

## Artist Grant Writing Workshop

**Thursday, July 21, 1:00-1:45 p.m.**

Held at the St. Peter High School, 2121 Broadway Ave., St. Peter

**Artists: Do you need funds to create new work? We can help!** You could apply for the Artist Development Grant of \$2,000 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, which is due Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. This grant is for a specific project that contributes directly to your growth and development as a professional. Artists must live in the 9-county region in southern MN that Prairie Lakes covers. Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director will discuss the guidelines and what types of artist projects can be funded, the need for work samples and a resume, etc.

*\*Artist Grant Writing Workshop Video & Workshop document on our website: [https://plrac.org/downloads/2021PLRAC\\_ArtistGrantwritingWorkshop.pdf](https://plrac.org/downloads/2021PLRAC_ArtistGrantwritingWorkshop.pdf)*

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PLRAC Artist grants are awarded with funds from the McKnight Foundation.



This workshop is part of the Minnesota Original Music Festival in St. Peter, July 18-24. Visit <https://mnomf.org/> to learn about additional events happening at the festival.

## Five New Members Were Recently Appointed

New members will begin their term in June. Biographies for all five new members are on page 3.

Thank you to our four retiring members, there are details on page 2.

**Tom David Barna**, Eagle Lake, representing Blue Earth County

**April Malphurs**, representing the City of St. Peter

**Sandy Sunde**, St. James, representing Watonwan County

**Dennis Van Moorlehem**, Arlington, representing Sibley County

**Mark Wamma**, St. Peter, representing Nicollet County



L to R: Brenda Byron, Executive Director; Sandy Sunde, Tom David Barna, and Mark Wamma.

# Honoring Four Retiring Board Members



Steve



Liz

We sincerely appreciate the service of our four retiring members on the Board of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Your dedication to the enhancement of arts activities in your city, county and the region is gratefully acknowledged. Retiring after six years is **Steve Davis**, Watonwan County; after five years **Liz Miller**, Blue Earth County; after three years **Rita Rassbach**, Nicollet County; and retiring after serving 2 years is **Diana Joseph**, City of Mankato. Steve served as President and Vice President on the Board, and Rita served as Vice President and Treasurer.



Rita



Diana

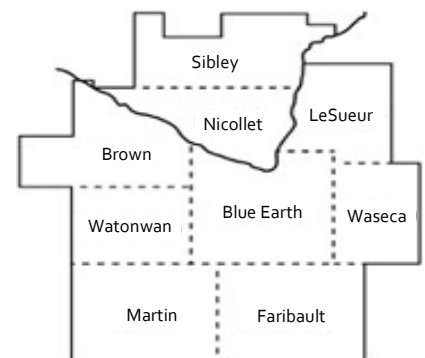


## Prairie Lakes has awarded \$596,995 in Arts Grants for FY 2022.

Prairie Lakes has awarded 87 organizational arts grants (\$523,195), 31 Artist Grants (\$46,500), and 108 Youth Scholarships (\$27,300) for a total of \$596,995 in FY 2022.

**We have concluded our grantmaking for the fiscal year as of April 2022.**

New funds for FY 2023 will be available **July 1, 2022** and continue through **April 2023**. We have an online grant application process and details are on our website. Grant program information for Arts Organizations, Community Groups, Schools and Youth Scholarships are on pages 9-10. **New guidelines will be posted on our website on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The first deadline is July 1, 2022 for the Small Arts and School Arts Program; and August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Arts & Cultural Heritage grant.** Details on pages 10-11.



**We have a board position open for the City of Fairmont, see details on page 12. Apply by 7/15/22.**

# Welcoming Our New Board Members



Tom

We are pleased to announce that five individuals have been appointed to the board. Tom David Barna of Eagle Lake will represent Blue Earth County; April Malphurs will represent the City of St. Peter; Sandy Sunde of St. James will represent Watonwan County; Dennis Van Moorlehem of Arlington will represent Sibley County; and Mark Wamma of St. Peter will represent Nicollet County.



April

**Tom David Barna** has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, former Peace Corps Volunteer. He is a writer, director, producer and actor. He is an affiliate and former board member of Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, a founding member of the Blue Earth Readers Workshop, and a member of the 4Playwrights Project. Tom is a former board member of the Mankato Playhouse. He has received several Artist grants from Prairie Lakes and recently received a Minnesota State Arts Board Artist grant. Tom has created many theatrical and musical productions, staged readings, published works as a children's author and published eBooks.



Sandy

**April Malphurs** has been reappointed to a second term. April has a MA in Art Education and BS in Interior Architecture/Design. She is a practicing artist in sculpture, glass and jewelry. Currently she is teaching community art camps and classes for children in St. Peter and at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. April was the founder of Creative Play Place in St. Peter and served as board member and director for eight years. She is currently on a leave of absence from her position as a K-5 elementary art teacher at Hoover Elementary School, Mankato. April worked with South and North Elementary Schools in St. Peter as Art Adventure Coordinator for five years and was a guest artist and volunteer with the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota in Mankato for eight years.



Dennis

**Sandy Sunde** has a BA in English and MA in Education. She is a retired Language Arts educator at St. James High School. Sandy was the co-editor of and contributor to "Your Story, My Story, Our Story" a published collection of immigrant stories. Sandy currently is a member of Uniting Cultures, Community Theater Board, multi-cultural fiesta planning committee, CAPP-Comprehensive Arts Planning Program, and council member and chair of Worship, Music, Arts Board First Lutheran Church. She previously was the director of 25 high school musical theater productions, 6 community theater musical productions, artistic director of St. James Trust Company, director of adult, youth and children's choirs.



Mark

**Dennis Van Moorlehem** has a degree in Secondary Education and has taught Auto Mechanics. He is a board member of the Sibley County Fair, MN Federation of County Fairs, Sibley County Fair grant writer for the Entertainment Committee, Arlington Chamber of Commerce grant writer and entertainment committee, and 4H Advisor. Dennis previously served on the PLRAC board from 2013-2019.

**Mark Wamma** has a BA in Honors Music Performance. He is the Music Director and Operations Director for Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra. He teaches violin and viola privately, at the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, and as an adjunct instructor for these organizations: MN State University, Mankato, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, and Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. He performs as a soloist and an orchestral musician. He is a founding member of the Two Rivers Community Orchestra and River Valley String Quartet serving as the coordinator and violinist for the latter.

**A position is open for the City of Fairmont.  
Details are on page 12.**

# 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.

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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.



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

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

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

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

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

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



# **\$178,725 in Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded in Spring 2022**

In FY 2022, a total of 23 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) grants, totaling \$178,725 in February 2022 by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The organizations are listed alphabetically. A total of \$422,705 was awarded for all ACH grants in FY 2022, spring and fall.

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, public art, 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. In FY 2023 there are two ACH Grant deadlines August 1, 2022 and February 1, 2023. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

- 4-Unity, Cornstalk Festival, Dunnell - \$6,000.**
- City Center Partnership, Mankato - \$8,000.**
- Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota - \$13,000.**
- Good Thunder Reading Series - \$8,000.**
- Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps - \$8,000.**
- Green Isle Community School - \$4,375.**
- Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce - \$6,000.**
- Mankato Area Community Band - \$4,400.**
- Mankato Area Public Schools - StoryArk - \$6,000.**
- Mankato Ballet Company - \$13,000.**
- Mankato Community Education – Pottery Studio - \$6,000.**
- Mankato School of Music - \$8,000.**
- Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$8,000.**
- Mankato Youth Place - \$5,950.**
- Minnesota Original Music Festival - \$8,000.**
- Minnesota “Over-60” Band - \$8,000.**
- Minnesota State University, Mankato, Music Performance Series - \$8,000.**
- New Ulm Suzuki School of Music - \$8,000.**
- Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Festival - \$8,000.**
- Rock Bend Folk Festival - \$6,000.**
- T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon - \$8,000.**
- The Grand Center for Arts and Culture - \$13,000.**

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These activities 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.

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

[A total of 27 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage \(ACH\) grants, totaling \\$243,980 in fall 2021 by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.](#) The organizations are listed alphabetically.

These grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities are being funded including: art classes and exhibitions, dance and theater performances, instrumental and vocal music concerts, festivals, public art, and youth field trips. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts.

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



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



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

Prairie Lakes has supported many arts projects, artists, and arts organizations with these State funds. In the next year we will be sharing the story of the Impact that these grants have had in our region, through a series of videos. We'll be talking about projects, arts organizations, and communities that are better because of the Legacy Amendment. Arts events happening in the community stimulate the local economy, promote tourism, and people eat in local restaurants and buy gas while they are in town.

We want to thank the voters of Minnesota for this huge vote of confidence that the Arts are worth investing in, in our State.



Our first video is an overview of the availability of Legacy grants from Prairie Lakes. The second video features Arts and Cultural Heritage grantee Uniting Cultures/Uniendo Culturas in St. James, who sponsor the Multicultural Fiesta in their community.

Pat Branstad and Brenda Byron met in January to record the first video, with the assistance of Triple Falls Productions, Mankato. Pat noted that the Multicultural Fiesta held in September is the signature event of their group and its mission of acknowledging and celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the St. James community.

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

**Check out the Prairie Lakes YouTube channel or Facebook page to find these video links.**

1. PLRAC Legacy Overview:  
<https://youtu.be/SF-thYamiRE>
2. St. James Legacy Video:  
<https://youtu.be/MGvoRARb8XA>



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

## FY 2022 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

**A total of 37 grants were funded totaling \$100,490.**

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips. These Small Arts and School grants were awarded July 2021 to April 2022. The next deadline is July 1, 2022.

### **BLUE EARTH COUNTY**

Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School - \$3,000  
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist fees - \$2,000  
Juneteenth Celebration, workshops - \$5,000  
Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$1,800  
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Comm. Ed. - \$1,750  
Mankato Community Ed., cultural performance - \$3,000  
Mankato Community Ed., social justice theater - \$3,000  
Mankato East High School, guest conductors - \$1,550  
Open Arts Minnesota, theater - \$3,000  
Safe Relations Space, Mankato, youth classes - \$5,000  
Southern Minnesota Real Big Band, concerts - \$3,000

### **BROWN COUNTY**

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000  
Springfield Community Theatre, performances - \$3,000  
Two Rivers Community Orchestra, concerts - \$2,300

### **FARIBAULT COUNTY**

Faribault County Fair, music performances - \$3,000

### **LESUEUR COUNTY**

Arts and Heritage Center, Montgomery, exhibit - \$1,225  
New Prague Area Arts Council, concerts - \$3,000

### **MARTIN COUNTY**

South Central MN Interpretive Center, music - \$1,725

### **NICOLLET COUNTY**

American Indian Cultural Events Group, events - \$3,000  
Bothy Folk Club, performances - \$2,000  
Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, performances - \$3,000  
Saint Peter Community Ed., summer art classes - \$5,000  
South Central Service Cooperative, writing contest - \$5,000

### **SIBLEY COUNTY**

City of Winthrop, summer concerts - \$2,000  
Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, concerts - \$3,000  
Henderson Lions Club, music performances - \$2,000  
Henderson Sauerkraut Days, performances - \$3,000  
Sibley County Fair, performances - \$3,000  
Sibley East Community Education, theater - \$3,000

### **WASECA COUNTY**

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500  
New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva School - \$3,000  
Project G.E.M., Latino artist residency - \$3,000  
Summerburst Concert Series, New Richland - \$3,000  
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,660  
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$1,980

### **WATONWAN COUNTY**

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

## Small Arts Grants Awarded in April Totaling \$9,725

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. Three Small Arts grants were awarded totaling \$9,725.

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.

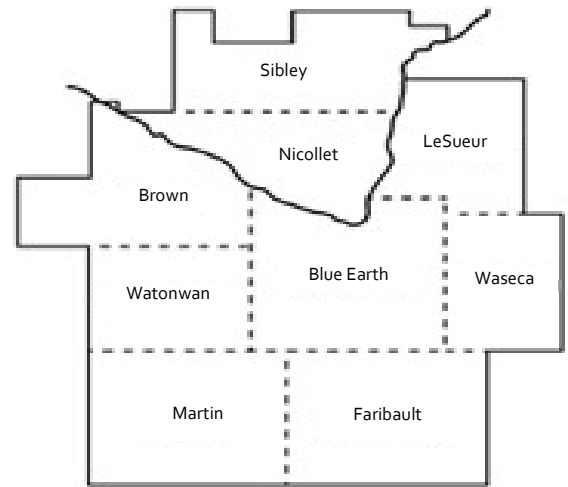
**Funds are depleted for this program. Small Arts Grants can be submitted on July 1, 2022 for events taking place September to December 2022.**

MN Statewide Juneteenth Celebration (SA) - \$5,000. They will sponsor a Juneteenth community event Saturday, June 18 at the St. Peter High School and arts activities will include two youth workshops, hip hop music and drumline performance. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Sibley East Community Education (SA) - \$3,000. They will sponsor Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "Peter Pan" for ages 7-18, June 19-25, 2022. Funds will be used for the Prairie Fire directors fees.

South Central Minnesota Interpretive Center, Heritage Trails - \$1,725. They will host their free, one day, music festival and threshing day, August 14, 2022 in Fairmont with The Leon Olsen Show, a four-piece band that plays polka music. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.





## FY 2023 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**Deadlines are: August 1 and February 1**

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

**ACH Arts Project Grant.** Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$7,000.

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

**ACH Arts & Music Festivals Grant.** Maximum request \$5,000. For non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations that are sponsoring arts/music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions.

**ACH Education Grant.** Maximum request \$5,000. For arts education programs by non-profit community groups and schools. This may include arts classes, author reading, artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops, or arts related field trips for schools.

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



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

## **Small Arts Project Grant**

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The maximum is \$2,500, BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$4,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

## **School Arts Project Grant**

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,500 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

## **Artist Development Grant \$2,000**

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

**Deadline: September 1**

Earliest start date: October 1

# FY 2023 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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

Small Arts Project Grant maximum is \$2,500 and BIPOC cultural arts project may request up to \$4,000. PLRAC is interested in receiving new applications for BIPOC cultural activities that engage the public.

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

Applications will be available online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org) beginning July 1, 2022.

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

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

## School Arts Project - \$2,500

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

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

## Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and  
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

## Artist Development Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 Deadline

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

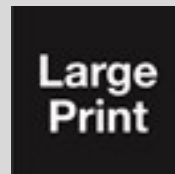
October 1 Deadline

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

November 1 Deadline

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

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



# Prairie Lakes 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.



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

# Prairie Lakes has a Board Position Open, Apply Now

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

**The deadline for submitting an application is July 15th.** Interested persons should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net). **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

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

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



Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College. The monthly meetings have been conducted as online meetings this year and may continue virtually or in person. 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 .....	Tom David Barna
Brown County .....	Beth Steffl
Faribault County.....	Julie Forderer
LeSueur County .....	Larry Pint
Martin County.....	Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerenke
Nicollet County.....	Mark Wamma
Sibley County .....	Dennis Van Moorlehem
Waseca County.....	Karen Krause
Watsonwan County .....	Sandy Sunde
City of Fairmont.....	Open
City of Mankato .....	Bethany Truman
City of New Ulm .....	Carolyn Borgen
City of North Mankato .....	Dana Sikkila
City of St. Peter .....	April Malphurs

### **Staff**

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

## **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/>



# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**\*July 1-8** Monica Ihrke's Prints Exhibit inspired by the North Shore of Minnesota. 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. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*July 1-29** Glen Burns' Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery and the Hometown Art Show in the Beckmann Gallery with a Silent Auction. (Reception, July 29, 5-7 p.m., the winning bids will be awarded.) 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. 5** "Broadcasting Live From the Triangle" Exhibit of vintage radios by Dwyane Jindra. 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-Aug. 6** Kathy Moe's Hardanger Exhibit, held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) (507) 359-9222.

**\*July 1-Aug. 27** 2022 Membership Show of visual and literary art. 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-April 2023** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

**\*July 4** Lakefest Music Festival at Clear Lake Park in Waseca, free. Pete Klug performs at 3 p.m., Miller Denn at 4 p.m., Los Tequileros at 5 p.m., Luke LeBlanc at 6:30 p.m., and Erik Koskinen at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, coolers permitted but no glass bottles. Fireworks at 10 p.m. (507) 835-7700.



**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** Red, Hot, Boom, July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, doors open at 5 p.m., with live entertainment and food. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m. and are synced to Mankato radio stations. Held at 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 5** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Jeff Christ performing classic rock, country, and folk music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

**July 5** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring David Fienen from Gustavus Adolphus College, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or [www.agosioustrails.org](http://www.agosioustrails.org).

**\*July 6** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Tim Eggebraaten and Off Duty Chief performing classic rock and country music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).

**July 6, 13 & 20** New Ulm Municipal Band Concerts, 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce. (507) 233-4300 or [www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/](http://www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/).

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

**\*July 8** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by The EZ Jazz Trio, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*July 8-9** Madelia Park Days. **July 8:** Parade at 7 p.m. including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band and other musical groups. Free music in the park by Red Dirt Road at 8:30 & 10:30 p.m. Fireworks at 10 p.m. **July 9:** 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, Mark Cameron Band, Scottie Miller Band, Bad Liquor Management, and Too Slim and the Taildraggers. Held at Watona Park, Madelia. Sponsored by the Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 642-8822 or [www.visitmadelia.com](http://www.visitmadelia.com).

**July 10** Farm/City Fun Fest parade in Winthrop, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 2 p.m. (507) 647-5306.

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**\*July 10** Summerburst Concert Series: Garrett Steinberg performing a Billy Joel and Elton John medley as well as old-time and traditional music, 12 Noon-1:30 p.m. Held at the New Richland City Park. Rain location is Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 1<sup>st</sup> St. NW, New Richland. (507) 521-1209.

**July 11** Concert in the Park Series: Wendinger Band 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 12** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by Sister Luv. Complimentary hot dog lunch. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**\*July 12** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Farmer Josh performing folk, country, and rock music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

**July 12** 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, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or [www.agosioxtrails.org](http://www.agosioxtrails.org).

**July 12** Thunder of Drums, Drum and Bugle Corps Show and Competition at Blakeslee Field, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 7 p.m. Show includes the Govenaires, Colts, Colt Cadets, Madison Scouts, River City Rhythm, and Phantom Regiment. Reserved seats in advance \$23, at the door \$25; general admission in advance \$12, at the door \$15, youth 12 and under \$6. General admission tickets available at Mankato grocery stores, Music Mart, and Community Bank; reserved tickets available at [www.thunderofdrums.org](http://www.thunderofdrums.org). (507) 382-2739 or [TODtickets@gmail.com](mailto:TODtickets@gmail.com).

**July 12** Film screening and discussion of a film as part of the “Clint Eastwood Directs Series”, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmnn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmnn.gov/363/Library).

**\*July 12 & 19** The Mankato Area Community Band will perform free outdoor concerts in Mankato at 7:30 p.m. Concerts will be in Sibley Park at 900 Mound Ave. We play all of your favorites. These family concerts are for all ages. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain or extreme heat will cancel the performance. (507) 387-6990 or “Mankato Area Community Band” on Facebook.

**\*July 13** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Jeff Christ performing rock, country, and blues music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).



**July 13-17** Waseca County Free Fair in Waseca, learn more at [www.wasecacountyfreefair.com](http://www.wasecacountyfreefair.com).

**\*July 14** Music in the Park series: Scott Kargas performing music from 1950-2000s, 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 14** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Smisek Bros. performing gospel, country, and rock music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or <https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council>.

**July 14** Music in the Park by The Benson Family Singers, performing barbershop, bluegrass, and gospel music, 6:30 p.m. Held at Gomsrud Park, 260 W. Lair Rd., Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**July 14** Music in the Park Series: Spoon Cherries performing rock, alternative, and country music, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Avenue, North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**July 14-17** Watonwan County Fair in St. James, learn more at [www.watonwancountyfair.com](http://www.watonwancountyfair.com).

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**July 14-15 & 17** “West Side Story” theater performances. July 14-15 at 7 p.m., and July 17 at 2 p.m. Advanced tickets, adults \$10 and students \$8. At the door, adults \$9 and students \$7. Held at St. Mary’s School Auditorium, 104 St. Mary’s St. SW, Sleepy Eye. [secommunitytheatre@gmail.com](mailto:secommunitytheatre@gmail.com)

**July 14-17** 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 Brown County Fairgrounds, 1212 N. Franklin St., New Ulm. (507) 233-4300.

**\*July 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring The Double Down Daredevils performing bluegrass and Americana music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**July 15** Festag Days parade in Minnesota Lake, including the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 7 p.m. (507) 462-3277.

**\*July 15-Aug. 12** Andrew Hellmund’s Sculpture Exhibit of recycled metals. 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. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**July 16-17** “Shrek The Musical Jr.” performances, 7 p.m. each day. Tickets: adults \$15, seniors \$10, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$7.50, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).

**\*July 18-24** Minnesota Original Music Festival, free concerts and educational workshops hosted by Minnesota artists at multiple locations in St. Peter, including the 72 Hour Band Challenge, singer/songwriter showcases, and music jams. Go to [www.mnomf.org](http://www.mnomf.org) for a complete schedule of events.

**July 19** 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. The event will feature free art presented by artist Patti Ruskey of Sidetracked and floral arranging presented by Sara Nett of Sweet Alice Floral. Held at the Living Earth Center, Big Red Barn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org).

**\*July 19** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Dirt Roads Band performing classic rock music, 5-8 p.m., in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

**July 19** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Elisabeth Urtel from Bethan Lutheran College, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**\*July 20** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: The Whitesidewalls performing 50’s and 60’s music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or [www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce).



**\*July 21** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Air Force Starlifter Band performing rock, pop, jazz, country, and patriotic music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or <https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council>.

**July 21** Music in the Park Series: Lost Walleye Orchestra performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**July 21-22** Minnesota author Sean Jensen will share the stories of professional athletes from his “Middle School Rules” series, focused for ages 7-12. **July 21:** 10 a.m. at the Elysian Public Library, 202 E. Main St.; 1 p.m. at the Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.; 4 p.m. at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St.; 6 p.m. at the New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S. **July 22:** 10 a.m. at the LuSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. and 1 p.m., at the LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tyron St. [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com) or (507) 835-2910.

**July 21-24 & 28-30** “Shrek The Musical” performances, July 21-23 & 28-30 at 7 p.m. and July 24 & 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$18, seniors \$12, youth \$8, Veterans/Active Duty \$9, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).



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**\*July 22** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Concert by Liz Draper et al, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, bring your own chair, refreshments and coolers are permitted but no glass bottles. The St. Peter Public Library will host a free book giveaway. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*July 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Miss Myra Duo performing swing and blues music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**July 23** Forever Elvis Tribute, 7 p.m. Advance tickets \$25, at the door \$30. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9990.

**July 24** Kolacky Days parade in Montgomery, including the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 12 Noon. (507) 953-0094.

**\*July 26** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Bob Kahle Band performing polka and old-time music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

**July 26** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Craig Hirschmann from Martin Luther College, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or [www.agosioxtrails.org](http://www.agosioxtrails.org).

**\*July 27** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: The Brueskes performing classic crooners music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord City Park, intersection of Park Dr. and Lake Blvd. Sponsored by the Gaylord Chamber of Commerce. [www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce](http://www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce) or (507) 237-5535.

**July 27-30** Faribault County Fair in Blue Earth, learn more at [www.faribaultcountyfair.com](http://www.faribaultcountyfair.com).

**\*July 28** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Timbre Junction performing bluegrass music, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to set out on the grass. Held on the grassy area west of the Hotel Broz, 212 W. Main St., New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or <https://www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council>.

**\*July 28** Music in the Park series: Schell's Hobo Band performing 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 North Main Street. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. [www.winthropminnesota.com](http://www.winthropminnesota.com) or (507) 647-5306.

**July 28** Maud Hixson: The Songs of Maud Hart Lovelace, 1 p.m. Enjoy songs from the 1890s through WWI that are referred to in Maud Hart Lovelace's beloved Betsy-Tacy series. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**July 28** Music in the Park Series: Bee Balm Fields performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**July 28-31** Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City, including a concert by the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, July 28 at 5 p.m. To learn more visit their website, [www.blueearthcountyfair.org](http://www.blueearthcountyfair.org).

**\*July 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Musik Meisters performing old-time and German music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held on the deck at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

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

**July 30** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues on Belgrade, a Blues and Jazz Festival held at the intersection of Range St. and Belgrade Ave. in North Mankato, 12 Noon-11 p.m., free. <https://businessonbelgrademn.com/events/blues-on-belgrade>

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

## Youth Opportunities

**July 1-25** Beyond the Beaten Path Teen Photo Contest. Tweens and teens ages 9-18 participate in the contest and submit photos that find a creative way to show nature and the outdoors. Contact Jeremy for more information, [jfreeman@nmlibrary.org](mailto:jfreeman@nmlibrary.org). Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**July 5** 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 the first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**July 5** 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. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets the first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).



**\*July 5-Aug. 30** Music Therapy for Kids Class, Tuesdays, ages 3-5 at 1-2 p.m. and ages 5-9 at 2:15-3:15 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. [www.mankatosom.com](http://www.mankatosom.com) or (507) 519-0860.

**July 6** 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. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Wed. of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**July 6 & 20** Creative Kids, 2:30-3:30 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**July 7 & 21** Wacky Wonders, 2-3 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*July 7-Aug. 5** sPARK Creativity Mobile Art Studio, a free art program for ages 5-12 in St. Peter. Thursdays: 9 a.m. at Gorman Park and 4 p.m. at Park Row Apartments. Fridays: 9 a.m. at Summit Park, 11 a.m. at Green Valley, 1 p.m. at Fairview Apartments, and 3 p.m. at Marway. Sponsored by St. Peter Community Education. (507) 934-3048 or [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com).

**\*July 9** Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$6, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Open studio invites children into the world of imagination through exploring, tinkering, making decisions, and enjoying the process of creating using selected materials in the studio to create their ideas at their own pace. Prompts are set up to stimulate creativity and staff is present to support ideas and facilitate projects. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**July 12 & 26** Teen Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway Street. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**\*July 16** Creative Kids Class. Creating a Honey Bee Hive Craft with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$35. Participants will be instructed in the process of creating this craft. Each individual will leave with their own unique creation. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

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\***July 18-21** Fiber Arts Day Camp. Having fun with fabrics and textiles. 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Grades 5-12, \$100. Registration required. There will be a public display of the students work on July 23. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

\***July 18-22** 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. \$20, register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at the Mankato East High School Auditorium, 2600 Hoffman Road, Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).

**July 21** Get Crafty with the Mankato Makerspace, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, for all ages. After demonstrations from the Makerspace's experts, visit a variety of stations where you can explore sculpting with clay, mandala painting, leather crafting, and aerosol art. Held at Sibley Park, Shelter #3, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**July 26-27** Watercolor Fruits & Vegetables Class, 5:30-7 p.m. each day. Age 13 to adults, \$40. Learn to paint with watercolors. Registration required. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

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

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota:  
(507) 625-2005 or [www.dcsmdance.com/performances](http://www.dcsmdance.com/performances).

Mankato Ballet Company: (507) 625-7716 or [www.mankatoballet.org/classes/summer/](http://www.mankatoballet.org/classes/summer/).

## Adult Opportunities

**July 6 & 20** Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the 1st and 3rd 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 5-Aug. 30** Music Therapy for Adults Class, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. [www.mankatosom.com](http://www.mankatosom.com) or (507) 519-0860.

**July 11** Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about 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. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

\***July 11-Aug. 29** Adult String Group Class, Mondays, 7-8 p.m. For adult beginners who are eager to experience playing music with others. \$50, registration required. Held at Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. [www.mankatosom.com](http://www.mankatosom.com) or (507) 519-0860.

**July 11** 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 14** Poetry Workshop with Minnesota Poet Laureate Gwen Westerman, 1-3 p.m. Aspiring poets of all experience levels can join Gwen in drafting new poems, sharing their work, and learning about the craft of poetry from one of its finest practitioners. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

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\***July 27** Open Knitting. 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**July 30 & 31** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, July 30 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and July 31 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$75, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**July** Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. 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.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org). Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

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

**July** Call for Proposals. The Waseca Art Center is seeking proposals for solo and group exhibitions for 2023. They have two gallery spaces which each host one exhibit per month. The exhibit fee is \$100. Submit an artist statement, 6-10 digital images of your work or video links. For more information contact Jess at [info@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:info@wasecaartscouncil.org). Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State St. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**July-Aug.** Call for Panelists. The Minnesota Humanities Center is seeking Minnesota-based grant reviewers who understand the depth and breadth of the lived experiences of the legislatively named cultural groups and individuals working to create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture, and heritage of diverse Minnesota communities. Pay range of \$250-\$750 is based on participation. If interested, contact Laura at [laura@mnhum.org](mailto:laura@mnhum.org) or (651) 772-4244.

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

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

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

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## Grant Opportunities

**July 15 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Individuals Deadline**. This program is meant to provide support to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with their communities in a time of transition. This grant program is designed to be flexible and allow for adaptability in response to unexpected changes during the grant period. Grant range: \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: July 15 at 4:30 p.m. Contact (800) 866-2787 or [CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us) for more information. For a link to the application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

**Sept. 9 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Organizations Deadline**. This program provides support to help organizations deliver arts programming and meaningfully engage their communities in a time of transition. Grant range: \$5,000-\$30,000. Application deadline: Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Contact (800) 866-2787 or [CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us) for more information. For a link to the online application go to the MN 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. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

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

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com), [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net) or (507) 625-2730.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## College Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

## Community Theaters

**Curtain Call Theatre**. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations. [www.curtaincalltheatre.net](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.net) or (507) 744-8497.

**Mankato Playhouse**. 12 Civic Center Plaza Ste 1700, Mankato. [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com), (507) 317-1245 or (507) 338-5800.

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

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

**State Street Theater Company**. Performances at their building, 1 N. State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990, [info@statestreetnewulm.org](mailto:info@statestreetnewulm.org), [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

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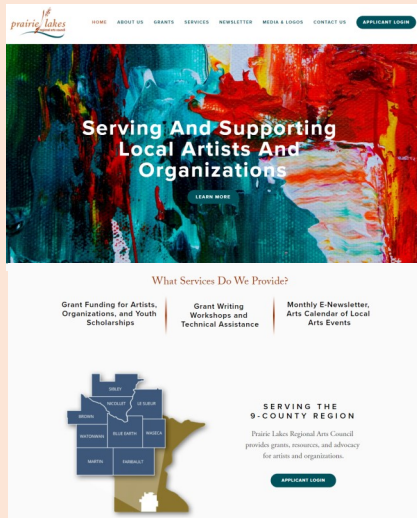
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