



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 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 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 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.



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
Monday, September 5th
for the Labor Day holiday.**



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

Deep Valley Book Festival, artist fees - \$2,500
Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, chapbook - \$2,496

BROWN COUNTY

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

SIBLEY COUNTY

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

WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$2,070

Small Arts Grants Awarded in July and August Totaling \$11,866

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 \$11,866.

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.

American Indian Service Learning Project (SA) - \$1,500. They will coordinate cultural interactive learning experiences for college students to interact and learn from American Indian artists and speakers at the Mankato Powwow, September 16-18, 2022. Traditions about music, dance, food, and crafts will be shared. Funds will be used for artist fees and salaries.

City of Green Isle (SA) - \$1,300. They will host a town celebration at Veterans Park in Green Isle, September 10, 2022, including entertainment by The Usual Suspects performing blues, country, folk, and bluegrass music. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity.

Deep Valley Book Festival (SA) - \$2,500. They will host the 7th annual book festival October 1, 2022 at the Wow Zone in Mankato. The festival will include authors from Minnesota and the upper Midwest and the Young Writers and Artists Competition for ages 7-17. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, rental fees, and cash awards.

Hermann Monument Society (SA) - \$2,000. They will sponsor HermannFest with ethnic music, speeches, and songs celebrating German heritage and the Hermann Monument in New Ulm, September 10, 2022. Events will be held at Hermann Heights Park and Harman Park throughout the day. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees.

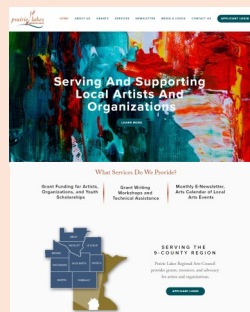
Minnesota State University, Mankato (SA) - \$2,496. They will publish a poetry chapbook of students work about war. The students are from the Mankato campus and correctional facilities in Shakopee and Faribault. Funds will be used for printing costs and publicity.

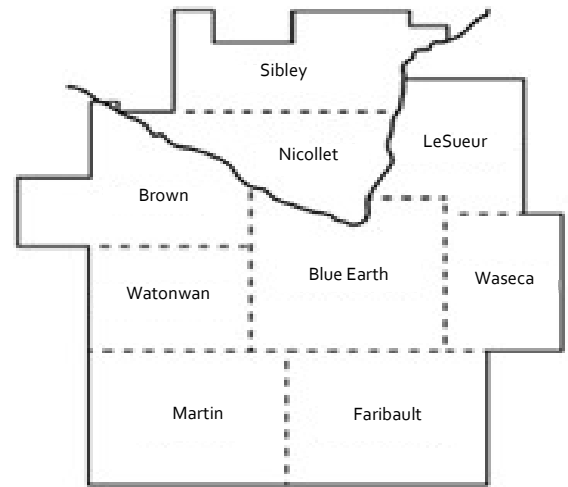
Waseca Marching Classic (SA) - \$2,070. They will sponsor educational clinics for student marching band participants during the Waseca Marching Classic, September 17, 2022. Student bands from many communities are anticipated as participants in the clinics. Funds will be used for clinician fees.

Have you visited www.plrac.org lately?

Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away!

Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, workshop videos, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, and more!





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.



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

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.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093
plrac@hickorytech.net Online Application through our website, www.plrac.org.

FY 2023 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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

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

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

Applications are available online at www.plrac.org.

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

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

School Arts Project - \$2,500

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

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

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Aug. 1 and
Feb. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$7,000

Arts Festivals Grant - \$5,000

Arts Education Grant - \$5,000

Artist Development Grant - \$2,000

Sept. 1, 2022 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - \$300

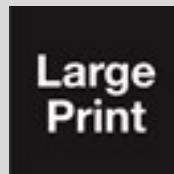
October 1 Deadline

Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - \$200

November 1 Deadline

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

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



Prairie Lakes has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

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

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

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

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



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

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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.)

Sept. 1 Music in the Park Series: Matt & Laurel performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Sept. 1 Gallery Reception for the Zambian Sunday School Illustrations, 7 p.m. Held at 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.

***Sept. 1-2** Mercedes D. Hayunga's Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Al Volbright's Exhibit in the Great Hall 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 or (507) 835-1701.

Sept. 1-10 Edson Rosas and Sam Brown's "Wonkist" Exhibition of Prints and Paintings. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

***Sept. 1-16** Bradley Donner's Wildlife and Nature Painting Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.



Sept. 1-16 Dana Sikkila's Exhibition of new work. (Reception, Sept. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/> or (507) 389-6767.

Sept. 1-23 "On Board" Exhibit featuring work created by and sponsored by the new Carnegie Art Center board Members. (Reception, Sept. 9, 6-9 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. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegiemandkato.com.

Sept. 1-23 "Prints Against the Present" Exhibit by J. Leigh Garcia, Emmy Lingscheit, Kill Joy, Valerie Lueth, and Kathryn Polk.. (Sept. 14, Panel Talk from 6:30-8 p.m. and Reception from 8-9 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/>.

Sept. 1-24 Tom Miller's Wildlife 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.

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

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

***Sept. 2-24** Chad Elliot's Exhibit of new work. 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. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Sept. 3-30 Historical Apron Art window displays featuring apron art from around the world and USA states souvenir aprons of the 1950's, sponsored by "Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings", Yvonne Cory of Easton. Held at the Truman Historical Museum, 109 W. Ciro St., Truman. Hours: Fridays 1-4 p.m. (507) 327-5357.

***Sept. 6** Henderson Music on Main Concert by The 2 of Us performing classic rock, country, and blues music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

***Sept. 6-Oct. 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 or (507) 835-1701.

Sept. 8 Music in the Park Series: Murphy Brothers performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

***Sept. 8-9** 14th Annual Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, 7 p.m. each night. The same plays will be performed both nights, featuring six short plays and four 1-minute plays. Tickets \$10, available at www.merelyplayers.com. Held at Mankato West High School, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or "Minnesota Shorts Play Festival" on Facebook.

Arts Events and Opportunities

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

Sept. 9 New Ulm Sings, community vocal soloist competition, 7 p.m. Winners will be selected to represent New Ulm at the Minnesota Sings competition Oct. 1-2. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***Sept. 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Crista Bohlmann performing rock, country, folk, and bluegrass 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.

***Sept. 10** HermannFest 2022, including ethnic music beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Hermann Heights Park, 10 Monument Street, New Ulm. Additional musical performances and fireworks will be held beginning at 6 p.m. in Harman Park, 101 N. Garden St., New Ulm. For a complete schedule go to: www.hermannmonument.com. (507) 359-8233.



***Sept. 10** Town celebration including The Usual Suspects performing blues, country, folk, and bluegrass music, 1-5 p.m. Held at Veterans Park, at 1st St. and State Hwy. 5. (507) 326-3901 or “City of Green Isle” on Facebook.

Sept. 10 Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Symphony on the Prairie” concert, 6 p.m., free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy popular tunes in a beautiful outdoor setting. Held at Benson Park, 2000 Carlson Dr., North Mankato. Sponsored by the City of North Mankato and the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, (507) 625-8880 or www.mankatosymphony.com.

Sept. 10 Comedy Night with Ali Sultan, Tommy Ryman, and C. Wili Myles, 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.

Sept. 10 Author Katie Roiger will talk about the author life, what inspires her to write, and her new, debut middle-grade novel, “Only The Brave”, 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.

Sept. 10 Poetry Explore & Share, 5-7 p.m. Spend an hour creating individual and group poetry through prompts and word games. Spend the next hour sharing seasoned and fresh poems with poet Laureate Esther Marcella Hoffmann. Held at the Living Earth Center, Big Red Barn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

***Sept. 10-11** 32st Annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. The festival features a variety of music including blues, folk, jazz, rock, etc. on two stages and art booths by many local artisans, in a family friendly setting. Free; Sept. 10 at 12 Noon-10 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 12 Noon-7 p.m. Food vendors are on site or bring your own food and beverages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, no pets. Held at Minnesota Square Park, on Hwy 169, St. Peter. For a complete list of performers go to www.rockbend.org.

***Sept. 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring The Isles Ensemble performing chamber music, 3-4:30 p.m., Members \$7, non-members \$10. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Sept. 13** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Dirt Roads Band performing classic rock music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

Sept. 13 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.

Sept. 14 Galactic Cowboy Orchestra performing rock and jazz 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.

Sept. 15 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents the Art House Film Series, featuring the biopic “The Motorcycle Diaries”, 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

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***Sept. 15** “Sonatas from Bohemia & Poland” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Season pass for 4 concerts \$32. Single concert tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available online at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets, at the door \$15. Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. A free open rehearsal time will be announced. Held at First Lutheran Church, 1114 W. Traverse Rd., St. Peter. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

Sept. 15 Music in the Park Series: The Jeremy Poland Band performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

Sept. 15 Concert by Cody Johnson with special guests Randy Houser and Corey Kent, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$43-\$128. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

***Sept. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Chris Holm performing blues music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Sept. 16 Concert by Alma Andina, combining traditional instruments from South America with Latin rhythms such as Cumbia, Salsa, Guajira, Reggaeton, and Reggae, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$12, at the door \$15, students \$6. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

***Sept. 16-18** Wacipi 2022, Mankato PowWow. Event hours: Fri. 4-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. PowWow Grand Entry times: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. General Admission \$7 for the whole weekend, seniors 60 and older and children 12 and under are free. Held at Land of Memories Park, 100 Amos Owen Lane, Mankato www.mahkatowacipi.org.



Sept. 16-Oct. 1 Wade Davis' Exhibition of art works. (Reception, Sept. 16, 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.

***Sept. 17** 35th Annual Waseca Marching Classic, parade at 12 Noon in downtown Waseca and includes competing High School Marching Bands, classic car cruise, dignitaries, royalty, and more. Field competition for H.S. Marching Bands, 5:30 p.m., fireworks after the awards ceremony. Pre-sale admission wristbands available at Waseca businesses \$7 or day of the show \$10. Held at the Waseca High School football field, 1717 2nd St. NW. www.wasecamarchingclassic.com.

***Sept. 17** “Uniting Cultures” Multi-Cultural Fiesta, 3-10 p.m. Share cultures with food vendors, exhibitors, children’s activities, music, and dancers. Held at the city owned parking lot next to the Princess Theater, 505 1st Ave S, St James. (507) 375-5450 or “Uniting Cultures” on Facebook.

Sept. 17 Celebrating at the Arts and Heritage Center. 9-11:30 a.m. reception for Sandy Gilhousen to thank her for her years of service. 9 a.m.-12 Noon meet artist Tom Miller and view his wildlife exhibit on display. 10 a.m. presentation by author Barbara Marshak of New Prague. She will be discussing her novel “Painted Skies”. 10:30 a.m. introducing the names of the dancing topiaries. 11 a.m. Sister Anita Smisek will present “Minnesota’s Big Woods Musicians”, a narrative on the rich tradition of the music in the culture and life of the people who emigrated from South Bohemia. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. North. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

Sept. 17 Madelia’s Oktoberfest featuring The Josh Norman Musik Meisters performing 2-6 p.m., \$10. Held at Watona Park, Madelia. Sponsored by the Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce. www.visitmadelia.com or (507) 642-8822.

Sept. 17 Music of John Denver tribute performance, 7 p.m. Tickets \$20, available at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

Please submit the event information to us
by the 15th of the prior month to be
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Email the date, time, location, ticket price,
and a brief description of the event to:
plrac@hickorytech.net.



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Sept. 19-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". (Nobel Conference Reception, Sept. 28, 4-6 p.m.) Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

***Sept. 20** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Charlie More performing polka and old-time music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

Sept. 20 Community Common Ground Series including fun and educational conversations that take two seemingly unrelated topics, learn about them from local community experts, and then work together to find the common ground that connects them, 5:30-7 p.m. The event will feature poetry with Poet Laureate Esther Marcella Hoffmann and pottery with Dustin Swiers from Mankato Makersapce. Held at the Living Earth Center, Big Red Barn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 389-4272 or www.livingearthcentermn.org.

Sept. 21-24 "In the Next Room" theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. Held at Andreas Theatre, MN State Univ., Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

Sept. 22 Music in the Park Series: Rain Kings performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

***Sept. 23** Concert by the Minnesota "Over-60" Band, 7 p.m. Held at the Watonwan County Library, 125 5th St. S., St. James. (507) 375-1278.

***Sept. 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Lonesome Dan Kase performing blues and folk music, 7-9 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.

Sept. 23-25 "Theatre Physics," an all-original production by Bethany theatre faculty and students. Sept. 23 at 7 & 9 p.m.; Sept. 24 at 7 & 9 p.m., and Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Call box office for tickets at (507) 344-7374. www.blc.edu.

Sept. 23-24 The Bacontown Throwdown, a two night band competition. **Sept. 23**, bands will have 12 minutes to perform, and the winner will perform the next night with the headliners, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$20, seniors \$15, student & Veterans/Active Duty \$10, under age 10 \$5. **Sept. 24**, concert by A Rising Force, Fuzzrd, and the winning band performing rock music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults \$30, seniors \$20, youth \$10, Veterans/Active Duty \$15. Tickets for both nights available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

Sept. 23-Oct. 9 "The Thin Place" theater performances. Sept. 23-24, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 & Oct, 7-8 at 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 25, 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 Street, New Prague. www.dalekoarts.com or (952) 314-9077.

***Sept. 23-Oct. 21** Kay Herbst Helms' Exhibit. (Reception, Sept. 23, 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.

Sept. 24 Performance by the Wild Goose Chase Cloggers, 7 p.m. Held at the Waseca Central Building Auditorium, 501 E. Elm Ave. Sponsored by the Waseca Art Center. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Sept. 26** ProMusica Chamber Music Series in New Ulm: "Strings Attached" Concert, 3 p.m., with violinist Susie Park, cellist Tony Ross, and pianist Bethel Balge. Tickets sold in a three-concert series pass: individual pass \$50, family pass \$120. Passes can be purchased online at www.promusicamn.com/concerts. Additional concerts on Jan. 29 and March 26, 2023. Held at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 205-2249 or www.promusicamn.com.

Sept. 25 MN State University presents the Minnesota River Valley 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 or (507) 389-5549.

***Sept. 27** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Two Girls & A Boyd featuring Mary Jane Alm, 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.

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***Sept. 27** Henderson Music on Main Concert by Margo Kemp-Johnson performing folk music, 5-8 p.m. Held in conjunction with the Classic Car Roll In. Held in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

Sept. 29 Music in the Park Series: DW3 performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

Sept. 29 Recital by the Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet performing pieces by the classical composer Edvard Grieg, 7 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-9 "Disney's High School Musical" theater production, Sept. 29-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/.

Sept. 29-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.

***Sept. 30** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Nathan Griner performing folk, country, blues, and rock 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Opportunities

Sept. 6 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 watercolor botanical prints. 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.

Sept. 6 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 using shading techniques. 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.

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

Sept. 7 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 to take home. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Sept. 8 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.

Sept. 8 Level Up: Electronic Music, 4 p.m., ages 7-12. Try out wild new electronic instruments, including digital drums, piano gloves, Drawdio pencils, Q-Chords, Otamatones, and more. Registration required. Held at the LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tyron St. (507) 357-6792.

Sept. 9 Compete in New Ulm Sings, a community vocal soloist competition with two age groups, ages 13-20 and 21+, 7 p.m. Winners will be selected to represent New Ulm at the Minnesota Sings competition Oct. 1-2. Registration forms can be obtained by emailing info@statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

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Sept. 13 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 puppets. Registration 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 or (507) 835-1701.

***Sept. 17** Children's Learn to Paint Class with Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Sept. 18-19 Broadway Teen Auditions for "Chicago, Teen Edition", 5 p.m. each night, for grades 9-12. 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 Nov. 4-13 at the Mankato Playhouse. Contact Davori Productions for more information, www.mankatoplayhouse.com or (507) 317-1245.



Sept. 19 Fall Nature Prints, 3:45 p.m., ages 4-7. Get crafty with autumn nature print projects. Held at the New Richland Public Library, 129 Broadway Ave. S. (507) 465-3708.

Sept. 22 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.

Sept. 24 Taste of Makerspace. Class Sampler "Speed Round" style, 6-9 p.m. Come try glass, lathe, screen printing, leather, children's crafts, painting, 3D print, and more. Pre-sale tickets only, adults \$30 and children 14 and under \$15. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Adult Opportunities

Sept. 7 & 21 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 North. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Sept. 9 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will host refreshments and their business meeting at 9 a.m. Program runs 9:30-11 a.m. Annual membership \$30, guests can attend a meeting free of charge. This month is a fall welcome with time to socialize and share about the upcoming teaching year. Held at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 514-3970 or www.mvmta.com.

Sept. 9 Compete in New Ulm Sings, a community vocal soloist competition with two age groups, ages 13-20 and 21+, 7 p.m. Winners will be selected to represent New Ulm at the Minnesota Sings competition Oct. 1-2. Registration forms can be obtained by emailing info@statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

***Sept. 10** Adult Linoleum Block Caving & Printing Class with instructor Sarah Huttner. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$40. This is an introduction to linoleum block printing, using your own drawings or designs. Learn how to transfer your drawing or artwork to the block, carve, and print it. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Sept. 10 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 Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. www.southernmnpoets.org or (507) 345-1174.

Sept. 12 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.

Sept. 12 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 or (507) 359-8334.

Sept. 14-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 North. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

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Sept. 24 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>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

***Sept. 24-25** Creating a Barn Quilt Class, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sept. 25 at 1-5 p.m. Participants will choose a quilt pattern and learn how to enlarge their chosen pattern on a primed piece of 2' x 2' board, using paint colors of their choice. \$75, materials included. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Sept. 24 Taste of Makerspace. Class Sampler "Speed Round" style, 6-9 p.m. Come try glass, lathe, screen printing, leather, children's crafts, painting, 3D print, and more. Pre-sale tickets only, adults \$30 and children 14 and under \$15. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

***Sept. 28** Open Knitting. 4th Wednesday each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

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

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

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

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

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.

Grant Opportunities

***Sept. 1 PLRAC Artist Development Grant Deadline.**

This \$2,000 project grant provides financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists at all stages of development are eligible. Artists may expand their present work, advance in skill or technique, or move in a new direction. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Application deadline is Sept. 1. Guidelines can be downloaded from our website: www.plrac.org, along with a link to the online grant application. plrac@hickorytech.net, (507) 833-8721, or (800) 298-1254.

Sept. 9 Minnesota State Arts Board Creative Support for Organizations Deadline.

This program provides support to help organizations deliver arts programming and meaningfully engage their communities in a time of transition. Grant range: \$5,000-\$30,000. Application deadline: Sept. 9 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.

Sept. 16 MCAD – Jerome Foundation Fellowship Deadline.

This program administered by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD), is made possible by the support of the Jerome Foundation. The goal of this fellowship program is to support visual artists in Minnesota, early in their careers, with 2-10 years of generative experience, creating bold, innovative, and risk-taking new work that challenges conventional artistic forms. \$12,000 fellowships will be awarded. For more information contact (612) 874-3667, gallery@mcad.edu, or <https://mcad.submittable.com/submit>.

Oct. 3 Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Artist Futures Deadline.

Artists' Futures provides resources directly to artists and culture bearers of African, Afro-Latinx, Afro-Caribbean, Latinx, Chicanx, 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. For a link to the online application go to MRAC's website: <https://mrac.org/grants/artists-futures/>

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 more info contact tkrumm@textilecentermn.org, (612) 436-0464, or <https://textilecentermn.org/2023mcknightappinfo/>.

Prairie Lakes FY 2022 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022)

Total Awarded: \$596,995

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

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

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

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

Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota Legislature through the **Legacy Amendment** from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, State General funds, and the McKnight Foundation.



MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

Non-profit Art Centers

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

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

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: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartcenter.org, or info@wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

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

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

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

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

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

Community Theaters

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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