



Extended through January 8th!

Arts Needs Assessment Survey

is being conducted by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Extended Deadline!

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 January 8th.

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
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 February 20-24

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

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.

Angela Anderson, New Ulm

Rachael Jaeger, Mankato

Colin Scharf, Mankato

Juana Arias, St. Peter.

Tinner Johnson, Mankato

Julia Snelson, Mankato

Vicki Beckendorf, Odin

Andrea Lynn, New Ulm

Molly Stoltz, St. Peter

Virginia Bergerson, Janesville

Jerry Mollenhauer, St. Peter

James Sullivan, Mankato

Yvonne Cory, Easton

Jim Muyres, Mankato

Robin Warburton, Janesville

Wade Davis, Mankato

Charles Putnam, St. Peter

Jason Willis, Mapleton

Craig Groe, Mankato

Tracy Ross, Mankato

Connor Hopkins, Mankato

Evan Ryan, North Mankato

MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

WORK OF ART: BUSINESS SKILLS FOR ARTISTS

[Springboard for the Arts Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists](#) is a professional development curriculum designed to teach business skills to artists in all disciplines: visual, performing and literary arts. Artists can take the whole series, customized combinations, or individual workshops that best suit their needs, and the curriculum is available for people interested in leading the workshops and offering professional development resources.

Springboard offers The Work of Art Toolkit; available for Free as a digital download.

Read a brief description of all Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists topics and find upcoming

Work of Art workshops, panels, classes or events on their website:

<https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/>



\$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.

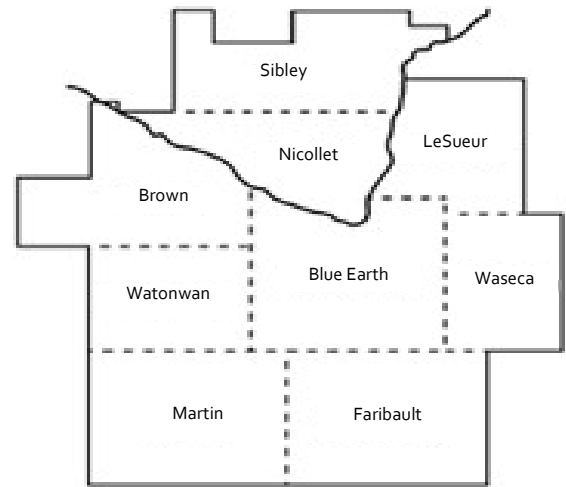
ProMusica Minnesota - \$7,000.

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.



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

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.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093
plrac@hickorytech.net Online Application through our website, www.plrac.org.

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 Jan. 15th. Interested persons should contact Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at plrac@hickorytech.net. **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org.** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

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

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

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

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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-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.)

Jan. 1-27 “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.

Jan. 1-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 or (507) 359-9222.

***Jan. 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.

***Jan. 3-27** Wade Davis’ Printmaking Exhibit. 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 or (507) 835-1701.

Jan. 3-Feb. 10 Exhibit by Kinship of Martin County. See stories and photos that represent the legacy of mentoring. (Reception, Jan. 18, 5:30-7:30 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. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

Jan. 5-Feb. 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.



Jan. 6-8 “Christmas Shorts” Theater Performance, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 7 & 8 at 2 p.m. Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students and veterans/active duty \$10, under age 10 \$5; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.

Jan. 6-21 Kendrick Daum and Keith Hood’s “Well, Would You Look At This” Exhibit. (Reception, Jan. 6, 7-9 p.m. with DJ performance by Dj Shoba) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Jan. 7** Singing Hills Chorus presents their “Midnight Melodies” Concert, 1 p.m. Special guest, the Melodia Choir of the Mankato Children’s Chorus. Admission \$10, children ten and under are free. Visit www.singinghillschorus.org for information about tickets. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato. www.singinghillschorus.org.



Jan. 7 Virtual author event with Namina Forna. She will discuss her award winning series “The Gilded Ones” and the 2nd installment “The Merciless Ones”, 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Jan. 8** 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 South Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Jan. 10 Virtual book discussion about “Betsy and Joe” by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all, though best for ages 12 and up. 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.



Jan. 10 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 or (507) 359-8334.

Jan. 11-Feb. 2 Harold Enamorado’s Cala Contemporary Woodwork Exhibit of handmade furniture. (Reception, Jan. 12, 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.

Jan. 14 Author Susan Coultrap-McQuin reads from her chapbook “What We Bring Home” and discusses the process of creating a poetry chapbook., 12:30 p.m. Held at Fillin’ Station Coffeehouse, 630 S. Front St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.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

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

Jan. 14 Author Jason Lee Willis will share an inside look at turning a historical figure into a literary thriller, 10:30 a.m. Willis is the author of “The Alchemist’s Map”, inspired by the life of historical figure Joseph Nicolle. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Jan. 14 Duely Noted, Dueling Pianos Show, 7-9 p.m. Tickets \$25, available at Waseca Chamber, United Prairie Bank, Keen Bank, Minnwest Bank, and at the door. Held at Starfire Event Center, 206 2nd Ave. SW, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Area Chamber. (507) 835-3260 or www.wasecachamber.com.

Jan. 17 Virtual author event with Dana K. White. She will discuss her book “Organizing for the Rest of Us and Decluttering at the Speed of Life”, 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

Jan. 19 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring fiction and screen writer Matt Goldman and fiction writer Talitha Greaver. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., location TBD. 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/>.

Jan. 19 Books and Brews, 10 a.m. Bring your coffee and learn about Minnesota authors from library staff. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or www.martincountylibrary.org.

***Jan. 19-21 & 26-28** Merely Players Community Theatre presents the musical “Cabaret”, 5:30 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. performance each night. Reserved seating with meal \$35, show only \$20, purchase tickets online. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St. Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

***Jan. 20** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Mark Braun, Kaleb Braun Schulz and Ben Scruggs performing Americana music, 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.

Jan. 20-22 Friends of Friends Series: “OMG!” theater performances. Jan. 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20. This production is recommended for ages 13 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.



***Jan. 20-Feb. 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.

Jan. 21 Concert by Andrea Lyn, performing calming, engaging melodies that move the soul, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$12, at the door \$15, students \$6. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Jan. 21** 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.

***Jan. 21** Concert by the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony Program and the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, 7 p.m. Musicians attended the Full Orchestra Workshop. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. Sponsored by New Ulm Suzuki School of Music. pjheartstrings@gmail.com.

Jan. 24-25 “Pete the Cat’s Big Hollywood Adventure” Theater Performance, 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. each day. Adults \$25, seniors \$20, youth \$5, veterans/active duty \$12.50; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.

***Jan. 27** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Traveled Ground performing folk, blues, roots rock, and Americana 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.

Jan 27-Feb. 11 Theresa Crozier and Jenna Freimuth’s “Lady to Lady” Exhibit. (Reception, Jan. 27, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Jan. 28 One Night in Memphis, a high energy concert portraying Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash gathered together for an impromptu jam session at Sun Studios in Memphis, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, youth \$10, Veterans/Active Duty \$15, available at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

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***Jan. 29** ProMusica Chamber Music Series in New Ulm: “The Lunar New Year” Concert, 3 p.m., with violinist Rui Du; cellists Gao Hong, Pi Pa, ZhengGang Xie, Jing Hu, Mei Hu, Yue Qin, and Richard Belcher; and pianist Bethel Balge. Adults \$20, youth and students \$5, available online at www.promusicamn.com/concerts. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Ct., New Ulm. www.promusicamn.com or (507) 205-2249.

Jan. 31 Virtual author event with Randall Munroe. He will discuss his book “What If? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions”, 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

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

Jan. 3 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.

Jan. 3 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 winter windows. 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.

Jan. 3 Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Jan. 4 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 or (507) 835-1701.

Jan. 10 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 glove monsters. 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.

Jan. 12 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.

Jan. 12, 19, or 26 Embroidery Sampler Book, 5:30-7:30 p.m., ages 12 and up. Robin Wingo from the Mankato Makerspace will teach five basic embroidery stitches (running, French knot, stem, button-hole, and chain) and practice with different threads. These practice stitches will be compiled into a sample book to take home. Register at www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com. Held at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St. (507) 234-6605.

***Jan. 14** 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 or (507) 235-9262.

Jan. 19 Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:15 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.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

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***Jan. 21** 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 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



Jan. 23 Macrame Virtual Workshop, 7 p.m., ages 13 and up. Modern macramé artist Emily Katz will teach how to make a bohemian wall hanging. She will share ideas for adjusting the pattern and size of the piece to create a custom creation. Go to www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com to register. Hosted by the Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library System. (507) 835-2910.

Jan. 24 Arm Knitting Class, 5:30 p.m., ages 13-18. Try out a fast and fun chunky knitting project that is needle-free. Held at the LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

***Jan. 29-30** Auditions for the musical theater performances of "Junie B Jones Jr.", 5 p.m. each night, grades 6-12. 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 March 17-26 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information at (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Adult Opportunities

***Jan. 3-31** 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 St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Jan. 4-25** 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.

Jan. 8 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.

Jan. 9 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.

Jan. 9 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.

Jan. 10 & 24 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.

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***Jan. 19** Introduction to Punch Needle Embroidery. Learn the basics from materials to techniques to finishing and have a snowflake in a hoop to take home. Registration required. Contact Red Rock Center for class time and materials fee. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

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***Jan. 25** 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.

Jan. 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.



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.

Grant Opportunities

Jan. 12 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Playwriting.

*Extended Deadline. 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: a \$25,000 stipend, an additional \$2,500 to support a play development workshop and other professional expenses, and \$1,400 in travel funds. Go online to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-fellowships-in-playwriting> for more information. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/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 sue.gens@arts.state.mn.us or (651) 539-2658. For a link to the online application go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

Jan. 30 McKnight Fellowship Deadline for Musicians.

The four \$25,000 Fellowships for Musicians are administered by the MacPhail Center for Music in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. They are intended to recognize and support mid-career musicians living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, artistic excellence, a distinctive musical voice, and a significant performing career over a period of time. Go to <https://www.macphail.org/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or lewis.lindsay@macphail.org.

***Feb. 1 PLRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Deadline.**

For arts organizations and festivals. \$7,000 available for arts organizations, \$5,000 for schools and festivals. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Application deadline is Feb. 1. Guidelines can be downloaded from our website: www.plrac.org, along with a link to the online grant application. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or plrac@hickorytech.net.

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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