



\$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. **The next deadline for an Artist Grant is September 2022.**

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 Hyduke, 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

Youth Scholarships Available for Students taking Art, Music and Dance Classes who live in the 9-county area

Deadlines: October 1 & November 1, 2021



"The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is offering \$300 Arts Scholarships for Youth in grades 7–12, and \$200 for students in grades 3-6, who live in the 9-county area," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. Students can apply for funds to take lessons with an Instructor over a period of months, etc. Artistic areas include: dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. **The application deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1, 2021 and for grades 3-6 the deadline is November 1, 2021.** There is only one deadline per year. Students must live in the nine-county region that Prairie Lakes serves including: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties.

Prairie Lakes values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community and this is reflected in our policies and program for youth. We encourage Black, Indigenous and Students of Color to apply, also those who have financial need, or have a disability. If you need assistance in the application process, please contact the PLRAC office and we would be happy to assist you.

These scholarships are competitive. They are not based on financial need but rather for students that are active and excelling in their art form; and are being rewarded for their goals, ambitions, and achievement. The on-going learning component of the lessons, classes, etc. is an important factor. Lessons can be conducted in-person or online via Skype, Zoom, or other live platforms.

Students in grades 7-12 must be participating with an instructor, an organization or arts discipline for at least 2 years to be eligible. Students in grades 3-6 must be participating for at least one year to be eligible. Both age groups require an online letter of recommendation from a teacher as part of their application. To review the Youth Scholarship guidelines, visit the PLRAC website, www.plrac.org and click on the Grants tab, then the Youth Scholarship link.

The scholarship can be used to take lessons and pay a private Instructor or pay fees to a non-profit arts organization serving youth such as: Area Art Centers, Dance Conservatory of Southern MN, Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, Mankato Ballet Company, Mankato Children's Chorus, or New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, other youth dance or music organizations, or art centers and groups which offer art classes to youth, etc. Scholarships are paid directly to the teacher or organization providing the lessons. Students may not use this scholarship to participate in a school or organization band or choir trip, or other arts trips.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has an online grant process. Visit our website, www.plrac.org and click on the applicant Login button. Follow the instructions to register as an artist for the Youth Scholarship and complete the application. If you have questions contact: Brenda Byron, Executive Director, at the PLRAC, plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254.

In FY 2021 a total of 108 students were awarded Youth Scholarships, for a total of \$27,300 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. This is part of the Legacy funding from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that Prairie Lakes receives from the State Legislature. We also provide grants to Non-profit Arts Organizations, Community Groups and Schools, and awarded over \$380,000 last year.



Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

Youth Scholarships For Students

Students in grades 3-12 can apply for funds by taking lessons with an Instructor over a period of months, etc. This is for all art disciplines including dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art.

Youth Scholarship Deadlines:

October 1, 2021 for grades 7-12 - \$300
November 1, 2021 for grades 3-6 - \$200

Prairie Lakes has an online grant process. Go to our website www.plrac.org and review the Guidelines. The Scholarship is paid directly to the teacher or organization providing the lessons.



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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 of \$22,000 Awarded

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

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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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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These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

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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.



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.



Six Small Arts Project Grants Were Awarded Totaling \$11,460

Our Small Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community. Six arts organizations were awarded a Small Arts Grant, which totaled \$11,460.

The Small Arts 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!

Bothy Folk Club - \$2,000. They will sponsor folk, bluegrass, and Celtic music concerts held at the Emy Frenz building in Mankato. The concerts will take place October 2021 through May 2022.

GSR Fine Art Festival - \$2,000. They will host the festival to provide artists a regional venue to sell their goods during the holiday season. The festival will be held November 27-28, 2021, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Musicians will also play throughout the two-days.

Hermann Monument Society - \$2,000. They will sponsor HermannFest with ethnic music, speeches, and songs celebrating German heritage and the Hermann Monument in New Ulm, September 11, 2021. Events will be held at Hermann Heights Park and Harman Park throughout the day.

Lake Crystal Community Band - \$1,800. They will perform free concerts around the Lake Crystal area during the summer of 2022. Musicians of all ages can participate in the band. Funds will be use for the director’s stipend and new music.

Springfield Community Theatre - \$2,000. They will partner with Springfield Community Education and present the musical, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”, November 19-21, 2021. Performances will be held at the Springfield school’s performing arts auditorium.

Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration - \$1,660. They will sponsor a Mexican Mariachi music group in December 2021.

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 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

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

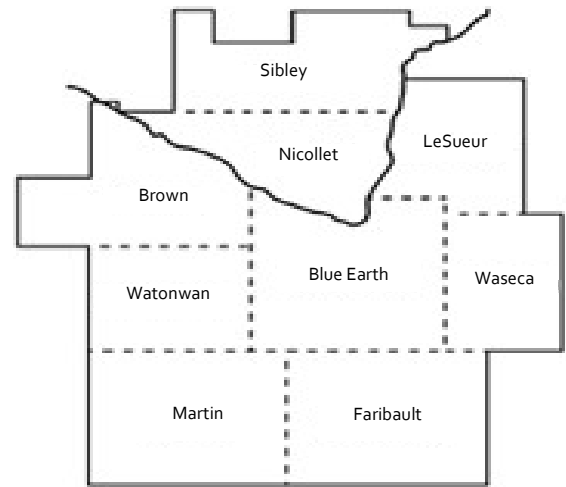
American Indian Cultural Events Group, events - \$3,000
Bothy Folk Club, performances - \$2,000

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



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.

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)
- People with Disabilities
- LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, etc.)
- Youth and Seniors

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.

The Prairie Lakes Equity Taskforce Members Concluded their Meetings in April 2021.

The Prairie Lakes Equity Taskforce meetings concluded in April and we are thankful to the six community members that participated. A diverse group of BIPOC individuals participated (Black, Latinx, and Native American), two people from the disability community, and one person who works with at-risk youth. It should also be noted that three members of the Executive Committee participated in these five meetings and were considered as members of the Taskforce. *In addition, the three Prairie Lakes staff members participated, and minutes were compiled for each meeting.*

It was nice to get to know these individuals and discuss equity and inclusion topics. We really appreciated their time to learn about our non-profit organization and make suggestions on how Prairie Lakes can adjust our systems and processes to identify barriers that underserved communities have in participating with us.

Prairie Lakes was able to create more inclusive language in our grant application guidelines based

upon suggestions from the group. More importantly, we learned more about listening and hearing how others perceive our organization.

“We have made some small steps forward on our journey of understanding how our organization can be more inclusive in our programming, and these individuals were part of that journey,” noted Brenda Byron.



Prairie Lakes Board Positions are Open for the Cities of Fairmont and New Ulm, and Sibley County

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

The deadline for submitting an application is Nov. 1. Interested persons residing in Fairmont, New Ulm, 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 until further notice. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

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Arts Events and Opportunities

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***Oct. 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents a virtual music concert by Betty and Ocho, performing folk and eclectic music, 7-9:30 p.m. To view the live show, subscribe to The Grand's YouTube channel at www.thegrandnewulm.com/youtube. Sponsored by the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.



Oct. 1 Arla Mae's Booyah Wagon Tour, a poignant musical comedy that will travel to communities in Minnesota, 6 p.m. Adults \$15, children \$5. Held at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, 41142 160th St., Waseca. <https://www.sodhousetheater.org/arla-maes-booyah-wagon>

Oct. 1-2 "But I Guess I'm Already There" Group Exhibition by Izel Vargas, Kathleen Hawkes, Alessandra Sulpy, James Wade, and Rachel Cox. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Oct. 1-2 & 8-9 Oktoberfest in New Ulm. Go to www.newulm.com/oktoberfest to view a schedule of locations, music events, and times. (507) 233-4300.

Oct. 1-3 "H.M.S. Pinafore" theater production, Oct. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 2-3 at 2 p.m. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

***Oct. 1-9** Gerry Tostenson's Drawing 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.

Oct. 1-20 Arlene Birt's "Putting Data Into Context" Installation Exhibit featuring participant based art which uses data as a means of visual creativity. (Reception, Oct. 5, 5-7 p.m. and Artist Talk, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m.) Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom or (507) 933-7200.

Oct. 1-29 Brett Kallusky's "Landfill: Elegy for the Santa Maria Valley" Exhibition, (Lecture & Reception, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.) held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

***Oct. 1-30** Exhibit of works done by LeSueur County artists, artwork is owned by the LeSueur County Historical Society. 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.

***Oct. 1-30** Pam Bidelman's Painting Exhibit. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

***Oct. 1-Nov. 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.

Oct. 1-Nov. 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. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 1-Nov. 7 Art for All: The Swedish Experience in Mid-America Exhibit, co-organized with the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas. (Nobel Conference Reception, Oct. 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.) Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and 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.

***Oct. 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.

***Oct. 2** Deep Valley Book Festival, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Meet authors, illustrators, and publishers; book sales and signings; speakers and programs; Young Writer & Illustrator Contest Awards; and more. Free admission for most of the festival. Two programs will require tickets: 10 a.m., \$10, Coffee with "Cooked to Death" Authors panel and 11:30 a.m., \$25, Lunch with Will Weaver. Tickets can be purchased online; virtual tickets for the two programs are also available. Held at Loose Moose Saloon & Conference Center, 119 South Front Street, Mankato. www.deepvalleybookfestival.com or contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com.



***Oct. 2** Concert by The Okee Dokee Brothers, performing folk music, 7 p.m. Adults \$20; students 14 and under \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Oct. 2 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "America's Soundtrack" Family Series Concert, 1 p.m., free. Held at the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, 224 Lamm Street, Mankato. www.mankatosymphony.com or (507) 625-8880.

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***Oct. 2** American Indian Cultural Arts: Dance, Crafts and an all-ages Creator's Game, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This event is an opportunity for local community members of all ages to learn about Indigenous Culture (Lakota, Ojibwe, Dakota) in a smaller, informal setting with the activity leaders. History, cultural significance, and more will be presented with each activity, with a chance to ask questions and/or participate in the activity. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato.

Oct. 2 "Waking Up America" New Ulm Community Concert by Croatian pop star Tatiana Cameron, 7:30 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Community Concert Association, (507) 766-1900 or (507) 776-0725.

Oct. 3 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Vänskå Plays Mozart" Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, standard seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. www.mankatosymphony.com or (507) 625-8880.

Oct. 3 Wind Symphony Concert, 1 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

Oct. 3-4 Jazz Ensemble Fall Concerts held outdoors on campus, 5 p.m. each day. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Oct. 3-27 Author Haylee Blauert and illustrator Jason Jaspersen's "Stars in the Sky" Exhibit. (Reception and discussion, Oct. 7, 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.

***Oct 4** "Preserving Memories", VINE Memoir Writers Group Book Launch Party, 12 Noon-1 p.m. The public is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Held at VINE Adult Community Center, 421 Hickory St., Mankato, 5th Floor.

Oct. 4 MN State University Mankato's Performance Series Concert: Todd Clouser and A Love Electric performing punk jazz and rock music, 7:30 p.m. In advance \$10, at the door \$12, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***Oct. 5** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Ball in the House, performing soulful A Cappella music, 7 p.m. The Five-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.

***Oct. 7** Fairmont Concert Association sponsors Waking Up in America, performing cabaret style show of the American Songbook and well-known country favorites, 7 p.m. Concert series tickets will be sold at the first concert. Held at Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center, 900 Johnson St. "Fairmont Concert Association" on Facebook for more ticket information.

Oct. 7 "Minnesota Not So Nice" Author Panel, 6:30 p.m. Panelists will include authors and editors of their latest chapter anthology: "Minnesota Not So Nice: Eighteen Tales of Bad Behavior": Doug Dorow, Barbara Deese, Michael Allan Mallory, and Timya Owen. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Oct. 7 Author Allen Eskens will discuss his new book "The Stolen Hours", 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Oct. 7-10 Community Film Showing of "Dakota 38" in honor of Indigenous People's Day. Oct. 7, 7 p.m. at Minnesota State University Mankato, Centennial Student Union rooms 253-255. Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. outdoors at the HUB Food Park, 512 N. Riverfront Dr, Mankato. Sponsored by the Indigenous People's Day Mankato Committee, <https://www.facebook.com/IPDMankato/>.



Oct. 7-10 & 13-17 "Good for Otto" theater production, Oct. 7-9 and 13-16 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 and 16-17 at 2 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$15. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

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

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***Oct. 7-23** Shelley Caldwell's "Effusive Expanse" Exhibit of installation and works on paper Noël Van Tol's "Gardening With a Paintbrush" Exhibit of mixed media paintings. . (Reception, Oct. 9, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemandkato.com or (507) 625-2730.

***Oct. 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music featuring violinist Gary Schulte performing jazz music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222. 

***Oct. 8-10** "Over the River and Through the Woods" theater performance, Oct. 8-9 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 10 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; at the door \$15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Oct. 8-23 Mai Tran's Woodcut Prints Exhibit. (Reception, Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Oct. 8-24 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Friday and Saturday dinner seating at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Sunday lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$58, depending on meal choice, tickets available at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Show Only tickets can be purchased online and if available, can be purchased at the door 30 min. before each show. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. www.mankatoplayhouse.com or (507) 508-6539.

***Oct. 9** Meet Artist-in-Residence Rachel James, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. She will show her print work and do a demonstration of the etching press. Rachel will also present a Monoprinting Workshop, 1-4 p.m., \$35, registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 9 Concert by Aby Wolf, performing music that blurs the lines between chamber music, jazz and electro-R&B, 7 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students 14 and under \$10; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Oct. 9 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Zack Hammond Comey Comedy Show, 7-9 p.m. Non-members \$10, members \$7. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 9 Author Joe Kimball will discuss writing and reporting true crime and his book "Secrets of the Congdon Mansion", 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.

***Oct. 10** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "National Monuments", 3 p.m., featuring great American composers such as Copland, Barber, and Gershwin. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Ted Paul Theater, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Symphony Orchestra, www.mankatosymphony.com. (507) 625-8880.

Oct. 11 Indigenous People's Day Panel with Small Group Discussions, 6 p.m. Held at Minnesota State University Mankato, Centennial Student Union rooms 253-255. Sponsored by the Indigenous People's Day Mankato Committee, www.facebook.com/IPDMankato/.

***Oct. 11** "Songs for Strings" Concert by the Two Rivers Orchestra featuring light classical music, 7 p.m. Admission is an "at-will" donation at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (612) 251-8492.

Oct. 12 MN State University Mankato's Performance Series Concert: David Huckfelt with Jeremy Ylvisaker and JT Bates performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. In advance \$12, at the door \$15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

***Oct. 12** Author Brian Malloy will read from his novel "After Francesco", 7:30-8 p.m., free. Register online at: <https://www.thegrandnewulm.com/register/october-12-brian-malloy-reading-writing-workshop>. Brian will lead a Novel Writing Workshop in conjunction with this event at 6 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 13 "Country Comes to Town" Concert by Toby Keith, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$249. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com/events-and-tickets.

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***Oct. 13-Dec. 23** Holiday Market 2021. Items from local artists will be available for purchase at different times during the 3-month market. Oct. 13-31, Jewelry, Textiles, and Personal Care; Nov. 3-28, Books, Prints, Photography; Dec. 1-23, Pottery, Woodwork, and Holiday Fair. 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.



***Oct. 14** “Colorful Asia” Cultural Dance Performance by the Pan Asian Arts Alliance, 6 p.m., free. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

***Oct. 14-15** Global Connections Conference, virtual events begin at 8:30 a.m. each day, free. Learn about cultures from around the world with a special focus this year on Asian Culture. Go to <https://southcentral.edu/Global-Connections/global-conference.html> to access the Zoom links for the keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online vendors. Sponsored by South Central College. (507) 389-7407 or www.southcentral.edu.

Oct. 14-17 Fairmont Area Community Theater presents performances of “Drinking Habits”. Oct. 14-16 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. General admission \$20; seniors \$15; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.

***Oct. 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music featuring pianist Masa Ishikawa performing jazz music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 15 “Baby Snooks and Daddy: Halloween Show” Radio Show, 2 p.m. The link to the virtual show will be posted online. Donations will be accepted to view the show. Sponsored by State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. www.statestreetnewulm.org or (507) 359-9990.

Oct. 15 Organ recital by professor Chad Winterfeldt, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Oct. 15-Nov. 12** “Jane Liedman’s World of Art” Painting Exhibit. (Reception Oct. 15, 5 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. Viewing also available in our Virtual Gallery at www.thegrandnewulm.com. (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 16 Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Singers Concert, 3 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.

Oct. 16 Chamber music concert by the Mill City Quartet, 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.

Oct. 16 Author Chris McCormick will read from his new novel, “The Gimmicks” and discuss writing fiction, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

Oct. 16 Virtual Concert of Beethoven and Music from Japan by Yumiko Oshima-Ryan, 3 p.m. Contact the school for the login link. Sponsored by Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

Oct. 17 University Fall Choral Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 19 Authors Benjamin Percy and Sarah Stonich will discuss their new books, 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***Oct. 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music featuring the Tony Rook Band performing bluegrass music, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 22 “Almost Cooper” a Halloween Tribute to the music of Alice Cooper, 7 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors \$20; students 14 and under \$10; tickets available online at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.com or (507) 238-4900.

Oct. 23 Author Chad Lewis will make a virtual historical presentation featuring tales of deadly bank robberies, explosive shootouts, brutal murders, and daring kidnappings, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact the library for the Zoom link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

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Oct. 23 “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” movie screening, 8:30 p.m. There will be pre-movie games, “Mistress of Ceremonies,” and a shadow cast. Patrons are encouraged to dress as their favorite character from the show with added steampunk flair and participate along with the movie. Movie only tickets \$10, “The Slab” pre-event tickets \$25, available at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Oct. 24 University Concert Band Concert, 3 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.

Oct. 24 Concert by Nelly with special guests Blanco Brown and Harper Grace, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$39-\$99. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com/events-and-tickets.

Oct. 25 “Freedom to Dance” from the Twin Cities, performing at 7 p.m., free. Fellowship time with refreshments starting at 6:15 p.m. Held at Gaylord United Church of Christ, 318 4th St. uccgaylord@gmail.com or (507) 237-2595.

Oct. 27-Nov. 6 Annual Halloween Exhibition. (Reception, Oct. 29, 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.

Oct. 28 New Ulm Community Concert by The Masters of Soul performing Motown music, 7:30 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Community Concert Association, (507) 766-1900 or (507) 776-0725.

Oct. 28 Mankato Playhouse presents a performance of “Broadway Teens Cabaret”, 7:30 p.m. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

Oct. 28 Author Frank Weber will discuss his new book “Burning Bridges”, 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

***Oct. 28-30** Merely Players Community Theatre presents the musical “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”, 7:30 p.m. each night. General Admission \$25. Not recommended for children. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St. Mankato. www.merelyplayers.com or (507) 388-5483.

Oct. 29 C.Willi Myles Comedy Club performance, 7 p.m. General admission \$25, on the stage seating \$35, 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.

***Oct. 29** 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.

Oct. 29 Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Oct. 30** Old Town Mankato Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring dance troupes, a Mariachi band, art experiences, a pinata market, vendor market, food trucks, games and activities, and more. Held on Riverfront Dr., Downtown Mankato. (507) 469-8015.

Oct. 30 The Great Fall Get Back Together fundraiser for the Waseca Art Center, 6-9 p.m. Food, music games, and more. Prizes for best costume. Tickets: in advance \$35, at the door \$40. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Oct. 31-Nov. 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.

***GSR Fine Art Festival** in Mankato continues as a virtual gallery to purchase local artists’ work. Search their ShopART gallery at: <https://shopart.gsrfineartfestival.com>



Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

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

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

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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.

Youth Opportunities

Oct. 5 Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, \$10. This month is “Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” illustrate a spooky story using stencils and print making. Go to www.wasecaartcenter.org/register-for-classes to register. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Oct. 5 Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, \$10. This month is “Ominous Forest Shadow Box,” cutting and layering paper to create depth. 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.

***Oct. 6** 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.

Oct. 20-22 Craft Club, 3:15-4:40 p.m. each day. Grades K-6, \$32. Create fall and Halloween themed projects. Registration required with Waseca Community Education at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com/>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Adult Opportunities

Oct. 4 Paint Dipping Class with Mankato Makerspace, 6 p.m. An artist will teach various techniques for paint pouring, allowing them to practice, play, and create a piece of art. Registration is required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

***Oct. 4-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.

Oct. 6 & 20 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.

Oct. 6-27 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 North Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Oct. 8 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association business meeting and program at 9-11 a.m., presentation by guitar teacher and performer Logan Burns. Annual membership \$30. Held at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, 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.

***Oct. 9** Monoprinting Workshop with instructor Rachel James, 1-4 p.m. Participants will explore monoprinting using our the new Takach etching press. Build up layers of color using brushes, brayers, and stencils on plexi-glass plates, adding found objects to create unique works of art. Materials included and no experience necessary, \$35. Rachel will show her work and do a demonstration of the etching press in conjunction with this event, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 10-11 Musical theater auditions for Mankato Playhouse’s performances of “Scrooge”, 7-9 p.m. each night. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. A pianist will be provided to accompany you. For additional audition information go to <https://mankatoplayhouse.com/broadway-series-auditions>. Held at the Mankato Playhouse, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. www.mankatoplayhouse.com or (507) 508-6539.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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Oct. 11 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.

***Oct. 12** Novel Writing Workshop with author Brian Malloy, 6-7:30 p.m., free. Register online at: <https://www.thegrandnewulm.com/register/october-12-brian-malloy-reading-writing-workshop>. Brian will conduct a reading of his novel "After Francesco" in conjunction with this event at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Oct. 18 Wire Jewelry Making Class with Shayna Swiers from the Mankato Makerspace, 6 p.m. Create a piece of jewelry you will want to wear everyday. Registration is required. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

***Oct. 18-Nov. 8** Intermediate Knitting Class, Socks. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. Create natural-fiber socks while adding to your knitting skills. \$40, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Register at www.artscentersp.org/classes/. Sponsored by Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Oct. 20-21 Entry Day for the Annual Halloween Exhibition, 2-6 p.m. both days. \$5 per piece, artists can enter up to 3 pieces. Any Halloween or Harvest themed art accepted. Exhibition Dates: Oct. 27-Nov. 6; Held at The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. www.the410project.com.

***Oct. 21-Nov. 4** Modern Love: The Essay Challenge Class. Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. The New York Times column "Modern Love" is a long-standing literary tradition. We will read and deconstruct a few essays, and then write out our own Modern Love stories. Drafts will be shared in each class and then the final drafts will be submitted to the New York Times. \$30, classes will be held as Zoom Meetings. Go online to 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.

Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 Creating a Barn Quilt Class, 5-10 p.m. each day. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of board, using paint colors of their choice. Materials \$30, class fee \$45, for a total of \$75. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

***Oct. 29** 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. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Oct. 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.wasecaartcenter.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.

Oct. 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 October! 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.

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.



Grant Opportunities

Oct. 1 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Organizations Deadline. This program is flexible support for Minnesota arts organizations and for non-arts organizations that regularly offer arts programming as an integral part of their missions. It is meant to help rebuild, reimagine, and continue to adapt arts programming in response to the changing environment caused by the global pandemic. This grant program is intended to help Minnesota organizations maintain the long-term viability of their arts programming so that Minnesota residents and communities will maintain access and connection to the arts. Grant range: \$5,000-\$25,000. Application deadline: October 1 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact CreativeSupport-Organizations@arts.state.mn.us or (800) 866-2787. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

Oct. 18 Forecast Public Art Grant Deadlines. Forecast Public Art is offering four different grant programs to support Minnesota artists looking to advance their work in public art. All programs have a deadline of Oct. 18. Grants available: Five Mid-Career Project Grants of \$10,000 will be awarded; two Mid-Career Professional Development Grants of \$5,000 will be awarded; two Early-Career Artist Project Grants of \$8,000 will be awarded; and four Early-Career Artist Research and Development Grants of \$2,500 will be awarded. For more information contact <https://forecastpublicart.org/artist-support-2-2/mid-career-project-grant/> or (651) 641-1128. There will be two virtual information sessions offered via Zoom: Sept. 1 from 6-7 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 3-4 p.m. Contact info@forecastpublicart.org to register and to receive the Zoom link.

Oct. 29 Minnesota State Arts Board and Arts Midwest American Rescue Plan Grant Deadline. American Rescue Plan Grants will help small and midsized Minnesota nonprofit arts organizations and arts affiliates support costs related to their employees or contractors, facilities, health and safety, and marketing or promotion. These will be flexible operating grants that can be used to help organizations sustain their people and programming, rebuild, and reopen from COVID-19. Approximately 65 grants of \$15,000 each, will be awarded. Grants will be distributed proportionally based on population, to organizations in each of Minnesota's eleven arts regions. Application deadline: Oct. 29 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or richard.hitchler@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/arp.htm>.

Prairie Lakes FY 2022 Grants Available

(July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

October 1 - Small Arts Project and School Project Grant. Due the 1st of the month through May 2022

February 1

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

October 1

Youth Scholarship (grades 7-12)

November 1

Youth Scholarship (grades 3-6)

Students can apply for funds to take lessons with an Instructor over a period of months, etc. Scholarships are paid directly to the teacher or organization providing the lessons.

Details are listed on pages 8-9 in the newsletter.

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.



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Non-profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 N. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Gallery ours: 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. (507) 317-1245 or (507) 338-5800. www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

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

Springfield Community Theatre, (507) 723-6315, "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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