12** 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](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

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**Dec. 13 & 27** In Stitches Club. Join the knit and crochet club, bring a project you're working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).

**\*Dec. 28** Open Knitting, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

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**Dec.** 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).

## Have you visited [www.plrac.org](http://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!



## 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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## 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. & Sat. 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 [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com).

**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. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org), or [info@wasecaartcenter.org](mailto: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](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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## Grant Opportunities

### **Dec. 5 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Printmaking.**

The Highpoint Center for Printmaking administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and two \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence in the field of printmaking. Go to <https://www.highpointprintmaking.org/access/mcknight> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

### **Dec. 15 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Playwriting.**

The Playwrights Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and recognizes and supports mid-career playwrights living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained body of work, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. The two fellowships include: \$25,000 stipend, an additional \$2,500 to support a play development workshop and other professional expenses, and \$1,400 in travel funds. For more information go online to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-fellowships-in-playwriting>. All of the McKnight Fellowships can be viewed at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

### **Dec. 31 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Culture Bearers.**

The Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and three \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to culture bearers who practice sacred and healing lifeways and share cultural art practices across generations. Go to <https://iroots-mcknight-culturebearers.org/> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

### **Jan. 20 Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support Deadline.**

Operating Support Funds provides general operating support to high quality, established arts organizations that produce, present, or exhibit works of art; to organizations that provide a broad range of services to artists; and to community arts schools and conservatories. Amounts vary. Application deadline: Jan. 20 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (651) 539-2658 or [sue.gens@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:sue.gens@arts.state.mn.us). For a link to the online application go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

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