



Free Artist Workshop

at the 410 Project,
523 South Front Street, Mankato

SOLD

Engaging Customers and Selling Your Work

June 6, 2023 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Artists can register to attend by emailing
plrac@hickorytech.net

Dana Sikkila, Executive Director of the 410 Project will present be the workshop presenter. **Workshops and PLRAC Artist Grants are funded by the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis.**

Dana Sikkila is a Minnesota-based interdisciplinary maker and creator. At just 37 years old, Sikkila has been named one of the most well-known creative leaders of Southern Minnesota. Known for her social practice and activism programs, creative consulting, public speaking, and her theory development within creative curriculum, Sikkila's practices span from working in communities from rural to the Twin Cities. Her self-defining administration style has bridged the gap between arts creation and administration. Developing numerous grassroots cultural projects and exhibitions throughout the state.

Artists: Do you need funds to create new work? We can help. Professional Mid-Career Artist Grants of \$3,000 and Artist Career Development Grants of \$1,500 will be available in FY 2024.

A Grant Writing Workshop will be presented at 6:00 p.m. by Cindy Lewer, Prairie Lakes Program Manager.

Please email plrac@hickorytech.net to register.

We encourage new artists to attend!

PLRAC Grant Funding for FY 2023 has been exhausted

The next available FY 2024 deadline will be July 1, 2023 for Small Arts Projects or School Arts Projects happening after July 1st.

Prairie Lakes FY 2023 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023)

Total Awarded: \$465,026

\$304,400 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants to 47 arts organizations, community groups, and schools

\$85,826 – State General funds (36 grants)
Small Arts Project & School Grants

\$30,800 - 121 Youth Scholarships to Students in grades 3-12

\$44,000 – Artist Development Grants (22 grants)
Grant amount is \$2,000, 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

Honoring Four Retiring Board Members

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 county and the region is gratefully acknowledged. Retiring after serving six years is **Karen Krause**, Waseca County; after three years **Larry Pint**, LeSueur County; after nine years **Dana Sikkila**, Nicollet County; and retiring after serving three years is **Beth Steffl**, Brown County.



Karen Krause



Larry Pint



Dana Sikkila



Beth Steffl

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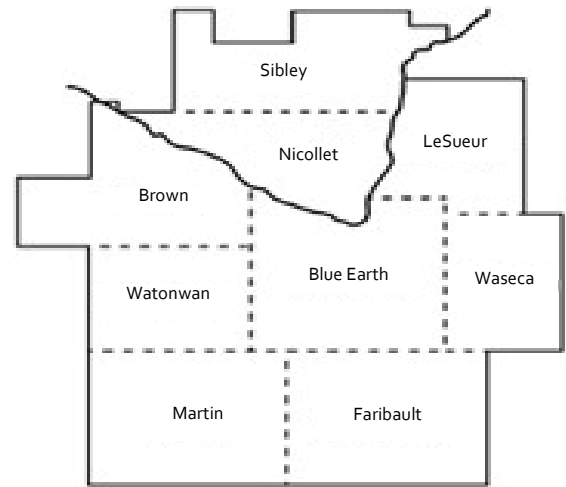
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FY 2023 Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

Front Row (L to R): Julie Forderer; Beth Steffl; Sandy Sunde; April Malphurs; and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager.
Back Row: Larry Pint; Pam Trumbull, Program Assistant; Tom David Barna; Karen Krause; Mark Wamma; and Kristi Gaalswyk-Pomerenke. Not pictured: Carolyn Borgen; Randy Mediger; Dana Sikkila; and Bethany Truman.



FY 2024 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: August 1 and January 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 cash match is required.**

ACH Arts Project Grant. Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$9,000.

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 both age groups 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.**

Individual Artist Grants

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, or artist time.

Deadline: October 1 - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, \$3,000

Deadline: March 1 - Career Development Grant, \$1,500

FY 2024 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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

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

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

Applications are available online at www.plrac.org.
A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.

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

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

School Arts Project - \$2,500

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

November 1 Deadline

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and Jan. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$9,000
Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000
Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant - \$3,000

October 1, 2023 Deadline

Artist Career Development Grant

\$1,500

March 1, 2024 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.



Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

A total of \$156,400 was awarded to 25 Area Organizations

A total of 25 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) grants, totaling \$156,400 in spring 2023 by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The organizations are listed alphabetically.

The grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including instrumental and vocal music concerts; theater, dance, and figure skating performances; exhibitions; festivals; public art; artist residencies; and classes for youth and adults are being funded. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts. The next ACH Grant deadline is August 1, 2023. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

4-Unity, Cornstalk Festival, Dunnell - \$5,000.

Carnegie Art Center, Mankato - \$7,000.

City Center Partnership, Mankato - \$7,000.

City of New Prague - \$7,000.

City of Waldorf - \$3,000.

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota - \$7,000.

Gaylord Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000.

Govenaires Performing Arts Association - \$7,000.

Green Isle Community School - \$5,000.

Imagine Martin, Fairmont - \$7,000.

Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000.

Mankato Area Community Band - \$4,400.

Mankato Area Public Schools - StoryArk - \$5,000.

Mankato Ballet Company - \$7,000.

Mankato Figure Skating Club - \$7,000.

Mankato School of Music - \$7,000.

Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$7,000.

Minnesota Original Music Festival - \$7,000.

Minnesota "Over-60" Band - \$7,000.

Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, Music Performance Series - \$7,000.

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music - \$7,000.

Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Festival - \$7,000.

Rock Bend Folk Festival - \$5,000.

T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon - \$7,000.

The Grand Center for Arts and Culture - \$7,000.



\$148,000 in Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded in Fall 2022

A total of 22 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) grants, totaling \$148,000 in fall 2022 by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The organizations are listed alphabetically.

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Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle - \$5,000.

Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$7,000.

Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - \$7,000.

DalekoArts, New Prague - \$7,000.

Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - \$7,000.

Fairmont Opera House - \$7,000.

La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$7,000.

Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's - \$7,000.

Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$7,000.

Mankato Children's Chorus - \$5,000.

Mankato Makerspace - \$7,000.

Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - \$7,000.

Merely Players Community Theatre - \$7,000.

Minnesota New Country School - \$5,000.

Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$7,000.

Musicorum, Mankato - \$7,000.

New Ulm Figure Skating Club - \$7,000.

Project G.E.M. - \$7,000.

ProMusica Minnesota - \$7,000.

South Central Service Cooperative - \$7,000.

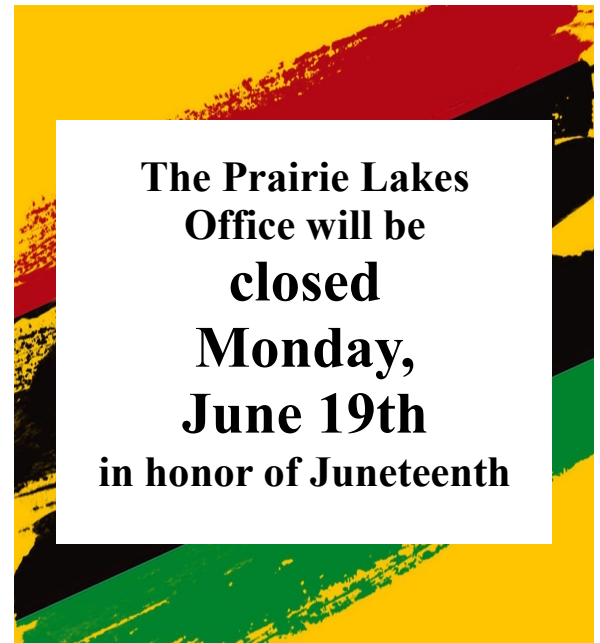
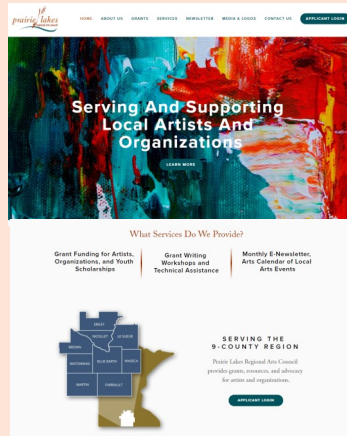
State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - \$7,000.

Waseca Arts Council - \$7,000.



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 2023 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Betsy-Tacy Society, mural - \$2,500
 Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School - \$2,500
 Deep Valley Book Festival, artist fees - \$2,500
 GSR Fine Art Festival, artist stipends - \$2,500
 Kearney International Center, cultural festival - \$4,000
 Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$2,035
 Midwest Art Catalyst, Mankato, festival - \$4,000
 Minnesota River Bend Brass Choir, concerts - \$2,500
 Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, chapbook - \$2,496
 Open Arts Minnesota, theater performance - \$2,500
 St. Clair Public School, music artist residency - \$2,500
 Southern Minnesota Real Big Band, concerts - \$2,500

BROWN COUNTY

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000
 Martin Luther College Wind Symphony, workshop - \$2,500
 Sleepy Eye High School, field trip - \$2,140

FARIBAULT COUNTY

Blue Earth Area High School, arts workshops - \$2,500
 Faribault County Fair, performance/demo - \$2,500

LE SUEUR COUNTY

Le Sueur County Fair, music performances - \$1,700
 New Prague Area Arts Council, concert series - \$2,500
 Park Elementary School, dance performance - \$1,250

MARTIN COUNTY

Martin County Historical Society, mural - \$2,310
 South Center MN Interpretive Center, music - \$1,500

NICOLLET COUNTY

Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, performances - \$2,500
 Saint Peter Community Ed., summer art classes - \$4,000
 True Essentials Consulting, Juneteenth event - \$4,000

SIBLEY COUNTY

City of Green Isle, town celebration music - \$1,300
 City of Winthrop, concert series - \$2,000
 Christmas in the Country, festival - \$1,500
 Henderson Lions Club, concert series - \$2,500
 Henderson Sauerkraut Days, performances - \$2,500
 Ney Environmental Education Foundation, music - \$975
 Sibley County Fair, performances - \$2,500

WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500
 Summerburst Concert Series, music - \$4,000
 Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,050
 Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$2,070

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

June 1 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, City Mouse performing classic 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 1 Concert by Hungrytown performing folk music, 7 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.



June 1-9 Montserrat Alejandra Ulloa Romero’s Mini Gallery of Masterpieces Exhibit. This exhibit will present reinterpretations of works of art by famous artists in minimalist form. 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.org.

***June 1-24** Brian Frink’s “Mythic Gardens of the Future” Exhibit. 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 1-23** Robin Waburton’s Wood Carving Exhibit and Bradley Donner’s Painting Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***June 1-24** Denise Friesen, Joel Moline, and Brad Widness’ “Impressions” Exhibit and Brent Oglesbee’s “Fabricated Function” Exhibit. (Reception, June 23, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemandkato.com or (507) 625-2730.

June 1-July 8 “Through The Lens” Photography Exhibit by local artists. 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 1-April 2024** The annual 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** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Los Rebeldes performing tex-mex music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

June 2-17 “Music in Focus” collaborative Photography Exhibit of the Southern Minnesota Music Scene by Emily Stark, Bailey Burg, Fede Sagolpa, Zach Sproles, Jacob Bases, and Willis Stout. (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 2-July 1 Queer Experience Regional Exhibition. (Reception, June 2, 6 p.m.) The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, in collaboration with the 410 Project, Arts Center of Saint Peter, and the Carnegie Art Center, will host an exhibition. 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.org.

June 3-24 “The Show Must Go On” Backstage Escape Game, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. each day. Tickets available at www.dalekoarts.com. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. www.dalekoarts.com or (952) 314-9077.

June 6 Summer Concert Series: Traveled Ground performing Americana music at 7 p.m., held at the 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 6 “Shakespeare Light & More”, a free introduction to a comedy production, 12 Noon. A fun preparation to State Street Theaters production of “Much Ado About Nothing”. Bring a bag lunch, water and dessert provided. RSVP by June 2 to info@statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.


June 6-7 Vietnamese Music Concerts. Thi Vu will perform traditional Vietnamese music utilizing unique instruments. Learn about the instruments and the folk songs of Vietnam. For all ages. June 6, 10 a.m., held at the Trinity School Gym, 412 N. Main St., Janesville. Sponsored by the Janesville Library, (507) 234-6605. June 6, 1 p.m., at LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tryone St., (507) 357-6792. June 7, 10 a.m., at New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708. June 7, 1 p.m., at Waseca Public Library, 408 North State Street, (507) 835-2910. June 7, 4 p.m., at Elysian Public Library, 202 East Main Street, (507) 267-4411. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

***June 6-27** Henderson Music on Main Concerts, Tuesdays during the Classic Car Roll Ins, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

***June 6, 13, 20 & 27** 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 6, 13 and 29. The annual patriotic concert will be on June 27 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. (507) 387-6990 or “Mankato Area Community Band” on Facebook.

***June 7** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: Mankato Riverblenders performing barbershop music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce. 

June 7 Virtual author event with Mike Rucker, Ph.D. He will discuss his book “The Fun Habit: How the Disciplined Pursuit of Joy and Wonder Can Change Your Life”, 3 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 7-10 Highland Summer Theatre performances of “The Spongebob Musical”, 7:30 p.m. each day. Tickets \$24 at <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/theatre-arts/performances-tickets/>. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661.

***June 7, 14 & 21** Lake Crystal Area Community Band Concerts, 6:30 p.m. June 7 at Zion Lutheran Church, 211 E. Robinson St., Lake Crystal; June 14 at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 980 S. Main St., Lake Crystal; and June 21 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 19216 Rapidan Ave., Mankato (Rapidan). (507) 726-2747.

June 8 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, The Bad Companions performing roots-rock 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 8, 9 & 11** ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival. June 8, 7 p.m., “June Twilight” Concert featuring works by Rebecca Clarke, and Robert Schumann’s D Minor Trio. Three art students from Bethany Lutheran College will paint their impressions of Shumann’s Trio in real time during the performance. June 9, 7 p.m., Young Artists Recital featuring standout student musicians from Minnesota. Paintings will be displayed by the first ProMusica Student Art Competition. June 11, 3 p.m., “A Trio of Trios” Concert featuring works by Destenay, Stravinsky, and Mendelssohn. Individual Festival Pass for all three concerts \$35, Family Festival Pass \$80, student Festival Pass \$10. Purchase at www.promusicamn.com. Concerts held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. www.promusicamn.com or (507) 205-2249.

***June 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Adrian Barnett & the Questet performing jazz music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

June 9-11 Williams Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing” comedy theater performances, June 9-10 at 7 p.m. and June 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, ages 12 and under \$5, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. www.statestreetnewulm.org or (507) 359-9990.

June 10 Riverfront Art Fair in Mankato, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Celebrating music and art, community, and food. Local artists will be set up on Washington St., just outside of the Coffee Hag along with live music all day. River Valley Makers will be across the street at the Hub Food Park with food trucks. Visit “Riverfront Art Fair” on Facebook for more information.

June 10 Concert by Barenaked Ladies with special guests Semisonic and Del Amitri, 7 p.m. Tickets \$63-\$274, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West. Rock Street, Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

June 10 St. Peter Ambassadors Blues Festival, 12 Noon-9:30 p.m., free. Held at Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter. Go to “St. Peter Ambassadors” on Facebook to view the schedule of performers. contact@stpeterambassadors.com.



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** Summerburst Concert Series: The White Sidewalls performing 50's 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 11 & 25** Open Clay Studio in English or Spanish, 3-5 p.m. Try your hand at clay or develop your skills, with guidance and encouragement from an experienced potter. Free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 13 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Kaleb Schmidt, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org. Additional recitals will be held throughout the summer.

June 13 Summer Concert Series: Rocket Soul Choir performing rock 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 13 Screening and discussion of "Forbidden Planet" from 1956, 6:30 p.m. Second in a series looking at the history of special effects in cinema. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***June 13** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by Sister Luv performing pop, country, and gospel music. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

***June 14** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Brueskes performing classic crooners music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploregaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

June 14 Concert by Good Morning Bedlam performing folk and pop music, 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Gomsrud Park, 260 W. Lair Rd., Fairmont. Sponsored by Red Rock Center for the Arts. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

June 15 "Songs on the Lawn" Concert, Nunnabove performing alternative pop 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 15** Music in the Park series: Blake Klastimeir Band performing polka and waltz music, 6:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Rain location is Hahn's Dining & Lounge, 206 N. Main St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. www.winthropminnesota.com or (507) 647-5306.

June 15 Virtual author event with Jamie Beck. She will discuss her book "An American in Provence", 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***June 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Double Down Daredevils performing bluegrass music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

June 16 The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute Show, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.



June 16-17 Solstice Outdoor Music Festival, gates open at 4 p.m. on June 16 and at 11 a.m. on June 17. Live music, live art, vendors, food trucks and more. Adult admission Friday only \$25, Saturday only \$35, two day pass, \$50. Ages 12 and under free with an adult. Held at the Hub Food Park, 512 N. Riverfront Drive, Mankato. ceromankato@gmail.com, (507) 327-7797, or "Mankato Solstice Outdoor Music Festival" on Facebook.

***June 16-18 & 23-25** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of "Anything Goes Youth Edition" June 16-17 & 23-24 at 7 p.m. and June 18 & 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15 and students \$12. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

June 16-Aug. 11 Creativity Camp Exhibit by the Creativity Camp students. 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.org.

June 17 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.

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June 17 Author Book Signing by Julie Jo, author of “100 Things to do in Minnesota Before you Die.”, 1 p.m. Held at 108 Alchemy, 110 E. Washington St., Mankato. Search for “108 Alchemy” on Facebook.

***June 17 & 19** 2nd Annual Minnesota Statewide Juneteenth Celebration. **June 17**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Freedom Parade, live music, basketball tournament, Black Business Expo, Kids Corner, food, and more, held at the St. Peter Community Center, 600 S. 5th St. **June 19**, 4-8 p.m., pre-play reception, panel discussion, and production “Kumbayah: The Juneteenth Story” in partnership with the Minnesota Humanities Center, held at St. Peter High School, 2121 Broadway Ave., St. Peter. (507) 382-3681 or destiny@trueessentialsconsulting.com.

June 17 6th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, 12 Noon-5 p.m., commemorating the historical beginnings of African-American independence in the United States. Events include Black-Owned Business Expo, performing artists, keynote speakers 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 18** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra’s “Homespun Fun” Pops Orchestra Concert with Becky Buller and Ned Luberecki, 3 p.m. Admission is “Pay what you can.” Held at Mankato West High School, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. www.mayso.net.

June 19 & 20 Author visit by Forensic Psychologist Frank F. Weber, to speaking on the writing of True Crime, forensic work, and his latest book “The Haunted House of Hillman”, June 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, (507) 359-8334. June 20, 6-7 p.m., at North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., (507) 345-5120.

June 19 Concert in the Park by Ralph’s World performing entertaining, educational, and funny music that is fun for kids and adults alike, 7 p.m. Held at German Park amphitheater, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

June 20 Singing and Humming Mummies with Compas Artist Kashimana Ahua, 10:30 a.m. Kashimana Ahua believes each new day brings a new song from within if we only take the moment to write it! Join her for this interactive performance that celebrates the power of singing and humming to create layers of melodies with the goal of making soothing and relaxing harmonies together. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4020.

June 20 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring David Mertesdorf, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org. Additional recitals will be held throughout the summer.

June 20 Summer Concert Series: David Huckfelt performing folk 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 20 Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox Find the Blues! Join a journey down the Mississippi River on a search for the Blues and find characters who represent many music genres. For all ages. 10 a.m., at New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708. 1 p.m., at Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St., (507) 835-2910. 4 p.m., at LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St., www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 665-2662.

***June 21** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Holy Rocka Rollaz performing early American rock music, 5-7 p.m. Held at Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

June 21 Summer Solstice Celebration, 5:30-7 p.m. Including live music by Laura Karels of Bee Balm Fields, kid’s crafts, lawn games, poetry reading, drum circle, and more. Free. Held at the Living Earth Center Community Garden, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

June 22 “Songs on the Lawn” Concert, The DW3 performing acoustic rock funk 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 22 The Brian and Susan Project presents “Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox Find the Blues”, 4 p.m. An original musical story that follows Paul and Babe from Lake Itasca all the way to New Orleans as they make friends and find amazing music. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

***June 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Bockfest Boys Trio performing polka music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

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June 23 Concert by Gov't Mule, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$47-\$199, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock Street, Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

***June 23-25** Cornstalk Music, Art & Peace Festival, beginning at 6 p.m. on June 23. Celebrate and enjoy live music, children's theater activities, art, and more. Free camping. Held at 437 40th Ave., Dunnell. "Cornstalk Convergence" on Facebook.

***June 23-25** Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music and other events will take place including the Ellis Academy Irish Dancers, Larry Novotny on the concertina, Don Sieberg performing polka music, and more. Watch "Henderson Sauerkraut Days" on Facebook for a schedule of events. (507) 248-3234.

June 24 Arn Kind's Wild and Woolly Prohibition performance, 1 p.m. Arn Kind will come in costume to teach us about a colorful era in the history of our state. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 25 Virtual book discussion about "Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown" by Maud Hart Lovelace, 2 p.m. Free. Registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by Betsy-Tacy Society. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org.

June 26 Family Movie Monday Series, view Disney's "Strange World", 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 26, 29 & 30 Kinder Konzert. Teaching Artist Katie Condon weaves the book "One Dog Canoe" with music. This engaging presentation of song and movement will draw you into the whimsical story. For all ages. June 26, 10 a.m., at Elysian Public Library, 202 E. Main St., (507) 267-4411. June 26, 1 p.m., at Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St., (507) 234-6605. June 29, 10 a.m., Waldorf Community Center, 109 Main St. N. (507) 239-2248. June 29, 2 p.m., New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708. June 30, 10 :30 a.m., LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St., (507) 665-2662. June 30, 1:30 p.m., LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St., (507) 357-6792. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.



June 27 Summer Concert Series: The Gentlemen's Anti Temperance League performing jazz and swing 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. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 835-2910.

June 27 Summer Noontime Organ Recital by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, featuring Chad Winterfeldt, 12:10 p.m., free. Recital held at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St., Mankato. (507) 934-1836 or www.agosiouxtrails.org. Additional recitals will be held throughout the summer.

***June 28** Gaylord Music Under the Oaks Concert Series: The Lost Walleye Orchestra performing Americana and folk music, 5-7 p.m. Held at the Gaylord Oak Tree Park, on Park Dr. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.exploreGaylord.org/chamber-of-commerce.

June 28 Virtual author event with Tananarive Due. She will discuss her book "The Living Blood" and other works, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***June 30** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ace in the Whole performing eclectic rock music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.theGrandNewUlm.org.

June 30 Concert by Russell Dickerson, 7 p.m. Tickets \$27-\$125, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 W. Rock St., Mankato. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com.

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.

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Youth Opportunities

***June 3-Aug. 26** Music Therapy for Kids Class, Saturdays, ages 4-10 at 9-10 a.m. \$15 per class or \$195 for all classes, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. www.mankatosom.com or (507) 519-0860.

June 5 Painting Practice for Young Artists, ages 10-18, 6 p.m. Young artists, along with their paints and canvases will be creating one of the kind creations. Artists will be given creative freedom but will start with some fun creative prompts for brainstorming. Helpful painting and drawing tips will be discussed. \$5, registration required at <https://forms.gle/sQRUCU2nPmp54cjfF7>. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.



June 6 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. This month: Name Creatures. 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 6 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. 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 6 & 20 Teen Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 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/513/Library.

June 7 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

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and other important information to be posted!

***June 7-8** Birdhouse Workshop, \$25, 10-11 a.m. both days. Students will design and paint their very own wooden birdhouse to proudly hang and display. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

June 8 Spray Paint Stencils Practice for Young Artists, ages 10-18, 6 p.m. Young artists, along with their spray paint cans and paper will be creating one of the kind creations. Artists will be given creative freedom but will start with some fun creative prompts for brainstorming. Helpful painting and drawing tips will be discussed. Fee \$5, online registration is required at <https://forms.gle/8oApxhPGoN4bSD4Q7>. Held at 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

June 8 Wacky Wonders, 2:30-3:30 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/513/Library.

***June 10** Turkish Paper Marbling. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 15 and up, \$60. Learn the basics of fine Turkish style marbling, using a “comb” or “rake” to manipulate paint floating on a liquid surface. You will be able to make multiple sheets of marbled paper suitable for framing, hanging, or gift wrapping. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***June 12** Printmaking of Fabric. 1-4 p.m., ages 12 and up, free. Learn how to print by hand on fabric. Participants will create easy cut block carvings to print on bandanas. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

June 12 Teen Intro to Improv Class, 2-4 p.m., ages 12 and up. Have a blast doing improv with COMPAS Artist Jen Scott. You can take any size risk you want while “getting out of your head.” Explore the skills taught by improv theater in this workshop for teens. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.



June 12 Find Your Voice Open Mic Night, 6-8 p.m., ages 9-18. Open to poetry, music, storytelling comedy, etc. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

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***June 12-15** Summer Creativity Camp. For students who have completed K-7th grade. Morning sessions from 9 a.m.-12 Noon for grades K-3 and afternoon sessions from 1-4 p.m. for grades 4-7. Students participate in a variety of fine arts activities including ceramics, leather work, painting, drawing, screen printing, and more. \$100, registration required with New Ulm Community Ed at <https://newulm.ce.eleyo.com/>. Scholarships available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***June 12-23** 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 the Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop High School, 1001 Cottonwood Street, Winthrop. Sponsored by T-Bird Community Arts. (507) 647-5224.

June 13 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-6, \$30. Have fun creating an assortment of crafts. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 14 Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m. ages 13+, \$30. Have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 14 & 28 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.newulmnmn.gov/513/Library.

June 15 Swing Dance Class, 6-7 p.m., ages 15 and up. Join instructors Jennifer and Eric Page as they demonstrate East Coast Swing, a simplified version of the original swing dance and Lindy Hop, the original swing dance. No dance experience or partner required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 15 Pressed Flowers Craft Class, 2-3 p.m., ages 13-18. Create lanterns and unique bookmarks using delicate pressed flowers. Held at the LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tryon St. (507) 357-6792.

***June 17** Children's Learn to Paint Class with Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

***June 18-19** Auditions for the musical theater performances of "Disney's The Little Mermaid", 6 p.m. each day, ages 12 and up. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held July 28-30 and Aug. 6-9. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. Contact Davori Productions for more information at info@davoriproductions.com, (507) 317-1245, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

June 19-23 Little Rembrandts Summer Camp, Grades K-3, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Camp will also be offered: July 24-28 and Aug. 14-18. 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 19-23 Cassatt Society Summer Camp, Grades 7-12, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Camp will also be offered: July 24-28 and Aug. 14-18. 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 19-23 Club Picasso Summer Camp, Grades 4-6, 9-11:30 a.m. each day, \$100. A fun twist to art including painting, drawing, crafts, group activities, music, games, and more. Scholarships available. Camp will also be offered: July 24-28 and Aug. 14-18. 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 20 Pop Art Portraits, 1 p.m., ages 13-18. Artist Amanda Wirig will show participants how to transform a photo of themselves into a pop art portrait. Participants must submit a photo of themselves ahead of time. Registration required. Held at the LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

***June 20 & 27, July 18 & 25** Music and Movement Class, \$28, 10 a.m., Tuesdays, ages 0-5 with a caregiver. A music class full of movement, instrument playing and singing. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

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June 21-23 Anishinaabe Beads Class. Ages 9-12. Learn how patterns and colors can reflect tribal and family affiliations as you create your own beaded work of art. Registration required. June 21, 10 a.m., at New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S., (507) 465-3708. June 21, 2 p.m., at Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St., (507) 835-2910. June 22, 10 a.m., Elysian Public Library, 202 E. Main St., (507) 267-4411. June 22, 2 p.m., Montgomery Public Library, 104 Oak Ave. SE, (507) 364-7615. June 23, 10 a.m., at LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St., (507) 665-2662. June 23, 2 p.m., LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St., (507) 357-6792. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

***June 28** Summer Canvas Painting Class, \$12, 10 a.m., grades 2 and up. Create a masterpiece on canvas. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***June** sPARK Creativity Mobile Art Studio, a free art program for grades K-6 in St. Peter at multiple locations. Contact St. Peter Community Education for additional information. www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or (507) 934-3048.

June-Aug. Fall Registration for the Mankato Children's Chorus for the 2023-2024 season. Participation is open to students entering grades 1-12 for the upcoming school year. Visit www.mankatochildrenschorus.org to complete the online registration. (507) 774-0597.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:

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

Mankato Ballet Company: www.mankatoballet.org under the "Summer Classes tab" or (507) 625-7716.

Adult Opportunities

***June 1-Aug. 24** Music Therapy for Adults Class, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. \$15 per class or \$210 for all classes, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. (507) 519-0860 or www.mankatosom.com.

***June 4** Printmaking of Fabric. 1-4 p.m., free. Learn how to print by hand on fabric. Participants will create easy cut block carvings to print on bandanas. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.org.

June 5 Memoir Writing Group. Bring your own writing or topic 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. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library.

June 6 In Stitches: Knitting and Crochet, 2-4 p.m. Bring a project you're working on, get help on a project, or just join for the fun. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. www.martincountylibrary.org or (507) 238-4207.

June 7 & 21 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library or (507) 359-8334.

***June 7-Aug. 23** String Group Class, Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. For all cello, viola, string bass and violin players with intermediate to advanced note reading skills and 2+ years of playing. Final outdoor concert at Sibley Park, Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. \$180 for the entire summer, registration required. Held at the Mankato School of Music, 125 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 217. (507) 519-0860 or www.mankatosom.com.

***June 8** Urban Sketching Class. 6-8 p.m. Join Michael Callahan to learn about the portability of watercolor and ink, while emphasizing speed and freshness over realism. Meets at the Arts Center, then the group will hit the sidewalks. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 9 Call for Art at the Minnesota Zoo. At the end of July 2023, the Tree Top Trail will open at the Minnesota Zoo. The Hanifl Nature Center will open simultaneously. A rotating art exhibit will be featured in the Nature Center. Each exhibit will run for approximately 6 months. The inaugural art exhibit will celebrate trees as a theme. This call is for residents of Minnesota and the goal is to represent the breadth of high-quality artistic talent across the state. Artwork size may range from 8" x 10" to 48" x 48" and should not be deeper than 12". A second opportunity is a mural design, printed on vinyl and should cover an area 6' tall x 15-20' long. Each artist may submit up to five pieces. The deadline for submission is Friday June 9, 2023, at 5 PM central time. Artists will be notified of accepted work by the end of June 2023. For more information contact Leslie Palmer-Ross via email at Lpr@artforce.org.

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***June 10** Turkish Paper Marbling. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$60. Learn the basics of fine Turkish style marbling, using a “comb” or “rake” to manipulate paint floating on a liquid surface. You will be able to make multiple sheets of marbled paper suitable for framing, hanging, or gift wrapping. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

June 10-11 Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Clue the Musical”, 1-3 p.m. each day. Solo parts for teen and adult singers. Costumes, sets and tech help also needed. Performances will be held Aug. 3-6. Held at the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Blue Earth Town and Country Players, betcplayers1@gmail.com, (507) 400-1827, or search Facebook for “Blue Earth Town & Country Players”.

June 12 Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmnmn.gov/513/Library.

June 14-24 Artwork Entry Days for the 2023 Membership Show of visual and literary art 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, not juried, no entry fee. But you need to be a member to participate. You can join or renew your membership when you drop off your artwork or online. Exhibit will by July 7-Aug. 26. Contact the Arts Center for more information and to download an entry form. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.



June 15 Swing Dance Class, 6-7 p.m. Join instructors Jennifer and Eric Page as they demonstrate East Coast Swing, a simplified version of the original swing dance and Lindy Hop, the original swing dance. No dance experience or partner required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4020 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 15 Colorful Abstract Painting Class for Adults, 6 p.m. Learn how to create a cohesive palette, then evaluate and build your work of art until you determine that it's ready. Registration required. Held at the LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

June 15 or 21 Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create a personalized beach tote, \$5. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

June 18 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-2 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration recommended. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. www.betsy-tacysociety.org or (507) 345-9777.

***June 18-19** Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Disney’s The Little Mermaid”, 6 p.m. each day, ages 12 and up. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held July 28-30 and Aug. 6-9 at the Mankato Playhouse. Held at Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. For more information contact Davori Productions: info@davoriproductions.com, (507) 317-1245, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

***June 21** Open Knitting. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

June 22 Drop-In Writing Workshop. 6-7:30 p.m. A writing experience for absolute beginners and anyone looking to shake up their creative process! The instructor will provide everything you need: paper, writing utensils, and prompts. Participants will be encouraged but not required to share what they produce. Facilitated by a graduate student from Minnesota State University, Mankato’s MFA program in creative writing. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 23 Artists on Main Street Deadline. A community development initiative exploring the intersection of arts and culture, downtown revitalization, and historic preservation by investing in “creative placemaking” projects in downtown Northfield. Applicants can request up to \$5,000 to support their work. The number of projects selected for funding will ultimately depend on the quality of the proposals and the amounts requested. There are no restrictions as to what kind of “art” or “creativity” might receive funding. Visual art, performances, interactive events, residencies, etc. are all fair game, and no idea is too big or too small. While projects are intended to be temporary in nature, proposals for longer-lasting installations will also be considered. Applicants do not need to be residents of Northfield. For more information contact Natalie Draper at Natalie.draper@northfieldmn.gov, 507-645-1801 or Reeve Needham at reeve.needham@northfieldmn.gov.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

***June 24-25** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, June 24 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and June 25 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$75, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.org or (507) 359-9222.

June 26 Paper Plains Paper-making, 4:30-7:30 p.m., all ages. Join Paper Plains for an interactive experience in paper-making using regionally-harvested, invasive plants. The paper that participants make is unique, embedded with native prairie seeds, and carries a little piece of the Great Plains. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary, or (507) 345-5120.

June-July Accepting Applications for Waseca Art in the Park. The art and cultural festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., featuring art booths, family art activities, live music, and more. Waseca Art Center is accepting applications for artisan booth spaces. \$50 for a 12'x12' space. Art in the Park seeks original work in the areas of painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, sculpture, metalwork, glass, fiber, paper, jewelry, wood, textiles, and mixed media. All items for sale must be the work of the exhibiting artist. Held at Trowbridge Park, 409 2nd Street NE, Waseca. Interested vendors can contact Jess Stuckmayer for more information at info@wasecaartscouncil.org.

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

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

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

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

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/>

Minnesota State Arts Board

Grant Opportunities

June 16 Cultural Expression Deadline. This program supports activities that share, explore, pass on, express, or celebrate culture through the arts. Culture may be defined by a common ethnicity, tribal affiliation, geographic or regional identity, occupation, language, or recreation. Traditional & contemporary forms of cultural expression may be funded in this program. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: June 16 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact culturalexpression@arts.state.mn.us or (800) 866-2787.

June 30 Accessible Arts Deadline. This program offers project grants to increase the capacity of the arts sector to make arts experiences more accessible. Funds will be used for investments that will have a longer-term impact on the applicant, such as professional development related to accessibility, hiring accessibility consultants to conduct accessibility audits and/or develop accessibility plans, etc. Funds may also be used for small physical or equipment investments (costing less than \$5,000). Grant range: \$10,000-\$20,000. Application deadline: June 30 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or Annick.Dall-Desbois@arts.state.mn.us.

July 21 Arts Experiences Deadline. This program supports individuals and organizations in providing meaningful arts experiences for Minnesotans within their communities. Funds may be used for a variety of arts programming such as creating and/or presenting concerts, plays, tours, exhibitions, arts festivals, public art, or other kinds of activities that provide Minnesotans opportunities to engage in arts activities that are instilled into community or public life. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Application deadline: July 21 at 4:30 p.m. Virtual Information session, June 14 at 12 noon. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or Annick.Dall-Desbois@arts.state.mn.us.

July 28 Creative Individuals Deadline. This program is meant to provide support to help Minnesota artists and culture bearers develop or sustain their creative practices and meaningfully engage with Minnesotans. Grant range: \$2,000-\$10,000. Application deadline: July 28 at 4:30 p.m. Virtual Information session, June 13, 4 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeIndividuals@arts.state.mn.us.

For a link to the online applications go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

Prairie Lakes Mission and Value Statements

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

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

Value Statements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730, www.thecarnegiemandkato.com, or artctr@hickorytech.net.

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

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

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

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

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org, (507) 508-7165 or www.twinriversarts.org.

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 835-1701, www.wasecartcenter.org, or info@wasecartcenter.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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