



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 will be available online by July 1st.*

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.

Here is a link to the **PLRAC Artist Grant Writing Video:**
https://youtu.be/Nem47_C2mPQ

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 to discuss your artist project idea, we would be happy to assist you.

[Artist grant questions and more details are on page 5.](#)

Artist Grant Webinar

**Tuesday, June 15 at 5 p.m. or
Tuesday, July 20 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 to obtain meeting login information.

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 have been working with our current Webmaster to create our new site and launch it to coincide with the New Fiscal Year which begins July 1, 2021.

What Motivates Us When We Think Of Building Our Online Presence And Website?

- We would like Prairie Lakes information to look Professional in How it is Presented Online.
- We want to create a new Vibrant website format that is Up-To-Date, Easy to Navigate, and Accessible.
- We want to create new Videos that provide an Overview of the Artist and Organization grants we offer.

Prairie Lakes hired Triple Falls Productions in Mankato to create some videos for us. 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 September 1st.

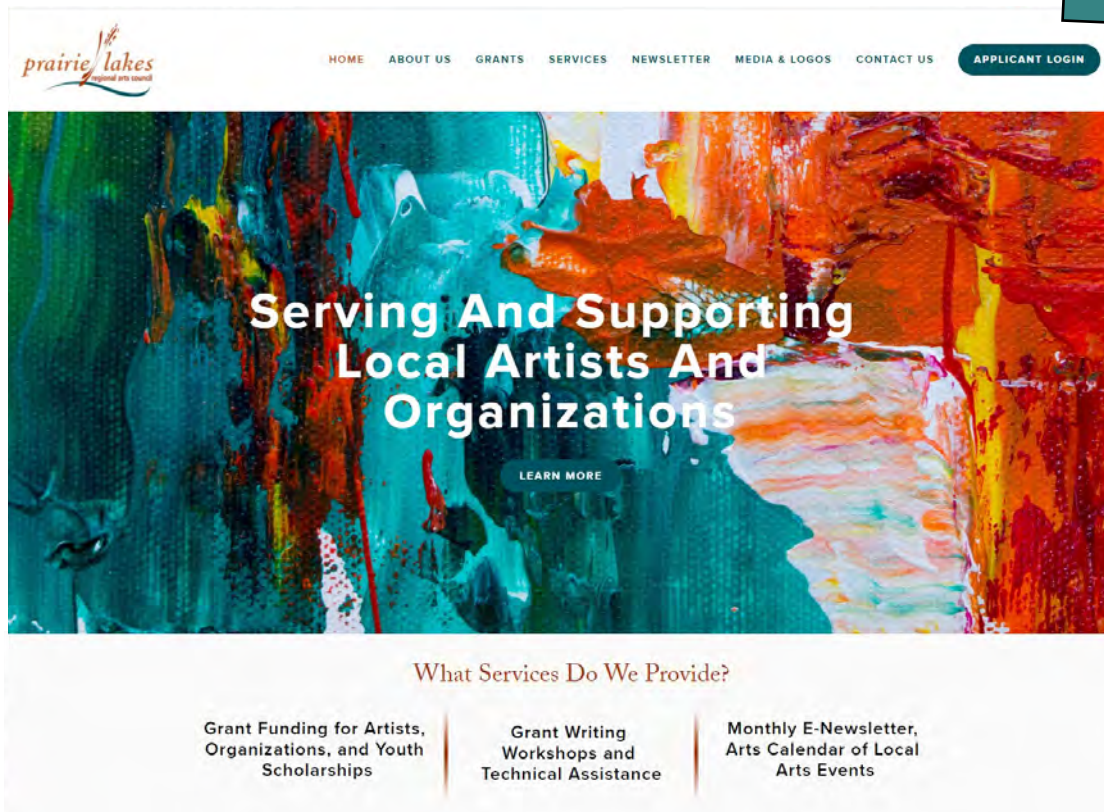
Videotaping and production began in May and Brenda Byron, Executive Director participated in the videotaping sessions along with other artists Bryan Holland, Dana Sikkila and Jaci Ullrich, in various art locations and at the Arts Center of Saint Peter.

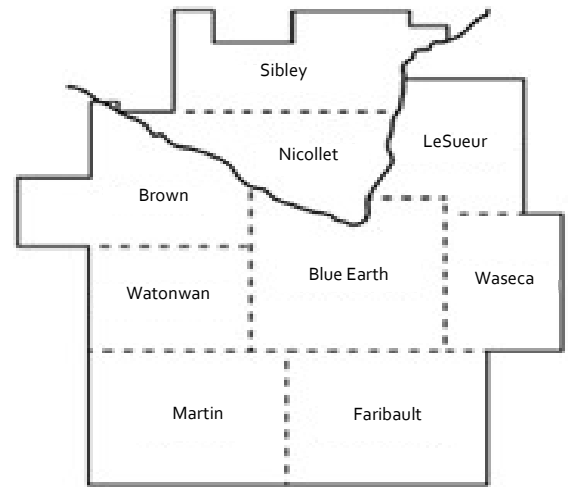
In addition, Triple Falls Productions, Mankato did a Podcast interview with Brenda Byron about Prairie Lakes, and our artist grant program at the end of April.

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
www.plrac.org





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. Funds are exhausted for all FY 2021 programs.

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 will be online by July 1, 2021.

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

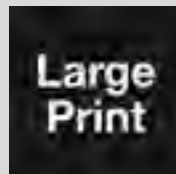
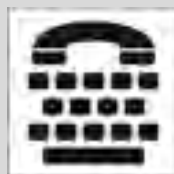
October 1 Deadline

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.

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.



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 1st 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**

More details are on page 6 about the artist survey that was completed in February 2021. This information was used to plan for our FY 2022 Artist Grant Program.

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!



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February 2021 **Artist Survey Results**

The feedback Prairie Lakes received from the February 2021 Artist Survey was taken into consideration in keeping the grant size at \$1,500 for FY 2022, noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director. **Artist's overwhelmingly chose the \$1,500 grant size with 77% of respondents selecting this option.** The board noted they will evaluate this grant size again in one year and may consider changes for FY 2023.

Here are some details from the Artist Survey:

1. At What Level or Category are you as an Artist?

38% Established Professional Artist, 26% Arts Educator,
20% Identified themselves as an Emerging Artist,
13% Hobbyist and 3% Crafts person.

2. What arts discipline do you primarily work in?

51% Visual Art, 14% Instrumental Music, 14% Literature, 10% Theater, 4% Vocal Music,
4% Dance, and 1% Media Arts.

The 2021 Artist survey was completed by 69 individuals and details were discussed at the regular board meeting on 2/25/21. The purposes for the survey were to confirm preferences for the artist Grant Size in FY 2022-23, and two scenarios were available to either continue with the \$1,500 grant size, which was a COVID response style grant and amount; or to return to the FY 2020 style of grants with two different amounts and deadlines (\$3,000 & \$1,000 size grants). **Artist's overwhelmingly chose the \$1,500 grant size with 77% of respondents selecting this option.**

The secondary purpose of the survey was to ask Artists what Barriers they have when Applying for an Artist Grant. This is in direct correlation to our PLRAC Equity and Inclusion meetings, and information reviewed with our new Prairie Lakes Equity Taskforce community members that met in winter and spring 2021.

The respondents were asked to identify Barriers that they have when Applying for an Artist Grant. A total of 64% of the artists that participated in the survey, said that they do not have any barriers to participate when applying for an Artist Grant.

- **The highest barrier at 18% was - I am too busy trying to make a living and it consumes all my time;**
- The second barrier at 16% was - I do not have the personal time to devote to my work right now;
- The third barrier was - I do not have work samples ready to submit with my application;
- The fourth barrier was that artists did not have a resume ready to submit, and;
- Fifth the Artists stated: "I lack the confidence to write a grant, and so I did not apply".

The restriction on frequency of the artist grant for FY 2022 (not eligible again if received in FY 2021), came directly from Artist comments in the survey.

Several individuals had these comments: It seems the same artists get funded year after year. I think there should be a limit on number of grants, so more artists can be funded. I appreciate PLRAC funding artists who are struggling financially. I also appreciate your attempt to fund artists from throughout the nine-counties. Try to give grants to artists that have never received a grant before, not the same artists over and over again.

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. 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.



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)

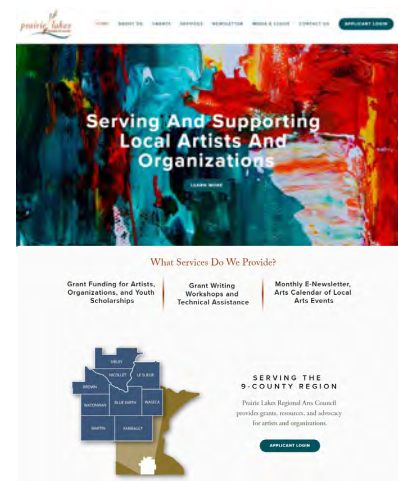
\$79,309 - State General funds (24 grants)
Small Arts Project & School Grants

\$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.

Have you visited
www.plrac.org lately?



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

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

FY 2021 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

***These State grants were awarded August 2020 through May 2021; and funds are exhausted.**

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.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

410 Project, banner art project for youth - \$4,000
Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - \$4,000
Deep Valley Book Festival, virtual author talks - \$1,400
Deep Valley Book Festival, fall event - \$4,000
Greater Mankato Diversity Council, festival - \$4,000
GSR Fine Art Festival, virtual artist gallery - \$2,000
Open Arts Minnesota, virtual theater - \$4,000
ProMusica Minnesota, concert festival - \$4,000

BROWN COUNTY

Adaptive Recreational Services, art classes - \$4,000
Healthy Comm./Healthy Youth, public art - \$4,000

LE SUEUR COUNTY

City of Waterville, public art mural - \$4,000
Tri-City United Community Education, dance - \$2,000

MARTIN COUNTY

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

NICOLLET COUNTY

Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, artist fees - \$4,000
Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Festival - \$4,000
South Central Service Cooperative, youth writing - \$3,500
St. Peter Community Education, art classes - \$4,000
St. Peter Public Library, Somali sewing classes - \$4,000
VINE Memoir Writers Group, book publishing - \$4,000

SIBLEY COUNTY

2B Continued, virtual dance classes - \$4,000
City of Winthrop - concerts in the park - \$1,904

WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project - \$1,800
Project GEM, Latino artist residency - \$3,000
Waseca Marching Classic, band critiques - \$1,980

PLRAC Board Position from 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 June 15. Interested persons residing in Fairmont should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at 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.....	Carol Soma
LeSueur County	Larry Pint
Martin County.....	Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomeranke
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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.)

***June 1-11** Dana Rose's Photography Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 12 noon-5 p.m. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at www.thegrandnewulm.com. (507) 359-9222.

June 1-25 "1862" Exhibit by the Johnson Brothers, an abstract representation of the uprising in New Ulm in 1862. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

June 1-July 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>.

June 1-July 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

June 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.

***June 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 or (507) 388-1062.

***June 2-4** Whitey Thompson's "Covid Colors" Painting Exhibit, Leilla Johannsen's Drawing Exhibit, and an Interactive Art 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.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 3 "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Jeremy Poland Band performing pop and folky pop music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or www.greatermankato.com.


***June 3-July 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.

***June 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Nate Boots & The High Horses performing acoustic and alternative 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.

June 4-20 James Mackey's "Faster Than Speed" Painting Exhibit. (Reception, June 4, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***June 4-July 3** Gary Campbell's 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 or (507) 931-3630.

June 5 "Madams, Matrons, and Madwomen: Extraordinary Women in American History" Concert by Elisa Korenne. This program will be presented virtually through Zoom, so registration is encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***June 6-10** ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival with Artistic Directors Peter McGuire and Bethel Balge, Minnesota Orchestra's Associate Principal Cello Silver Ainomäe, and violinist Colin McGuire performing select concerts. June 6, 4 p.m., "Kreutzer" Concert featuring works by Beethoven and Grieg. June 8, 7 p.m., "Élégiaque" Concert featuring works by Bach and Rachmaninoff. June 9, 7 p.m., Young Artists Recital featuring standout student musicians from Minnesota. June 10, 7 p.m., "Bonn Revolutionary" Concert featuring works by Beethoven and Mendelssohn. Individual Festival Pass for all four concerts \$40, Family Festival Pass \$100, individual concert \$15, individual concert student \$5, purchase at www.promusicamn.com. Concerts held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 766-7561, (507) 205-2249, or www.promusicamn.com. 

Prairie Lakes is on Facebook!



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

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June 7 Concert in the Park Series: Concord Singers 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/.

June 7-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/ or (507) 389-6767.

***June 8** 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. June's event will feature beer brewing presented by Locale Brewing Company and blowing glass presented by artist April Malphurs. 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.

June 8 Summer Concert Series: Michael Shynes performing R&B, pop, and blues music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

***June 8** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Tom Andrews from Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or www.agosiouxtrails.org.

***June 8-25** Prairie Star Quilt Show. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.



***June 8, 15, 22 & 29** 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. www.mankatoareacommunityband.us or (507) 387-6990.

June 9-12 "Some Enchanted Evening; The Songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein" theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. All tickets are general admission and must be purchased in advance at www.msutheatre.com for \$24. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.msutheatre.com.

***June 9-July 23** Arron Rykhous 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. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 9, 16, 23 & 30 New Ulm Municipal Band Concerts, 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8347.

***June 10** Music in the Park series: Alan Carlson performing at 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, (507) 647-5306.

June 10 "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Mark Joseph and the American Soul performing soul and blues music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or www.greatermankato.com.

***June 10** Meet the 2021 Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band, 4:50-8:15 p.m. Held at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Rd. www.77lancers.com or (507) 381-0316.

**Arts Event Happening
in Your Area?**

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

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

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***June 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Maygen & The Birdwatchers performing indie folk and bluegrass soul music, 6-8 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

June 11 “The Johnny Cash Story” performance, 7 p.m. Tickets: In advance \$20, at www.statestreetnewulm.org; at the door \$25. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. www.statestreetnewulm.org or (507) 359-9990.

June 12 St. Peter Ambassadors Blues Festival, 12 Noon-9:30 p.m., free. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. www.stpeterambassadors.com/2021-ambassadors-blues-fest/ or contact@stpeterambassadors.com.

June 13 Country Music Concert by Jamey Johnson with special guest Whiskey Myers, doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$28-\$73. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock Street, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone.

June 14 Concert in the Park Series: Tricia and the Toonies performing at 6:30 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/.

June 15 Summer Concert Series: Patsy O’Brien performing folk and acoustic music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

***June 15** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Chad Winterfeldt from Gustavus Adolphus College, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. (507) 951-2665 or www.agosioxtrails.org.

June 17 Music on Parkway: Neon Live performing rock, pop, funk and country music, 7 p.m. Held at the city owned green space between the American Legion and Eagles Nest along Parkway Avenue in Eagle Lake. Sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake. (507) 257-3218 or <https://eaglelakemn.com/>.

June 17 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, Irie Minds performing reggae rock and ska music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. www.greatermankato.com or (507) 385-6640.

***June 18** Music in the Park Series: Red Rock Center’s Summer Kamp Kids and their Instructors will perform 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. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

***June 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring The Bockfest Boys performing popular 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.

***June 19** Juneteenth Celebration, 12 Noon-4 p.m., commemorating the historical beginnings of African-American independence in the United States. Events include live jazz, R&B, Soul, and Hip Hop performances by the Hip Hop Coalition, Tanaya, and Prate; performance by TKO Drumline; kids activities; a Black Business Expo with keynote speakers, a panel discussion, and more. Held on the lawn of the Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by the Greater Mankato Diversity Council, www.mankatodiversity.org or (507) 385-6653.

June 19 ArtSplash, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Taylor Library. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Including local arts and crafts, live music, children’s art activities, food and drink vendors, and more. Held at South Central College Campus, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. On Facebook: ArtSplash Art Fair in North Mankato, (507) 345-5120.

June 19 Country Music Concert by Aaron Lewis and the Stateliners, doors open at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$37-\$77. 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, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.vetterstoneamphitheater.com/home-vetterstone.


***June 19-July 16** Nan Karr Kaufenberg’s Prints Exhibit featuring landscapes, architecture, and every day scenes. 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. (507) 359-9222.



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June 21 & 28 Concert in the Park Series: Garage 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/.

June 22 Summer Concert Series: Joyann Parker performing blues music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com. 

***June 22** 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 Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. www.agosiouxtrails.org or (507) 951-2665.

***June 22** Author Gail Boe will be reading, discussing, and signing her children's book, "Lettuce", 6:30 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***June 24** Music in the Park series: Dains Dutchmen performing country, waltz, and polka 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.


June 24 "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Chemistry Set performing Americana, rock, and alternative country music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. Held at the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. (507) 385-6640 or www.greatermankato.com.

***June 25** Music in the Park Series: Matt & Laurel performing acoustic music from the 60's to today, 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 or (507) 235-9262.

***June 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music on their deck, featuring Ace in the Whole performing bluegrass, blues, jazz, folk, and western 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.

***June 25-27** Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music and other events will take place. Watch Facebook for a schedule of events. (507) 248-3234 or "Henderson Sauerkraut Days" on Facebook.

***June 25-27** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of "Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr." June 25-26 at 7:30 p.m., and June 27 at 2 p.m. Tables for 2, 4, or 6 people will be sold. Empty seats at a sold table will not be sold to another guest and table price is not reduced if all seats are not filled. Purchase tickets online at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

June 26-27 Shakespeare in the Park performances of "Twelfth Night". June 26 at 2 & 7 p.m. and June 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$10 and students \$8, available from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm HyVee, or online at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by State Street Theater, 1 North State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org. 

***June 29** Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Garrett Steinberg, 12:10 p.m., free. Held at Garrett's church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. www.agosiouxtrails.org or (507) 951-2665.

June 29 Summer Concert Series: Fellow Pynins performing folk music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

***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 or (507) 726-6047.

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 or (507) 931-0089.

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

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

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

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June 1 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 “Marvelous Matisse Fish” using collage and mixed media. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 1 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 “Creepy Crawly Bugs”, create a paper Flutterbye and a Polymer clay beetle. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 1-12 ArtSplash Children’s Booths Registration. Children under 18 can sign up to have a booth free of charge at the annual Art Splash event, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Taylor Library. The event will be held June 19 at South Central College in North Mankato. Stop by the library or contact Katie to register. kheintz@nmlibrary.org or (507) 345-5120. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

June 1-30 Enter the Young Writer and Artist Competition, for ages 7-18, sponsored by The Deep Valley Book Festival. Writers: submit a story, in 1,500 words or less, on the theme of “Family”. Artists: choose your favorite book and illustrate your favorite scene on an 8.5” x 11” sheet. Go to www.deepvalleybookfestival.com/young-writers-artists-competition for more information, submission instructions, and entry forms. www.deepvalleybookfestival.com, (507) 340-4594, or contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com. 

***June 1-30** Poetry Speaks! Registration. The Poetry Recitation Contest is for ages 12 and up. Four locations in Minnesota will be hosting events. Students can participate live or submit a recording for judging. July 8 in the Twin Cities, **July 10 in Mankato**, July 14 in Rochester, and July 23 in Duluth. Register online at www.mnscsc.org/poetry-out-loud. For more information contact Melanie or Mary at poetry@mnscsc.org. Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. www.mnscsc.org or (952) 715-8745.

***June 3-4** Artwork Drop Off Days for the Youth Member Art Exhibit for grades K-12. Artwork does not need to be framed. Please put the child’s name and title of the artwork on the back. Open to any Waseca Art Center members or family members. Exhibit will be June 9-July 23. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701. 

June 5, 12, 19 & 26 Billy & The Kids Program, an inclusive program to reach youth on the Autism Spectrum through the dramatic arts, Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 Noon, free. Youth on the Autism Spectrum will work with other students to create an original theater production, loosely based on Shakespeare’s comedy, Twelfth Night and will have a chance to get involved with all aspects of a theater production including theater basics, writing a script, acting, set design, props, costumes, and more. For more information or to register, contact Michael at koestermichaelj@gmail.com or 507-240-0869. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. www.statestreetnewulm.org or (507) 359-9990.

***June 7-10** Summer Creativity Camp. For students who have completed K-7th grade. Morning sessions from 9 a.m.-12 Noon will be for grades K-3 and afternoon sessions from 1-4 p.m. will be for grades 4-7. Students participate in a variety of fine arts activities. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed at www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/. Scholarships are available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

June 8 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. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org/ or (507) 235-9262.

***June 10** Beautiful Art for Beautiful Brains Class. Ages 7 and up, 2-4 p.m., free. Join author and writing instructor Kirstin Cronn-Mills to make and take a book about your mind and its unique ideas! Families will be provided with craft materials for book creation, plus writing and drawing prompts to fill the book. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Class will be held in the Art Center’s back parking lot. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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June 14-18 Music and Arts Summer Camp, For students entering grades 1-6, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$40. Explore the visual and performing arts in a welcoming and supportive community. Bring a bag lunch each day. 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/.

June 17 Teen Writing Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon. Join award-winning author Kirstin Cronn-Mills for a fun, inspiring workshop and start writing some stories of your own. Limited to 20 participants. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 East Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***June 19** Children's Learn to Paint Class, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$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. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***June 22-23** Auditions for Springfield Community Theatre and Springfield Community Education's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" production. Auditions are open to those beginning 7th grade and up. June 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and June 23 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. There will be a sign up for a children's youth choir for grades 3-6 prior to the new school year. Performances will be in November. Auditions held at Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 S. Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315, Springfield Community Theatre on Facebook, or neidt@newulmtel.net.

June 22-25 Summer Explorers Make and Take Summer Camp, Grades K-3, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$55. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, Batik butterflies, music, and more. There will be a student show June 25, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Art Center and the projects will also be on display at the Waseca County Fair, July 14-18. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

June 22-25 Club Picasso Summer Camp, Grades 4-6, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$55. A fun twist to art including painting, contour drawing, tie-dye t-shirts, ripped paper collage, and more. There will be a student show June 25, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Art Center and the projects will also be on display at the Waseca County Fair, July 14-18. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

June 22-25 Summer Art Camp, Grades 7-12, 1:30-4 p.m. each day, \$55. A fun twist to art including mixed media collage, abstract painting, bleach and tie-dye t-shirts, and more. There will be a student show June 25, 11:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the Art Center and the projects will also be on display at the Waseca County Fair, July 14-18. Register with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

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/>.

Adult Opportunities

***June 1-3** Community Mural Painting. Red Rock Center for the Arts is painting a large scale mural on the exterior wall located at 406 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont. Come be part of this fun community collaboration. Go to www.redrockcenter.org to sign up for a painting time. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***June 1-July 16** Artist-in-Residence Application Entry. 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.

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

June 2 & 16 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

June 5 Making Local History Come Alive through Character Writing Workshop with Elisa Korenne, 6:15 p.m. Learn how to create engaging and lifelike characters in family or local history writing. Held virtually through Zoom, so registration is encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

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***June 5** 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 creative muscles. For all types of creatives at all levels. Additional sessions will be held July 3 and Aug. 7. \$25 for all three sessions if you register in advance, \$10 drop-in fee to participate in single sessions. Go to www.artscentersp.org/classes/ to register. First class will be held at the Minnesota Square Park Pavilion, St. Peter. Other meeting places to be determined. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

***June 5 & 12** En Plein Air Tapestry Weaving Class. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This beginner class will teach you the skills to create a tapestry from start to finish. Incorporate materials from the natural world into your weaving while exploring basic tapestry skills such as warping, clasped weft, seamless color changes, weave patterns and more. \$20, register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Class will be held outdoors at the Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 8, 10 & 12 Watercolor Painting and Natural Florals Class, 5:30 p.m. each day. Learn the basic techniques of this beautiful medium working with natural floral themes. By the end of the sessions you will complete 2-3 paintings. \$50, includes supplies you can take home. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***June 10** Write the Book of Your Beautiful Brain for Adults Class. 7-9 p.m., free. Do you have a unique/unquiet/expansive/unruly/different/neurodivergent brain? Join author and writing instructor Kirstin Cronn-Mills for an evening of writing and drawing prompts about your brain and its fantastic possibilities. Materials provided by the Arts Center. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Class will be held in the Art Center's back parking lot. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

***June 14-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.

June 16-18 Community Mural Workshops, 3-5 p.m. each day, all ages welcome, free. The Waseca Arts Center will be holding three workshops with muralists to help hand paint two murals that will be displayed in Waseca. Community members will have the chance to help paint the murals with the theme "Waseca welcomes you". Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***June 17** 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 the Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, arsnu@newulmtel.net, www.nuars.org, or (507) 217-0383.

***June 19 & 24** Tapestry Wall Hanging Class. 10 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Use a tapestry loom to create a weaving from warping to finished project. The Art Center will provide a loom and the necessary fiber materials. \$20, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***June 22-23** Auditions for Springfield Community Theatre and Springfield Community Education's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" production. June 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and June 23 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Performances will be in November. Auditions held at Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 S. Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315, Springfield Community Theatre on Facebook, or neidt@newulmtel.net.

June 23-July 3 Artwork Entry Days for the 2021 Membership Show at the Arts Center of Saint Peter. Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sun. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Up to two pieces will be accepted. No entry fee. You need to be a member to participate. You can join or renew your membership when you drop off your artwork. Exhibit will be July 9-Aug. 28. Contact the Arts Center for more information and to download an entry form. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***June 26-27** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, June 26 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 27 at 1-5 p.m. Create a quilt pattern to paint on a 2' x 2' board. \$75, materials provided. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

June 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. Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.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 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

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.



Watch videos, read a brief description of all Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists topics and find upcoming Work of Art workshops, panel, classes or events on their website <https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/>

Time Management: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQuPVEO3ECI&t=132s>

***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 for more information.

Grant Opportunities

June 4 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: June 4 at 4:30 p.m., a 2nd deadline will be Aug. 6. For more information contact CreativeSupport-Individuals@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

June 25 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: June 25 at 4:30 p.m., a 2nd deadline will be Oct. 1. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: 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 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. Register online for classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org, or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. 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.thecarnegiemankato.com, (507) 625-2730, or artctr@hickorytech.net.

Emy Frentz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios and gallery space. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 1-6 p.m. emyfrentzartsguild@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, (507) 235-9262, or 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 or 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, (507) 359-9222, or 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, or info@wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

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

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

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

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

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. 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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