



## FY 2022 Grants Available

(July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

**July 1** – Small Arts Project and School Project Grant. Due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month through May 2022

**August 1** – Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

**September 1** - Artist Development Grant \$1,500

**October 1** – Youth Scholarship (grades 7-12)

**November 1** – Youth Scholarship (grades 3-6)

Details are listed on pages 3-6 in the newsletter.

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Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota Legislature through the **Legacy Amendment** from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, State General funds, and the McKnight Foundation.



**MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION**

## Grant Writing Workshops

### Organizations Grant Writing

Wednesday, July 7 at 5 p.m.

Held virtually through Zoom. More details on page 7.

### Artists Grant Writing

Tuesday, July 20 at 5 p.m.

Held virtually through Zoom. Details on page 5-6.

PLRAC Executive Director, Brenda Byron, will conduct an online webinar about the new guidelines for the grant program, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new applicants to attend. [Email plrac@hickorytech.net to obtain meeting login information.](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net)

If you're not able to participate in our virtual workshop, check out our new Artist Grant Writing Workshop Video and Workshop document that are both available on [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org). Click on the Services Tab, then Workshops to access the video and document.

## Check out the new PLRAC Website!

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

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

Details on page 2.

# PLRAC launches a new Website!

The three Prairie Lakes staff members attended several Digital Arts Workshops in fall 2020 and spring 2021, every month for seven months by Adam Reinwald, and Open Voices, LLC. In April 2021 we began conversations with our individual consultant about How Prairie Lakes Could Improve Our Online Presence. We started with small improvements to Facebook posts and our YouTube channel. Next, we were ready to update our twenty-year-old website, and created a new site using the website software Squarespace. We worked with our current Webmaster to create our new site and launch it to coincide with the New Fiscal Year which began on July 1, 2021.

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

You can access the June Newsletter by clicking on the "Newsletter" Tab, then click on "Current Newsletter". We encourage you to read about our activities and arts news for the 9-county region. There are more events and classes being offered and they are listed on pages 12-18.

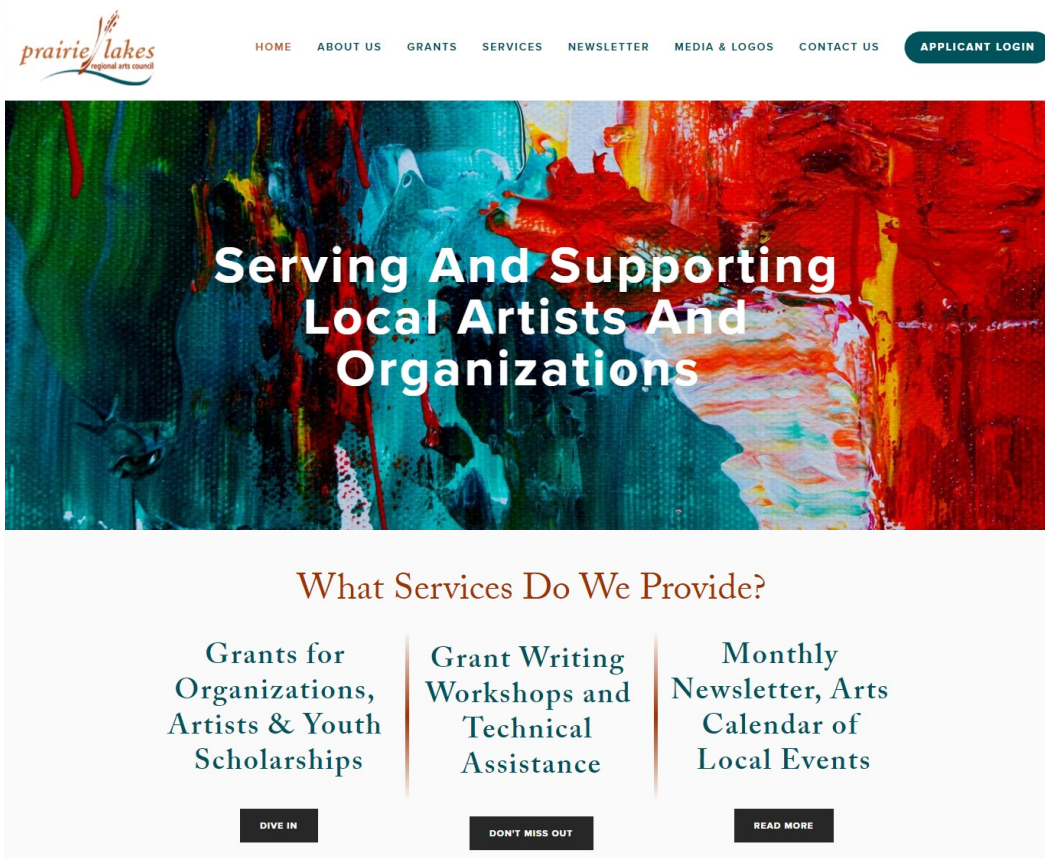
In addition, Prairie Lakes hired Triple Falls Productions in Mankato to create some videos for us, and their staff includes Jacob Bases and Willis Stout. The purpose is to develop videos that can be used to promote our Artist grant and Organizational grant programs. Our current goal is to promote the availability of our Artist Development Grant of \$1,500 which is due Sept. 1st.

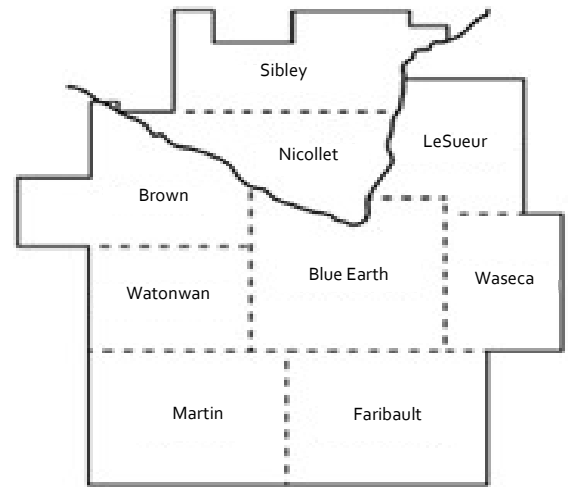
Videotaping and production began in May and Brenda Byron, Executive Director participated in the videotaping sessions along with other artists Bryan Holland, Dana Sikkila and Jaci Ullrich, in various art locations and at the Arts Center of Saint Peter. Check out these videos on our website!

Also, Triple Falls Productions, Mankato did a Podcast interview with Brenda Byron about Prairie Lakes, and our artist grant program at the end of April.

The video clip is posted on the Facebook page of Prairie Lakes. Here is the link to view it.  
<https://fb.watch/5eL0yARzAc/>

**Check out the new website**  
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## FY 2022 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **ACH Youth Scholarship.**

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



The applicant or organization must have an address and provide arts programming within the Prairie Lakes region; the counties are: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County.

## **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 \$2,000. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$3,000. 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 May.**

## **School Arts Project Grant**

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,000 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until May.**

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

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

**Deadline: September 1**

Earliest start date: October 1

# FY 2022 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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

**Organizations can only receive one grant per year.** We encourage arts projects for BIPOC arts and cultural activities and underserved populations.

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

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

**Small Arts Project - \$2,000**

**BIPOC Projects - \$3,000**

**School Arts Project - \$2,000**

1st of the Month Deadline

July 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022

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

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

**Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant**

Aug 1 & Feb. 1 Deadline

Large Arts Organization Stability Grant - \$13,000

Arts Project Grant - \$8,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000

Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

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

Sept. 1, 2021 Deadline

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

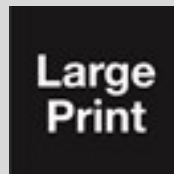
October 1 Deadline

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

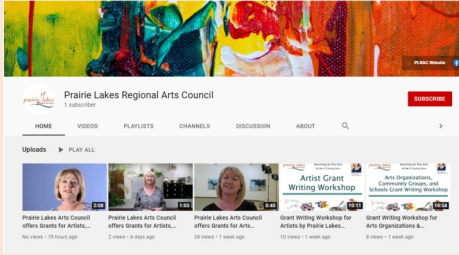
November 1 Deadline

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

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







# Subscribe to our new YouTube Channel!

Search for “Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council”.



## Artists: Do you need funds to create new work? We can help!

### Artist Development Grants of \$1,500 are Available.

Prairie Lakes will be continuing the \$1,500 Artist Development Grant program in FY 2022. This will allow more artists to apply for funding and will provide more flexible support. Applications are encouraged from artists in all art disciplines. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional arts, etc.

The Artist Development Grant of \$1,500 has a deadline of September 1, 2021, with the earliest starting date of October 1, 2021. *The application is available online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).*

This \$1,500 project grant provides financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists at all stages of development are eligible. Artists may expand their present work, advance in skill or technique, or move in a new direction.

Applicants must have resided in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County for a minimum of twelve months prior to application.

This grant is for a specific project that contributes directly to your growth and development as a professional. Funds may be used for art supplies, materials, equipment, mentorships, workshops, creative time, living expenses, etc.

**A new Artist Grant Writing Workshop Video and a PDF document is available on the [Workshop page](#) of our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).**

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To access the Artist Grant Writing Workshop PDF document, go to the Workshops page, under the Services tab of the PLRAC website.

Prairie Lakes values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community and this is reflected in our policies and programs. We are committed to countering systemic inequities that exclude individuals and communities from access to the arts based on race, gender, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, class, age, and geography.

**We encourage Artists that are BIPOC and LGBTQ+ to apply, as well as artists with disabilities.** If you need extra assistance in the application process, please contact the PLRAC office and we would be happy to assist you.

**Prairie Lakes plans to Award 33 Artist Grants for a total of \$49,500 with funds from the McKnight Foundation.** Artists that were awarded \$1,500 in June of 2020 are not eligible to apply for this grant. Please contact Brenda Byron, at the Prairie Lakes office at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to discuss your artist project idea, we would be happy to assist you.

[Artist grant questions and more details are on page 6.](#)

## Artist Grant Webinar

**Tuesday, July 20 at 5 p.m. or  
Tuesday, August 10 at 5 p.m.**

PLRAC Executive Director, Brenda Byron, will conduct an online webinar about the new guidelines for the grant program, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new artists to attend. Email [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to obtain meeting login information.

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# Artists: Do you need funds to create new work?



Brenda Byron,  
Executive Director

Prairie Lakes will continue to offer Artist Development Grants at \$1,500 in FY 2022. The deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> and we anticipate that 33 individual artists can be awarded funds, totaling \$49,500. Funds are provided by the McKnight Foundation, noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director.

We encourage Artists to think about applying. To get you started, here are a few of the questions in the online application:

1. Project Description. Describe the project you will carry out with the grant funds. Provide as much detail as possible, including what, where and when. Provide details about the timeline associated with the project.
2. Describe Your Career As An Artist (Past Experience)

3. Describe Where You Are Now as an Artist (Present Experience)
4. Describe Your Career Goals as an Artist (Future Experiences)
5. How Is This Project Going To Help in Your Career Development?
6. Artist Statement. An artist statement is text that accompanies and explains the artist's intentions of their body of work.

The following documents are also needed:

- **Artistic Resume**
- **Work Samples**
- **Work Sample Description Page**

Please contact our office to discuss your artist project idea and ask questions about how you can use the grant to expand your artistic practice.

**We would be happy to assist you!**



## Check out the new Prairie Lakes Website [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org)

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# Small Arts Grants Are Available for Arts & Cultural Activities

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has Arts grants available for Black, Indigenous and People of Color led Arts Initiatives, and arts projects for underserved groups, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+, etc., in the 9-county area of southern Minnesota. The purpose of our Arts Grant is to provide funding for non-profit organizations directly engaged in the creation of art, the production of artistic performances or arts services, or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in our local communities. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

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

**The next FY 2022 Small Arts Grant deadlines are August 1 and September 1 2021.** The Small Arts Grant maximum is \$2,000 or \$3,000 for BIPOC projects and underserved Arts activities. Please contact the PLRAC staff to find out if your project is eligible.

The Small Arts Project Grants are made possible by funds provided by the Minnesota State Legislature. **No cash match is required this year.**

In FY 2021 we were pleased to award \$12,000 in State arts grants to three arts organizations for cultural projects. Prairie Lakes awarded larger size grants to these projects that will benefit BIPOC individuals and other underserved populations, since they are activities that our board supports as part of our equity and inclusion policy.

Greater Mankato Diversity Council - \$4,000. They sponsored the 4th annual Juneteenth Celebration on the lawn outside of the Mankato Intergovernmental Center, June 19, 2021. This event commemorated the end of slavery and celebrated African American freedom and respect for all cultures. Multiple live performers including the Hip Hop Coalition, Tanaya, Prate, TKO Drumline, and other local artists were featured.

Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Festival - \$4,000. They will host the A Día De Los Muertos and Halloween festival outdoors on North Riverfront Drive in Mankato, October 30, 2021. There will be traditional Latino Day of the Dead activities, a vendor market, and performances by Mariachi Estelar and Zamora Folklore Dance Troupe.

St. Peter Public Library - \$4,000. They will host instructional sewing classes for the Somali community in St. Peter over a five-month period. They will also create an instructional booklet that will be translated into the Somali language. The classes will be held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter.

## Arts Organization, Community Group and School Grant Writing Workshop

**Wednesday, July 7th, 5 p.m.**

**Held virtually through Zoom.** Email [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to receive the meeting link.

Small Arts Project Community Grants & School Arts Project Grants are due Aug. 1 and Sept. 1; Arts & Cultural Heritage grants are due Aug. 1st. Details about the different grants programs and what types of projects can be funded will be discussed at the meeting. This includes dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc. Review the guidelines at: [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

**RSVP by Tuesday, July 6th to**  
[plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net)

**New applicants are encouraged to attend!** If you are a past applicant you don't need to attend, but can call the office to discuss your project with Brenda Byron, Executive Director, 1-800-298-1254.

# Welcome New Board Members

We are pleased to announce that two individuals have been appointed to the Prairie Lakes Board. Julie Forderer of Wells will represent Faribault County and Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence of Truman will represent Martin County.



**Julie Forderer** has a BA in Elementary Education, K-12 Special Education, and a MA in Curriculum and Instruction. She is a retired educator from United South Central Schools in Wells, where she worked in Special Education for grades K-4. Julie has choreographed many school musicals and community theater events. She has written grants for the Faribault County Fair, has served as a grant reviewer for the Minnesota State Arts Board, and was a Regional Facilitator for the Minnesota Rural Arts Initiative. She was also an Associate Professor in the College of Education at Minnesota State University, Mankato for six years.

**Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence** has been reappointed to a second term. Kristie is currently the Martin County 4-H Program Coordinator in Fairmont. She has a BA degree in Theatre Arts and Journalism, with a focus on Arts Administration, from the University of Minnesota. She was the Education Coordinator at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts for 4 years. While there, Kristie facilitated in-school artist residencies, managed their school performances, and developed a musical theatre camp. She is a board member of the Martin County Area Foundation, Fairmont Community Education and Recreation Advisory Council. She also previously served as a board member of the Fairmont Opera House.

**The City of Fairmont position is still open and details are on page 11.**

## Honoring a Retiring Board Member



Carol Soma

We sincerely appreciate Carol Soma's service on the Board of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Her dedication to the enhancement of arts activities in her city, county and the region is gratefully acknowledged. Carol retired after representing Faribault County for six years. She served as Vice-President for several years and also served on the Youth Scholarship Committee to review student applications.





# Prairie Lakes Updated our Mission and Value Statements in 2021

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

## Mission Statement

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

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



## Value Statements:

### **The Arts**

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

### **Artistic Merit**

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

### **Creativity**

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

### **Community**

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

### **Accessibility**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This may include historically marginalized and underserved groups such as:

- Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)
- People with Disabilities
- LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, etc.)
- Youth and Seniors

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

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

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

## The PLRAC Equity Taskforce Members Concluded their Meetings in April 2021.

The Prairie Lakes Equity Taskforce meetings concluded in April and we are thankful to the six community members that participated. A diverse group of BIPOC individuals participated (Black, Latinx, and Native American), two people from the disability community, and one person who works with at-risk youth. It should also be noted that three members of the Executive Committee participated in these five meetings and were considered as members of the Taskforce. *In addition, the three Prairie Lakes staff members participated, and minutes were compiled for each meeting.*

**It was nice to get to know these individuals and discuss equity and inclusion topics.** We really appreciated their time to learn about our non-profit organization and make suggestions on how Prairie Lakes can adjust our systems and processes to identify barriers that underserved communities have in participating with us.

**Prairie Lakes was able to create more inclusive language in our grant application guidelines based**

**upon suggestions from the group. More importantly, we learned more about listening and hearing how others perceive our organization.**

“We have made some small steps forward on our journey of understanding how our organization can be more inclusive in our programming, and these individuals were part of that journey,” noted Brenda Byron.



# PLRAC Board Position is Open for the City of Fairmont

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has a vacant position on the Board for a representative from the **City of Fairmont**.

**The deadline for submitting an application is July 15.**

Interested persons residing in Fairmont should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to find out more about our board. **We will email you a Board Application and a list of responsibilities.**

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

Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College. The monthly meetings have been conducted as

online meetings this year and will continue virtually until further notice. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

## Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

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

### Staff

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

## FY 2021 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Board of Directors and Staff



**Front Row (L to R):** Cindy Lewer, Program Manager; Beth Steffl; April Malphurs, Dana Sikkila; Carol Soma; Rita Rassbach, and Brenda Byron, Executive Director. **Back Row:** Ginny Walters, Kristi Gaalswyk-Pomeranke; Karen Krause; Liz Miller; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; Larry Pint; Steve Davis; and Teresa Konechne. Not pictured: Diana Joseph.



# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**July 1-2** Two large paintings by Robert Clunie and Henry Gasser that were donated by Ohio collector James Woods, will be on display through the front window. The campus of Gustavus Adolphus College is open to the public. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/exhibitions.php>.

\***July 1-3** Kim Loranger's Exhibit of works in a variety of mediums. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

\***July 1-3** Gary Campbell's "Visual Music" Exhibit of new work. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**July 1-15** Mary Walchuk's "2020 in Colored Pencil" Drawing Exhibit, telling the story of a year of pandemic, politics, and social unrest. Held at Raydiance Salon Art Gallery, 11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 101, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. [raydiance@raydiancesalon.com](mailto:raydiance@raydiancesalon.com)

\***July 1-16** Nan Karr Kaufenberg's "Treasured Images – 25 Years of Block Prints" Exhibit featuring landscapes, architecture, and every day scenes. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com). (507) 359-9222.



\***July 1-23** Arron Rykhus and Micayla Best's Exhibits, and the Youth Membership Show. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**July 1-Aug. 6** Gregory T. Wilkins' "Black Lives Matter: Teach Your Children Well" Exhibit, held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Wilkins is a fiscal year 2021 recipient of a Creative Support for Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Guests attending who have not been vaccinated are required to wear masks; physical distancing is expected of all attendees. The art gallery is located on the lower level. 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. [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) or (507) 389-6767.

**July 1-Sept. 30** "Marian Anderson: Her Personal Collection" Exhibit highlighting many of Marian's original works that her fine art prints have been made from. Held at Blue Earth County Historical Society Art Gallery, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or [www.blueearthcountyhistory.com](http://www.blueearthcountyhistory.com).

\***July 1-April 30, 2022** The 2021 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

\***July 2** Music in the Park Series: The Paul Stewart Show performing 50's and 60's country, rock, and blues music, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Hot dogs available for purchase. Held at Citizen's Park, downtown Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**July 4** Lakefest Music Festival at Clear Lake Park in Waseca, free. Joe Nino performs at 3 p.m., Miller Denn at 4 p.m., Los Tequileros at 5:30 p.m., The Resonant Rogues at 7 p.m., and Charlie Parr with Liz Draper at 8 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, coolers permitted but no glass bottles. Fireworks at 10 p.m. (507) 835-3260.

**July 4** 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Elysian, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 2 p.m. (507) 267-4708.

**July 4** 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in St. Peter, including the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band and the Mankato Riverblenders Chorus 10 a.m. (507) 934-3400.

**July 5** Concert in the Park Series: Sleepy Eye Concertina performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or [www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).



\***July 6** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring David Mertesdorf from Church of the Ascension in Minneapolis, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

\***July 6 & 12** The Mankato Area Community Band Concerts for 2021 will take place in Sibley Park, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato, at the Leas Schwickert Memorial Band Shell, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain cancels. The band will rehearse outdoors this year on Mondays at the bandshell 6:30-8:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. before each concert. The public is invited to attend band practices or listen while doing other park activities. (507) 387-6990 or [www.mankatoareacommunityband.us](http://www.mankatoareacommunityband.us).



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**\*July 7** Off Duty Chief performs as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.gaylordmnchamber.com](http://www.gaylordmnchamber.com).

**July 7, 14 & 21** New Ulm Municipal Band Concerts, 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8347.

**July 8** Music with Maud Hixson. Dance along to the beautiful songs of Maud Hixson as she brings the world of author Maud Hart Lovelace's Betsy-Tacy series to life through music. 10:30 a.m. at Sibley Park shelter #3, 900 Mound Ave. Mankato. 1 p.m. at Martson Park, 110 N. Main St., Lake Crystal. 4 p.m. at Mapleton Library Park, 104 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**\*July 8-Sept. 4** Czech Heritage Club's Exhibit featuring memorabilia of the Czech Republic. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**\*July 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Colby Straka performing acoustic music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*July 9** Music in the Park Series: storytelling singers and songwriters Charlie Roth and Matt Folkers performing 12 Noon-1 p.m. Pizza slices available for purchase. Held at Citizen's Park, downtown Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**\*July 9** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Concert by Chaz Draper and Friends, 7 p.m. Limited refreshments will be for sale by local vendors. Free, bring your own chair, coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**\*July 9-10** Madelia Park Days. **July 9:** Parade at 7 p.m. including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band and other musical groups. Free Concert in the park IV Play at 8 p.m. Fireworks at 10 p.m. **July 10:** Rivers Edge Arts & More Fair, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and free Blues Music Festival, beginning at 11:40 a.m., including performances by Billy and the Bangers, Inside Straight Blues Band, Phil Kitze & the Resonators, Soulmates, and the Jimmy's. Held at Watona Park, Madelia. Sponsored by the Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce. [www.visitmadelia.com](http://www.visitmadelia.com) or (507) 642-8822.



**\*July 9-Aug. 28** 2021 Membership Show. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**July 9-Sept. 3** The Heinselmännchen Familie' Whimsical Exhibit of German Fairytale. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**July 10** Poetry Speaks!, sponsored by Minnesota Poetry Out Loud, 10 a.m. Event includes student recitations, professional poet performances, and more. Free. Held at Curiosi-Tea House, 1745 Commerce Drive, North Mankato. Contact Melanie Schmidt at [poetry@mnspsc.org](mailto:poetry@mnspsc.org) or (507) 317-5386 for more information.



**July 10** Fun Days parade in North Mankato, including the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band, 11 a.m. (507) 625-4141.

**July 11** Farm/City Funfest parade in Winthrop, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 2 p.m. (507) 647-5306.

**July 12** Concert in the Park Series: The Wendinger Band performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 North German Street, New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or [www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

**\*July 13** Community Common Ground Series including fun and educational conversations that take two seemingly unrelated topics, learn about them from local community experts, and then work together to find the common ground that connects them, 5:30-7:30 p.m. July's event will feature murals presented by artist Dana Sikkila and mushrooms presented by Rick Esser. The event will be held virtually on Zoom. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org).

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**\*July 13** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Grace Kunkel from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).



**July 14** Festag Days parade in Minnesota Lake, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 7 p.m. (507) 462-3277.

**\*July 14** Jeff Christ performs as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.gaylordmnchamber.com](http://www.gaylordmnchamber.com).

**July 14-18** Waseca County Free Fair in Waseca, view a complete schedule at [www.wasecacountyfreefair.com](http://www.wasecacountyfreefair.com).

**\*July 15** Music in the Park series: Dakota Ramblers performing country music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. [www.winthropminnesota.com](http://www.winthropminnesota.com) or (507) 647-5306.

**July 15** Music on Parkway: Powerhouse performing classic rock, rhythm and blues, swing, and soul music, 7 p.m. Held at the city owned green space between the American Legion and Eagles Nest along Parkway Ave. in Eagle Lake. Sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake. (507) 257-3218 or <https://eaglelakemn.com/>.

**July 15** Music in the Park Series: Dave Sandersfeld performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**July 15-18** Watonwan County Fair in St. James, view a complete schedule at [www.watonwancountyfair.com](http://www.watonwancountyfair.com).

**July 15-18** Bavarian Blast, a German & American Music Festival featuring all sorts of music on multiple stages, including German-style bands, old-time, rock, and country music. Visit [www.bavarianblast.com](http://www.bavarianblast.com) for a complete schedule of events. Held at the Brown County Fairgrounds, 1212 N. Franklin St., New Ulm. (507) 233-4300.



**\*July 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Freaque performing folk music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*July 16** Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band 2021 Final Concert, 7 p.m. Held at the Mankato East High School Football Field, 2600 Hoffman Rd. (507) 389-5545 or [www.77lancers.com](http://www.77lancers.com).

**July 16-17** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater starring local cast members, "Murder on Budd Lake". Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to meet the cast. Dinner and show at 6:30 p.m. each night. Members \$40, non-members \$45, table of 6 \$250, table of 8 \$330, advanced purchase required at <http://redrockcenter.ticketleap.com>. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**July 19** Concert in the Park Series: Molly & Sunny Boy performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German Street, New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or [www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

**\*July 20** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Sean Connolly from Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**July 20** Junk Funk Drumming with Marc Anderson. Use everyday objects to create hip-hop grooves, traditional African rhythms, and iconic funky beats. 1 p.m. at Martson Park, 110 N. Main St., Lake Crystal. 4 p.m. at Mapleton Library Park, 104 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**\*July 21** The Whitesidewalls perform as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. [www.gaylordmnchamber.com](http://www.gaylordmnchamber.com) or (507) 237-5535.

**July 21-Aug. 1** Fairmont Area Community Theater presents the musical "Mama Mia!", July 21-24 & 29-30 at 7 p.m. and July 25, 31 & Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$20, students \$8, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or (507) 238-4900.



**July 22** Music in the Park Series: Good Night Gold Dust performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

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**July 22** The Mavericks En Espanol World Tour Concert, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$30-\$80. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone](http://www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone).

**July 22-25** Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City, including a concert by the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, July 22 at 5 p.m. View a complete schedule at [www.blueearthcountyfair.org](http://www.blueearthcountyfair.org).

**\*July 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Mark Braun & Caleb Braun-Schultz performing rock, country, blues, and Americana music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*July 23** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Concert by the Ted Olsen Quartet, 7 p.m. Limited refreshments will be for sale by local vendors. Free, bring your own chair, coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**July 23-25** “Little Shop of Horrors” theater performance, July 23 & 24 at 7 p.m. and July 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets: In advance adults \$12.50, students \$8, available online at [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org), at New Ulm HyVee or the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce; at the door adults \$15, students \$10. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9990.

**\*July 23-25** “A Night of One Acts” by actors in grades 9-12. Contact Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth for location, performance times, etc. Sponsored by Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth of Brown County, (507) 354-8632 or [hchynua@newulmtel.net](mailto:hchynua@newulmtel.net).

**July 24** Marktstrasse, a maker fair for vendors with only handcrafted items, including glass work, pottery, paintings, and more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Held in downtown New Ulm. (507) 340-1721 or [makerfairmn@gmail.com](mailto:makerfairmn@gmail.com).

**July 25** Kolacky Days parade in Montgomery, including the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 12 Noon. (507) 953-0094.

**July 26** Concert in the Park Series: The Schell’s Hobo Band performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 North German Street, New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or [www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

**\*July 27** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Wayne Wagner and Craig Hirschmann from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**\*July 28** The Brueskes perform as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.gaylordmnchamber.com](http://www.gaylordmnchamber.com).

**July 28** Indigenous Hoop Dancing performance by the Sampson Brothers, 10 a.m. Held at Storybook Park, 900 Nicollet Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**July 28-31** Faribault County Fair in Blue Earth, view a complete schedule at [www.faribaultcountyfair.com](http://www.faribaultcountyfair.com).

**\*July 28-Sept. 10** Mary Walchuk’s “Then Sings My Soul: A Celebration in Color” Drawing Exhibit and Jacky Garlock’s Painting Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. [www.wasecartcenter.org](http://www.wasecartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.



**\*July 29** Music in the Park series: John “A-Frame” Beck performing blues, folk, and rock-a-billy music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn’s Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or [www.winthropminnesota.com](http://www.winthropminnesota.com).

**July 29** Music in the Park Series: DW3 performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Avenue. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**\*July 30** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Crista Bohlmann performing rock, country, folk, and bluegrass music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*July 31-Aug. 27** Carter and Matt Johnson’s Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com). (507) 359-9222.



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\***GSR Fine Art Festival** in Mankato continues as a virtual gallery to purchase local artists' work. Search their ShopART gallery at: <https://shopart.gsrfineartfestival.com>

\***Project GEM** is hosting their Annual Creative Youth Show virtually in 2021, showcasing student artwork from the area. Go to their website and click on the Gallery link to view the artwork. [www.projectgemMN.org](http://www.projectgemMN.org) or (507) 726-6047.

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

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

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

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

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

## Youth Opportunities

**July 6** Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is "Birthday Banner Bonanza". Meets first Tuesday of the month. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**July 6** Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is "Jewelry, Let's Make Some!" Meets first Tuesday of the month. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**July 8** Messy Art Fun, for all ages, under age 10 with an adult, 10-11 a.m., \$10. An outdoor class to learn new and favorite messy art techniques and experimentation. Rain or shine! Dress for the mess and for the weather. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/).

**July 8-Aug. 20** Drawing Fundamentals Class, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon each day, for grades 7-12. Develop your drawing skills and technique with every class focusing on a different element or principle of design. \$10 per class, pick and choose; or all 14 classes for \$140, Art Center members \$100. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

\***July 12-15** International Language Camp. For students who have completed grades 3-6, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Students will learn about the cultures of France, Spain, Germany, and China and will participate in a variety of activities including songs, crafts, games, cooking, language instruction, and more. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed at [www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/](http://www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/). Scholarships are available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**July 13** Art Start for Tots, ages 18 months-4 years old with an adult, 10-11 a.m., \$8. Explore colors, shapes, counting, and cultures. Create artwork to take home. This month is "Spectacular Sculptures". Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/).

\***July 17** Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon, grades Kindergarten and up, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting technique. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

\***July 19-23** Introduction to Social Justice Theatre for Youth Camp, 8:30-11 a.m. each day, for grades 5-8. Learn how to use the arts and theatre to highlight social justice issues such as environment, inclusion, bullying and more. \$30, register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center Auditorium, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).

## **Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:**

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

Mankato Ballet Company: (507) 625-7716 or <http://mankatoballet.org/classes/summer/>.



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## Adult Opportunities

**\*July 3** Writing in the Park Class. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Bring a notebook, a pen, and a lawn chair, and join poet Ronda Redmond for writing prompts to strengthen your creativity. For all types of creatives at all levels. Additional session will be Aug. 7. \$10 drop-in fee per single session. Go to [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/) to register. Contact the Arts Center for each class location. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*July 5-Aug. 23** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).

**July 6-27** Intermediate Weaving Class, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. Take your weaving to the next level by exploring waffle weave. Learn about shrinkage, balance, and other key aspects of weaving a completed project. The Arts Center will provide a warped loom and fiber materials in advance. \$40, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Sponsored by Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**July 7 & 21** Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**July 8-Aug. 20** Drawing Fundamentals Class, Thursdays and Fridays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. each day. Develop your drawing skills and technique with every class focusing on a different element or principle of design. \$10 per class, pick and choose; or all 14 classes for \$140, Art Center members \$100. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

## Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

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

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

**July 12** Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**July 15** Downtown New Ulm Mural Application Deadline, 4 p.m. The New Ulm Downtown Action Team is seeking qualified artist(s) or an artist team to create a mural in the city's historic downtown at 1st North and North Minnesota Streets. The artwork will be displayed on the building's exterior wall of the Nuvera building. Your artwork, whether it be graphic design or a physical painting, will be in a framed 20' x 80' art medium. The artwork will not be directly on the building. It will be printed on billboard material that will then be placed in a frame. Themes could include New Ulm history or attractions. <https://www.newulm.com/call-for-artists/> for more information.

**July 15** Jewelry Making Hematite Bracelet Class, 1-2 p.m., \$29. Learn what hematite is and create a beautiful piece of art to take home. Register with Waseca Community Education at [www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com). Held at Waseca Central Building, 501 E. Elm Ave. (507) 835-5626 or [www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com).

**\*July 16** Artist-in-Residence Application Entry Deadline. The Grand Center for Arts and Culture will host up to three artists for individual two-three week artist residencies for Fall 2021 and Winter 2022. Artists will have the opportunity to use the Cellar Press printmaking studios and create works as an integral part of their artistic practice. For more information go to [www.thegrandnewulm.com/artistinresidence-program](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/artistinresidence-program). The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**July 18** Exhibition application deadline. The 410 Project is hosting "Selfhood" an exhibition to bring large-scale street art into the gallery space. They are calling out to Minnesota female, femme, trans, non-binary artists, and makers to come in and create work directly on the gallery walls. The walls will be divided into strips (from top to bottom), allowing 15 artists the space to create directly onto the wall. Artists will be invited to make work that defines and celebrates them as creatives. They can work in acrylic paint, spray paint, drawing materials, printmaking, fibers, and other 2D materials. Exhibition dates: Aug. 27–Sept. 12, 2021. All Ages Welcome. Contact the 410 Project or go to their Facebook page for a link to the Google Form application. Held at the 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com) or [the410project@hotmail.com](mailto:the410project@hotmail.com).



## Arts Events and Opportunities

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

\***July 22** Painting with Rhonda Class for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. The in-person class will be held outside at the New Ulm Community Center lower level parking area, 600 N. German St. There will be some canvases available for painting at home. Call to schedule pick up or delivery. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, [arsnu@newulmtel.net](mailto:arsnu@newulmtel.net), or [www.nuars.org](http://www.nuars.org).

**July** Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays. Two sessions are available: Morning session 10 a.m.-12 Noon or afternoon session 5:30-7:30 p.m. This group works on different techniques and learns new things from each other. Every week is different. Sign up at the Waseca Art Center or online at [www.wasecaartscenter.org](http://www.wasecaartscenter.org). Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecartcenter.org](http://www.wasecartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Mankato Makers Space** is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Classes may have limited numbers of participants. Visit their website to view the list of classes and the restrictions for each class. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).

**Minnesota State Arts Board** is conducting an open call for Grant Application Reviewers. The Minnesota State Arts Board seeks generous involvement of Minnesota citizens to review grant program applications remotely, serving a four-week term during July 2021-March 2022. Receive a modest financial stipend for your time providing feedback on assigned applications and help determine which will be recommended to receive funding. For more information contact (800) 866-2787, [Jenea.Rewertz-Targui@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:Jenea.Rewertz-Targui@arts.state.mn.us), or go to [www.arts.state.mn.us/reviewer.htm](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/reviewer.htm).

\***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, to visit anytime. Go to [www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn) for more information.

## Grant Opportunities

**July 15** Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Small Town Grant Deadline. Towns with populations of 10,000 or less are eligible. Requests of up to \$10,000 for eligible projects will be considered. The Small Town Grant Program supports projects which identify ways to boost the well-being of individuals and quality of life in small communities. Projects which foster community engagement and collaboration that impacts the culture, education, economy and/or social aspects of the town are eligible. Grant applications and guidelines are available at [www.smifoundation.org](http://www.smifoundation.org). Application deadline: July 15 at 4 p.m. Contact Jennifer at the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for more information, [jenniferh@smifoundation.org](mailto:jenniferh@smifoundation.org) or (507) 214-7040.

**Aug. 6** Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Individuals Deadline. This program is flexible and meant to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers adapt to a changing and challenging environment in which to work. This grant program will help them maintain their visibility and financial sustainability. Grantees will be able to use funds to sustain their practice and stay relevant and connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities now and in the future. Grant range: \$2,000-\$6,000. Application deadline: Aug. 6 at 4:30 p.m. Contact [CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us) or (800) 866-2787 for more information. For a link to the online application go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

**Oct. 1** Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Organizations Deadline. This program is flexible support for Minnesota arts organizations and for non-arts organizations that regularly offer arts programming as an integral part of their missions. It is meant to help rebuild, reimagine, and continue to adapt arts programming in response to the changing environment caused by the global pandemic. This grant program is intended to help Minnesota organizations maintain the long-term viability of their arts programming so that Minnesota residents and communities will maintain access and connection to the arts. Grant range: \$5,000-\$25,000. Application deadline: Oct. 1 at 4:30 p.m. For more information: [CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us) or (800) 866-2787. For a link to the online application go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).



# *Non-profit Art Centers*

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

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

**Carnegie Art Center, (Temporarily Closed)** 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net), (507) 625-2730, or [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com).

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

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

**The 410 Project**, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Thurs. 3-6 p.m., Fri. 2-6 p.m., and Sat. 3-6 p.m. [the410project@hotmail.com](mailto:the410project@hotmail.com) or [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**The Grand Center for Arts & Culture**, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be scheduled in-person as possible and virtually, promoted via our web site and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor of The Grand. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com).

**Waseca Art Center**, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, and weekly art appreciation discussions. Gallery hours: Wed 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org), or [info@wasecaartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecaartcenter.org).

## *College Galleries*

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

**Conkling Art Gallery**, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits are on display. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept).

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

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

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

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**In FY 2021 Prairie Lakes  
awarded 196 Grants  
totaling \$387,239**

Here's a summary of Grants awarded:

**\$52,500** - McKnight Artist Grants (35 grants)

**\$79,309** - State General funds (24 grants)  
Small Arts Project & School Grants

**\$255,430** - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH)  
(137 grants); 29 organizational grants & 108  
Youth Scholarships.

The three categories of ACH grants and the  
amounts  
awarded were:

- (1) Arts Programming/Arts Access \$213,552, which includes grants to 27 nonprofit arts organizations and community groups, for their arts programs and activities.
- (2) Arts Education \$41,878, which includes 2 school grants and 108 Youth Scholarships of \$300 or \$200 each.
- (3) Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals \$0; most community festivals were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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