



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

### Deadlines: October 1 & November 1, 2022

Grades 7-12 apply October 1st and Grades 3-6 apply November 1st.



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. Students can apply for funds to take lessons and classes 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, 2022 and for grades 3-6 the deadline is November 1, 2022.** 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.

These scholarships are competitive, 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](http://www.plrac.org) and go to “Youth Scholarship” under the “Grants” drop down menu.

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 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.

Prairie Lakes has an online application process. Visit our website, [www.plrac.org](http://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 the staff at PLRAC, [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) or 1-800-298-1254.

In FY 2022 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.



# Artist Grants totaling \$44,000 were Awarded to 22 Artists from the Area

We are pleased that twenty-two artists were each awarded a \$2,000 Artist Development Grant. We are excited that these artists will be creating new works in a variety of media, and they include eleven visual artists, six literary artists, three musicians, one dancer, and one media artist.

Artists are using the funds for a variety of needs which may include art supplies, matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, using a mentor or an editor, artist creative time or living expenses, etc. We hope that other artists will be inspired and plan to apply for a future grant from Prairie Lakes, and the next deadline will be September 2023.

**Artists represent six different counties**, including 11 artists from Blue Earth County, 5 from Nicollet County, 2 from Brown County, 2 from Waseca County, 1 from Faribault County, and 1 from Martin County. The artists are listed below in alphabetical order along with their project descriptions.

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Angela Anderson, New Ulm. Angela is a musician and will use the grant to perform her original music in the Mankato area and to record original songs for a CD or online streaming service.

Juana Arias, St. Peter. Juana is a visual artist and will use the grant to implement screen printing into her 3D ceramic process, including drawing, burning, and printing to prepare the transfers.

Vicki Beckendorf, Odin. Vicki is a visual artist and will use the grant to expand her skills in nature painting. She will experiment with watercolor and oil paint in both small and large sizes and combine multiple scenes into one fantasy design.

Virginia Bergerson, Janesville. Virginia is a visual artist and will use the grant to frame her original mixed media paintings and create prints of the work to accommodate selling then at larger shows and artisan fairs. She will also update her website.

Yvonne Cory, Easton. Yvonne is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a website to document the legacy of her fiber apron artistry and vintage apron program series called “Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings”.

Wade Davis, Mankato. Wade is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a series of multicolor woodcut and linocut prints that celebrate his youth and an exploration of nostalgia about growing up in the 1980’s through relief printmaking.

Craig Groe, Mankato. Craig is a visual artist and will use the grant to create and exhibit two large scale paintings that will be 6 feet by 7.5 feet in size.

Connor Hopkins, Mankato. Connor is a musician and will use the grant to create a short album of original music titled “Where Are We Going”. He will also perform locally with a combination of recorded electronic sound and live instrumentation.

Rachael Jaeger, Mankato. Rachael is a writer and will use the grant to continue working with an editor to complete her book “The David Project: The Forgotten”.

Tinner Johnson, Mankato. Tinner is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a collection of twenty art dolls to be sold at the Mankato Makerspace Maker Market. She will learn new skills, upgrade her equipment, and launch a website.

Andrea Lynn, New Ulm. Andrea is a musician and will use the grant to complete an album with eight original songs. She will spend time creating the last three songs, recording the music in a studio, and creating a professionally produced music video.

Jerry Mollenhauer, St. Peter. Jerry is a writer and will use the grant to have the final edit completed for his World War II novel “The Death of Angels”, work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of his crime novel “First Ice-Out”, and to work on a book-length compendium of short stories showing the adverse effects of climate change.

# PLRAC/McKnight Artist Development Grants

## Artist Grantees (continued from page 2)

Jim Muyres, Mankato. Jim is a writer and will use the grant to develop as a fiction writer by creating four pieces varying in length. He will also take two classes at The Loft in Minneapolis, “Getting Your Word Out: Polishing, Submitting, and Marketing Your Writing” and “Submitting to Paid Literary Markets”.

Charles Putnam, St. Peter. Charles is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a series of ceramic and multi-media two-dimensional images to exhibit and sell, using a variety of relief printmaking techniques and potential digital applications.

Tracy Ross, Mankato. Tracy is a writer and will use the grant to make a transition from poetry to non-fiction. She will be writing “Ragged Edges of Reason”, a collection of essays exploring how the challenges in her life shaped her insights about the importance of nature, empathy, transformation, and expression.

Evan Ryan, North Mankato. Evan is a film maker and will use the grant to create fully-rigged, “game-ready” 3D humanoid models for use in film, game, simulation, and other new media applications over the next year.

Colin Scharf, Mankato. Colin is a visual artist and will use the grant to produce a series of enlarged prints of Polaroid photos that he took during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown. He will exhibit the prints at multiple galleries in the region throughout 2023.

Julia Snelson, Mankato. Julia is a visual artist and will use the grant to attend two clay workshops; The Advanced Raku Workshop in Willamina, Oregon and the Weber Woodfire Workshop in Herbster, Wisconsin. She will also share what she learns through a community education program.

Molly Stoltz, St. Peter. Molly is a dancer and will use the grant to take online classes from three master teachers in tap and flamenco dancing.

James Sullivan, Mankato. James is a writer and will use the grant to push his short story collection, “Harboring”, to publication. He will also submit individual short stories to journals and magazines.

Robin Warburton, Janesville.

Robin is a visual artist and will use the grant to create six carved 6-inch flammulated owls out of wood. The series will show the steps she uses to create a wooden sculpture, with the six owls being at different stages of the artistic process. She will exhibit the series at the Waseca Art Center in April 2023.

Jason Willis, Mapleton.

Jason is a writer and will use the grant to publish “The Alchemist’s Ring”, the third novel in his series.

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## Prairie Lakes Mission and Value Statements

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

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

### **Value Statements:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

## A total of \$148,000 was awarded to 22 Area Organizations

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that **Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of \$148,000 were awarded to twenty-two arts organizations in the region on August 25, 2022.** The organizations are listed alphabetically with a brief description of their artistic activities and events.

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

**Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle - \$5,000.** They will sponsor the annual ArliDazzle celebration, including music and entertainment from ice sculpting artists, DeCantus Christmas Carolers, Frozen Characters, the Amazing Hoopsters Dance, Mariachi music, and the Shell's Hobo Band Quartet on December 3, 2022. Funds will be used for artists fees.

**Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$7,000.** They will provide gallery exhibitions, a Holiday Market for artists, outdoor music performances, and educational classes; September 2022 through June 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and facility costs.

**Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - \$7,000.** They will sponsor their 2022-23 subscription series of music concerts at the Blue Earth Area Schools Performing Arts Center, October 2022-April 2023. The concerts will include several different music genres. Funds will be used for artist fees.

**DalekoArts, New Prague - \$7,000.** They will present their 11th main stage season that includes three musical productions: "Irving Berlin's White Christmas", "Chris Smith's White Chrismith", and "Bright Star". Funds will be used for pit orchestra fees.

**Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - \$7,000.** They will produce high quality in-person musical theater performances for the 2022-23 season. Funds will be used to pay stipends to support the Teen Broadway program and the new Teen Masters program. Shows will include "Chicago Teen Edition", "Anything Goes", and "Junie B Jones".

**Fairmont Opera House - \$7,000.** They will present their 2022-23 season of high-quality performances and events. Funds will be used to pay artist fees and publicity for the Brazilian violin duo B2wins, performing April 14, 2023.

**La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$7,000.** They will present their concert season of Baroque and Romantic era music, September 2022 through May 2023. They will also conduct multiple masterclass sessions with high school students, host open rehearsals and pre-concert talks, and outreach concerts for those not able to physically attend a season concert. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees.

**Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's - \$7,000.** They will sponsor the Singing Hills Chorus, a singing group made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or related 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, salaries, and publicity.

**Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$7,000.** They will present multiple concerts during their 2022-23 season with opportunities for students to participate with the Youth Symphony Orchestra, Youth Philharmonic, North Star Strings, Chamber Strings, Pop Orchestra, and Jazz. Funds will be used for scholarships, director salaries, venue rentals, music, and publicity.

**Mankato Children's Chorus - \$5,000.** The choirs consisting of students in grades 1-12, will hold weekly rehearsals and present two concerts in the fall and spring of 2022-23. Funds will be used for directors' salaries.

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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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**Mankato Makerspace - \$7,000.** They will sponsor the “Makerspace Artists of Tomorrow” project, which is a program of weekly youth arts classes for students in grades 6-12. Scholarships will be available. Funds will be used for artist stipends, salaries, and supplies.

**Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - \$7,000.** They will sponsor their 2022-23 season of arts programming; including the “Lunch with the Arts” series; arts experiences for children and adults; and musical concerts including Alma Andina performing Andean and Latin American music at an in-house concert and an outreach program at a local school. Funds will be used for artist fees, art class supplies, salaries, and publicity.

**Merely Players Community Theatre - \$7,000.** They will present their 2022-2023 season of plays in Mankato, including: “Winnie the Pooh”, “The Nerd”, and “Oklahoma” held at Lincoln Community Center and “Cabaret” at the Kato Ballroom. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and production expenses.

**Minnesota New Country School - \$5,000.** They will provide ten art and cultural field trips for students during the 2022-23 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, Walker Art Center, and a tour of Southern Minnesota Art Galleries. Funds will be used for ticket costs.

**Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$7,000.** They will perform four concerts in Mankato for the 2022-2023 season; two winter concerts in November and two spring concerts in April. Funds will be used for artist fees, membership scholarships, salaries, supplies, and venue rental.

**Musicorum, Mankato - \$7,000.** They will present their choral season with a holiday concert in December 2022 and a spring concert in April 2023. The concerts will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato. Funds will be used for the director’s salary, instrumentalist stipends, publicity, venue rental, and to purchase music scores.

**New Ulm Figure Skating Club - \$7,000.** They will present their 2023 Ice Skating Show “Alice in Wonderland on Ice” in March 2023. Funds will be used for the show director’s fee and ice time rental.

**Project G.E.M. - \$7,000.** 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 2022-23. This includes instruction in art 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 - \$7,000.** They will host their series of three high quality chamber music concerts in New Ulm. “Strings Attached” on September 25, 2022; “Lunar New Year” on January 29, 2023; and “Brahms F Minor Piano Quintet” on March 26, 2023. The guest musicians will also lead free masterclasses and lectures at area schools. Funds will be used for artist fees.

**South Central Service Cooperative - \$7,000.** They will host the Young Writers & Artists Conference March 7-8, 2023 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 will be used for artist stipends and student scholarships.

**State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - \$7,000.** They will present their 2022-23 season including the production of “Rocky Horror Picture Show” in October 2022 and four booked shows including the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors, The Brit Concert, Ballet Folklorica Mexico, and Church of Cash. Funds will be used for artist fees, production costs, and to update their website.

**Waseca Arts Council - \$7,000.** They will sponsor exhibitions and classes throughout 2023. They plan to add a ceramics studio in the basement of the art center and begin offering ceramics classes. Funds will be used to purchase three pottery wheels.

**The Prairie Lakes Office  
will be closed  
Thursday and Friday,  
November 24-25  
in honor of Thanksgiving.**



## FY 2023 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips. There is an application deadline the 1st of each month.

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Betsy Tacy Society, mural - \$2,500  
Deep Valley Book Festival, artist fees - \$2,500  
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist stipends - \$2,500  
Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, chapbook - \$2,496  
Open Arts Minnesota, theater performance - \$2,500  
St. Clair Public School, music artist residency - \$2,500

### BROWN COUNTY

Hermann Monument Society, German festival - \$2,000

### LE SUEUR COUNTY

Park Elementary School, dance performance - \$1,250

### SIBLEY COUNTY

City of Green Isle, town celebration music - \$1,300

### WASECA COUNTY

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

## Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grants Awarded in September Totaling \$12,300

Our Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, public organizations, or schools producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community or students. Six Small Arts grants were awarded totaling \$12,300.

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.

Betsy Tacy Society (SA) - \$2,500. They will sponsor a mural of a book illustration to be painted by Bethany College students on the Deep Valley Properties building and host their Victorian Christmas event at the Betsy Tacy houses in Mankato. Funds will be used for artist fees, supplies, and salaries.

GSR Fine Art Festival (SA) - \$2,500. 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 26-27, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Musicians will also play throughout the two-days. Funds will be used for artist fees.

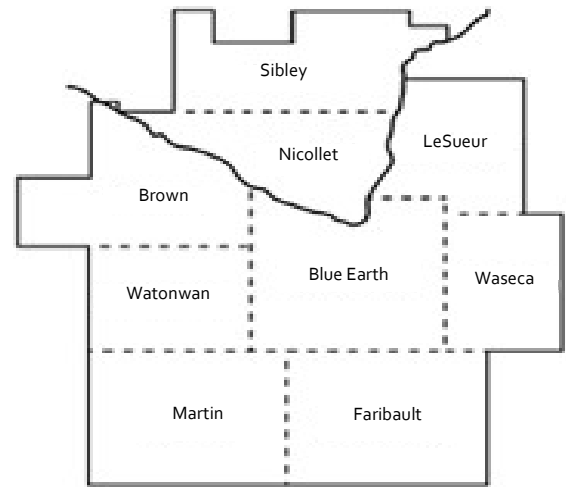
Open Arts Minnesota (SA) - \$2,500. They will support the United We Stand Players of New Ulm to stage an original play called "Weaving Our Stories Together". The play is a collection of stories written by the actors with disabilities. The play will be staged November 12, 2022 at the New Ulm Community Center. Funds will be used for publicity, rental fees, salaries, sets, costumes, props, and an ASL interpreter.

Park Elementary School, LeSueur (SCH) - \$1,250. They will host the the Youth Dance Ensemble and School from Burnsville to perform the Nutcracker Ballet for K-5 students at Park Elementary and St. Anne's School. Funds will be used for artist fees and transportation.

St. Clair Public School, Instrumental Music (SCH) - \$2,500. They will host an artist-in-residency with percussion specialist, Michelle Roche. She will work specifically with percussion students in grades 5-12 through private lessons, mini-group sessions, and large group rehearsals. The residency will conclude with a performance for all students and the public by the school percussionists and Michelle Roche. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration (SA) - \$1,050. They will host the Cultural Celebration featuring a Mexican Mariachi band called Mariachi America from St. Paul; December 10, 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity





## FY 2023 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**Deadlines are: August 1 and February 1**

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

**ACH Arts Project Grant.** Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$7,000.

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

**ACH Arts & Music Festivals Grant.** Maximum request \$5,000. For non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations that are sponsoring arts/music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions.

**ACH Education Grant.** Maximum request \$5,000. For arts education programs by non-profit community groups and schools. This may include arts classes, author reading, artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops, or arts related field trips for schools.

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



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

## **Small Arts Project Grant**

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The grant may be up to \$2,500. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$4,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

## **School Arts Project Grant**

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,500 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

## **Artist Development Grant \$2,000**

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

**Deadline: September 1**

Earliest start date: October 1

# FY 2023 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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

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

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

Applications are available online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

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

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

## School Arts Project - \$2,500

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

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

## Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and  
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

## Artist Development Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 Deadline

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

October 1 Deadline

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

November 1 Deadline

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

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





# Prairie Lakes has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

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

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

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

**Board members can anticipate that their tasks will include reading and evaluating about 100 applications per year from artists, art organizations, community groups and schools.**



Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College. The monthly meetings will be conducted as in-person meetings, with the option to join virtually. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

## Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

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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 Events and Opportunities

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

**\*Oct. 1** Deep Valley Book Festival, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Meet authors, illustrators, and publishers; book sales and signings; Young Writer & Illustrator Contest Awards; and more. Featured author and keynote is Curtis Sittenfeld. Free admission. Held at the Wow Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato. [www.deepvalleybookfestival.com](http://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com) or [contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com](mailto:contact@deepvalleybookfestival.com).

**Oct. 1** “See, Hear, Play: Myth, Magic, Music!” Family Concert Series, 1 p.m., created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**Oct. 1** Wade Davis’ Exhibition of art works. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**Oct. 1** Author David LaRoche will talk about creating books for young people for over thirty years, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**Oct. 1-2** Instrument Petting Zoo by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. This experience lets you get close and personal with the instruments you see on the symphony stage. Buzz a trumpet, bow a violin, thump a drum, or squeak a saxophone. All ages are encouraged to attend, free. Oct. 1, 10 a.m., held at the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota, 224 Lamm St., Mankato. Oct. 2, 2 p.m., held at the Mankato Brewery, 1119 Center Street, North Mankato. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**Oct. 1-2** Minnesota Sings, state-wide vocal soloist competition, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$10 each day, cash only. Children 12 and under are free. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**Oct. 1-7** Political Campaign Button Art and Vintage Memorabilia from 1936-2012, 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Oct. 1-7** Khyron Winfield’s Exhibition of new work. (Reception, Oct. 3, 6-7 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. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art-galleries/current-season/>.

**Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-9** “Disney’s High School Musical” theater production, Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 8 & 9 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/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).



**Oct. 1-9** “The Thin Place” theater performances. Oct. 1 & Oct. 7-8 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 2 & 9 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. This production is recommended for ages 16 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

**\*Oct. 1-21** Kay Herbst Helms’ Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Oct. 1-29** Susan Heggstad’s “Because” Exhibit of new work. (Reception, Oct. 29, 3-5 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Oct. 1-Nov. 6** A trio of focused exhibits from the Vilcek Foundation in New York City featuring Ralston Crawford’s “Torn Signs”, Oscar Bluemner’s “Sonnet Series”, and “Stuart Davies in Black and White”. 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](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom).

**\*Oct. 1-April 2023** The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

## Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

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

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



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**Oct. 2** Wind Symphony Concert, 3 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

**Oct. 3-27** Ben Lundsten's Photography Exhibit. (Reception, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Oct. 3-Nov. 4** Areca Roe's "Symbiotic" Exhibit. (Reception, Oct. 17, 7-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>.

**\*Oct. 4-7** Annual Member Show, held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Oct. 4-27** Beth Tostenson's Watercolor Exhibit and Kay Johnson's Gourd Carvings 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](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Oct. 5** Presentation by wildlife artist, David Maass 6:30 p.m., as part of the Art History Series. Held at Elysian Tourism Center, Hwy. 60 along the Sakatah State Trail. Sponsored by LeSueur County Historical Society, (507) 267-4091 or [www.lesueurcountyhistory.org](http://www.lesueurcountyhistory.org).

**\*Oct. 6** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by John Gorka performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in advance \$10, at the door \$12. The artist is requesting the audience wear masks. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**Oct. 6** Author Timothy Cochrane will discuss the lives of Minnesota Indigenous teachers John Linklater and his wife Tchi-Ki-Wis, as written in his book "Making the Carry", 6 p.m. Held at the Hew Richland Public Library, 119 Broadway Ave S. (507) 465-3708 or "New Richland Public Library" on Facebook.

**Oct. 6-23** Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of "Godspell". Thursday, Friday, and Saturday dinner seating at 5:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Sunday lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Adults \$23, students \$21, tickets available at [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com). Show Only tickets also available. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com) or (507) 508-6539.

**Oct. 6-Nov. 5** Day of the Dead Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**\*Oct. 7** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Machinery Hill performing folk music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).



**Oct. 7-8 & 14-15** Oktoberfest in New Ulm. Go to [www.newulm.com/oktoberfest](http://www.newulm.com/oktoberfest) to view a schedule of locations, music events, and times. (507) 233-4300.

**Oct. 7-22** Dinah Langsjoen's "Torin's Moon" Exhibition and Book Launch. (Reception, Oct. 7, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**\*Oct. 9** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "Scheherazade", 3 p.m., featuring composers Glinka, Price, and Rimsky-Korsakov. Adults \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com). (507) 625-8880.

**\*Oct. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring JazZen performing on the Native American style flute, 3-4:30 p.m., Members \$7, non-members \$10. Food and drinks will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*Oct. 9** Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee \$5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**Oct. 10** Kinder Konzerts Out and About, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra will bring all the joy and fun of a mini Kinder Konzerts experience to the library. The program will feature a live-narrated version of the musical story One Dog Canoe. There will also be hands-on musical activities and games. Children and their caregivers are welcome. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Children's Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**Oct. 11** Film screening and discussion of a film as part of the "Clint Eastwood Directs Series", 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).



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**\*Oct. 11** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Event: A Minnesota Songwriters Evening with Erik Koskinen, Molly Maher, and Sarah Morris, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**\*Oct. 12-Nov. 11** Kelly Meyer's Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery, held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Oct. 13** The Fabulous Armadillos present "What's Going On?" a live concert experience leading audiences through the music of the Vietnam War era., 7 p.m. Tickets: General admission \$25, Veterans \$15, available online at [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org). Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**Oct. 13** Virtual author event with Dr. Aziz Gazipura. Learn more about his book "Not Nice: Stop People-Pleasing, Staying Silent, & Feeling Guilty...And Start Speaking Up, Saying No, Asking Boldly, And Unapologetically Being Yourself", 3-4 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**Oct. 13-16** "The Most Massive Woman Wins" performances, Oct. 13-15 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$18, seniors \$12, youth \$8, Veterans/Active Duty \$9, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com). 

**Oct. 13-Nov. 13** Exhibit of new work by Charlie Putnam and Ben Determan. (Reception, Oct. 14, 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.thecarnegiemankato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemankato.com) or (507) 625-2730.

**\*Oct. 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring 7000apart performing pop music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and drinks will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.


**Oct. 14** "Music for Film and Electronic Media" lecture with guest composer and pianist Karen Tanaka, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu) or (507) 933-7013.

**\*Oct. 15** Two Rivers Community Orchestra Concert, 2 p.m. Held at Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (612) 251-8492.

**Oct. 15** Showcase Concert by guest composer and pianist Karen Tanaka, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).


**Oct. 15** Art Party: Activate Your Imagination, public reception for the "Student Creative Suite'22" exhibition, 12 Noon-4 p.m., including hands-on visitor activities. Held at Schaefer Art Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Oct. 16** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Inspired French Masterworks" Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Concert, 3 p.m. Premium seating \$25, general seating \$20, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com) or (507) 625-8880.

**Oct. 17-28** Exhibition by Ceramics and Sculpture Students. (Reception, Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/>. 

**\*Oct. 18** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Chris Koza performing folk, indie, pop, and rock music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**Oct.18** Virtual author event with Zain Asher. Learn more about her memoir "Where the Children Take Us", 6-7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**\*Oct. 19** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Jeremy Stolle, a concert singer and currently one of the Phantoms on Broadway, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Ticket holders can also attend four concerts sponsored by the Watonwan County Entertainment Association in St. James. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or [www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com](http://www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com). 



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**\*Oct. 20** View “Nosfratu”, a silent German Expressionist horror film accompanied by live music, as part of the Art House Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Oct. 20** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring fiction writer Tyler Barton. Workshops, 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, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Carnegie Art Center, 102 South Broad Street, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

**Oct. 20** Concert by Jake Owen with special guests Travis Denning and Mackenzie Carpenter, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. Tickets \$37.50-\$116.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**Oct. 20-23 & 26-30** “Richard III” theater production, Oct. 20-22 & Oct. 26-29 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 23 & 29-30 at 2 p.m. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/) or (507) 389-6661.

**\*Oct. 21** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring The Double Down Daredevils performing bluegrass and Americana music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Oct. 21-Dec. 9** Mark Krambeer’s Nature Art Exhibit, 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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Oct. 22** Ladama performing Latin alternative music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$25, seniors \$20, youth \$5, Veterans/Active Duty \$12.50, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.org](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.org).

**Oct. 22** Author Jennifer Wilson will discuss her novel “Someday We’ll Find It” and other creative writing for children and young adults, 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](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Oct. 23** Concert Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. General admission \$9, K-12 students and children \$7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State Univ., Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Oct. 24** Forensic Work and Writing True Crime with Frank Weber, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Frank will discuss forensic work and his latest mystery book “Black and Blue”. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Children’s Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Oct. 25** Virtual author event with Kate Quinn. Learn more about her newest historical fiction book “The Diamond Eye” and her other works, 6-7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Oct. 26-Nov. 5** Annual Halloween Exhibition. (Reception, Oct. 28, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).



**\*Oct. 28** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Off The Strings performing acoustic music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Oct. 28-29** “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”, 7 p.m. each night. Local performers dance and act along to the 1975 film, encouraging audience participation in several of the film’s iconic sequences. Contact State Street Theater for ticket information. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**Oct. 28-30** Friends of Friends Series: “Freegrass” theater performances. Oct. 28-29 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20. This production is recommended for ages 13 and up. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

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**\*Oct. 28-Nov. 23** Stephanie Spencer's Painting Exhibit. (Reception, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.) Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Oct. 29** Old Town Mankato Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring dance troupes, Mariachi music, art experiences, vendor market, food trucks, games and activities, and more. Held on Riverfront Dr., Downtown Mankato. (507) 469-8015.

**Oct. 29** The Great Fall Get Together fundraiser for the Waseca Art Center, 6-9 p.m. Appetizers, games, auction, photo booth, costume contest, and more. Live music by Crista Bohlmann, 6-8 p.m. Tickets: in advance \$35, at the door \$40. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Oct. 29** Philip Daniel performing his original music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15, seniors \$10, youth \$5, Veterans/Active Duty \$7.50, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.org](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.org).

**Oct. 29** "A Night at the Speakeasy", step back in time to the roaring 20s with music and entertainment, prohibition-style cocktails, delicious food, and more, 6 p.m. Adults \$75. Held at Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. Sponsored by Blue Earth County Historical Society. [www.blueearthcountyhistory.com](http://www.blueearthcountyhistory.com) or (507) 345-5566.

**Oct. 29** Annual Halloween Bash, 7-11 p.m. Live music, costume contest, entertainment, and more. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).

**Oct. 29** Jazz Ensemble and Contemporary Singers Concert, 2 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](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Oct. 30** 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](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Youth Opportunities

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

**Oct. 4** 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 will be drawing skulls and adding unique designs to it. Registration is required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Oct. 4** Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Oct. 5** Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7-12, \$10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Oct. 11** Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-8, \$10. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be creating different types of pumpkins. Registration is required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

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# Arts Events and Opportunities

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

**Oct. 11-12** Watercolor Leave and Trees Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. each night, ages 13 and up, \$40. Explore watercolors using inspiration from nature, creating fall leaves, botanicals, and trees. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Oct. 13** Creative Kids, 3:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

\***Oct. 15** Children's Learn to Paint Class with Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

\***Oct. 15** Letterpress Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 15 and up, \$50. Introduction to letterpress printing, including key terminology, tools, and equipment. Working with others, you will print an edition of posters. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Oct. 18** Oil Pastel Class, 4 p.m., ages 9-17. This month's Tween/Teen DIY project is creating autumn oil pastel paintings. Registration required. Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Oct. 20** Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 2-5. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

## Adult Opportunities

**Oct. 3** Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Oct. 4** In Stitches Club. Join the knit and crochet club, bring a project you're working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).

\***Oct. 4-25** Artist Meet-Up. 6-8 p.m., free. Artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels can share in the creative process. The meet-up is an opportunity to create and collaborate with other artists. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Oct. 5 & 19** 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](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

\***Oct. 5-26** Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle. Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join Bianca Wilson and Ann Rosenquist Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community studio experience. Bring your sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We'll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Oct. 5-Nov. 16** Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**Oct. 8** Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Monthly Meeting, 1-3 p.m. Free, visitors welcome. Bring your own lunch at 12:30 p.m. Held at Emy Frentz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. [www.southernmnpoets.org](http://www.southernmnpoets.org) or (507) 345-1174.

\***Oct. 8** Adult Wood Block Carving and Printing Class with instructor Sarah Huttner. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$70, includes materials. Learn to transfer a design and carve an image on a 6x8 inch piece of Shina plywood. At the class you will receive a set of Japanese carving tools. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Oct. 10** 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](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).



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**Oct. 13** Girl's Night Out Belly Dancing Class, 5-7 p.m., \$25. Belly Dancer, Amy Danielson, will instruct participants on basic moves and a simple routine. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**\*Oct. 14** Call for Artists: Deadline to submit an application for your sculpture to be included in the 2023 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour in Mankato and North Mankato. This exhibit of approximately 30 outdoor sculptures will be displayed for one year. Chosen artists will receive a \$1,000 stipend. For more information go to [www.cityartmankato.com/walking-sculpture-tour-call-for-artists/](http://www.cityartmankato.com/walking-sculpture-tour-call-for-artists/). [officemanager@twinriversarts.org](mailto:officemanager@twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**\*Oct. 15** Letterpress Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50. Introduction to letterpress printing, including key terminology, equipment, and tools. Working with others, you will print an edition of posters. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Oct. 15** Bob Ross Painting Class, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$60. Paint along with Bob Ross instructor Dennis Neidt and create a Bob Ross style painting. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Oct. 16-17** Broadway Series Auditions for "Winter Wonderettes", 7 p.m. each night, for female actors. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held Dec. 1-18 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, [info@davoriproductions.com](mailto:info@davoriproductions.com), (507) 317-1245, or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

**Oct. 19-20** Entry Day for the Annual Halloween Exhibition, 7-9 p.m. both days. \$5 per piece, artists can enter up to 3 pieces. Any Halloween or Harvest themed art accepted. Exhibition Dates: Oct. 26-Nov. 5; Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front Street, Mankato. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).



**\*Oct. 26** Open Knitting. 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Oct. 26-Dec. 14** Acting 101 Class, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try your hand at acting for the stage? Would you like to improve your confidence and your public speaking skills? Join award-winning director Amanda White for this small-group acting class. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or [www.dalekoarts.com](http://www.dalekoarts.com).

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

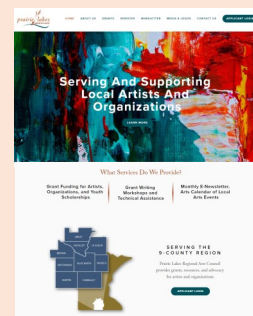
**Adaptive Recreational Services** offers a monthly "Painting with Rhonda Class" for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. There will be some canvases available for painting at home. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services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

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

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

## Have you visited [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org) lately?

Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away! Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, workshop videos, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, and more!





## Grant Opportunities

**Oct. 3 Metro Regional Arts Council Artist Futures Deadline.** Artists' Futures provides resources directly to artists and culture bearers of African, Afro-Latinx, Afro-Caribbean, Latinx, Chicax, Asian/Pacific Islander, and SWANA (South West Asian and North African) descent residing in the 7-county metropolitan area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties), and artists who are Native American/American Indian/Native Alaskan residing in Minnesota and the 11 Tribal nations that share the same geography. This program provides financial support of \$35,000 to individual artists along with additional resources and support. Artists' Futures is a professional development, skill building and networking cohort for artists working in any artistic discipline at any stage in their career. Application deadline: Oct. 3. For more information contact (651) 523-6381 or [jovan@mrac.org](mailto:jovan@mrac.org). Go to MRAC's website <https://mrac.org/grants/artists-futures/> for a link to the online application

**Oct. 24 McKnight Fiber Artist Fellowship Deadline.** The McKnight Fiber Artist Fellowships are administered by the Textile Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to recognize and support talented Minnesota fiber and textile artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit. These fellowships are in support of individual artists who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Two \$25,000 Fellowships will be awarded. Info sessions will be held Sept. 6, 6 p.m., via Zoom and Sept. 21, 6 p.m., in-person. For additional information go to <https://textilecentermn.org/2023mcknightappinfo/> or contact [tkrumm@textilecentermn.org](mailto:tkrumm@textilecentermn.org) or (612) 436-0464.

**Nov. 18 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 in creative prose and children's literature or older children. 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/>.

## 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.



## *Non-profit Art Centers*

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

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

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. 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](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com), [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net) or (507) 625-2730.

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

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

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

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

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

## *College Galleries*

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

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

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

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

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

## *Community Theaters*

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

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

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

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

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

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**Prairie Lakes FY 2022  
Grants Awarded**

(July 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022)

**Total Awarded: \$596,995**

**\$422,705 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants**  
to 50 arts organizations & community groups

**\$100,490** – State General funds (37 grants)  
Small Arts Project & School Grants to date

**\$27,300 - 108 Youth Scholarships** to Students in  
grades 3-12

**\$46,500** – Artist Development Grant (31 grants)  
Grant amount is \$1,500, with funds from the  
McKnight Foundation.

Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota  
Legislature through the **Legacy Amendment** from  
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