



## Free Artist Workshops

at the 410 Project,  
523 South Front Street, Mankato

**May 2, May 16, and June 6, 2023**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Artists can register to attend by emailing  
[plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net)

**May 2: "Artist Marketing"**

**May 16: "Pricing"**

**June 6: "Engaging  
Customers and Selling Your  
Work"**

Dana Sikkila, Executive Director of the 410 Project will present each workshop. **These 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](mailto: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**

## 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

## Four Small Arts Project Grants Awarded in April

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. **Funds are exhausted in this program until FY 2024, beginning July 1, 2023.**

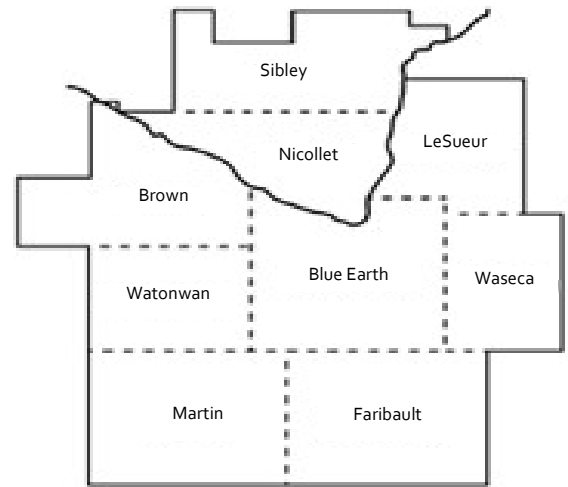
Faribault County Fair (SA) - \$2,500. They will sponsor the Blue Horse Theatre to perform three shows each day, July 26-29, 2023, during the fair. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Kearney International Center, MN State University, Mankato (SA) - \$4,000. They will sponsor the Mankato Area International Festival, November 12, 2023. They will have culturally diverse entertainment throughout the

day as well as cultural programming and art projects for children. Funds will be used for artist fees, art supplies, and publicity.

Midwest Art Catalyst, Mankato (SA) - \$4,000. They will partner with Mankato Revitalization Project to host "Manifest, May 13, 2023. It will be a community-centered event featuring live musicians, an Indigenous art fair, children's activities, Indigenous-centered classes, and more. Funds will be used for artist fees.

South Central Minnesota Interpretive Center, Heritage Trails, Fairmont (SA) - \$1,500. They will host their free, one day, music festival and threshing day, August 13, 2023 in Fairmont with Adam Sandhurst and the Jolly Jammers playing polka music. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.



## 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 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.**

## **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](http://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](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

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



# Prairie Lakes has Board Positions Open, Apply Now!

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council will have five positions open on the Board for the new Fiscal Year, beginning July 1st.

Representatives from the following locations are needed:

- City of Fairmont**
- City of North Mankato**
- Brown County**
- Sibley County**
- Waseca County**

**The deadline for submitting an application is May 15th.** Interested persons should contact Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board. **The Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) are on our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).** Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

This is a great opportunity to understand the workings of the granting process, to be more involved with the arts and artists of our region, and to enjoy camaraderie with others who appreciate the arts. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for around 100 arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art.

Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Pioneer Bank. The monthly meetings are in-person, 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.

## Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

Blue Earth County .....	Tom David Barna
Brown County .....	Beth Steffl
Faribault County.....	Julie Forderer
LeSueur County .....	Larry Pint
Martin County.....	Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerenke
Nicollet County.....	Mark Wamma
Sibley County .....	Open
Waseca County.....	Karen Krause
Watonswan County .....	Sandy Sunde
City of Fairmont.....	Open
City of Mankato .....	Bethany Truman
City of New Ulm .....	Carolyn Borgen
City of North Mankato .....	Dana Sikkila
City of St. Peter .....	April Malphurs
At Large .....	Randy Mediger

### Staff

Program Manager.....	Cindy Lewer
Program Assistant.....	Pam Trumbull



## 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 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.**



# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**May 1** Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert, 5 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**May 1** Author visit with Catherine Haala, 10:30 a.m. She will discuss her new picture book “Does This Thought Serve Me?” Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**May 1-4** Senior Exhibition 2. 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/>.

**May 1-5** Exhibit by Museum Studies Students. Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, 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. <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/> or (507) 389-6767.

**May 1-5** Spring Semester Campus Art Show. (Reception, May 4, 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](http://www.blc.edu).

**May 1-17** “Everything and the Kitchen Sink” the Juniors Studio Art Majors Exhibition. 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. (507) 933-7200 or <https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php>.



**May 1-June 19** 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**May 2** “Living the Dream” Historic Homes of Minnesota presentation by photographer Doug Ohman, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Avenue. (507) 237-2280 or [www.gaylordmnlbrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnlbrary.org).

\***May 2-5** Layl McDill’s Mixed Media Exhibit. 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.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**May 3** Virtual author event with Britt Hawthorne. She will discuss her book “Raising Anti-Racist Children”, 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](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**May 3-6** Markus Bean’s “Mystic Wild” Painting Exhibit. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**May 4** Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “The BFG”, 12 Noon. Held at Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**May 4-13** Tri-City United Schools Student Art Exhibit, 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. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

\***May 4-13** Lisa Bergh and Andrew Nordin’s sculpture, installation, and painting Exhibit. 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. (507) 625-2730 or [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com).

\***May 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Bad Liquor Management with Steve Vonderharr performing rock music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**May 5** Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert, 7 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**May 5-14** Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Nonsense”. Fridays and Saturdays dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Sundays lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com). Show Only tickets also available. Recommended for all ages. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com) or (507) 508-6539.

## Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

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

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





# Arts Events and Opportunities

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**\*May 5-21** “Bright Star” theater performances. This show is currently sold out. Go to [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com) to sign up for the wait list. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main Street, New Prague. [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com) or (952) 314-9077.

**\*May 5-26** Area High School Student Art Exhibit. (Reception, May 5, 6:30 p.m.) Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.



**\*May 5-June 24** Brian Frink’s “Mythic Gardens of the Future” Exhibit. (Reception, May 6, 3-5 p.m.) 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. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**May 6** Drumline Theatre Show, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**May 6** Author visit by Patrick Ryan. He will discuss his short story collection “The Baseball Diet Book” and his other books for young people, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**May 6** Gustavus Honors Recital, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**May 6** Choral Showcase featuring the Lucia Singers, Choir of Christ Chapel, and Gustavus Choir, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**May 6-27** Senior Show 2023. (Reception, May 6, 4-6 p.m.) Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. [www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom) or (507) 933-7200.

**\*May 7** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors “How Sweet It Is”, Nashville based Steve Leslie performing a Tribute to James Taylor, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Ticket holders can also attend four concerts sponsored by the Watonwan County Entertainment Association in St. James. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. [www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com](http://www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com) or (507) 526-7186.

**May 7** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Inspired Energy” 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. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.org](http://www.mankatosymphony.org).

**May 7** Concert by nationally known pianist Jacqueline Schwab, 3-4:30 p.m. Non-member \$10, member \$7, and students \$5. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**May 7** Spring Jazz Showcase Concert by Adolphus Jazz and Gustavus Jazz, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**May 7** Spring Jazz Showcase Concert by Jazz Combos, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Vocal Jazz Soloists, 4:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**\*May 9** Noon Lunch with the Arts Program. Free musical entertainment by 3 CDs. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**May 9** Virtual book discussion about “Betsy Wedding” 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](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org) or (507) 345-9777.

**May 9** Presentation by editor Mary Krugerud discussing the book “The Girl in Building C: The Story of a Teenage Tuberculosis Patient”, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Avenue. [www.gaylordmnlbrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnlbrary.org) or (507) 237-2280.

**May 9** Screening and discussion of “The Wizard of Oz” from 1939, 6:30 p.m. First 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 North Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**May 10** Virtual author event with Jena Friedman. She will discuss her book “Not Funny: Essays on Life, Comedy, Culture, Et Cetera”, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

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**May 11-13** “Fewer Emergencies” theater performance. May 11-12 at 8 p.m. and May 14 at 2 p.m. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**\*May 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Watermelon Slush performing country 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**May 12** Concert by Southern Minnesota’s Real Big Band, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 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](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**May 12** Raw Fusion Fashion Show, built on innovation, community and creative energy, while bringing awareness to the local building industry, 7 p.m. Tickets \$50-\$100. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Grand Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**\*May 12-14 & 19-21** Merely Players Community Theatre presents “Oklahoma”, May 12-13 & 19-20 at 7 p.m., and May 14 & 21, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com).



**May 12-27** Shelley Caldwell’s Installation Exhibit. (Reception, May 12, 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](http://www.the410project.com).

**\*May 12-June 23** Robin Waburton’s Wood Carving Exhibit and Bradley Donner’s Painting Exhibit. (Reception, May 12, 5-7 p.m.) Robin will also do a “See how it’s Created” carving demo, May 19 at 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.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701. Robin received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in FY 2023 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**\*May 13** Singing Hills Chorus presents their “Good Vibes” Concert, 1 p.m. Admission \$10, children ten and under are free. Visit [www.singinghillsschorus.org](http://www.singinghillsschorus.org) for information about tickets. Held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato. [www.singinghillsschorus.org](http://www.singinghillsschorus.org)



**\*May 13** Manifest, an art, music and community event featuring art vendors, art raffle, silent auction, food trucks, kids activities, live music, and indigenous centers classes. 12 Noon-8 p.m. Held at Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. Sponsored by Midwest Art Catalyst. [www.midwestartcatalyst.com](http://www.midwestartcatalyst.com) or (507) 720-0040.

**May 13** Concert by Gustavus Chamber Winds, Gustavus Wind Symphony, and Gustavus Wind Orchestra, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu) or (507) 933-7013.

**\*May 13-14** Mankato Ballet’s spring recital, “Little Mermaid, Part of Your World”, showcasing all levels of dancers, 12 Noon & 5 p.m. both days. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$12, children 2 and under free but must sit on a lap. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 W. Broadway Ave. (507) 625-7716 or [www.mankatoballet.org](http://www.mankatoballet.org).

**May 14** Handbell Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**May 14** Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org) or (507) 514-2921.

**\*May 14 & 28** 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**May 15** Classic Movie Monday, view “The Philadelphia Story”, 1 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org) or (507) 238-4207.

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**May 16** Presentation by authors Dennis & Karen Vinar discussing their book “How Did You Find Me...After All These Years”, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or [www.gaylordmnllibrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnllibrary.org).

\***May 18** View short films created by students from area colleges and universities, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9 p.m., free. Refreshments 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. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**May 18** Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Up”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**May 18-July 8** 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. [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org) or (507) 364-8107.

\***May 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Rob Stokes with Javier Trejo performing ska, reggae, and country 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**May 20** Virtual author event with Courtney Summers. She will discuss her book “I’m the Girl”, 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](http://www.beclibrary.org).

\***May 20-April 2024** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

\***May 20** 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.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**May 23** Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**May 23** Minnesota in the Civil War presentation by historian Arn Kind, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. (507) 237-2280 or [www.gaylordmnllibrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnllibrary.org).

**May 24-27** “The Smell of the Kill” theater production. Watch <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/theatre-arts/performances-tickets/> for performance times and ticket prices. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661.

\***May 25** “Dine Out” Supper and Songs Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available at [www.lagrandebande.org/tickets](http://www.lagrandebande.org/tickets), at the door \$15. Ticket price does NOT include the cost of a meal, should you choose to have one. Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. Held at Arlington Haus Too, 147 W. Main St., Arlington. [www.lagrandebande.org](http://www.lagrandebande.org) or (507) 995-7086.

\***May 25** “Elder’s Celebration” Spring Program of plays and songs by K-6 students of Green Isle Community School honoring a local Elder by telling their story, 7 p.m. Plays by Bridget Stewart with music and lyrics by Autumn Santovi. Held at the Green Isle Community School, 190 McGrann St., Green Isle. (507) 326-7144.

**May 25** Thursday Movie Matinee Series, view “Wall-E”, 12 Noon. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**May 26** Gustavus Wind Orchestra Finale Concert, 7 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**May 27** Concert by Gary Allan and Tracy Lawrence, 7 p.m. Tickets \$43-\$123, available at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock St., Mankato. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**May 30** Chad Lewis presents Minnesota’s Gangster Past: Land of 10,000 Crimes, 7 p.m., as part of the Spring Speaker Series. Held at the Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave. [www.gaylordmnllibrary.org](http://www.gaylordmnllibrary.org) or (507) 237-2280.

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Youth Opportunities

**\*May 1 Auditions** for the musical theater performances of “Anything Goes Youth Edition”, 6 p.m., grades 6-12. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at to accompany you. Performances will be held June 16-25 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, [info@davoriproductions.com](mailto:info@davoriproductions.com), (507) 317-1245, or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**May 2 Little Rembrandts Class**, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**May 2 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 “cubism”. Registration required online 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**May 8 Painting Practice for Young Artists**, ages 10-18. 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/omEJnor87ewbo1yP8>. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**May 9 Teen Tuesday**, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**May 9 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 creations. 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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**May 11 Creative Kids**, 3:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**\*May 13 Kidcasso, Open Art Studio**, children of all ages, \$5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for learners from high chair to high-school to experience, explore, and create a variety of 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 Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**May 16 Pressed Flower Jars Class**, 4 p.m., ages 9-17. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**May 18 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/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**\*May 20 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**May 22 Painting Party** with Sammy Jo Miller, 6-8 p.m. Ages 12 and up. Follow step by step instruction to create a beautiful acrylic painting. All material will be provided. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**May Theater Camp Registration**. The Fairmont Area Community Theater is hosting theater camp for grades K-2. Learn how to audition, the basics of theatre, how to build props, and perform with friends. Camp days June 12-16, 1-4 p.m. Student showcase, June 16 at 5 p.m. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.org](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.org).

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**May Youth Theater Registration.** The Fairmont Area Community Theater is presenting “Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr.” for grades 3-12. Placements announced June 17, rehearsals July 26-28 & July 31-Aug. 4, 1-4:30 p.m. Performances Aug. 4-5. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.org](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.org).

## **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](http://www.mankatoballet.org) under the “Summer Classes tab” or (507) 625-7716.

## **Adult Opportunities**

**May 1 Memoir Writing Group.** Bring your own writing or topic to 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**May 1-15 Artwork Drop Off Dates** for the Queer Experience Regional Exhibition. Pieces can be dropped off at The 410 Project and Carnegie Art Center in Mankato, Art Center of Saint Peter, and The Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm. The exhibition will be held in June at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. The Carnegie Art Center will host "making meet-ups" during regular operating hours, if artists need art supplies and/or space to create work, at 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or [www.thecarnegiemandato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com).

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

**May 3 & 17 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**May 3, 10, 17 & 31 Inclusive Theater for All.** Four Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. Join in on theater games, embodiment exercises, voice warm-ups, and more in this dramatic arts class. Open Arts Minnesota and Waseca Public Library have partnered for this unique opportunity. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. (507) 835-2910 or [www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com](http://www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com).

**May 3-31 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/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**May 5-6 Open Auditions** for the upcoming theater production of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella”. May 5 at 3-5 p.m. and May 6 at 1-3 p.m. Roles available for all levels, ages, and abilities. Be prepared to sing 30 seconds from the song “Impossible”, “The Sweetest Sounds”, or a song of your choosing. Performances will be held July 28-30. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9990.

**\*May 6 Letterpress Basics using Metal Type Class.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$35. Learn the basics of printing using a small platen press. You will hand-set type, “lock up the form,” set up a printing job, and printing a card. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**May 7 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](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org) or (507) 345-9777.

**May 8 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.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**\*May 11 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](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**May 11 Anishinaabe Bead Class,** 1-3 p.m. Learn how patterns and colors can reflect tribal and family affiliations, as you create your own beaded work of art. Registration is required by calling the library or online at <https://forms.gle/RDYU4aWg629e1qhx7>. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N. Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).

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\***May 17** Open Knitting. 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. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**May 17** Writers Group, 6:30 p.m. Share your work with others and get feedback, or just come for the writing prompts and inspiration. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

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**May 23 or 24** Adult Craft Night, 6 p.m., choose a night. Create memo boards from pizza pans. Participants will choose to either make a magnet memo board or a chalkboard. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

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

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

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

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

## Have you visited [www.plrac.org](http://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!



**The Prairie Lakes Office  
will be closed  
Monday, May 29th  
in honor of  
Memorial Day**



# Grant Opportunities

**May 19 Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Education Application Deadline.** This program is meant to help Minnesotans develop personal relationships with an art form(s) by supporting learning experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities. Project grant funds may be used for age-appropriate classes, workshops, camps, after-school programs, online education programs, community arts education, school residences or partnerships, etc. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Deadline: May 19 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or [msab@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:msab@arts.state.mn.us). For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

**May 19 McKnight Fellowship for Ceramic Artists Deadline.** The McKnight Fellowship for Ceramic Artists is administered by the Northern Clay Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It supports outstanding Minnesota ceramic artists who identify with any methodology: functional, sculptural, relational; all techniques are welcome. The intent is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota, who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Awarding two fellowships of \$25,000 each. Deadline is May 19 at 5 p.m. Go to <https://northernclaycenter.org/artist-services/grants-for-artists/mcknight-fellowships/> or email [nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org](mailto:nccinfo@northernclaycenter.org) for more information.

**June 16 Minnesota State Arts Board 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 and contemporary forms of cultural expression may be funded in this program. Grant range: \$5,000-\$35,000. Deadline: June 16 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a virtual information session May 16 at 12 Noon. For more information contact [culturalexpression@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:culturalexpression@arts.state.mn.us) or (800) 866-2787. For a link to the application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

**June 30 Minnesota State Arts Board 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. Deadline: June 30 at 4:30 p.m. Join a virtual information session May 12 at 1 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or [Annick.Dall-Desbois@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:Annick.Dall-Desbois@arts.state.mn.us). For a link to the application go to the MN State Arts Board website: [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

## 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](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

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

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. 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](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com), or [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net).

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

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

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

**The Grand Center for Arts & Culture**, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be promoted via our website and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on third floor. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org](mailto: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](mailto:officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org), (507) 508-7165 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://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](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org), or [info@wasecaartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecaartcenter.org).

## *College Galleries*

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

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

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

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

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

## *Community Theaters*

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

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

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

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

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



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