

Funds are still Available in the Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Programs

The Small Arts Project Grant and School Arts Project Grant has a **\$2,500 maximum** and there is no cash match required. The purpose of these grants is to provide funding for organizations engaged in the creation of art, the production of artistic performances, or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in our local communities that may have a smaller budget; and for schools to host artist residencies, live arts performances, Mini-Workshops, or Arts-Related Field Trips.

Eligible Small Arts 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 to discuss your arts project at plrac@hickorytech.net or (507) 833-8721.



Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Welcomes A New Board Member

We are pleased to announce that Randy Mediger has been appointed to the board to serve as an At Large representative.



At Large – Randy Mediger, Waterville. Randy has a BS in Elementary Education and Minor in Music, MS Curriculum & Instruction, and Education Specialist: Administration. He previously served as Elementary Principal at Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Public School and classroom teacher in Waterville, Henderson and Belle Plaine schools. He’s participated in a variety of music and theater performances in the past, and was a charter member of LeSueur Community Theater. He received the 2002 Arts Education Leadership Award from the Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education.

[Prairie Lakes 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 the city of Fairmont or Sibley County should contact the PLRAC office at plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org.** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

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
Martin Luther College Wind Symphony, workshop - \$2,500
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 Grant Awarded in December for \$2,500

Our Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, public organizations, or schools producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community or students.

We encourage applications for artistic performances or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in the 9-county region. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

Martin Luther College Wind Symphony - \$2,500. They will sponsor a full orchestra workshop for the brass, wind, and percussion players at Martin Luther College as well as area youth string players from the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music and the wider community, January 20-21, 2023. Funds will be used for stipends to conductors and coaches.

ARTS ACTION WEEK
Coming March 20-24

Watch for details in our March Newsletter about how you can advocate for the arts and talk with your legislators.

\$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.

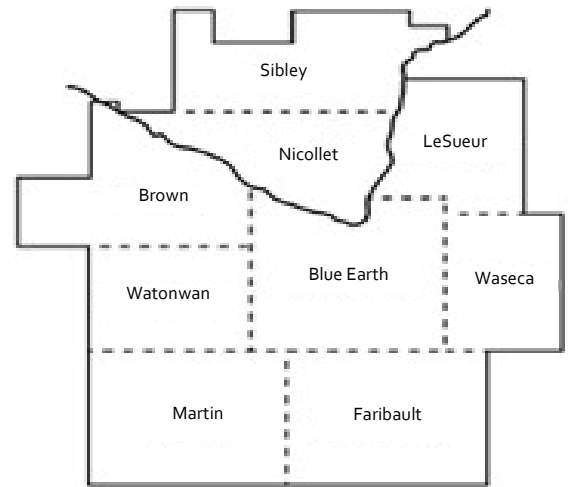
ProMusica Minnesota - \$7,000.

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.

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

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

School Arts Project - \$2,500

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

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

Arts and Cultural
Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

Artist Development
Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 Deadline

Youth Scholarship
Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship
Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

If any of the information in the grant guidelines is unclear, contact the Prairie Lakes office at (800) 298-1254, (507) 833-8721 or plrac@hickorytech.net.

Upon request, Prairie Lakes grant application materials will be made available in an alternate format such as large print, computer flash drive, or on audiotape. Please call the Prairie Lakes office in Waseca at 1-800-298-1254. For TTY, contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.



Prairie Lakes has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

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

The deadline for submitting an application is March 1st. Interested persons should contact Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at plrac@hickorytech.net. **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org.** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

This is a great opportunity to understand the workings of the granting process, to be more involved with the arts and artists of our region, and to enjoy camaraderie with others who appreciate the arts. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art.

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



Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Pioneer Bank. 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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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-Pomeranke. Not pictured: Carolyn Borgen; Randy Mediger; Dana Sikkila; and Bethany Truman.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

Feb. 1-2 Harold Enamorado's Cala Contemporary Woodwork Exhibit of handmade furniture. 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.

Feb. 1-2 Linda Lopez and Mathew McConnell's "Sweep" Exhibit. Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 1-3 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 or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 1-7 Zahra Fariha's "Painting My Emotions" Exhibit. (Reception, Feb. 2, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 1-11 Theresa Crozier and Jenna Freimuth's "Lady to Lady" Exhibit. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front Street, Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Feb. 1-17** Bob Vogel's Stained Glass Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 1-April 30** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

Feb. 2-10 Exhibit by Kinship of Martin County. See stories and photos that represent the legacy of mentoring. 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.


Feb. 2-18 Evan Mykel's Exhibit in the Fireplace Gallery; Kay Herbst Helms' "Honor the Water" Exhibit in the Hope Cook Gallery; and "A Common Thread" Work of the Artists of the Textile Center. 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. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

Feb. 2-25 Susan Altoff's Painting Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

***Feb. 3** Opening Reception for the Artist of the Month, 6:30 p.m. Each month students from area schools are invited to share their work with the community. Local school teachers work with students to prepare and opening receptions are held the first Friday of the month. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Feb. 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Tony Rook Band performing bluegrass music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 3-5 & 10-11 "Once Upon a Mattress" theater performances, Feb. 3-4 & 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 3-25 73rd Annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival. **Feb. 18:** parade at 12 Noon. **Feb. 19:** Kite Festival on Clear Lake. **Feb. 25:** Winter Charm on the Farm at Farmamerica with horse drawn wagon rides, snow painting, snowshoe trails, and more. Winter Charm advance tickets adults \$8, kids \$7, under 2 is free. For more information go to www.sleighandcutterfestival.org. 

Feb. 4 Author David LaRoche will share his picture books for young people, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Prairie Lakes is on Facebook!



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

Arts Events and Opportunities


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Feb. 4 Dancing with the Mankato Stars, 7 p.m., A night of competitive dancing featuring local celebrities to benefit the Minnesota Region of the American Red Cross. Tickets \$35. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available www.dancingwiththemankatostars.com.

Feb. 7 MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys, performing folk and original music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Feb. 7 Virtual book discussion about “Carney’s House Party” by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.


Feb. 7-March 2 Ephraim Pottery Exhibit from rural Wisconsin. (Reception, Feb. 9, 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.

***Feb. 9** “Splendors of Baroque Italy” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments,  7:30 p.m. Tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets, at the door \$15. 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, 312 5th St., Gaylord. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

Feb. 9 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring multimedia artist, poet, and novelist Rachel Eliza Griffiths. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at the Hubbard Building, Room 201, 424 N. Riverfront Dr., 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/>.

Feb. 9 Virtual author event with Lana Harper. She will discuss the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular The Witches of Thistle Grove series, “Back in a Spell”, 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.

Feb. 9-11 “Tony and Tina’s Wedding” Dinner Theater. Doors open at 6 p.m., wedding at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets \$45. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

Feb. 9-26 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Assassins”. Feb. 9-11,  17-18 & 24-25 dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Feb. 12, 19 & 26 lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets also available. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. www.mankatoplayhouse.com or (507) 508-6539.

***Feb. 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the singer/songwriter Luke Smith, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 10-26 “Native Gardens” theater performances. Feb. 10-11, 17-18, & 24-25 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 12, 19 & 26 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. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 East Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

Feb. 11 Poodle Skirts & Pompadours Fabulous 50’s Gala, 5:30-11 p.m. Featuring Robbie Vee and his Rock ‘n Roll Caravan, appetizers & dinner, silent auction, and more. Ticket reservations \$75. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Feb. 11 Concert by The Ericksons, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20, seating is limited. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Feb. 11 Virtual evening with the Deep Valley Grandchildren, 6:30 p.m. Meet Tacy and Harry Kerr’s granddaughters, Carney’s granddaughter, Winona I’s granddaughter, and Cab’s grandson. Betsy-Tacy Society members \$20; non-members \$35. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

Feb. 11 Author Allen Eskens will discuss his latest novel “Forsaken Country”, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

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Feb. 11 Gustavus Choir Home Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Feb. 12** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors The Travis Anderson Trio, performing a modern twist to classic jazz and pops favorites, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Ticket holders can also attend four concerts sponsored by the Watonwan County Entertainment Assoc. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com or (507) 526-7186.

***Feb. 12** 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 to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Feb. 12 Wind Symphony Concert, 3 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

Feb. 13 “Love Letters” theater performance, 7 p.m. General admission tickets \$40. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. www.dalekoarts.com or (952) 314-9077.

Feb. 13-24 Kelly Munson and Kristen Brown’s MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 13-24 Carolyn Hartwell’s MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

Feb. 13-April 23 “Improvised Structures” Exhibit of recent sculptural works by Nicolas Darcourt and Elizabeth Catlett. (Reception, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m.) 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.

Feb. 14 The Mankato Riverblenders will deliver a singing valentine, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., in the greater Mankato area. \$50, for two songs, a long-stemmed rose, a card, and a photo. Call to make an appointment: (507) 995-2273. www.singmankato.com.

Feb. 14 Screening and discussion of a film by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway St. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Feb. 14-March 30 Sarah Vanasse Miles’ Exhibit in the disciplines of oil, graphite, and others. (Reception, Feb. 19, 1:30-4 p.m.) Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Feb. 16** View “Fruitvale Station”, as part of the ArtHouse 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.

Feb. 16 Virtual author event with Grace M. Cho. She will discuss her memoir, “Tastes Like War: A Memoir”, 12 Noon. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Feb. 16-18 & 23-26 “Marisol” theater production, Feb. 16-18 & Feb. 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25-26 at 2 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$15. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***Feb. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Everett Smithson performing blues music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 17 Country music concert by Old Dominion with special guests Frank Ray, Kassi Ashton, and Greytan James. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$51-\$134.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com, or call 1-800-745-3000.

Feb. 17-19 “Radium Girls” theater performances, Feb. 17-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

Feb. 17-March 4 Annual Juried Exhibition. (Reception, Feb. 17, 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.



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***Feb. 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Feb. 18** The BriTins Concert, a Beatles Tribute Band., 7 p.m. In advance \$25, at the door \$30. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Feb. 18 Concert by The Benson Family Singers performing barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Feb. 18 Concert by Six Appeal, performing a cappella music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$15, available online at www.fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.



Feb. 18 Gustavus Wind Orchestra Home Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 19 Masopust, the Czech Mardi Gras, 12 Noon-4 p.m. Event includes music by George's Concertina Band, performances by the St. Paul Czech and Slovak adult Folk Dancers, costume ball, silent auction, and Czech food. Adults \$5, children under 15 are free. Held at the Rustic Farmer and the Revival on Main, 209/213 1st St. S., Montgomery. (507) 953-0046.

Feb. 19 Bunny Just Piano Festival Event featuring Douglas Ashcraft, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Feb. 21 Concert Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$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/>.

Feb. 23 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring MN Poet Laureate, Gwen Westerman. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at the Hubbard Building, Room 201, 424 N. Riverfront Dr., 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/>.

Feb. 23-26 "Spring Awakening" theater performance, Feb. 23-25 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 25-26 at 2 p.m. Not recommended for children. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

***Feb. 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Steely Ann performing rock, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



Feb. 24 Minnesota Poetry Out Loud State Finals, 4 p.m. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board and SCSC. Join us for the performances of the state finalists. The event is free and open to the public. Held at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Hosted by South Central Service Cooperative. Contact mhillmann@mnsesc.org or 507-389-2509 for more information.

Feb. 24 Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

***Feb. 24-March 24** Autumn Carolyn's Photography Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 25 Jazz Groups and Contemporary Singers Concert, 2 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$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/>.

Feb. 26 Watonwan County Entertainment Association sponsors Dan Miller Cowboy Revue, performing cowboy, country, gospel, bluegrass, and Americana music, 7 p.m. Tickets at the door \$20. Held at Armstrong Auditorium, 500 3rd Avenue. South, St. James. "Watonwan County Entertainment Association" on Facebook.

Feb. 26 Winter Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

Feb. 28 Concert Band Tour Performance, 7:30 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

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

Area Wineries have live musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please contact them for times, musicians.

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. www.chankaskawines.com or (507) 931-0089.

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

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

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

Youth Opportunities

Feb. 7 Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Feb. 7 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be "heart study". Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Feb. 7 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 North Broadway Street. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Feb. 11 Kidcasso, Open Art Studio**, Valentine's Party, 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. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Feb. 14 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$20. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be designing and painting nesting dolls. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Feb. 15 heART Therapy**. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for middle school students experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 18 Children's Learn to Paint Class** with Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 21 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.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Feb. 25 Letterpress 2 Class** with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 15 and up, \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 25 Edible Book Festival, 1-3 p.m., ages 10 and under. Pick a book or author and create an edible creation based on the story to bring to the library. Registration forms available at the library or online. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***Feb.** Register for South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-8, to be held March 7-8 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Visit www.mnscsc.org/ywac for a brochure of sessions and a link to register. Registration prior to Feb. 25 is \$29; after Feb. 25 is \$39. Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. <http://www.mnscsc.org>, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, or (507) 389-2509.

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***Feb.** Enter the South Central Service Cooperative Writing Contest. K-12 students have the opportunity to express themselves through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their love of language! Visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest for more information. Submissions are due by March 24. \$5/student entry. Contact Mary Hillmann at 507-389-2509 or mhillmann@mnscsc.org for more information.

Adult Opportunities

***Feb. 1** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for adults experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 1 & 15 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Feb. 1-22 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***Feb. 2** Valentine's Love Bunting Class, for adults, 6 p.m. There will be lots of fun materials, patterns and colors for you to mix and match and create something unique to your style. \$20, registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.


***Feb. 4-5** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Feb. 5 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$75, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Feb. 7-28** 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 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 6 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 or (507) 359-8334.

Feb. 8 "Let's Talk About it: Race and Resilience" with CLIMB Theatre, Two sessions to choose from 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. They will use facilitated discussions and theatre based activities so participants engage in a discussion that seeks to propel them towards action. Sessions limited to 25 participants; RSVP is required. Held at Alumni Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 8-9 Drop Off Dates for the Annual Juried Exhibition, 2-6 p.m. each day. \$5 per piece of work, up to three works per artist. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Feb. 10 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will host refreshments and their business meeting at 9 a.m. Program runs 9:30-11 a.m. Annual membership \$30, guests can attend a meeting free of charge. This month is a piano teacher appreciation party. Held at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. www.mvmta.com or (507) 514-3970. 

Feb. 12 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration recommended. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. www.betsy-tacysociety.org or (507) 345-9777.



**Arts Event Happening
in Your Area?**

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

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



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Feb. 13 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.

Feb. 18 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Feb. 22** Open Knitting, 4th Wednesday each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Feb. 25** Letterpress 2 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Feb. 25 Bob Ross Painting Class, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$55. Paint along with Bob Ross instructor Dennis Neidt and create a Bob Ross style painting. Registration required with the Art Center. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Art for All Open Studio. The space has art supplies for the public to use. Wed., Thurs, and Fri. 2-7 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com.

Adaptive Recreational Services offers a monthly "Painting with Rhonda Class" for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. There will be some canvases available for painting at home. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmtel.net, or www.nuars.org.

Mankato Makers Space is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes and the restrictions for each class. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

The Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm has an opportunity for artists, historians, and makers in all disciplines to curate a bi-monthly exhibit in "The Smallest Museum in Minnesota". The museum cabinet is 31.75" wide, 32.75" high and 7.5" deep. The museum is located outside the front entrance at 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. For more information visit www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn.

Grant Opportunities

March 1 McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts Deadline. The Fellowship is administered by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota to set aside time for study, reflection, opportunities, new projects, experimentation, and exploration. The fellowship includes: \$25,000 stipend, funding for professional digital documentation of artwork, studio visits, and travel. There will be a Zoom session about the application Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. Application deadline is March 1. Go to <https://www.mnbookarts.org/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or email terin@mnbookarts.org.

March 14 McKnight Composers Fellowship Deadline. The Fellowship is administered by the American Composers Forum in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It encourages applicants from the full range of musical approaches and perspectives, and is committed to supporting a diverse pool of artists who demonstrate

compelling artistic work. The four awards include: \$25,000 stipend and an opportunity to attend an artist residency program. There will be Zoom sessions about the application Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. Application deadline is March 14. For more information go to <https://composersforum.org/programs/mcknight-composer-fellowships/> or email Carolina Heredia at cheredia@composersforum.org.

March 17 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship Deadline. The Fellowships are administered by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Six \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. Go to <https://www.mcad.edu/why-mcad/partnerships/mcknight-visual-artist-fellowships> for more information or contact galler@mcad.edu or (612) 874-3803.

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.

Have you visited www.plrac.org lately?

Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away!

Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, workshop videos, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, and more!



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.



MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

Non-profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 N. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Register online for classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. info@artscentersp.org, (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. 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, or artctr@hickorytech.net.

Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave., Mankato. They offer art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com or the410project@hotmail.com.

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be promoted via our website and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on third floor. www.thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or 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, (507) 508-7165 or 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, or info@wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept.

Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/.

South Central College Lookout Gallery, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu.

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

Community Theaters

Curtain Call Theatre. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations. www.curtaincalltheatre.net or (507) 744-8497.

Mankato Playhouse. 12 Civic Center Plaza Ste 1700, Mankato. www.mankatoplayhouse.com, (507) 317-1245 or (507) 338-5800.

Merely Players Community Theatre. Performances at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. info@merelyplayersmn.org, www.merelyplayers.com or (507) 388-5483.

Springfield Community Theatre. Performances are held at the Springfield High School, 12 Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315, go to "Springfield Community Theatre, Springfield, MN" on Facebook.

State Street Theater Company. Performances at their building, 1 N. State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990, info@statestreetnewulm.org, www.statestreetnewulm.org.

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State Street Theater Co. is seeking an experienced executive director, preferably in the non-profit arena.

Skill sets required:

Finance and accounting; working with boards and volunteers; communication-verbal, written, social mediums, presentations; building and grounds oversight; preferred in development, fundraising and grant writing.

For more information visit statestreetnewulm.org/hiring or scan the code



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