



\$46,500 in Artist Grants Awarded

We are pleased to announce that \$46,500 in Artist Development Grants have been awarded to thirty-one artists at \$1,500 each in the 9-county area. The purpose of the Artist Development Grant of \$1,500 is to provide financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. The artists are listed below in alphabetical order.

“We are excited that these artists will be creating new works in a variety of media” noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. Artists are using the funds for a variety of needs which may include: art supplies,

matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, musician studio time, using a mentor or an editor for written work, artist creative time or living expenses, etc.

The grantees include twelve visual artists, seven literary artists, eight musicians, three media artists, and one dancer. We hope that other artists will be inspired and plan to apply for a future grant from Prairie Lakes. These artist grants are made possible by funds provided by the McKnight Foundation under a program designed and administered by Prairie Lakes.

(Artist Descriptions are listed on page 2-3.)

Jacob Bases, Mankato - Media Arts
Justin Bergo, Mankato - Visual Art
Cindy Bourne, Amboy - Visual Art
Rebecca Brooks, Mankato - Literature
Molly Butler, North Mankato - Literature
Mary Carlson Zuehlke, Mankato - Music
Liz Draper, Mankato - Music
Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake - Literature
Jennifer Hildebrandt, Mankato - Literature
David Hyde, Kasota - Visual Art
Masayoshi Ishikawa, St. Peter - Music
Rachael Jaeger, Mankato - Literature
John Kruse, Wells - Music
Dinah Langsjoen, North Mankato - Visual Art
Charlie Leftridge, St. Peter - Music
Eric Lennartson, Mankato - Visual Art

Dale Looft, Montgomery - Visual Art
James Mackey, Mankato - Visual Art
Sabrina Mercedes, Mankato - Visual Art
Danielle Moeller, Fairmont - Visual Art
Jerry Mollenhauer, St. Peter - Literature
Lisa Murphy, Mankato - Music
Austin Oropeza, Mankato - Media Arts
Ryan Rader, Mankato - Music
Tracy Ross, Mankato - Literature
Laura Schultz, Mankato - Music
Stephanie Spencer, Blue Earth - Visual Art
Jeffrey Stocco, Courtland - Visual Art
Molly Stoltz, St. Peter - Dance
Willis Stout, Mankato - Media Arts
Jaci Ullrich, Mankato - Visual Art

Artist Grants totaling \$46,500 were Awarded to 31 Artists from the Area

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Artists represent five different counties, including 19 artists from Blue Earth County, 7 from Nicollet County, 2 from LeSueur County and 2 from Faribault County and 1 from Martin County. The artists are listed below in alphabetical order along with their project descriptions.

Jacob Bases, Mankato. He is a videographer and will use the grant to plan, write, and produce a three-part video series focusing on non-traditional musicians in southern Minnesota. He plans to show the series on virtual platforms and at events.

Justin Bergo, Mankato. He is a visual artist and will use the grant to explore combining digital illustrations with charcoal and graphite that will be manipulated with inks, water, glue, paint, and pigment. He plans to have an exhibit when the new pieces are complete.

Cindy Bourne, Amboy. She is a visual artist and will use the grant to resume metalsmithing and jewelry making full time. She will create pieces for shows, relaunch her website, teach classes, and participate in exhibitions.

Rebecca Brooks, Mankato. She is a writer and will use the grant to write a feature-length screenplay based on her own novel, "Chasing AllieCat".

Molly Butler, North Mankato. She is a writer and will use the grant to write a memoir/lyric essay collection exploring her family's house fire and the subsequent changes to their lives and uncovering of values.

Mary Carlson Zuehlke, Mankato. Mary is a musician and will use the grant to take advanced violin lessons with David Auerbach, the principal violinist of the Minnesota Opera Orchestra.

Liz Draper, Mankato. Liz is a musician and will use the grant to film herself performing original compositions for upright bass. She will use this footage to increase her online presence in order to gain future performance opportunities and composition commissions.

Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake. Rachael is a non-fiction writer and will use the grant funds to hire a research assistant to find literary podcasts that would help to promote her new book, "Breaking Point: One Woman's Transformation from Activist to Radical in 1970s America". The book will be published in the fall of 2022.

Jennifer Hildebrandt, Mankato. Jennifer is a writer and will use the grant to edit a collection of "hybrid essays" that were started during the pandemic and examines ideas of movement, connections, community, isolation, and other themes. She will also update her website and design a movement and writing workshop.

David Hyduke, Kasota. David is a visual artist and will use the grant to create three larger steel sculptures inspired by smaller bronze works he has created. These new pieces will be submitted to various sculpture walk programs.

Masayoshi Ishikawa, St. Peter. He is a musician and will use the grant to record his 2nd original jazz studio album entitled "Yoake", meaning "at the break of dawn". The album will include all pieces that have been composed since the pandemic started.

Rachael Jaeger, Mankato. She is a writer and will use the grant to hire an editor and to continue working on her young adult fantasy novel, "The David Project," which is about a teenager who discovers he's responsible for an intergalactic virus but also overcomes his awkwardness and learns to be self-confident in his different relationships along the way.

John Kruse, Wells. He is a musician and will use the grant to record an album of his original music using a live band in his home studio.

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Dinah Langsjoen, North Mankato. She is a visual artist and will use the grant to write and illustrate a children's picture book that deals with honoring a lost loved one after they pass, written from a 4-year old's point of view.

Charlie Leftridge, St. Peter. He is a musician and will use the grant to write and record a new chamber music composition and to create a new website to market himself as a professional composer.

Eric Lennartson, Mankato. He is a visual artist and will use the grant to make his TapeScape installations more engaging and interactive with digital projection.

Dale Looft, Montgomery. He is a visual artist and will use the grant to create 12-15 still life photography images using a light painting technique and to attend an online Still Life Masterclass by Joel Grimes.

James Mackey, Mankato. He is a visual artist and a writer and will use the grant to finish writing and illustrating his fantasy horror novel "Ragdolls: The Fall of Thronia". The 30-40 pen and ink drawings will be framed and displayed in a gallery show.

Sabrina Mercedes, Mankato. She is a visual artist and will use the grant to expand her work to include more resin pieces that combine dried plants, medicine, or flowers with color contrast. She plans to display and sell her work at Lakota Made in Mankato.

Danielle Moeller, Fairmont. She is a visual artist and will use the grant to develop new matting and framing skills and create new work using soft pastels. She would like to exhibit the new work at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

Jerry Mollenhauer, St. Peter. He is a writer and will use the grant to continue working on his fiction and historical fiction novels and to attend a writing workshop at the Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference.

Lisa Murphy, Mankato. She is a musician and is known as the "Singing Cowgirl". She will use the grant funds to purchase a Bose P.A. System to enhance her performances and have the ability to perform at larger venues.

Austin Oropeza, Mankato. He is a videographer and will use the grant to create his own short film.

Ryan Rader, Mankato. He is a musician and will use the grant to provide higher quality online music lessons and music performance videos.

Tracy Ross, Mankato. She is a writer and will use the grant to complete a collection of monothematic prose poetry entitled "Nikola's Dove".

Laura Schultz, Mankato. She is a musician and will use the grant to record the debut album for her band "Given Names". She plans to have an album release show at the Wine Café in Mankato, summer of 2022.

Stephanie Spencer, Blue Earth. She is a visual artist and will use the grant to create oil paintings to take to shows and display at area venues.

Jeffrey Stocco, Courtland. He is a visual artist and creates wood-turned pieces. He will use the grant to attend the "Turning With Carbide Tools" workshop at Woodcraft of Minneapolis and to meet with a mentor to create a wood-turning curriculum to teach at the Mankato Makerspace.

Molly Stoltz, St. Peter. She is a dancer and will use the grant to continue working on her full-length flamenco and tap dance piece and to build a portable dance floor. She plans to premier the full-length work in 2022.

Willis Stout, Mankato. He is a musician and videographer. He will use the grant to create a flexible and exciting live performance production from the ground up which would include elements of visual design, sound design, and music production.

Jaci Ullrich, Mankato. She is a visual artist who creates acrylic and watercolor paintings inspired by nature. She will use the grant to expand her work using other mediums including yarn and cloth to create new works with a similar abstract nature theme. She plans to exhibit the new work locally.

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will be closed
Thursday and Friday,
November 25-26
in honor of Thanksgiving.**



57 Area Students in grades 7-12 were Awarded Youth Art Scholarships for a total of \$17,100

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that scholarships of \$17,100 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 57 students in grades 7-12 throughout the region. They each receive \$300. The Youth Scholarships will provide these students the opportunity to take lessons with an instructor over a period of months. A variety of lessons in cello, dance, figure skating, guitar, organ, piano, string bass, viola, and violin will be provided.

Youth Scholarship recipients live in eighteen different communities representing eight counties,” noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. “We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be

involved in.” They will be taking lessons and participating with many area arts groups including: Dance Conservatory of Southern MN in Mankato, Mankato Ballet Company, Spotlight Dance Company in Mankato, and New Ulm Figure Skating Club; and music lessons at Mankato School of Music and New Ulm Suzuki School of Music. Many independent music instructors throughout the area will also be providing lessons for these students.



The next deadline for Youth Scholarships, grades 7-12, is October 1, 2022.

Youth Scholarships, Grades 7-12, listed by County and Community

A total of \$17,100 was awarded to 57 students for scholarships of \$300 each; and they live in 18 different communities, representing eight counties.

Blue Earth County - \$3,000

Mankato: Eleanor Coons-Ruskey, Mollie Kelly, Grace MacPherson, Rose MacPherson, Juan Perez-Hernandez, Tyler Schmitz, Nicholas Willaert

Eagle Lake: Aiden Wersal, Xavier Wersal

Rural Lewisville: Emily Kleidon

Brown County - \$5,700

Hanska: Calleigh Frederickson, Natalia Frederickson

New Ulm: Elizabeth Borgen, Joshua Carlovsky, Nathaniel Carlovsky, Isaiah Correa, Emily Guggisberg, Jonah Hermanson, Jamis Martens, Leah Menzel, Lydia Meyer, Ashley Schaefer, Isaiah Smith, Sebastian Smith, Bethany Spike, Ezra Spike, Karlee Stocker

Sleepy Eye: Gunval Coulson, Nora Coulson

Faribault County - \$300

Blue Earth: Delanie Ackerman

LeSueur County - \$900

LeSueur: Joseph Heim

Rural Henderson: Joseph Fixsen

Rural St. Peter: Julie Weber

Nicollet County - \$3,600

Lafayette: Emma Hoffmann

North Mankato: Marco Jakovich, Sasha Jakovich, Kyle Johnson, Sydney Johnson

St. Peter: Henry Jacobs, Anna Klatt, Adela Madson, Alexa Rassbach, Quinn Rassbach, Micah Stoll

Rural New Ulm: Rory Juberien

Sibley County - \$1,200

Gaylord: Colten Kranz

Gibbon: Estella Ortiz

Henderson: Sophia Davig

Winthrop: Natalie Matzke

Waseca County - \$300

Janesville: Stella Ziemke

Watonwan County - \$2,100

Madelia: Karl Davis

St. James: Olivia Christensen, Isaiah Rete, Lydia Rete, Miriam Rete, Keeley Runge, Diana Sargent

These Youth Scholarships 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

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) grants of \$39,980 were awarded to four arts organizations in the region on October 28, 2021 and \$22,000 was awarded to three arts organizations on September 23, 2021. The organizations are listed with a brief description of their activities.

October Grantees:

Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - \$13,000.

They will produce high quality in-person musical theater performances in winter 2021 and spring 2022 including, “Scrooge”, “Who Murdered My Sweetheart”, and “Grease”. Funds will be used to purchase theater curtains, speakers, laptop, and printer.

Mankato Figure Skating Club - \$8,000. They will present their annual ice shows in April of 2022 at All Seasons Arena in Mankato. Funds will be used for coaches’ stipends, ice time for rehearsals and performances, costumes, and publicity.

Mankato Makerspace - \$13,000. They will sponsor the “Makerspace Artists of Tomorrow” project, a pilot program for youth arts programming at the Mankato Makerspace. Classes will be held for students ages 6-12 and scholarships will be available. Funds will be used for artist stipends, utilities, and to purchase tablets.

Waseca County Historical Society - \$5,980. They will sponsor LakeFest on July 4, 2022, at Clear Lake Park in Waseca. The event will feature music performances including folk, Americana, country, and other genres. Funds will be used for artist stipends and publicity.

September Grantees:

Mankato Children’s Chorus - \$6,000. The choirs consisting of students in grades 1-12 will hold weekly rehearsals and present two concerts in the fall and spring of 2021-22. Funds will be used for directors’ salaries.

Musicorum, Mankato - \$8,000. They will present their choral season with a holiday concert in December 2021 and a spring concert in April 2022. The concerts will be held at Good Counsel Chapel, Mankato. Funds will be used for the director’s salary, instrumentalist stipends, publicity, venue rental, and music.

Project 1590, Fairmont, public art - \$8,000. They will sponsor a public art project entitled “Going Hog Wild in Martin County, MN”. Thirty 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.



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WORK OF ART: BUSINESS SKILLS FOR ARTISTS

Springboard for the Arts [Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists](#) is a professional development curriculum designed to teach business skills to artists in all disciplines: visual, performing and literary arts. Artists can take the whole series, customized combinations, or individual workshops that best suit their needs, and the curriculum is available for people interested in leading the workshops and offering professional development resources.

Springboard offers [The Work of Art Toolkit](#); available for Free as a digital download.

Read a brief description of all Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists topics and find upcoming Work of Art workshops, panels, classes or events on their website:

<https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/>



Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

A total of \$182,000 was awarded to 20 Area Organizations

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that **Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of \$182,000 were awarded to twenty arts organizations in the region on August 26, 2021.** The organizations are listed alphabetically with a brief description of their artistic activities and events. Additional ACH grants will be approved at the September and October board meetings.

The grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater performances, art classes and exhibitions, festivals, and youth field trips 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, 2022. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle - \$6,000. They will sponsor the annual ArliDazzle celebration, including music and entertainment from the Sakatah Carvers, DeCantus Christmas Carolers, Frozen Characters, Inspyre Performance, and the Shell's Hobo Band Quartet, December 2021. Funds will be used for artists fees, publicity, and rental fees.

Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$13,000. They will provide gallery exhibitions, a Holiday Market for artists, outdoor music performances, and workshops and classes in-person and through Zoom; September 2021 through June 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, salaries, and facility costs.

Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - \$8,000. They will sponsor their 2021-22 subscription series of music concerts at the Blue Earth Area Schools Performing Arts Center, October 2021-April 2022. The five concerts will include several different music genres. Funds will be used for artist fees.

DalekoArts, New Prague - \$13,000. They will present their 2021-22 main stage season of three theater productions: A Holiday Show in November 2021, "Lone Star Spirits" in February 2022, and "Once" in May 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Fairmont Opera House - \$13,000. They will use funding for three shows during their 2021-22 season including "Ole and Lena Live" in September 2021, "Okee Dokee Brothers" in October 2021, and "Fairytale on Ice" in April 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees.

La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$8,000. They will present their concert season of Renaissance and Baroque music with five concerts between September 2021 and May 2022. They will also conduct multiple masterclass sessions with students at Sibley East High School and juried high school vocalists, and host open rehearsals and pre-concert talks. An outreach concert will also take place at a long-term care facility. Funds will be used for artist fees, concert programs, and rental fees.

Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's - \$8,000. They will sponsor the Singing Hills Chorus, a singing group made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias and their care partners. They facilitate two chorus sessions and concerts, one in the fall and one in the spring. They also offer free monthly Summer SingAlongs. Funds will be used for artist fees, rental fees, and publicity.

Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$8,000. They will present multiple concerts during their 2021-22 season with opportunities for students to participate with the Youth Symphony Orchestra, Youth Philharmonic, North Star Strings, Chamber Strings, Summer Orchestra, and Summer Jazz. Funds will be used for sectional coaches, membership & lesson scholarships, mileage scholarships to students, director salaries, and venue rentals.

Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - \$13,000. They will sponsor their 2021-22 season of arts programming; including the "Lunch with the Arts" series; art education classes for children and

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adults; and musical performances by Minnesota-based singer songwriter Michael Shynes, and pianist Glenn Henriksen. Funds will be used for artist fees, art class supplies, salaries, and publicity.

Merely Players Community Theatre - \$8,000. They will present their 2021-2022 season of plays in Mankato, including: “Rocky Horror Picture Show” in October 2021 at the Kato Ballroom; and “Rex’s Ex’s” in November 2021, “Matilda” in March 2022, and “The Spider’s Web” in May 2022, held at Lincoln Community Center. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and production expenses.

Minnesota New Country School - \$6,000. They will provide ten art and cultural field trips for students during the 2021-22 school year to promote life-long appreciation of all art forms. Activities are divided among several grade levels and include Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Children's Theater, Park Square Theater, Guthrie Theater, Stages Theater, The Minnesota Orchestra, Walker Art Center, and a tour of Southern Minnesota Art Galleries. Funds will be used for ticket costs.

Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$8,000. They will perform four concerts in Mankato for the 2021-2022 season; two winter concerts in November 2021, including their own commissioned piece “Do You Remember Falling Stars” by local composer Benji Inniger; and two spring concerts in April 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees, membership scholarships, salaries, and concert and rehearsal venue rental.

New Ulm Figure Skating Club - \$6,000. They will present their 2022 Ice Skating Show “Hero’s On Ice”, based on popular heroes and heroines of movies and TV shows in February 2022. Funds will be used for the show director’s fee and ice time rental.

Prairie Winds Middle School, Mankato - \$6,000. They will present their first live, middle school theater production in the Spring of 2022. They will hire a local playwright to create the melodrama script and a local theatrical director and choreographer to work with the students. Funds will be used for artist fees, costumes, sets, and stage rental.

Project G.E.M. - \$8,000. The Growth, Experience & Motivation Project will provide arts education program activities to at risk youth, ages 6-19, in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties in 2021-22. This includes instruction in art, music, creative writing, and drama in a variety of

locations, taught by college students going in the education field. Funds will be used for artist fees, travel expenses, salaries, and supplies.

ProMusica Minnesota - \$8,000. They will host their series of three high quality chamber music concerts in New Ulm. “Love Sweet” in September 2021; “Trumpet Flourish” in February 2022; and “Cello Treasures” in March 2022. The guest musicians will also lead free masterclasses and lectures at area schools. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.

South Central Service Cooperative - \$8,000. They will host the Young Writers & Artists Conference in March 2022 for students in grades 3-8, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. Students can participate in a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Funds are used for artist stipends and student scholarships.

State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - \$13,000. They will present two fall theater performances including “Over the River and through the Woods” in October 2021, and “Velveteen Rabbit Christmas,” in November 2021; and host Duely Noted, a dueling piano duo in November 2021. Funds will be used for artist fees, production costs, salaries, and to purchase a sound board and replacement microphones.

Waseca Arts Council - \$13,000. They will sponsor exhibitions throughout 2022 that include the Annual Regional High School Art Exhibit, the Youth Member Exhibit, and an exhibit by Cow Tipping Press to display the poetry and book covers created during classes for adults with disabilities that are held in Waseca. Funds will be used for salaries, publicity, and facility costs.

Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library - \$8,000. They will collaborate with Cow Tipping Press, a Minneapolis-based organization run by Waseca native Bryan Boyce. The library will host literary classes for 10 adults with developmental disabilities in the Waseca area. Classes culminate in book publication, an in-person community reading event, and videos of each participant reading their work, accompanied with graphics. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, and recording equipment.



Prairie Lakes is proud to support Public Art in our Small Communities

“We were pleased to support public art in our small communities and awarding them an Arts Grant is part of that process”, noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. There can be a lot of ideas for public art projects in our communities, but it can be difficult to figure out how to do it, who to involve, and to engage local community members. The project will likely need other funds to make it happen, so donations are needed as well as a lot of volunteer time. Details about how to plan a public art project in order to qualify for a PLRAC arts grant are on page 9. In this article we are highlighting the public sculpture in Janesville and the community mural in Waterville.

The City of Waterville received a \$4,000 Small Arts Grant in March 2020 to create a mural.

Local resident and artist Patty Salmon at Make It, Waterville initiated the idea of the mural and asked artist Mary Walchuk, of Elysian to create the design. Patty introduced the idea to the staff and council of the City of Waterville and asked for their support and to submit the grant on behalf of the mural project. Their goal was to create a 12 foot by 70-foot mural on the Make It, Waterville building on the corner of Main and Third Street by the end of summer 2021. Funds were used to provide a stipend to Mary Walchuk for the colored pencil artwork design and to artist Justin Ek, of Mankato and Bellissimo Paint and Coatings, in Mankato to layout the artwork design on the building. Mary noted “Justin projected the much-smaller image she created with colored pencils onto the wall and made the outline and labeled each section for its designated color.”



They invited community members to help paint some areas of the mural, and over 20 people participated in the community painting event. Mary posted photos on Facebook as the mural was being created, and this sparked a lot of interest from the community. The brightly colored mural features a collage of iconic “Waterville things” hidden in the colorful outdoor scene. It includes a wave encircled water tower, a bullhead, the Sakatah State Trail, and lakes, as well as paint brushes and spools of thread that give a nod to the town’s current and former artists.

Janesville Matters received a \$2,000 Small Arts Grant in 2020 for their public sculpture from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

The board members of Janesville Matters, a non-profit organization used the grant funds to have a fish sculpture created by Tim Nelson of Bemidji to place in their new sculpture garden on Janesville’s Main Street.

The sculpture was mounted on a field stone and placed in the sculpture garden in front of the Public Utilities Building. Mark Borneke and Tom Miller installed the piece in fall 2021. There was a dedication ceremony for the sculpture garden in October.



Applicants that want to have Public Art projects for their community are requested to follow a process of engaging the community in the decision making.

Details about how to plan a public art project in order to qualify for a PLRAC arts grant, continued from page 8.

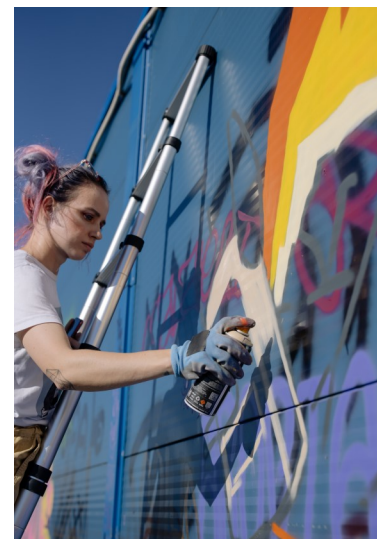
A Prairie Lakes Small Arts Grant or our Arts & Cultural Heritage grant can be used to fund a Public Art Project, noted Brenda Byron. Here are some of the details that are listed in our Grant Guidelines about public art.

Public Art is the creation of a sculpture, mural, public performances, temporary works, and other grassroots forms of public art that engage the community in new ways.

The applicant should identify a qualified artist to design and complete the work, working with a committee of citizens. In the proposal the applicant would need to describe: Why this public art is needed, how it will represent the community or the community's history, and what community input was solicited in the planning phase. Also, was a committee formed to discuss and plan the project? Public Art often requires collaborations between the city, school, community at large, etc.

The applicant would also have to identify and describe which organization would be responsible for the long-term upkeep of the Public Art. Also, submit the artist's resume and documentation of their professional capacity to complete a mural, sculpture, or temporary art installation, etc. and list examples of past work.

We recommend applicants inform themselves about public art and its processes and a resource is Forecast Public Art in St. Paul which has a Public Art Toolkit for communities. <http://forecastpublicart.org/toolkit/didactic.html>. Please contact the Prairie Lakes office at plrac@hickorytech.net for more guidance and information on Public Art projects if needed.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement **of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

Approved 4/19 and updated 5/21.

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) recognizes arts and culture as inherent and vital aspects of life. Art is a proven proponent of healthy, balanced, and prosperous communities. The creation and experience of cultural and artistic expression contribute to both individual and community well-being. We believe in the ability to build increased connectivity through supporting cultural and artistic expression of all social identities including race, tribal affiliation, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, sexuality, religion, ability, socio-economic background and the intersectionality of these identities.

This may include historically marginalized and underserved groups such as: Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), Youth, Senior Citizens, People with Disabilities and LGBTQ+.

We are committed to closing access gaps in the arts with urgency and accountability. We believe sustained impact requires authentic relationships and transformative work,

and to this end we are deeply invested. As stewards of public funds, including those allocated by the Legacy Amendment, PLRAC embraces the unique opportunity to ensure that all residents of the nine-county area have access to quality arts experiences. We celebrate our region as an artistic cultural hub where artists and community members from all walks of life intersect. PLRAC dedicates its work to providing key support at these vital intersections where art and community align. PLRAC is committed to engaging in the relationship building, self-reflection, community discourse, and hands-on work imperative to make our region a place where all artistic communities can thrive.

PLRAC will focus our resources to educate ourselves, modify our practices and shift our own organizational culture to challenge racial disparities as we move toward equitable arts communities. We embrace our responsibility to lead racial equity work in funding, while informing and learning from equity and inclusion in the artistic practices and programming of our constituents.

Martin County Public Art Project

Call For Artists: Going Hog Wild

Martin County artists and artists from the surrounding area can participate.

Do you have a desire to paint statues in public spaces? Going Hog Wild, a collaboration between Project 1590, the Martin County Arts Council, and Bacon Capital USA, has applied for and received a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council to pay artists to paint hog statues to be placed across the county beginning in the spring of 2022, culminating in an unveiling event for multiple statues in early summer 2022.

Each artist selected will receive a \$300 stipend for each pig they complete. Artists will work with sponsoring businesses and organizations on designs, subject to approval by the Martin County Arts Council. The hog statues will be warehoused over the winter, enabling artist's time to complete their work. We invite all interested artists, especially BIPOC artists, to apply!

Going Hog Wild is an idea created by a group of citizens focused on downtown revitalization in Fairmont. The concept is to have multiple concrete hog statues as an attraction for tourists and visitors, each spotlighting businesses and organizations as well as recognizing the accomplishments of the pork industry in our county, which is among the top 10 pork-producing counties in the United States. While originally focused on downtown Fairmont, after presenting the concept to many local businesses & organizations, it became apparent that Going Hog Wild would not only be a great draw for downtown but for all of Martin County.



Timeline:

November 30, 2021: Artist Application deadline

December 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022: Painting in one-week slots

May: Unveiling event

Selection criteria:

1. Interested artists must complete the application OR send a video submission answering the questions within it to alex.youngwilliams@gmail.com.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must currently reside in the nine-county Prairie Lakes region (Martin, Faribault, Blue Earth, Waseca, Watonwan, Brown, Nicollet, Le Sueur, and Sibley), preferably in Martin County.
4. Preference will be given to BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) artists.
5. Successful applicants will have previously demonstrated commitment to advancing the role of art, creativity, and culture in their community.

Selected artists will receive a \$300 project budget for each pig completed. Additional painting materials will not be provided.

Deliverables:

Each selected artist will:

- Be contacted by and work with a sponsoring business on a design for the pigs;
- Choose a one-week-long window of time to paint a hog in our warehouse;
- Work with project partners to document and share their project with the region;
- Possibly share their completed project in a culmination event in April/May 2022.

Application Details:

We invite all interested artists to apply online here (<https://forms.gle/tQ9XiKaWBPb9Gs7U8>) and email up to five (5) work samples to alex.youngwilliams@gmail.com.

Program Support:

This activity is 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.

Two School Arts Project Grants Were Awarded Totaling \$4,000

Our Small Arts Project Grant 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. **Two schools were awarded grants, which totaled \$4,000.**

The Grant maximum is \$2,000 or \$3,000 for BIPOC projects and underserved Arts activities. No cash match is required this year.

“Prairie Lakes is encouraging arts projects for cultural activities and underserved populations as identified in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement. This includes: Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), Youth, Senior Citizens, People with Disabilities and LGBTQ+,” noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director. Contact our office at plrac@hickorytech.net to discuss your project idea, we would be happy to assist you!

Central High School and Freedom (Sober) School, Mankato (SCH) - \$2,000. They will have students paint murals inside and outside the Lincoln Community Center, including bathroom stalls and preschool rooms. Funds will be used to purchase paint and supplies.

Madelia High School (SCH) - \$2,000. High school art students will take a field trip to the Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit in Minneapolis in November. Funds will be used for entrance fees, substitute teacher costs, and transportation.

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. The Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grants are made possible by funds provided by the Minnesota State Legislature. These Small Arts and School Arts Project Grants are reflected below in a list by County, which we keep updated for the fiscal year.

FY 2022 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

Central High School & Freedom (Sober) School - \$2000
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist fees - \$2,000
Lake Crystal Community Band, performances - \$1,800
Mankato Community Ed., cultural performance- \$3,000

BROWN COUNTY

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000
Springfield Community Theatre, performances - \$2,000

NICOLLET COUNTY

American Indian Cultural Events Group, events - \$3,000
Bothy Folk Club, performances - \$2,000

WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - \$1,660
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$1,980

WATONWAN COUNTY

Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet, performances - \$2,000
Madelia High School, field trip - \$2,000



Happy Thanksgiving



FY 2022 Arts Grants and Funding Has Increased (7/1/21 to 6/30/22)

We are pleased to let constituents know that our State funding for this fiscal year has increased. Arts grants are available for non-profit arts organizations, community groups and schools, that are sponsoring arts activities, in the 9-county area. Deadlines for applying are October 1 and November 1 for our Small Arts Project or School Arts Project Grant, and the 1st of the month until May 1, 2022.

We encourage new applicants and especially BIPOC artists and BIPOC community focused arts activities to apply as well as activities to benefit people with disabilities, LGBTQ+, youth and seniors. Grant information is on pages 8-9.

The ACH Youth Scholarships for grades 3-6 and 7-12 have deadlines on Oct. 1, and Nov. 1, 2021.

We are estimating that ACH grant funds for organizations will be about \$427,218 in FY 2022 which is a substantial increase. Details are listed below about the Distribution of Funds for the year.

The board may not award all of the Arts and Cultural Heritage funds and could carry-over some money into FY 2023, based upon the number of requests this year.

FY 2022 Distribution of Funds by Grant Program

State Small Arts and School Arts Project Grant	\$95,000
Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) Grants to organizations	\$427,218
ACH Youth Scholarships	\$34,000
McKnight Artist Development Grant	\$49,500
Total: \$605,718	

In FY 2021 Prairie Lakes awarded 196 Grants totaling \$387,239

Here's a summary of Grants awarded:

\$52,500 - McKnight Artist Grants (35 grants)

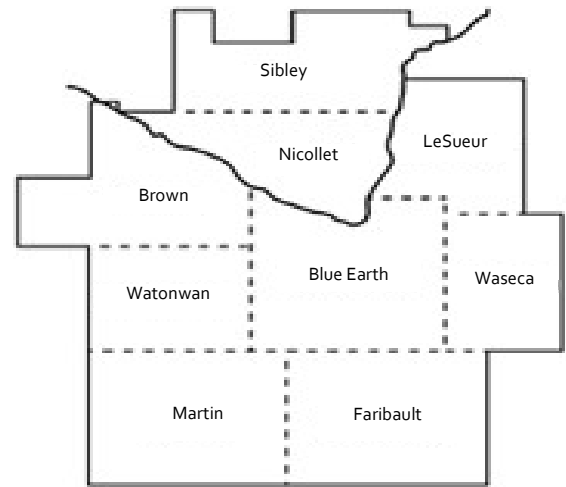
\$79,309 - State General funds (24 grants) Small Arts Project & School Grants

\$255,430 - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) (137 grants); 29 organizational grants & 108 Youth Scholarships.

The three categories of ACH grants and the amounts awarded were:

- (1) Arts Programming/Arts Access \$213,552, which includes grants to 27 nonprofit arts organizations and community groups, for their arts programs and activities.
- (2) Arts Education \$41,878, which includes 2 school grants and 108 Youth Scholarships of \$300 or \$200 each.
- (3) Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals \$0; most community festivals were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.





FY 2022 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: Aug. 1, Sept. 1, and Feb. 1

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council will fund projects from non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations or those using a fiscal sponsor that are producing or sponsoring an arts activity in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. This includes arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **No specific cash match is required.**

ACH Large Arts Organization Stability Grant. Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$13,000. **Eligibility:** They must be a 501c3 Arts Organization that has year-round arts programming, has paid staff, and owns their building (or have a yearly lease for performance space).

ACH Arts Project Grant. Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$8,000.

Funds may be used for Arts programming that is in-person or virtual. Expenses may include artist fees, artist travel, salaries, equipment, technology, training, promotion, monthly rent (lease payments) and utilities.

ACH Arts & Music Festivals Grant. Maximum request \$6,000. For non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations that are sponsoring arts/music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions.

ACH Education Grant. Maximum request \$6,000. For arts education programs by non-profit community groups and schools. This may include arts classes, author reading, artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops, or arts related field trips for schools.

ACH Youth Scholarship. Youth Scholarship for Students (grades 7-12) – \$300, and (grades 3-6) - \$200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. **Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1; and grades 3-6 is November 1.**

The applicant or organization must have an address and provide arts programming within the Prairie Lakes region; the counties are: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County.

Small Arts Project Grant

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The grant may be up to \$2,000. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$3,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until May.**

School Arts Project Grant

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,000 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until May.**

Artist Development Grant \$1,500

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

Deadline: September 1

Earliest start date: October 1

FY 2022 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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

Organizations can only receive one grant per year. We encourage arts projects for BIPOC arts and cultural activities and underserved populations.

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

Applications are online at www.plrac.org.

Small Arts Project - \$2,000

BIPOC Projects - \$3,000

School Arts Project - \$2,000

1st of the Month Deadline
July 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022

**FY 2022 grant applications
are online at www.plrac.org.**

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

**Arts and Cultural
Heritage Grant**

Aug. 1, Sept. 1
and Feb. 1 Deadline

Large Arts Organization

Stability Grant - \$13,000

Arts Project Grant - \$8,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000

Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

**Artist Development
Grant - \$1,500**

Sept. 1, 2021 Deadline

**Youth Scholarship
Grades 7-12 - \$300**

October 1 Deadline

**Youth Scholarship
Grades 3-6 - \$200**

November 1 Deadline

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

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



Prairie Lakes Updated our Mission and Value Statements in 2021

The Prairie Lakes board met several times in 2020 to discuss updates to their Mission Statement and Value Statements. It has been a few years since the mission statement has been revised. Since we were doing planning for FY 2022-23 it seemed like a good time to revisit this topic. Members provided information and feedback about the need to simplify the mission statement and to create some new value statements that would clarify the different categories we are trying to address through our arts grant programs and services. We were pleased with the outcome and everyone was comfortable with the updated information, which was approved at the January 2021 board meeting.

Mission Statement

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

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



Value Statements:

The Arts

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

Artistic Merit

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

Creativity

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

Community

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

Accessibility

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

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion

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

We support the creation and presentation of diverse art forms, fostering equitable access to arts opportunities, and integrating arts and culture to enhance quality of life in our communities.

Prairie Lakes Board Positions are Open for the City of Fairmont and Sibley County

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

The deadline for submitting an application is Dec. 1. Interested persons residing in Fairmont or Sibley County should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC 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.

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

Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran

College. The monthly meetings have been conducted as online meetings this year and will continue virtually through May 2022. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

- Blue Earth County Liz Miller
- Brown County Beth Steffl
- Faribault County..... Julie Forderer
- LeSueur County Larry Pint
- Martin County.....Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerence
- Nicollet County..... Rita Rassbach
- Sibley County Open
- Waseca County..... Karen Krause
- Watsonwan County Steve Davis
- City of Fairmont..... Open
- City of Mankato Diana Joseph
- City of New Ulm Open
- City of North Mankato Dana Sikkila
- City of St. Peter April Malphurs

- Staff**
- Executive Director Brenda Byron
 - Program Manager..... Cindy Lewer
 - Administrative Assistant .. Pam Trumbull

FY 2022 Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff



Front Row (L to R): Cindy Lewer, Program Manager; Dana Sikkila; Julie Forderer; Rita Rassbach; April Malphurs; and Brenda Byron, Executive Director. **Back Row:** Beth Steffl; Karen Krause; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; and Larry Pint. Not pictured: Steve Davis; Kristi Gaalswyk-Pomerence; Diana Joseph, and Liz Miller.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

Nov. 1 Björling Music Festival Concert, 7 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 1-3 Monster Prints Exhibit, large scale works by Minnesota State University Mankato Printmaking Students. 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. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6767.

Nov. 1-5 Joan Krikava's collection of Czech glassware. 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.

Nov. 1-7 Art for All: The Swedish Experience in Mid-America Exhibit, co-organized with the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas. 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. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

Nov. 1-24 Steven Lemke's "Deconstructed Paradise" Sculpture Exhibit. (Reception and presentation, Nov. 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.

***Nov. 1-April 30, 2022** The 2021 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

Nov. 2 Virtual lecture and recital about modern Japanese piano compositions in context, presented by Dr. Yumiko Oshima-Ryan, 5 p.m. Held via zoom, go online for the meeting link. Sponsored by Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Nov. 2-12** "Jane Liedman's World of Art" Painting 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. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at www.thegrandnewulm.com. (507) 359-9222.

***Nov. 2-30** "Martin County Farmland – Capturing Its Beauty From the Sky", an Aerial Farm Photo Exhibit. 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.

***Nov. 3-5** Stitcher's In Time, a Local Quilters Guild Exhibit and the Waseca Art Center Member Show. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 3-6 Annual Halloween Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Nov. 3-Dec. 23** Holiday Market 2021. Items from local artists will be available for purchase at different times during the multi-month market. Nov. 3-28, Books, Prints, Photography; and Dec. 1-23, Pottery, Woodwork, and Holiday Fare. 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.

***Nov. 4** VINE Memoir Writers Book Talk, 6-7:30 p.m. Join us for a launch of the groups new book "Preserving Memories". Copies will be available for purchase. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Avenue. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

Nov. 4-6 & 11-13 "Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story" Dinner Theater. Doors open at 5 p.m., buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the show at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets \$40. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.

Nov. 4-6 & 11-14 "Hay Fever" theater production, Nov. 4-6 and 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 13-14 at 2 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$15. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.



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.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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Nov. 4-Dec. 31 Holiday Boutique, unique handmade gifts created by local artists. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

***Nov. 5** Duelyly Noted Dueling Pianos show, 7:30 p.m. In advance \$17, at the door \$22, includes dessert. Tickets available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org, at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, or New Ulm HyVee. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***Nov. 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Flute/Harp Arts Tour, featuring flutist Linda Chatterton and harpist Rachel Brandwein, 7-9 p.m. Non-members \$10, members \$7, college students free. Light food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 5-7 GnomeMade Market in New Ulm, an annual art and folk art market exhibited in private homes and in historic New Ulm locations. Go to www.gnomemademarket.com for a list of participating vendors and their hours.



Nov. 5-7 "The Secret Garden" musical theater performances. Nov. 5-6 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

***Nov. 5-Dec. 23** "Potluck", a buy-and-take exhibition of functional pottery by Arts Center ceramists. 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.

***Nov. 6** "Preserving Memories", VINE Memoir Writers Group Book Launch Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Nov. 6 Fall Band Concert, 7 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 8-19 Fall Senior Exhibition #1, 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

Nov. 8-Dec. 10 Guido Van Helten's "Photographs – The Mankato Project" Exhibit. (Reception, Nov. 10, 6 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. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6767.

***Nov. 9** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Intersection Trio with performers on the piano, cello, and violin, 7 p.m. The Concert Series tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$100. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com or (507) 526-7186.

Nov. 11 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring poet Su Hwang. Workshop, 10-11 a.m., at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 245, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 245, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5500 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.



Nov. 11-14 "The Misanthrope" theater performance, Nov. 11-13 at 8 p.m. & Nov. 13-14 at 2 p.m. Held at Rob and Judy Gardner Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

***Nov. 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Andrea Lyn & The Wildflowers performing roots music, 7-9:30 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.

Nov. 12 Author Michael Kleber-Diggs will discuss his new book "Worldly Things", 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

Nov. 12 & 14 Blue Earth Town & County Players presents "Holiday Two-Fer" theater performances, "The Living Nativity" and "The Ho Ho Ho Chronicles". Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. Free will offering. Held at the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Go to "Blue Earth Town & Country Players" on Facebook or (507) 525-1927.

Prairie Lakes is on Facebook!



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Regional Arts Council**

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

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

Nov. 12-14 & 19-20 “The Snow Queen” theater performance, Nov. 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Nov. 12-Dec. 4 Craig Groe and Charlie Putnam’s Painting Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Nov. 12-Jan. 28, 2022 New Ulm’s Own: “Treasures from Around the World”, displaying handcrafted goods. 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.

Nov. 13 High School Honor Band Concert, 5 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

***Nov. 13** Author Kirstin Cronn-Mills will discuss her young adult novel “Wreck”, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Nov. 13 Jazz Fall Showcase Concert, 4:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Nov. 13-14** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Fall Music Concerts celebrating female composers, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m., held at Blue Earth Area High School, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Nov. 14, at 3 p.m., held at Loyola High School Gymnasium, 145 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. www.mayso.net.

***Nov. 14** Kearney International Center presents “One Festival, Many Cultures” the Mankato Area International Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Ethnic performances, international food, and activities for all ages. Held at Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1281 or <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/intlfest>.

Nov. 14 Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

Nov. 14 MN State University, Mankato’s Performance Series Concert: Charlie Parr performing country and blues music, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

Nov. 14 Chamber Brass & Horn Choir Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

Nov. 14 Gustavus Percussion Ensemble Concert, 4:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

Nov. 15-Dec. 8 “Creative Summer” Exhibit of recent work by the Art and Art History Department’s recipients of project grants during the summer of 2021. (Reception, Nov. 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m.) Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

***Nov. 15-Jan. 8, 2022** Gregory T. Wilkins’ “We Shall Overcome” Mixed Media Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery and Peggy Larkin’s Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Hours: Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 17-20 “Slasher” 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. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***Nov. 19** “The Early Symphony” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. \$5, tickets are available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets. 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. Watch the La Grande Bande prepare for the concert at a free open rehearsal at 3 p.m. Held at Sibley East School Auditorium, 202 3rd Ave NW, Arlington. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

***Nov. 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, 7-9:30 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.

Nov. 19 Concert by Jivan Ivan and the Kings of Swing, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students \$5. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

***Nov. 19-21** “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” theater performances by Springfield Community Theater and Springfield Community Education. Nov. 19 & 20 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 20 & 21 at 2 p.m. Advance tickets available at Springfield Advance-Press, adults \$12, preschool and K-12 students \$8; at the door adults \$15, preschool and K-12 students \$8. Held at the Springfield Public School Performing Arts Theatre, 12 Burns Ave. (507) 723-4284 or go to “Springfield Community Theatre (SCT)” on Facebook.



Arts Events and Opportunities

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***Nov. 19-Dec. 17** 13th Annual Artscape Juried Art Show, featuring artwork from local artists in two categories, student grades 7-12 and adult. (In-person Reception, Nov. 19, 7-8:30 p.m. A virtual option will also be available.) 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.

***Nov. 20** The Bothy Folk Club presents Laura MacKenzie performing music from Scotland, Ireland, England, Galicia, and Central France, 7 p.m. Freewill donation. Held at Emy Frenzt Arts Guild, 523 South 2nd St., Mankato. Go to “Bothy Folk Club – Mankato, Minnesota” on Facebook.



Nov. 20 The Concord Singers 90th Anniversary Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. Free will offering accepted. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Nov. 20 “Only a Few Brave Souls” performance featuring voice professor Anna DeGraff, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 21 Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra and Campus Band Fall Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 21 Wind Symphony Concert, 3 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

Nov. 22-Jan. 25, 2022 “Battle at the River Bottom”, Exhibit of Drawings and Videos by Kristen Lowe. (Reception, Nov. 22, 7-9 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. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

Nov. 23 Fall Honors Recital, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Nov. 25 “Gracie’s Baby Turkey Swallows a Wedding Ring” Radio Show, 2 p.m. The link to the virtual show will be posted online. Donations will be accepted. Sponsored by the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. www.statestreetnewulm.org or (507) 359-9990.

***Nov. 26** Parade of Lights Viewing Party, 6-7 p.m. Experience the parade from a bird’s eye view. Youth crafts will be available. Held at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Nov. 26-28** “The Velveteen Rabbit: A Christmas Musical” theater performance, Nov. 26-27 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets: In advance \$12, available online at www.statestreetnewulm.org, at the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce or New Ulm HyVee; or at the door \$15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***Nov. 26-Dec. 19** “The Holiday Show” theater performances. Nov. 26, Dec. 2-4, 9-11 & 16-18 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 5, 12 & 19 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets \$15, \$20 or \$25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; \$15 are sold first, then \$20, then \$25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.



***Nov. 27-28** 19th Annual GSR Fine Art Festival of professional artist vendors selling their locally made, one-of-a-kind work and musical performances. Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission both days. All sales go directly to the artist. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. www.gsrfineartfestival.com. Virtual gallery at <https://shopart.gsrfineartfestival.com>.

Nov. 28-Dec. 11 Fall Campus Arts Show by students in fall semester art classes. 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.

Nov. 29-Dec. 10 Fall 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 www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

Nov. 30 Concert Band Performance, 7:30 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

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

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

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

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

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

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Youth Opportunities

Nov. 2 Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is “Masked Mondrian Designs,” choose fun colors to design your own special painting. Registration required at www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 2 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. This month is “Into the Woods with Van Gogh,” paint a fall wood scene using texture. Registration required at www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.



Nov. 11-13 Entry days for the ArtScape Juried Art Show, Nov. 11-12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Nov. 13 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Up to 3 submissions per artist. The fee is \$5 per submission for the student category grades 7-12 and \$10 per submission for the adult category/ \$5 per submission rate for adult members of The Grand. Exhibition dates: Nov. 19-Dec. 17. 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.

***Nov. 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 technique. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 20 Children's Theatre Workshop, 9:30 a.m. Students will work together using their imagination and critical thinking skills to create a world premiere play entitled “Woofy Toofy,” based on a book written by Rhonda Buerkle, an up and coming Minnesota children's author. The play will be presented at 12:30 p.m. \$20, registration required online with Fairmont Community Education, www.fairmont.k12.mn.us/o/cer. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.



Adult Opportunities

Nov. 1 Deadline to submit an entry to the Minnesota Book Artist Award, recognizing a Minnesota book artist or collaborative group for excellence in new artistic work, depth of knowledge and quality in the book arts. The winning work will be in exhibition at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts Main Gallery, Jan. 13-March 6, 2022. Go to www.mnbookarts.org for more information.

Nov. 1 Day of the Dead Class with Gustavo Boada, 6 p.m. Learn about the cultural significance of the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos and create a colorful wire and clay skeleton in commemoration of ancestors who have passed away. Registration is required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 East Main Street, Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Nov. 1-Jan. 31** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Education Office. Punch cards are \$39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

Nov. 3 Writing a Novel Workshop, 2 p.m. Join Minnesota author Christopher D. Schmitz for tips and strategies to get you going on the task of writing a whole novel. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway Street. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Nov. 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/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Nov. 3-24 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-odoriferous. 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.

***Nov. 3-Dec. 1** Intermediate Weaving Class. Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Learn about shrinkage, balance, and other key aspects of waffle weaving and complete a project. \$40, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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Nov. 6 Music Master Class for all ages, 10 a.m. Flutist Linda Chatterton and harpist Rachel Brandwein will talk and answer questions about ensemble playing, tips for overcoming performance anxiety, practice techniques, performance preparation, and general music topics. Free, register at www.thegrandnewulm.com/special-events. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 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.newulmlibrary.org.

Nov. 11-13 Entry days for the ArtScape Juried Art Show, Nov. 11-12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Nov. 13 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Up to 3 submissions per artist. The fee is \$10 per submission for the adult category and \$5 per submission for members of The Grand. Exhibition dates: Nov. 19-Dec. 17. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. or www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Nov. 11-Dec. 9** Speaking of Poetry: The Life and Work of Langston Hughes Class. Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 Noon. Explore Langston Hughes' place in literary history and his role in the Harlem Renaissance. Learn about his jazz poetry and look at the weekly columns he contributed to The Chicago Defender. \$40, classes can be in-person or as Zoom Meetings. Go to www.artscentersp.org/classes/ to register. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Nov. 12 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association business meeting and program at 9-11 a.m., this month "Teaching Adults – Or What I Learned from My Personal Trainer at the Gym" presentation by Rebekah Richards. Annual membership \$30. Held at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. If you would prefer to join virtually, email ivory88@mac.com for the Zoom link prior to the meeting. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

Nov. 13-14 2-Day Watercolor Block Print Class, Nov. 13 from 12 Noon-4 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 12 Noon-3 p.m. Participants will carve a linoleum block and print their design on one of our Vandercook presses on day one and hand watercolor the printed blocks on day two. Materials included, no experience necessary, \$60. Register online at <https://www.thegrandnewulm.com/upcoming-art-classes>. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Nov. 15-Dec. 6** Intermediate Knitting Class, Skill Builder II. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. Explore working with double pointed needles, entrelac and brioche knitting, pattern adjustments and more. \$40, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. www.artscentersp.org/classes/ to register. Sponsored by the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Nov. 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 7-9:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 22 Publishing a Novel Workshop, 2 p.m. Join Minnesota author Christopher D. Schmitz for tips and strategies on the steps to follow after completing a novel's first draft in order to get your book ready to be published, either in a traditional setting or an indie one. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway St. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Nov. 29 Video Game Music Class with Benji Inniger, 6 p.m. He will share his knowledge about creating music and designing dynamic, interactive sound for video games. Registration is required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Nov. Art Appreciation Group, meets every Wednesday, except holidays, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. This group works on different techniques and learns new things from each other. Every week is different. Sign up at the Waseca Art Center or online at www.wasecaartscenter.org. Free for Art Center members or \$35 per session for non-members. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Nov. Call for Artists. Do you have an idea for an exhibit at the Red Rock Center for the Arts? Solo and group shows welcome. To submit a 2022 Exhibition Proposal visit <https://www.redrockcenter.org/current-and-upcoming-exhibits.html> or call the Red Rock Center. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Adaptive Recreational Services** "On the Go" will distribute Painting with Rhonda canvases and post an online instruction video on their Facebook page. There are some fun paintings to look forward to in November! You can find information about ARS at www.nuars.org. Adaptive Recreational Services is located in New Ulm, and offers creative, recreational and social events for teens and adults with disabilities from the surrounding communities. Contact Karrie Borchert, coordinator, at (507) 217-0383 with any questions.

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

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

6x6 Artwork Sale

Artists and non-artists can donate artwork that will be sold to benefit the Waseca Art Center. Each piece must be 6”x6” square and be mounted or on thick rigid paper. Sign only the back of the artwork.

Drop off donated artwork by Wednesday, November 10th.

The Waseca Art Center is open Wed. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs. and Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m.

View the artwork for sale from Nov. 19-Dec. 10th.
No early sales.

Sale begins Dec. 10, at 6 p.m.
All pieces will be sold for \$20 each.

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

Call For Artists: Going Hog Wild

Martin County artists and artists from the surrounding area can participate.

Do you have a desire to paint statues in public spaces? Going Hog Wild, a collaboration between Project 1590, the Martin County Arts Council, and Bacon Capital USA, has applied for and received a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council to pay artists to paint hog statues to be placed across the county beginning in the spring of 2022, culminating in an unveiling event for multiple statues in early summer 2022.

Each artist selected will receive a \$300 stipend for each pig they complete. Artists will work with sponsoring businesses and organizations on designs, subject to approval by the Martin County Arts Council. The hog statues will be warehoused over the winter, enabling artist’s time to complete their work. We invite all interested artists, especially BIPOC artists, to apply!

Timeline:

November 30, 2021: Artist Application deadline
December 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022: Painting in one-week slots
May: Unveiling event

Selection criteria:

1. Interested artists must complete the application OR send a video submission answering the questions within it to alex.youngwilliams@gmail.com.

2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must currently reside in the nine-county Prairie Lakes region (Martin, Faribault, Blue Earth, Waseca, Watonwan, Brown, Nicollet, Le Sueur, and Sibley), preferably in Martin County.

Application Details:

We invite all interested artists to apply online here (<https://forms.gle/tQ9XiKaWBPb9Gs7U8>) and email up to five (5) work samples to alex.youngwilliams@gmail.com.



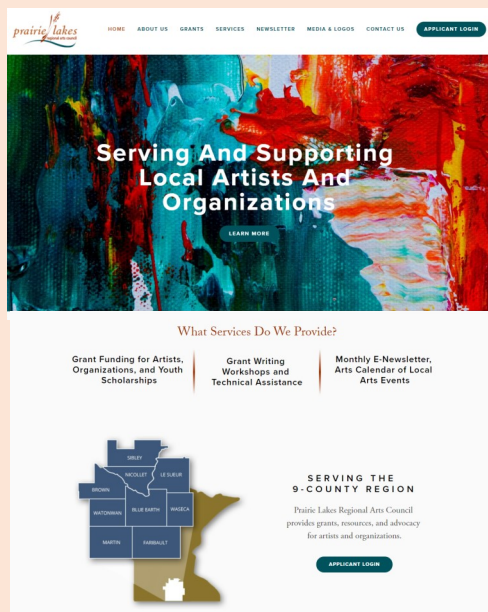
Program Support:
This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

See page 10 for more details.

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!



2021 Rural Minnesota Equity Summit

Celebrating the Power of Collective Change
in Rural Communities

A Two-Day Virtual Summit
November 30 & December 1
7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

This summit has something for everyone who wants to expand their knowledge and understanding of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion throughout rural MN.

- Engaging Speakers
- Break-out Sessions
- Networking
- Practical Tips and Ideas
- Inspirational Messages

Fee: \$60. Register at
<https://stpeter.epaytrak.com/>
or call (507) 934-3048.

Grant Opportunities

Nov. 4 Jerome Fellowship Grant Deadline. The Playwrights' Center administers fellowships supported by a grant from the Jerome Foundation and \$20,000 will be awarded to early career playwrights who demonstrate extraordinary potential, artistic vision, and a commitment to spending a year in residence in Minnesota. Go to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/jerome-fellowships> for more information.

Nov. 18 Many Voices Fellowship Grant Deadline. The Playwrights' Center administers fellowships supported by a grant from the Jerome Foundation and \$20,000 will be awarded to early career Black playwrights, playwrights of color, and/or Indigenous playwrights who demonstrate extraordinary potential, artistic vision, and a commitment to spending a year in residence in Minnesota. Go to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/many-voices-fellowships> for more information.

Nov. 19 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Writers. The Loft administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and five \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to accomplished Minnesota writers and spoken word artists. Go online to <https://loft.org/awards/mcknight> for more information. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

Nov. 28 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Printmaking. The Highpoint Center for Printmaking administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and two \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence in the field of printmaking. Go to <https://www.highpointprintmaking.org/access/mcknight> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.

Dec. 9 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Playwriting. The Playwrights' Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and two \$25,000 fellowships are awarded to mid-career playwrights living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained body of work, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. Go to <https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-fellowships-in-playwriting> for more information. All of the McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at <https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts-culture/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/>.



Non-profit Art Centers

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

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

Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemandkato.com, artctr@hickorytech.net or (507) 625-2730.

Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, (Temporarily Closed) 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios and gallery space. emyfrenzartsguild@gmail.com or (507) 779-7206.

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

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

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

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

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Wed 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs.-Fri. 12 Noon-7 p.m. (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartcenter.org, or info@wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

Community Theaters

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

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

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

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

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

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