

Two Board Positions are Open for the City of Fairmont and the City of Mankato. Please apply by June 10th.

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. Interested persons should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at plrac@hickorytech.net. **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org.** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application. Refer to page 12 for full details.

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

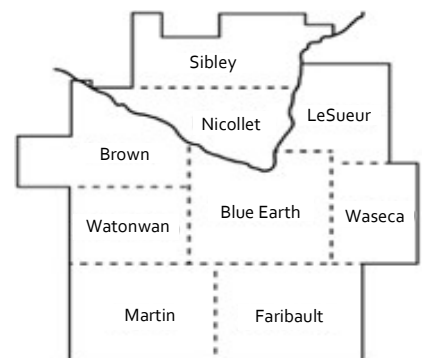


Prairie Lakes has awarded \$596,995 in Arts Grants for FY 2022.

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 1st. The first deadline is July 1, 2022 for the Small Arts and School Arts Program; and August 1st for the Arts & Cultural Heritage grant. Details on pages 10-11.



We have two board positions open for the Cities of Fairmont and Mankato, see details on page 12. Apply by 6/10/22.

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

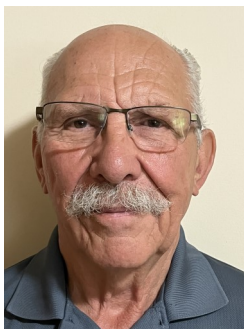
Tom David Barna has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, former Peace Corps Volunteer. He is a writer, director, producer and actor. He is an affiliate and former board member of Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, a founding member of the Blue Earth 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.



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.

Sandy

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.



Dennis

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

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.

**Two positions are still open for Cities of Fairmont and Mankato.
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.

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



MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

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.

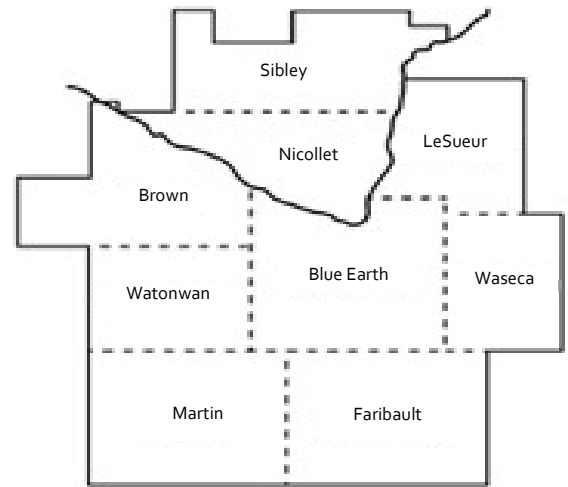
We encourage applications for artistic performances or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in the 9-county region. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

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 grant may be up to \$2,500. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$4,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

School Arts Project Grant

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

Artist Development Grant \$2,000

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

Deadline: September 1

Earliest start date: October 1

FY 2023 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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

Arts Project Grants for BIPOC cultural projects. Small Arts Project Grants for BIPOC cultural projects will be available. We are interested in receiving new applications for arts projects for cultural activities.

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

Applications will be available online at www.plrac.org beginning July 1, 2022.

Small Arts Project - \$2,500

BIPOC Projects - \$4,000

School Arts Project - \$2,500

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

FY 2023 grant applications will be available online at www.plrac.org beginning July 1, 2022. A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

Artist Development Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

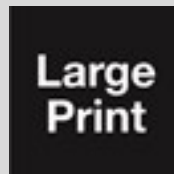
October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

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

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



Prairie Lakes 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.

Prairie Lakes has Two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has two positions on the Board for representatives for the **Cities of Fairmont and Mankato**.

The deadline for submitting an application is June 10th. The first meeting will be July 28, 2022. Interested persons should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at plrac@hickorytech.net. **You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org.** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

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

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

Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at 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	Liz Miller
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City of New Ulm	Carolyn Borgen
City of North Mankato	Dana Sikkila
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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.)

***June 1** Youth Member Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Yvonne Cory's "Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings" Fiber Exhibit of aprons in the Great Hall Gallery. (Reception for Yvonne Cory, June 1, 1-2:30 p.m. Yvonne will also present the program "Vintage Apron Art Woven in Today's Textile Arts" beginning at 2:30 p.m.) 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 1-3** "Spring Into Art" Youth Art Exhibit by students Pre-K through 6th grade. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

June 1-3 Cellar Press Exhibit of printmaking products and equipment, celebrating the 3rd Anniversary of the Grand's Cellar Press. Held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***June 1-25** Lisa Bierer's "Layer by Layer" 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 (507) 931-3630.

***June 1-April 2023** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

June 2 "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Space Hug performing indie pop rock 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 2-25 Quilts by Sue Westgaard Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

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

***June 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Los Rebeldes performing tex-mex 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.

***June 3** The 7th Gen Kids Art Show, 4-6 p.m. Show support by buying art or donating quarters to their craft at the event. Held at Safe Relations Space, 1109 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. "Safe Relations" on Facebook.

June 3 Organ Recital featuring Dr. Joel Bacon from Colorado State University, 7 p.m. Free, but donations are encouraged. Held at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 605 North State Street, New Ulm. Sponsored by Dr. Tom Andrews and the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. www.agosiouxtrails.org or (507) 934-1836.

June 3-25 Anwen Teachout's Exhibition of Recent Work. (Reception, June 3, 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** Mankato Playhouse presents an "Elton John Tribute", 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$11 can be purchased online and if available, can be purchased at the door 30 min. before the show. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***June 5-8** ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival featuring Jenny Haugen, Gabriel Campos Zamora, Jenni Seo, Bethel Balge, Susie Park, and Silver Ainomäe performing select concerts. June 5, 3 p.m., "Fairy Tales" Concert featuring works by Mozart, Brahms, and Schumann. June 6, 7 p.m., "Mother Tongue" Concert featuring works by Schumann, Boulanger, Beach, and Chaminade. June 7, 7 p.m., Young Artists Recital featuring standout student musicians from Minnesota. June 8, 7 p.m., "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires" Concert featuring works by Beethoven, Turina, Saint-Saëns, and Piazzola. Individual Festival Pass for all four concerts \$50, Family Festival Pass \$120, individual concert \$20, individual concert student \$5, purchase at www.promusicamn.com. Concerts held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 205-2249, or www.promusicamn.com.


June 6 Concert in the Park Series: Concord Singers performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or (507) 233-4300.

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***June 7** 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.


June 7 Summer Concert Series: Innocent Reggae Band performing at 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of Fourth Avenue NE and Second Street NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

***June 7, 14, 21 & 28** The Mankato Area Community Band will perform free outdoor concerts in Mankato at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening in June. Concerts will be in Sibley Park at 900 Mound Ave. on June 7, 14 and 21. The annual patriotic concert will be on June 28 in historic Lincoln Park, 811 Broad St. 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. 

***June 8** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: HammerTyme performing country, rock and pop music from the 40's-80's, 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.

***June 8, 15, 22 & 29** Lake Crystal Area Community Band Concerts, 6:30 p.m. June 8 at Zion Lutheran Church, 211 E. Robinson St., Lake Crystal; June 15 at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 980 S. Main St., Lake Crystal; June 22 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 19216 Rapidan Ave., Mankato (Rapidan); and June 29 at Crystal Seasons, 222 South Murphy Street, Lake Crystal. (507) 726-2747.

June 8-11 “Nonsense” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

***June 8-July 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. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701. 

***June 9** Music in the Park series: Troy Flemming performing country music, 6:30 p.m. Held at 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 or (507) 647-5306.

June 9 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, Holy Rocka Rollaz performing rockabilly and early American 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 9-12 Exhibit of work by Roger Preuss, a Waterville native who won many awards for art and writing. June 10 at 7 p.m. and June 12 at 2:30 p.m., Jeff Jarvis will give a presentation about Preuss and his contribution to the arts. Held at Make It, Waterville, 103 S. 3rd St. Hours: Thurs. 4-7, Fri. 1-7 and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by LeSueur County Historical Society, (507) 267-4091 or www.lesueurcountyhistory.org.

***June 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Colby Straka performing acoustic covers 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.

***June 10-July 8** Monica Ihrke's Prints Exhibit inspired by the North Shore of Minnesota. (Reception, June 10, 6:30 p.m.) Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

June 10-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 or (507) 359-9222.

June 11 Old Town Art Fair in Mankato, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Many activities will be happening along N. Riverfront Dr. in Mankato including live music performances, graffiti and street artist performances, and a fine art market by the Coffee Hag; mural painting at the Wooden Spoon; art scavenger hunt by Denco Lighting; miniature painting art show at the Dork Den; and a community mural painting at the Mom & Pop's Ice Cream Shop. Visit “Old Town Art Fair” on Facebook for more information.

June 11 Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet performance on the patio, 1 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org. 

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June 11 St. Peter Ambassadors Blues Festival, 12 Noon-9:30 p.m., free. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Go to www.stpeterambassadors.com/2022-ambassadors-blues-fest/ to view the schedule of performers. contact@stpeterambassadors.com.

***June 12** Summerburst Concert Series: The Benson Family Singers performing barbershop and bluegrass music, 3:30-5 p.m. Held at the New Richland City Park. Rain location is Trinity Lutheran Church, 204 1st St. NW, New Richland. (507) 521-1209.

June 13 Concert in the Park Series: The Wildflowers performing at 6:30 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or (507) 233-4300.

***June 14** 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.

June 14 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.newulmnmn.gov/363/Library.

June 14 Summer Concert Series: Buffalo Galaxy performing bluegrass 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** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: Joe Tougas & Associates featuring Ann Fee performing 1970’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.

June 16 Interactive Performance by costumed historian Arn Kind, showing the demise of the James-Younger Gang, 1 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

June 16 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, The Gentlemen’s Anti-Temperance League performing swing and jazz 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 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Crista Bohlmann performing folk and 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.

***June 17-18** 1st Annual Minnesota Statewide Juneteenth Celebration. **June 17**, 4:30-8:45 p.m., youth activities including a fashion show and art exhibit, held at the YMCA, 1401 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. **June 18**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., open to everyone, including youth DJ and beatboxing workshops; contemporary art exhibit; Black Business Expo; movie debut from the Kessel Institute, MN State University, Mankato; live music performances; basketball tournament; and more, held at St. Peter High School, 2121 Broadway Ave., St. Peter. (507) 236-0950 or mankato.mnhhc@gmail.com.

June 18 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 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, 1-5 p.m., commemorating the historical beginnings of African-American independence in the United States. Events include a Black-Owned Business Expo 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 20 Concert in the Park Series: Molly & Sonny Boy performing at 7 p.m., held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by New Ulm Chamber of Commerce. www.newulm.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or (507) 233-4300.

***June 21** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Dirt Roads Band performing classic 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.

Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

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

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

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June 21 Summer Concert Series: We Are The Willows performing orchestral-pop music at 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 21 Young Adult Author Katie Roiger will discuss her book “Only the Brave”, 6 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***June 22** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: The Brothers Frantzich with Joe Savage from A Prairie Home Companion Band performing folk and pop 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.



June 23 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, City Mouse performing Americana 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 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Freaque performing folk 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. www.theGrandNewUlm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***June 24-25** “Mary’s Fairy Tale” presented by Open Arts Minnesota, Aktion Club Theatre of Mankato, Centenary’s Social Justice Theatre Team and Minnesota State University, Mankato’s LitReach Program. The staged, original play is written by Aktion Club Theatre member Mary Templin; and follows Mary from her life in the Faribault State Hospital until she meets the love of her life and gets married. June 24 at 7 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. Held at Centenary Church, 501 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Saturday’s show will be sensory friendly/ASL will be available. Freewill donations accepted at the door. For more information, contact Wilbur at 507-779-6292 or visit www.openartsminnesota.org



***June 24-25** Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre performances of “Robin Hood” by students ages 7 and up, June 24 at 7 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. Adults \$5 and children \$1. Held at Sibley East High School Auditorium, 208 W. Douglas St., Arlington. Sponsored by Sibley East Community Education, (507) 237-3322.

June 24-25 Waseca Community Education sponsors Summer Children’s Theater production of “Goldilocks on Trial”, June 24 at 7 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. Held at Waseca High School Performing Arts Center, 1717 2nd St. NW. (507) 835-5626 or <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>.

***June 24-26** Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music and other events will take place including the Ellis Academy Irish Dancers, Schell’s Hobo Band, Riverblenders quartet and more. Watch Facebook for a schedule of events. (507) 248-3234 or “Henderson Sauerkraut Days” on Facebook.

***June 25** The Bothy Folk Club presents music by Pop Wagner, 1 p.m. Freewill donation. Held at Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St, Mankato. Go to “Bothy Folk Club – Mankato, Minnesota” on Facebook.

***June 25-26** Cornstalk Festival, beginning at 3 p.m. on June 25. Celebrate and enjoy live music, children’s theater activities, art, and more. Free camping. Held at 437 40th Ave., Dunnell. www.cornstalkconvergence.com or “Cornstalk Convergence” on Facebook.

June 25-26 Fairmont Area Community Theater’s youth theater program presents “The Princess and the Ogre”, June 25 at 5 p.m. and June 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15, available at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.

June 27 Concert in the Park Series: Pint Size Polkas performing at 7 p.m., enjoy some entertaining, educational, and funny music that is fun for kids and adults alike. Held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***June 28** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Christa Bohlmann performing folk and country 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.

June 28 Summer Concert Series: Chris Koza performing pop music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 835-2910.

***June 29** Gaylord Music on Main Concert Series: The Kingery Family performing bluegrass 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.



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***June 30** Music at the Broz Concert Series: Little Chicago performing 60's and 70's pop rock, 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 Street, New Prague. Sponsored by the New Prague Area Arts Council, (952) 758-1733 or www.npaschools.org/community-education/arts-council.

June 30 Spoken Word with COMPAS Teaching Artist Frank Sentwali, using poetry and live music to promote morality, self-reliance, and accountability, 10:30 a.m. Held at Shelter #3 at Sibley Park, 900 Mound Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 30 "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Stacy K performing folk rock 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 30-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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Opportunities

June 3 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 Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 4-July 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. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

***June 6-9** 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 including ceramics, leather work, painting, drawing, etching press, and more. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed, www.newulm.k12.mn.us/community-ed/. Scholarships are available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

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

June 7 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 first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***June 7-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 or (507) 519-0860.

June 8 & 22 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.

**The Prairie Lakes Office
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Monday, June 20th
for the Juneteenth holiday.**

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June 9 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.

***June 9-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.

***June 11** Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$6, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Open Art 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. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver. Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

June 13-17 Music, Arts, and More Summer Camp, For students entering grades 1-6, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$50. Explore visual art, music, theatre, songwriting and more. 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 13-24** Art Camp, Mon.-Fri., 12 Noon-4 p.m., grades 3-8. Camp will include classes on many different art mediums. Register with GFW Community Education. Held at Gibbon-Fairfaix-Winthrop Elementary School, 323 E. 11th St., Gibbon, (507) 834-6822. Sponsored by T-Bird Community Arts. (507) 647-5224.

June 13-16 or 27-30 Club Picasso Summer Camp, Grades 4-6, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$75. Choose one week. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/> with Waseca Community Education. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 13-16 or 27-30 Little Rembrandts Summer Camp, Grades K-3, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$75. Choose one week. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/> with Waseca Community Education. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.


June 13-16 or 27-30 Cassatt Society Summer Camp, Grades 7-12, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day, \$75. Choose one week. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/> with Waseca Community Education. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

June 14 & 28 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 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***June 18** Creative Kids Class. Creating a Tree of Life with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten and older, \$35. Participants will be instructed in the process of creating a Tree of Life 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.

***June 20** Prairie Fire Children's Theatre auditions and performances of "Robin Hood" for students ages 7 and up from the Sibley East School District. Auditions are June 20 at 9 a.m. Performances are June 24 at 7 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. Held at Sibley East High School Auditorium, 208 W. Douglas St., Arlington. Sponsored by Sibley East Community Education, (507) 237-3322.

June 30 Teen Writing Workshop with Rachel Anderson of Sigma's Bookshelf, 1-4 p.m. Workshop is for teenagers interested in novel writing, including where story ideas come from, character development, story outlining, how to get started on your manuscript, and publishing. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

June Basic Skills Skating Lessons. Starting in June the Mankato Figure Skating Club will offer group lessons for anyone interested in learning how to ice skate or would like to strengthen their skating skills. Open to anyone ages 3 and up, figure skaters and hockey skaters welcome. No experience necessary. For more information contact the Mankato Figure Skating Club at mankatofsc@yahoo.com. 

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

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

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

Arts Events and Opportunities

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Adult Opportunities

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

June 6 Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

***June 6-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 the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Court, Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

***June 7-Aug. 30** Music Therapy for Adults Class, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$15 per class, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

June 15-25

Artwork Entry Days
for the 2022 Membership Show of
visual and literary art at the
Arts Center of Saint Peter.

**Drop off: Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sun. 1-5 p.m.,
and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Up to two pieces will be accepted, not juried, no entry fee. However, you need to be a member to participate. You can join or renew your membership when you drop off your artwork or online on the arts center's website. Exhibit will be July 1-Aug. 27. 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 13 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

June 16 & 23 Creating a Barn Quilt Class, 5-10 p.m. each day. 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. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

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

June 29 Bob Ross ARTifact Workshop, 6 p.m., adults 18 and older. Participants will paint Bob Ross plates. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

June 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.wasecaartscenter.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.

June 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

June Open Call for Grant Application Reviewers. The Minnesota State Arts Board seeks volunteers to review grant applications remotely, serving a four-week term during July 2022-February 2023. Minnesota residents will commit 30 hours and participate in a full day panel meeting. Participants will receive a financial stipend for their time. For more information contact Jenea at (651) 539-2657 or Jenea.Rewertz-Targui@arts.state.mn.us. <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/reviewer/reviewer.htm>.

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June-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. Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State St. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

June-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 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, or www.nuars.org.

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

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

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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. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or 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.

Non-profit Art Centers

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

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

Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. 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, 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 or (507) 779-7206.

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

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

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

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

College Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

Community Theaters

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

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

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

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

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

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