



## FY 2022 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2021 to December 30, 2021)

**\$243,980 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants**  
to 20 arts organizations & community groups

**\$42,490** – State General funds (17 grants)  
Small Arts Project & School Grants to date

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

**\$46,500** – McKnight Artist Grants (31 grants)  
Grant amount is \$1,500

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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**

### March 1, 2022 Final Deadline for the Small Arts & School Arts Project Grants

The Small Arts Project Grant and School Arts Project Grant has a **\$3,000 maximum** and there is no cash match required. [Apply by March 1st for events taking place April to September 2022.](#)

Eligible projects include art and music festivals, community choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions, and public art are eligible. This arts programming may be virtual or in-person.

Contact the PLRAC office as soon as possible to discuss your arts project at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) or (507) 833-8721.

#### **Funds will be depleted in March.**

Small Arts Grants can be submitted on  
June 1, 2022 for events taking place  
July to December 2022.

## Check out the PLRAC Website!

[www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org)

- **The site is Mobile Friendly and ADA compliant!**
- It is easy to navigate and includes more helpful information.
- There is a separate Arts Calendar document of arts events in addition to the monthly E-Newsletter.

# The Story of Arts & Cultural Heritage (Legacy) Grants



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

Prairie Lakes has supported many arts projects, artists, and arts organizations with these State funds. In the next year we will be telling the story of the Impact that these grants have had in our region, through a series of videos. We'll be talking about projects, arts organizations, and communities that are better because of the Legacy Amendment. We want to thank the voters of Minnesota for this huge vote of confidence that the Arts are worth investing in, in our State.

Our first video will feature Prairie Lakes' Arts and Cultural Heritage grantee Uniting Cultures/Uniendo Culturas in St. James, who sponsor the Multicultural Fiesta in their community.



Pat Branstad and I met in January to record the first video, with the assistance of Triple Falls Productions, Mankato. Pat noted that the Multicultural Fiesta held in

September is the signature event of their group and its mission of acknowledging and celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the St. James community.

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



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

## Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Welcomes Carolyn Borgen

We are pleased to announce that Carolyn Borgen has been appointed to the board to serve as the representative for the City of New Ulm, noted Brenda Byron.



**City of New Ulm** – Carolyn Borgen. Carolyn has a BA in Electronic Publishing, Saint Mary's University of MN, Winona and a MA in Art Administration, Saint Mary's University of MN, Minneapolis. She is a musician and plays the bass, and provides lessons for youth for the bass. She is a board member of the New Ulm Figure Skating Club. She previously was Director of Marketing and Design at State Street Theater, New Ulm; Executive Director for Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra; Executive Director for Minnesota Valley Chorale, Mankato; and Program Director for The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, New Ulm.

**Board positions are open for the City of Fairmont or Sibley County. Contact** Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to find out more about our board. **The deadline for submitting an application is March 1st.** 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.

# Indigenous Art Festival in Old Town Mankato February 3-5, 2022

**Indigenous Artist Vendors at Frost Plaza, Wooden Spoon Bakery, 515 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato.**

**Thursday Feb 3:**

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Yoga session by Sabrina, Safe Relations, no registration needed
- 11-11:30 a.m. Upstream Singers Dance Performances
- 12 noon-2:00 p.m. Lakota Rawhide Containers History and Design with Steve Tamayo.
- 2-2:30 p.m. Upstream Singers Dance Performances
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Lakota Womens Plant Medicine with Megan L. Schnitker.

**Friday Feb 4:**

- 10:30 am-12 noon Anti-Racism Community Discussion by Sabrina, Safe Relations.
- 11 a.m.-12 noon Upstream Singers Dance Performances
- 12:30-2:30 p.m. Usage & Significance of the Buffalo with Steve Tamayo.
- 2:30-3 p.m. Upstream Singers Dance Performances
- 3-4 p.m. Indigenous Uses of Herbal Smokes with Megan L. Schnitker.

**Saturday Feb 5:**

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Steve Tamayo - Designs
- 12:30-1 p.m. Upstream Singers Dance performances
- 2-3 p.m. Lakota Plant Medicines with Megan L. Schnitker.

**Visit the “Old Town Mankato”  
Facebook page for more  
information and events!**



# Prairie Lakes is proud to support Public Art in our Small Communities

“We were pleased to support public art in our small communities and awarding them an Arts Grant is part of that process”, noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. There can be a lot of ideas for public art projects in our communities, but it can be difficult to figure out how to do it, who to involve, and to engage local community members. The project will likely need other funds to make it happen, so donations are needed as well as a lot of volunteer time. Details about how to plan a public art project in order to qualify for a PLRAC arts grant are on 5. In this article we are highlighting the public sculpture in Janesville and the community mural in Waterville.

## The City of Waterville received a \$4,000 Small Arts Grant in March 2020 to create a mural.

Local resident and artist Patty Salmon at Make It, Waterville initiated the idea of the mural and asked artist Mary Walchuk, of Elysian to create the design. Patty introduced the idea to the staff and council of the City of Waterville and asked for their support and to submit the grant on behalf of the mural project. Their goal was to create a 12 foot by 70-foot mural on the Make It, Waterville building on the corner of Main and Third Street by the end of summer 2021. Funds were used to provide a stipend to Mary Walchuk for the colored pencil artwork design and to artist Justin Ek, of Mankato and Bellissimo Paint and Coatings, in Mankato to layout the artwork design on the building. Mary noted “Justin projected the much-smaller image she created with colored pencils onto the wall and made the outline and labeled each section for its designated color.”



They invited community members to help paint some areas of the mural, and over 20 people participated in the community painting event. Mary posted photos on Facebook as the mural was being created, and this sparked a lot of interest from the community. The brightly colored mural features a collage of iconic “Waterville things” hidden in the colorful outdoor scene. It includes a wave encircled water tower, a bullhead, the Sakatah State Trail, and lakes, as well as paint brushes and spools of thread that give a nod to the town’s current and former artists.

## Janesville Matters received a \$2,000 Small Arts Grant in 2020 for their public sculpture from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

The board members of Janesville Matters, a non-profit organization used the grant funds to have a fish sculpture created by Tim Nelson of Bemidji to place in their new sculpture garden on Janesville’s Main Street.

The sculpture was mounted on a field stone and placed in the sculpture garden in front of the Public Utilities Building. Mark Borneke and Tom Miller installed the piece in fall 2021. There was a dedication ceremony for the sculpture garden in October.



## **Applicants that want to have Public Art projects for their community are requested to follow a process of engaging the community in the decision making.**

Details about how to plan a public art project in order to qualify for a PLRAC arts grant, continued from page 4

A Prairie Lakes Small Arts Grant or our Arts & Cultural Heritage grant can be used to fund a Public Art Project, noted Brenda Byron. Here are some of the details that are listed in our Grant Guidelines about public art.

**Public Art is the creation of a sculpture, mural, public performances, temporary works, and other grassroots forms of public art that engage the community in new ways.**

The applicant should identify a qualified artist to design and complete the work, working with a committee of citizens. In the proposal the applicant would need to describe: Why this public art is needed, how it will represent the community or the community's history, and what community input was solicited in the planning phase. Also, was a committee formed to discuss and plan the project? Public Art often requires collaborations between the city, school, community at large, etc.

The applicant would also have to identify and describe which organization would be responsible for the long-term upkeep of the Public Art. Also, submit the artist's resume and documentation of their professional capacity to complete a mural, sculpture, or temporary art installation, etc. and list examples of past work.

We recommend applicants inform themselves about public art and its processes and a resource is Forecast Public Art in St. Paul which has a Public Art Toolkit for communities. <http://forecastpublicart.org/toolkit/didactic.html>. Please contact the Prairie Lakes office at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) for more guidance and information on Public Art projects if needed.



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

*Approved 4/19 and updated 5/21.*

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

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

We are committed to closing access gaps in the arts with urgency and accountability. We believe sustained impact requires authentic relationships and transformative work,

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

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

# Five Arts Grants Awarded Totaling \$16,550

Our Small Arts Project Grant 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.

Three schools were awarded grants, which totaled \$6,550 and two Small Arts grant were awarded for \$10,000.

**The Grant maximum is \$3,000 or \$5,000 for BIPOC projects and underserved Arts activities.** No cash match is required this year.

“Prairie Lakes is encouraging arts projects for cultural activities and underserved populations as identified in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement. This includes: Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), Youth, Senior Citizens, People with Disabilities and LGBTQ+,” noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director. Contact our office at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to discuss your project idea, we would be happy to assist you!

**Central High School and Freedom (Sober) School, Mankato (SCH) - \$3,000.** They will have students paint murals inside and outside the Lincoln Community Center, including bathroom stalls and preschool rooms.

**Madelia High School (SCH) - \$2,000.** High school art students took a field trip to the Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit in Minneapolis in November.

**Mankato East High School (SCH) - \$1,550.** They will sponsor “StringFest” for all students in grades 6-12 that play a string instrument, March 8, 2022. All ensembles will have guest conductors and a masterclass on their instrument.

**Safe Relations Space, Mankato (SA) - \$5,000.** They will coordinate an after school Arts program for BIPOC youth in 4th and 5th grade that attend Franklin Elementary School, January through April 2022. The program will be led by BIPOC artists and they will integrate wellness and creativity.

**South Central Service Cooperative (SA) - \$5,000.** They will sponsor the SCSC Writing Contest for students in grades K-12 to express themselves through fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. The 2021–22 theme is “Hope”, to desire something to happen or to be true, or to think something could happen or be true.

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.



## FY 2022 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

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

### **BLUE EARTH COUNTY**

Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School - \$3,000  
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist fees - \$2,000  
Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$1,800  
Mankato Community Ed., cultural performance - \$3,000  
Mankato East High School, guest conductors - \$1,550  
Safe Relations Space, Mankato, youth classes - \$5,000

### **BROWN COUNTY**

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000  
Springfield Community Theatre, performances - \$3,000

### **NICOLLET COUNTY**

American Indian Cultural Events Group, events - \$3,000  
Bothy Folk Club, performances - \$2,000  
South Central Service Cooperative, writing contest - \$5,000

### **SIBLEY COUNTY**

Henderson Lions Club, music performances - \$2,000

### **WASECA COUNTY**

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500  
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,660  
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$1,980

### **WATONWAN COUNTY**

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

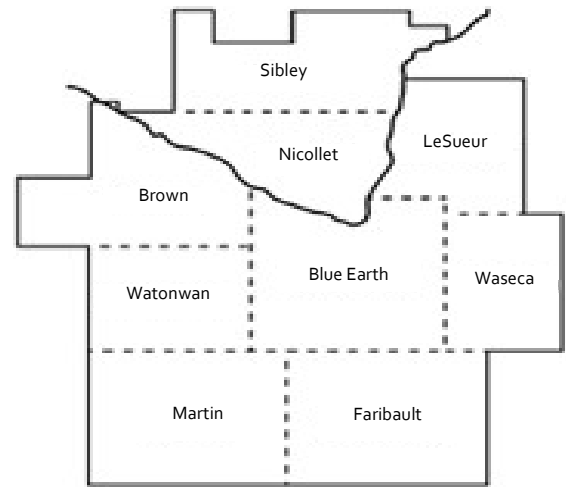
# \$243,980 in Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded in Fall 2021

[A total of 27 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage \(ACH\) grants, totaling \\$243,980 this fall by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.](#) The organizations are listed alphabetically.

These grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities are being funded including: art classes and exhibitions, dance and theater performances, instrumental and vocal music concerts, festivals, public art, and youth field trips. 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. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

- Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle - \$6,000.**
- Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$13,000.**
- Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - \$8,000.**
- DalekoArts, New Prague - \$13,000.**
- Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - \$13,000.**
- Fairmont Opera House - \$13,000.**
- La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$8,000.**
- Mankato and North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's - \$8,000.**
- Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$8,000.**
- Mankato Children's Chorus - \$6,000.**
- Mankato Figure Skating Club - \$8,000.**
- Mankato Makerspace - \$13,000.**
- Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - \$13,000.**
- Merely Players Community Theatre - \$8,000.**
- Minnesota New Country School - \$6,000.**
- Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$8,000.**
- Musicorum, Mankato - \$8,000.**
- New Ulm Figure Skating Club - \$6,000.**
- Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato - \$6,000.**
- Project 1590, Fairmont, public art - \$8,000.**
- Project G.E.M. - \$8,000.**
- ProMusica Minnesota - \$8,000.**
- South Central Service Cooperative - \$8,000.**
- State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - \$13,000.**
- Waseca Arts Council - \$13,000.**
- Waseca County Historical Society - \$5,980.**
- Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library - \$8,000.**





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## **FY 2022 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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## **Small Arts Project Grant**

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

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## **School Arts Project Grant**

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

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## **Artist Development Grant \$1,500**

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

**Deadline: September 1**

Earliest start date: October 1



# FY 2022 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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

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

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

Applications are online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

## Small Arts Project - \$3,000

### BIPOC Projects - \$5,000

## School Arts Project - \$3,000

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

FY 2022 grant applications  
are online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

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

## Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and  
Feb. 1 Deadline

### Large Arts Organization

Stability Grant - \$13,000

Arts Project Grant - \$8,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000

Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

## Artist Development Grant - \$1,500

Sept. 1, 2021 Deadline

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

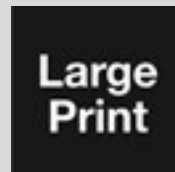
October 1 Deadline

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

November 1 Deadline

If any of the information in the grant guidelines is unclear, contact the Prairie Lakes office at (800) 298-1254, (507) 833-8721 or [plrac@hickorytech.net](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 Updated our Mission and Value Statements in 2021

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

## Mission Statement

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

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



## Value Statements:

### **The Arts**

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

### **Artistic Merit**

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

### **Creativity**

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

### **Community**

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

### **Accessibility**

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

### **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

- Blue Earth County ..... Liz Miller
- Brown County ..... Beth Steffl
- Faribault County..... Julie Forderer
- LeSueur County ..... Larry Pint
- Martin County.....Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence
- Nicollet County..... Rita Rassbach
- Sibley County ..... Open
- Waseca County..... Karen Krause
- Watsonwan County ..... Steve Davis
- City of Fairmont..... Open
- City of Mankato ..... Diana Joseph
- City of New Ulm ..... Carolyn Borgen
- City of North Mankato .... Dana Sikkila
- City of St. Peter ..... April Malphurs

### Staff

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

## FY 2022 Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff



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

# 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. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com), [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net) or (507) 625-2730.

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

**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. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. 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).

**Waseca Art Center**, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Wed 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartcenter.org](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 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to Midnight.

## Community Theaters

**Curtain Call Theatre**. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations. [www.curtaincalltheatre.net](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. (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).

**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

105 22nd Ave. NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093-2612  
 (507) 833-8721 or (800) 298-1254  
 plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org



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