

Executive Director Search

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) is currently accepting applications for the position of **Executive Director**.

The Executive Director will hold primary responsibility for ensuring the overall achievement of organization including goals, plans, transparent financial management and accountability, community relations, representation/liaison among regional, state, and national Arts Organizations and for maintaining a highly effective grant management program. The Executive Director reports to the PLRAC Board of Directors and supervises a staff of

two. The Executive Director will be guided by the PLRAC Strategy, the PLRAC Policy & Procedures Manual and PLRAC By-Laws. The position is full-time, exempt with an excellent benefits package. Minimum salary is \$50,000 commensurate with experience.

To Apply: submit requested information by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023 to plrac@hickorytech.net be considered in the first screening.

Details and further information can be found at
www.plrac.org/hiring.



ARTS ACTION WEEK

ONE HUNDRED MILLION+ REASONS TO RALLY

Join Advocates Across Minnesota March 20-24 to Rally for the Arts!

Arts Action Week Schedule:

March 20th – 10:00 a.m. Opening Rally webinar via Zoom to learn the “Message of the Day”, celebrate arts supportive legislators and hear from other special guests.

10:30 a.m. Facts & figures to make your case.

10:40 a.m. First time advocate training.

March 20th-24th Legislative Zoom calls as scheduled. (Meetings will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

March 21st - In-Person Rally - 2:30 p.m.

New rally at the capitol! Rally for arts funding and hear from legislative leaders.

Minnesota’s premiere arts gathering will be going hybrid this year! You are needed to help “rally the troupes,” recognize this community’s resilience, and make our voice heard at the State Capitol, and advocate for arts Legacy/General funds and our \$100+ million bill for the arts. With your action, in-person and as part of Zoom calls with legislators, we can help legislators understand the importance of the arts to guarantee funding at this critical time. Pre-register by March 13th.

Register Now and Find out More at:

<https://artsmn.org/act/advocacy-opportunities/>

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

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

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that **Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of \$156,400 were awarded to twenty-five arts organizations and schools in the region on February 23, 2023.** The grantees are listed alphabetically with a brief description of their artistic activities and events.

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. They will host the Cornstalk Festival June 23-25, 2023. The music festival will include multiple performances and children's theater activities. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Carnegie Art Center, Mankato - \$7,000. They will host many gallery exhibits in 2023 including a juried exhibition for regional artists to participate in. Funds will be used for the juror fee and other expenses for the juried exhibit, publicity, salaries, and a new point of sale system.

City Center Partnership, Mankato - \$7,000. They will sponsor the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour consisting of 32 juried outdoor sculptures in downtown Mankato and North Mankato, May 2023 to April 2024. Funds will be used to pay stipends to seven artists.

City of New Prague - \$7,000. They will maintain, preserve, rebuild, and relocate an existing public art sculpture, Towering to Our Future, to outside the New Prague Memorial Library. The official unveiling of the sculpture will be during New Prague's Dozinky Festival, Sept. 15-16, 2023. Funds will be used for artists fees and supplies, a sign for the sculpture, salaries, and equipment.

City of Waldorf - \$3,000. They will hire artist Nell Tryst to create a painted mural in downtown Waldorf to be the backdrop for the future Waldorf Memorial Veteran's Park. There will be a public dedication ceremony during Waldorf Days, August 26, 2023. Funds will be used for artists fees.

Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota - \$7,000. They will provide summer 2023 dance programs including modern/contemporary, pre-pointe, ballet, boys

hip hop, boys tap/jazz, beach party, themed camps, improv, and technique classes. They will also offer free summer camps for children to try dance. Funds will be used for studio rent during the summer months.

Gaylord Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000. They will sponsor "Music under the Oaks" with weekly concerts in downtown Gaylord, June through August 2023. Funds will be used artist fees.

Govenaires Performing Arts Association - \$7,000. The Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps, and the Govenaires Parade & Concert Corps will perform in many parades, concerts, and field show performances between March and September 2023. Funds will be used for the design and instructional staff and for transportation costs.

Green Isle Community School - \$5,000. They will sponsor an Artist in Residency where students interview an elder from the community and work with local artists to create a play and music based on the elder's life. A public performance of the work will be held May 25, 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees, costumes and sets, publicity, and sound equipment rental fees.

Imagine Martin, Fairmont - \$7,000. They will sponsor phase two of the public art project "Going Hog Wild in Martin County, MN". Thirty-six additional concrete hog statues will be placed around Martin County and will be painted by local and regional artists. Funds will be used for artist stipends to paint the statues.

Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000. They will sponsor the annual Watona Park Blues Festival during Madelia Park Days; July 8, 2023, featuring musicians from Minnesota including Billy and the Bangers, Bambi Alexandria, Everett Smithson Band,

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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.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

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Inside Straight Band, and Lemont Cranston Blues Band. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.

Mankato Area Community Band - \$4,400. They will present free outdoor concerts in the summer of 2023. Five concerts will be at Sibley Park, Mankato in June and July; and one patriotic concert will be at Lincoln Park, Mankato on June 27. Funds will be used for the conductor and staff fees, musician stipends and publicity.

Mankato Area Public Schools - StoryArk - \$5,000. They will partner with StoryArk to host a Storytelling Camp July 10-14, 2023 in Mankato. High school students from Mankato Area Public Schools, St. Peter, and Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school districts will participate to create original podcasts, short films, literary and visual arts. Funds will be used for artist fees and staff to implement the camp and supplies.

Mankato Ballet Company - \$7,000. They will create and present a full, original ballet production titled “Little Mermaid” in May 2023 by all students, held at the St. Peter High School’s Performing Arts Center. Funds will be used for artist fees to create an original backdrop, costumes, sets, theater rental, and publicity.

Mankato Figure Skating Club - \$7,000. They will present their annual ice shows, “Frozen Princess On Ice” in April of 2023 at All Seasons Arena in Mankato. Funds will be used for coaches’ stipends, ice time for rehearsals and performances, and storage.

Mankato School of Music - \$7,000. They will provide five programs for their students in 2023 including group classes for string and band students at Mankato East and West High Schools; adult string group instruction classes; Fiddlesticks Classes to teach Celtic, old-time, and bluegrass fiddling; a preschool and school age Music Therapy Class; and an older adult Music Therapy Class at the VINE Community Center. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, and publicity.

Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$7,000. They will present their season premiere Symphonic Series Concert, “Triumph” on September 30, 2023, at the St. Peter High School’s Performing Arts Center as part of their 2023/24 season. Funds will be used for artist and conductor stipends.

Minnesota Original Music Festival - \$7,000. They will present free concerts and educational workshops hosted by Minnesota artists in St. Peter, July 19-23, 2023. Events will include the Band Challenge, singer/songwriter showcases, an open mic event, and music jams. Workshops will be held by professional musicians with

topics including music composition, songwriting, improvisation, the use of technology, and accessing resources available to Minnesota artists. Funds will be used for artist fees and travel.

Minnesota “Over-60” Band - \$7,000. They will perform in many parades and concerts in Minnesota during the summer of 2023. Funds will be used for artist travel and stipends, salaries, music, rental fees, and publicity.

Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, Music Performance Series - \$7,000. They will sponsor music performances by Minnesota artists as part of their 2023 Performance Series, including Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys, Molly Maher, Andrea Lyn, The Cactus Blossoms, Mike Munson, and Ron Arsenault and Dave Pengra. They will also include outreach activities for the community. Funds will be used for artist fees, technician fees, and publicity.

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music - \$7,000. They will sponsor their annual Summer Pops Camp in June and conduct their season of rehearsals and concerts in 2023. Funds will be used for the Pops Camp clinician, facility rent, and salaries.

Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Festival - \$7,000. They will host the A Día De Los Muertos festival outdoors on North Riverfront Drive in Mankato, October 28, 2023. There will be traditional Latino Day of the Dead activities, a vendor market, and ethnic dance and music performances. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Rock Bend Folk Festival - \$5,000. They will sponsor the 32nd annual two-day festival featuring local and regional Minnesota folk musicians on two stages and local artists displaying their work at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter; September 9-10, 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees, artist travel & equipment rental fees.

T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon - \$7,000. They will sponsor an Art Camp for grades 3-8, including painting and set design, vocal performance, acting, dance/choreography, tech booth, and costume design, June 12-23, 2023, and a summer musical performance of “Beauty and the Beast”, August 3-6, 2023. Funds will be used for music and script rights, sets and props, costumes, art camp supplies, and salaries.

The Grand Center for Arts and Culture - \$7,000. They will continue their 2023 performing arts series which features many Minnesota artists presenting a variety of music genres each weekend, and display art exhibitions in their 4 Pillars Gallery. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and salaries.

\$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.

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, 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 February 1, 2023. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

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.



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. There is an application deadline the 1st of each month.

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
Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$2,035
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

LE SUEUR COUNTY

Le Sueur County Fair, music performances - \$1,700
Park Elementary School, dance performance - \$1,250

MARTIN COUNTY

Martin County Historical Society, mural - \$2,310

NICOLLET COUNTY

Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, performances - \$2,500

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

WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500
Summerburst Concert Series, music - \$4,000
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,050

Six Small Arts Project and School Grants Awarded in February for \$15,200

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. 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.

Blue Earth Area High School - \$2,500. They will host the Minnesota State High School League's Section Visual Arts Competition, April 19, 2023, for grades 8-12. They will provide two classes taught by professional visual artists that all students can participate in throughout the day. Funds will be used for artist fees, travel & supplies.

City of Winthrop - \$2,000. They will sponsor four concerts by local music groups for the Winthrop Music in the Park series, June to August 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.

Henderson Lions Club - \$2,500. They will host the "Music on Main" concert series to coincide with Tuesday

night Classic Car Roll-ins in Henderson, May-October 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees.

LeSueur County Fair - \$1,700. They will fund the music performances by the New Prague Area Community Band, the Czech Area Concertina Club, and Little Chicago at the county fair, August 17-20, 2023 in Le Center. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Southern Minnesota Real Big Band - \$2,500. They will present multiple concerts in the spring of 2023, including their annual spring big band jazz concert at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato featuring guest artist Peruvian saxophonist Lucia Sarmiento and her Jazz Quintet. Funds will be used for band member stipends and publicity.

Summerburst Concert Series, New Richland - \$4,000. They will host three concerts during the summer of 2023 including the White Sidewalls, Meghan Krause and Gavin Berg, and the Salsa del Sol. Concerts will be held at the New Richland city park and the New Richland Care Center. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Funds are still Available in the Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Programs

The Small Arts Project Grant and School Arts Project Grant has a **\$2,500 maximum** and there is no cash match required. The purpose of these grants is to provide funding for organizations engaged in the creation of art, the production of artistic performances, or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in our local communities that may have a smaller budget; and for schools to host artist residencies, live arts performances, Mini-Workshops, or Arts-Related Field Trips.

Eligible Small Arts projects include art and music festivals, community choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions, and public art are eligible. This arts programming may be virtual or in-person.

Contact the PLRAC office to discuss your arts project at plrac@hickorytech.net or (507) 833-8721.



Grant Opportunities

March 1 McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts Deadline.

The McKnight Fellowship in Book Arts is administered by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota to set aside time for study, reflection, opportunities, new projects, experimentation, and exploration. The fellowship includes: a \$25,000 stipend, funding for professional digital documentation of artwork, studio visits, and travel. Apply by March 1. Go to <https://www.mnbookarts.org/mcknight-fellowships/> for more information or email terin@mnbookarts.org.

March 14 McKnight Composers Fellowship Deadline.

The McKnight Fellowship for composers is administered by the American Composers Forum in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It encourages applicants from the full range of musical approaches and perspectives, and is committed to supporting a diverse pool of artists who demonstrate compelling artistic work. The four fellowships include: \$25,000 stipend, and an opportunity to attend an artist residency program. Application deadline is March 14. Go to <https://composersforum.org/programs/mcknight-composer-fellowships/> for additional information or email cheredia@composersforum.org.

March 17 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship Deadline.

The McKnight Visual Artist Fellowships are administered by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at

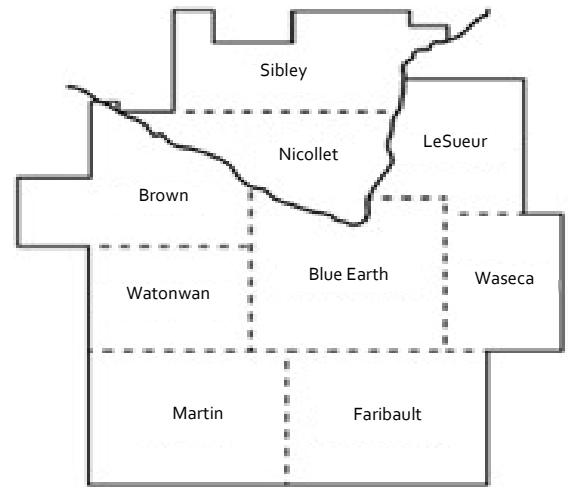
a career stage beyond emerging. Six \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://www.mcad.edu/why-mcad/partnerships/mcknight-visual-artist-fellowships> or contact Melanie Pankau at (612) 874-3803 or galleries@mcad.edu.

March 27 McKnight Community-Engaged Artist Fellowship Deadline.

The McKnight Community-Engaged Artist Fellowships are administered by the Pillsbury House and Theater in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to reward talented Minnesota artists who use their artistic practice to engage relationship aimed at producing social transformation. And this intention drives choice and process throughout the conception, design, and implementation of their work. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. For more information go to <https://pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org/mcknight-artist-fellowships/> or contact (612) 824-0708 or info@pillsburyhousetheatre.org.

April 21 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Individuals Application 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 is April 21 at 4:30 p.m. A second deadline for this program will be July 28, 2023. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or CreativeIndividuals@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.



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.

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.

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

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

School Arts Project - \$2,500

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

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

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

Artist Development Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

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

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 has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has two positions open on the Board for representatives from the **City of Fairmont and Sibley County**.

The deadline for submitting an application is April 1st. Interested persons should contact 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 Pioneer Bank. The monthly meetings will be conducted as in-person meetings, with the option to join virtually. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

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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.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

March 1-2 Ephraim Pottery Exhibit from rural Wisconsin. Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

March 1-4 Annual Juried Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

March 1-4 “At Home at the Zoo” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. Held at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

***March 1-17** Michael Aasness’ Mixed Media Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and James Taylor’s Photography Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. (Reception, March 17, 5-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***March 1-24** Autumn Carolyn’s Photography Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 1-31 Minnesota State University, Mankato Prints Exhibit by Josh Winkler and students Elisabeth Buffeta, Jennifer Burress, Taryn Sakry, Alice Smith, Hanne Tebben, and Mai Tran. Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 1-5 p.m. <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php> or (507) 933-7200.

March 1-April 7 Wendi and Matt Ringhofer’s Nature Art Exhibit, featuring Lake Superior agates. 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.

March 1-April 23 “Improvised Structures” Exhibit of recent sculptural works by Nicolas Darcourt & Elizabeth Catlett. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom or (507) 933-7200.

***March 1-April 30** 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.

March 2 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “The Greatest Showman”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March. 2-18** Mav Arts Showcase Exhibit. (Reception, March 17, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

March 2-30 Sarah Vanasse Miles’ Exhibit in the disciplines of oil, graphite, and others. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.



March 2-May 13 Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit. March 2-24 for grades K-4, March 30-April 15 for grades 5-8, and April 20-May 13 for grades 9-12. 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. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

***March 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Off the Strings performing acoustic 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.com.

March 3 “Coppelia” performed by the Mankato Ballet Company, 5 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and students \$8, veterans/active duty \$12; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.



March 3 Twin Cities Jazz Composers Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

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***March 3** Opening Reception for the Artist of the Month, 6:30 p.m. Each month students from area schools are invited to share their work. Local school teachers work with students to prepare. 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 St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***March 4** Concert by the Southern Minnesota Real Big Band, with featured guest Peruvian jazz saxophonist Lucia Sarmiento, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students ages 5-12 \$8. Advance tickets available at <https://buytickets.at/southernminnesotarealbigband> or at Music Mart, 1014 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Theater, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 386-7003 or “Southern Minnesota’s Real Big Band” on Facebook.

March 4 Concert by Harper’s Chord, performing modern folk, country, and Americana music, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$12, at the door \$15, students \$6. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

March 4 Mankato Ballet Performing Company presents “Coppelia”, 5 p.m. In advance: adults \$15 and children under 12 \$12. Ticket prices increase at the door. Held at Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 South Riverfront Dr. Mankato Ballet Company (507) 625-7716 or www.mankatoballet.org.

***March 4-5** “Alice on Ice” show by students of the New Ulm Figure Skating Club. March 4 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., March 5 at 1 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Civic Center, 1212 N. Franklin St. Sponsored by the New Ulm Figure Skating Club. www.nuskate.org.

***March 4-April 29** Photographic Journeys Exhibit by the late Jonathan Zierdt. (Reception, March 4, 3-5 p.m.) Held at 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. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

March 5 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Inspired Impressions” Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, general seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. www.mankatosymphony.com or (507) 625-8880.

March 5 A day with piano professor Derek Polischuk. Lecture and discussion at 2 p.m., recital at 6 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 9 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Sing”, 12 Noon. Held at Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Lonesome Dan Kase performing blues 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.com.

March 10 Concert by Okra Playground, performing traditional Finnish music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$15, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$10, available online: <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

***March 10-12 & 17-19** Merely Players Community Theatre presents “The Nerd”, March 10-11 & 17-18 at 7 p.m., and March 12 & 19, at 2:30 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and youth 12 and under \$15. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

March 10-25 Emily Kretschmer’s “Versatility” Mixed Media Exhibition. (Reception, March 10, 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.

***March 11** Ballet Folklorica Mexico Azteca dace performance, 7 p.m. Adults \$15, ages 12 and under \$5, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, by calling 507-359-9990, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 11 Poet Nancy Cook brings the generative Pecha Kucha Challenge, the poetic pecha kucha unites a series of visual images with poetic quatrains, 12:30 p.m. Held at Fillin’ Station Coffeehouse, 630 S. Front St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

***March 11-12** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra’s “Fantastic Film Favorites” Concerts. March 11, 2 p.m., at Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial High School, 607 Knights Lane, Lake Crystal. March 12, 3 p.m., at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. www.mayso.net.

***March 12** Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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March 13 Virtual author event with David Epstein. He will discuss his latest book, “Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World”, 12 Noon. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

March 13-24 Mai Tran and Selena Medellin’s MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, March 13, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

March 13-24 Sam Brown’s MA Thesis Exhibition. (Reception, March 13, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/> or (507) 389-6767.

March 14 Virtual book discussion about “Emily of Deep Valley” by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. www.betsy-tacysociety.org or (507) 345-9777.



March 14 Screening and discussion of a film by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

March 14-April 5 “Our Story: The Road Less Traveled”, Lance and Annette Hartzell Retrospective Exhibit. (Reception, March 16, 7 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

March 16 Jazz Combo and Contemporary Vocal Groups Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

***March 16** View “It Happened One Night”, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 16 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Mary Poppins”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Chris Holm performing country blues 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.com.

March 17-19 Friends of Friends Series: “Live at The Prague III” improv performances. March 17-18 at 7:30 p.m. and March 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20. This production is recommended for ages 16 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main Street, New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.



***March 17-19 & 24-26** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of “Junie B. Jones The Musical Jr.” March 17-18 & 24-25 at 7 p.m. and March 19 & 26 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.

***March 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by GunnerB 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.com.

March 18 “See, Hear, Play: Making a Splash” Family Concert Series, 10:30 a.m., free, created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

March 18 Concert by Dallas String Quartet, performing a fusion of classical and contemporary music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, youth free, Veterans/Active Duty \$15. <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/> to purchase tickets. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.org or (507) 238-4900.

March 18 Honor Handbell Concert, 4 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

March 19 Concert by the Charles Gorczyński Tango Quartet, 6 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (www.gac.edu or 507) 933-7013.

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March 19 Percussion Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, Students K-12 \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

March 19 College Choir Homecoming Concert, 3 p.m., held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. www.mlc-wels.edu or (507) 766-1990.

***March 20** Come and hear a talk about fiber arts with Jen Kahler, 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Makers Club. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

March 21 Virtual author event with chef Jernard A. Wells. He will discuss his newest book, "Southern Inspired: More Than 100 Delicious Dishes from My American Table to Yours", 3 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

***March 23** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring Eddice B. Barber Visiting Writer, memoirist and fiction writer, Toni Jensen. Workshops, 10-11 a.m., at the Hubbard Building, Room 201, 424 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 253, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. <http://gt.mnsu.edu/> or (507) 389-1354.

***March 23** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys, performing folk and original music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/music/events-tickets/>.

March 23 Free community storytelling event, "Tell Me A Story: Forgiveness", 7:30-9:30 p.m. Throw your name in the hat if you'd like to share a story of a time you forgave or were forgiven (up to five minutes). Bring your own refreshments. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

March 23 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view "Encanto", 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***March 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring the Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet 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.com.

March 25 Comedian Tommy Ryman and musicians Andrea Lyn and the Wildflowers, 7 p.m. In advance \$15, at the door \$20, available at New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm Hy-Vee, by calling 507-359-9990, or online at Eventbrite. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. www.statestreetnewulm.org or (507) 359-9990.

March 25 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "Liquify", 7 p.m., featuring violinist Eunice Kim and new work by composer Michael Abels. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. www.mankatosymphony.com. (507) 625-8880.

March 25 Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Wind Symphony & Chamber Winds Concert featuring the Gustavus Choir, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

March 25 Civil War Symposium "The Tide Turns: 1863", 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Presentations, exhibits, costumed interpreters, Civil War era music, panel discussion, books and authors, lunch, and more. Special guest authors Tamara Thayer and Col. Gary Carlberg. Registration includes lunch: adults \$30, students 18 and under \$20. Virtual Zoom registration \$20. Held at the Morson-Ario-Strand VFW, 1900 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato. Sponsored by The Boy in Blue Civil War Memorial. www.boyinblue.org.

***March 26** ProMusica Chamber Music Series in New Ulm: "The Emperor and Brahms" Concert, 3 p.m., with violinists Susie Park and Ben Odhner; cellist Tony Ross; violaist Hyobi Sim; and pianist Bethel Balge. Adults \$20, youth and students \$5, www.promusicamn.com/concerts to purchase tickets. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 205-2249 or www.promusicamn.com.

March 26 Gustavus Lucia Singers and Chapel Choir Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

March 28 Author visit with Amy Gregg, 4 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

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March 28 Virtual author event with Pam Jenoff. She will discuss her latest historical fiction book, "Code Name Sapphire!", 6 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.

March 30 Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view "Soul", 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

***March 31** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Crista Bohlmann performing folk 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.com.

***March 31-April 28** Minnesota State University, Mankato's Installation Art Exhibit. 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. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

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.

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.

Youth Opportunities

***March 1-6** Registration for South Central Service Cooperative's Young Writers & Artists Conference for grades 3-8, to be held March 7-8 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Visit www.mnscsc.org/ywac for a brochure of sessions and a link to register. Registration is \$39. Sponsored by South Central Service Cooperative. <http://www.mnscsc.org>, mhillmann@mnscsc.org, or (507) 389-2509.

***March 1-24** Enter the South Central Service Cooperative Writing Contest. K-12 students have the opportunity to express themselves through fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their love of language! Visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest for more information. Submissions are due by March 24. \$5/student entry. Contact Mary Hillmann, 507-389-2509 or mhillmann@mnscsc.org, for more information.

***March 4** Kidcasso, Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for creative learners from high chair to high-school to experience, explore, and create a variety of open ended arts and crafts using a variety of fun supplies and embellishments. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration appreciated, however walk-ins welcome. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

March 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. This month will be cherry blossom art. 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.

March 7 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month will be "pop art". Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

March 7 Teen Tuesday, 4 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. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

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March 10 Graphic Novel Workshop, 1-3 p.m., grades 2-8. Learn how to create your own graphic novel or comic book. Registration forms available at the library or online. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

***March 11** Letterpress 2 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 15 and up, \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***March 11** Inter-Cultural Dance Workshops by Ballet Folklorica Mexico Azteca. 12 Noon-1:15 p.m. for grades 1-3, 1:15-2:30 p.m. for grades 4-7, 2:30-3:45 p.m. for grades 8-12. Students will be taught a basic traditional Mexican dance and will perform the dance they learned at 7 pm, before the start of the full ballet and will have free admittance to the full ballet. Workshops are free, however there is a limited number of spots per age group. Please reserve a spot by calling 507-359-9990 or emailing info@statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

March 14 Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$20. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be cardboard wall art. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***March 15** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for middle school students experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***March 18** 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.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 21 Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:15 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.

***March 25** Kids Recycled Art Class, \$5, PreK-Grade 1 at 9 a.m., Grades 2-3 at 10 a.m., Grades 4+ at 11 a.m. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Adult Opportunities

***March 1** heART Therapy. 6-8 p.m., free. A guided class for adults experiencing grief and loss to build connections and explore healing through artistic expression. No arts experience necessary. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 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.

March 1-29 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

March 5-6 Auditions for theater performances of "Nonsense", 7 p.m. each night. 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 April 27-May 14 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, (507) 317-1245, info@davoriproductions.com, or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.



March 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 North Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

***March 7-28** Artist Meet-Up. 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, free. Artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels can share in the creative process. Led by artist, Maggie Schwab, the meet-up is an opportunity to create and collaborate with other artists. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

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***March 11** Letterpress 2 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. Letterpress 2 will be a deeper dive into setting lead type and the history of printing! Letterpress 1 or familiarity with printing process required. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

March 12 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3 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.

March 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.

***March 15-April 26** Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle. Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join seamstress Bianca Wilson and sewing enthusiast Ann Rosenquist Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community studio experience. Bring your sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We'll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration as needed. Must be 21+. No registration required; free, donations encouraged. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

March 18 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by GunnerB Music, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***March 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.

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/>

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.

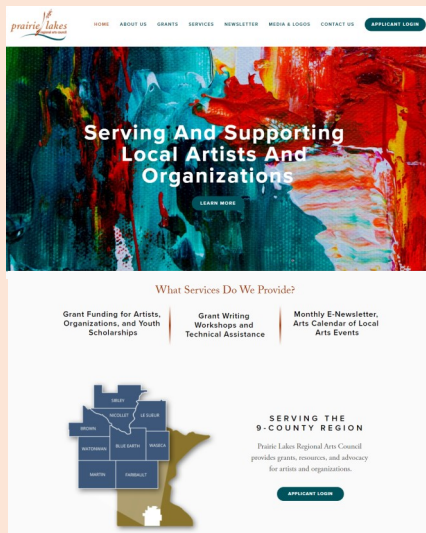
Accessibility: We value arts programming and arts education that is available to everyone.

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.

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!



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

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. & Sat. 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.thecarnegiemandato.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 grand@thegrandnewulm.com.

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. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 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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Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Welcomes A New Board Member

We are pleased to announce that Randy Mediger has been appointed to the board to serve as an At Large representative.

At Large – Randy Mediger, Waterville. Randy has a BS in Elementary Education and Minor in Music, MS Curriculum & Instruction, & Education Specialist: Administration. He previously served as Elementary Principal at Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Public School and classroom teacher in Waterville, Henderson and Belle Plaine schools. He’s participated in a variety of music and theater performances in the past, and was a charter member of LeSueur Community Theater. He received the 2002 Arts Education Leadership Award from the Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education.



Prairie Lakes has Two Vacant Positions on the Board for Representatives for the City of Fairmont and Sibley County.

The deadline for submitting an application is April 1st. Interested persons residing in the city of Fairmont or Sibley County should contact the PLRAC office at plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. **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.

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